

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES  
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:00 am. Chair DeVonne Losing called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walt Hein, Commissioner Fred Krohmer, and Commissioner Shane Mentzer in attendance. Also in attendance was States Attorney Koch.

Chair Losing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the agenda. There were no conflicts of interest stated.

Commissioner Krohmer asked for an addition to the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to note that he abstained from voting on the motion to hire Eric Schroeder as part-time Jerauld County Emergency Manager. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting with the addition and the April 28<sup>th</sup> County Board of Equalization special meeting.

Jeannie Franceus was available for public comment to speak to the board about weed control in the county.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$5,161,553.04; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,479,590.53; Ambulance Fund - \$49,908.47; Custodial Funds - \$1,742,230.36 = \$10,433,282.40 total.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to file the following reports and allow the following claims:

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid    Cities- \$2,003.16; Townships- \$7,015.16

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,752.87
	Auditor/Election	\$6,980.78
	Treasurer	\$7,738.57
	States Attorney	\$5,739.02
	Government Buildings	\$4,219.30
	Director of Equalization	\$4,801.93
	Register of Deeds	\$4,582.05
	Sheriff	\$22,310.29
	Coroner	\$215.30
	Emergency Management	\$130.70
	Extension	\$2,092.86
	Weed	\$1,103.69
	Road & Bridge	\$30,104.58
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	Ambulance	\$7,028.59

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TOTAL	\$101,417.38

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	office supplies	\$313.24
A-Ox	oxygen	\$151.86
AAA Collections	fees for collections	\$23.75
Agtegra	weed chemical	\$14,320.00
Alpena Coop Service	fuel, tail light	\$264.90
Amkota	supplies	\$145.04
AT&T	utilities	\$416.75
B&S Services	repairs	\$21.24
Baker's Repair	repair to vehicles, oil changes	\$1,886.33
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$2,940.00
Butler Machinery	new motor grader, parts	\$214,399.57
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
CHS	propane	\$1,759.95
City of Huron	911 professional services	\$2,572.34
City of WS	utilities - \$1,326.83 reimbursed	\$3,073.94
Clubhouse Hotel	conference lodging	\$471.26
Core Logic	software update	\$1,984.95
Davison County Auditor	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter VSO payment	\$2,062.50
Employees	medical reimbursement	\$112.75
Henry Schein	supplies	\$185.29
Iverson	back-up patrol repair	\$573.93
J&M Specialties	back-up patrol repair	\$451.23
Kibble Equipment	rental on tractor, damage repair	\$4,169.80
Lewis & Clark BHS	BMI evaluation	\$696.00
Lewis Drug	prisoner medication	\$41.24
Lexis Nexis	monthly updates	\$145.00
McLeod's	supplies	\$149.90
NAPA Central	supplies, filters	\$236.76
PCC Ambulance Billing	monthly fees	\$1,932.82
Postmaster	postage	\$73.00
Quill	office supplies	\$179.24
Safe Place of Eastern SD	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter apportionment	\$30.00
Santel	911 utilities	\$30.00
SD Dept of Ag	weed spray certificates	\$70.00
SDDOT	bridge inspections	\$845.67

SDAAO	SDAAO annual conference	\$250.00
SDACO	2025 spring workshop	\$645.00
SD Sheriff's Assn	2025 Sheriff's conference	\$135.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$1,147.48
True Dakotan	publishing	\$471.73
TwoTrees Technology	IT monthly fees	\$977.50
Venture	utilities	\$1,304.16
Verizon	extension hot spot	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	supplies, travel, dues, subscriptions	\$1,331.18
Wellmark	health ins - \$2,137.38 reimbursed	\$14,302.10
TOTAL		\$277,524.48

#### FUNDED DEPRICIATION

Avera Queen of Peace	18 windows with blinds	\$76,112.30
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In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had two people receiving poor relief for the month of April.

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge. The board discussed road work on Secondary Roads. The school approached Brian to have the parking lots graded. The board approved to have that completed and billed to the school. The board asked that Brian follow up with any entities hauling on gravel roads for projects within the county. A hauling agreement needs to be addressed with those entities. The board also would like Brian to look into an Approach Agreement when a new approach is needing to be placed on an existing road. Brian told the board that all operators are going to be certified to spray weeds. They have been working on the spray truck and it should be ready to go soon. The new motor grader has arrived and has been put to use. The board discussed the 2026 budgetary projects for the R&B department.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:

	<b>Total Oil, Inc.</b>
Bulk Ethanol Gas	<b>\$2.69</b>
Ethanol Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.69</b>
Unleaded Gas, Pump	<b>\$3.09</b>
E-30 Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.42</b>
#2 Clear Diesel, Pump	<b>\$3.11</b>
#2 Dyed Diesel, by Truck	<b>\$2.65</b>

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to award all fuel bids to Total Oil, Inc.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to update the board on the Ambulance. EMS Week is May 18-24. Deb has several activities scheduled including CPR and Stop the Bleed classes, a bike rodeo and open house at the Ambulance bay. The SD State Fair has again inquired about using the county's LifePak AED during state fair. The board decided against that this year. Deb has spoken with Sanborn County on transfer assistance. She will bring more information to the board at the next meeting.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members vote aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 10:45 am for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 11:28 am.

Lori Cowman, Director of District III, was available to present the 2024 Performance Report. The board was able to discuss projects that were assisted within the county and follow up with the results.

The board met with Karen DeLange, Director of Operations for Alternative HR, via teleconference. Ms. DeLange presented the Alternative HR's service options to the board. The board also inquired about training options for staff.

Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to agree to the HR On-Demand subscription at \$99.00/month for HR assistance to all county employees when needed.

The board met with Audra Scheel, 4-H Educator, with concerns of the Ag Building use. Audra will do some investigating on her end and get back to the board.

At this time, the Jerauld County Commissioner Board attended the second public meeting of the Jerauld County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The board reconvened as Board of Commissioners following the meeting.

DOE Karsky met with the board regarding a Board Change on the assessed value of the Brodkorb house for Pay 26. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the Board Change on the assessed value. DOE Karsky asked for permission to allow the new deputy to shadow in Sanborn County. The board approved and DOE Karsky will set that up.

Eric Schroeder, EM, was available to update the board on LEMPG program. Eric met with Brent Kolstad to gather more information on the program and weigh the pros and cons. The information was presented to the board as they will make the final decision in August. EM Schroeder requested to attend a free training in Pierre next week. The board approved and asked that he plan to take a county vehicle.

Lisa Younie, Treasurer, met with the board. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 3:20 pm for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairperson Losing declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 3:30 pm.

Auditor Fagerhaug notified the board that propane bid letters were sent to vendors last month. Sealed bids are to be delivered to the Auditor's office by the next regular meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner Krohmer asked if the Conservation District could again have permission to use a county pickup and trailer when hauling loads. The board agreed to give permission.

The board was informed that the Auditor, Treasurer and Register of Deeds will be attending Spring Workshop in Pierre May 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Hein, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 necessary expenses be allowed for May meetings.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented the board with two rental waivers for use of tables and chairs at events this summer. Each waiver was accompanied by a certificate of insurance. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the waivers.

Payroll for the Emergency Management fund had not been budgeted for 2025. Moved by Mentzer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve an emergency supplement to the Emergency Management payroll budget of \$23,000.00 from the Commissioner Contingency fund.

The board reviewed several Burn Ban resolution and ordinance examples from SD counties. A copy will also be sent to the fire chiefs and Sheriff for input on how to revise the current resolution.

Auditor Fagerhaug shared a request by the Horizon clinic to reconsider flooring updates within the dental and medical sides. The board will plan to tour the clinic at the next meeting to look at the areas that need to be updated. Melissa Hofer, CFO of Horizon Health, also reached out via email regarding contractual responsibilities. The board reviewed the contract and will respond to their requests.

True Dakotan has asked that the county consider becoming a Special Event Page Sponsor. The board reviewed the options and has decided to decline at this time.

The board reviewed all Secondary Road funds. The revenues and expenditures were reconciled and the board will plan to take action for supplementing the budget this year until a new opt out can take effect.

The board also reviewed the Ambulance fund and discussed options going forward.

All offices will be closed Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, starting at 9:00 am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 4:05 pm.

DeVonne Losing, Chairperson

Attest: Shannon Fagerhaug, County Auditor

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