

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES  
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners met Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for their regular monthly meeting. Chairman Shane Mentzer called the meeting to order with Commissioner Charles Bergeleen, Commissioner Walt Hein, Commissioner Fred Krohmer and Commissioner DeVonne Losing in attendance. States Attorney Koch was also in attendance for the meeting.

Chairman Mentzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the agenda.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$5,924,250.79; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,501,919.91; Ambulance Fund - \$38,912.36; Custodial Funds - \$1,336,646.75 = \$10,801,729.81 total.

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

REPORT: Wheel Tax Paid Cities- \$4,271.45; Townships- \$15,878.02

PAYROLL:	Commissioners	\$3,469.95
	Auditor/Election	\$6,645.87
	Treasurer	\$6,142.63
	States Attorney	\$5,659.53
	Government Buildings	\$4,270.07
	Director of Equalization	\$5,876.43
	Register of Deeds	\$4,424.46
	Sheriff	\$21,342.78
	Extension	\$1,921.79
	Road & Bridge	\$27,255.28
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	Ambulance	\$6,025.78
	24 / 7	\$261.78
	TOTAL	\$93,515.00

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

A&B Business	copier rental	\$281.20
A-Ox	oxygen	\$120.76
Alpena Coop	fuel	\$137.00
Amkota	supplies	\$500.29

AT&T	cell phones	\$366.65
Baker's Repair	patrol maintenance	\$467.89
Bartel, Linda	Gen election poll worker	\$267.88
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$3,100.00
Bergeleen, Wendy	Gen election poll worker	\$223.45
Blue 360	patrol lettering	\$203.98
Boschee, Linda	Gen election poll worker	\$225.00
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
City of Huron	911 surcharge	\$2,608.92
Connecting Point	technology support	\$3,645.50
Dakota Fencing Supply	fence material	\$1,250.09
Davison County Auditor	VSO 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter apportionment	\$2,062.50
Diamond Mowers	mower parts	\$5,433.30
DMC Wear Parts	blade replacement parts	\$8,594.52
City of WS	utilities (\$1,160.35 reimbursed)	\$4,303.31
Election Systems & Software	coding ballots	\$1,446.24
Employees	medical reimbursement	\$213.63
Fagerhaug, Peg	Gen election poll worker	\$247.11
Feistner, Connie	Gen election poll worker	\$278.60
First Class Design	tint window on new patrol	\$476.25
Heinen, Melissa	blood draws	\$80.00
Holiday Inn	EMT convention lodging	\$387.96
Huron Regional Medical	prisoner medical care	\$73.41
Jerauld County Treasurer	Jerauld Co property spec assess	\$1,018.98
John Deere Financial	repair supplies	\$118.94
K&M Tire	tires	\$137.77
Kimball Midwest	parts	\$76.96
Knittel, Verdelle	Gen election poll worker	\$255.82
Kogel, Deb	Gen election poll worker	\$253.14
Kraft, Julie	Gen election poll worker	\$249.12
Larson, Kelly	cut & replaced tin on 4-H barn	\$350.00
Lewis Drug	prisoner medication	\$81.26
Lexis Nexis	subscription	\$139.00
Mathis, Sue	Gen election poll worker	\$271.90
McLeod's	supplies	\$36.00
Mentzer, Carla	Gen election poll worker	\$235.72
Motor Clinic	repair tire	\$36.00
NAPA Central	parts	\$125.38
Office Peeps	office supplies	\$1,636.90
Olson, Ann	Gen election poll worker	\$225.00

Postmaster	postage	\$134.39
Rolling Hills Vet	drug dog services	\$182.89
Rounds, Cindy	Gen election poll worker	\$241.08
Runnings	edger, blower, poison	\$544.94
Santel Communications	911 utilities	\$30.00
Scheel, Audra	reimbursement on expenses	\$111.89
SD Counties	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter CLERP dues	\$245.00
SD DANR	2023 & 2024 environmental fees	\$400.00
SD Federal Property	supplies	\$85.00
SD DOT	bridge inspections	\$2,903.57
SDML Workers Comp	2025 WC insurance premium	\$23,238.00
SDSU- Dept of Animal Sci	books	\$15.00
Springs Food Market	supplies	\$58.51
State Bar of SD	2025 dues	\$550.00
Total Oil	fuel	\$997.28
Tri M Tunes	tint windows on patrol	\$175.00
True Dakotan	publishing	\$1,592.91
Venture	utilities	\$1,265.02
Verizon	utilities	\$50.08
VISA- AB&T	dues, subscription, supplies, lodging	\$1,390.01
Walk-N-Roll	cylinder parts	\$479.37
Weber, Teresa	Gen election poll worker	\$286.64
Weber, Paul	Gen election poll worker	\$225.00
Wellmark	health ins (\$2,530.70 reimbursed)	\$14,465.08
Westendorf Electric	fix light switch in Ag Building	\$79.20
TOTAL		\$91,769.19

In accordance with SDCL 28-13-41, Jerauld County had three people receiving poor relief for the month of October.

Stephanie Reasy, Administrator AWMMC, was available, at the board's request, to discuss the Ambulance status with the board. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 9:18 am for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 10:00 am.

The votes from the 2024 General Election held November 5<sup>th</sup> were canvassed with the following results:

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Total
Presidential Electors:						
Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz (D)	155	37	35	22	26	275
Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat (L)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Donald J. Trump and JD Vance (R)	332	119	95	75	87	708

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Nicole Shanahan (I)	4	2	2	3	3	14
United States Senator:						
Mike Rounds (R)	334	111	111	68	96	720
Dan Ahlers (D)	150	37	32	36	22	227
United States Representative:						
Sheryl Johnson (D)	106	27	14	22	14	183
Dusty Johnson (R)	386	131	121	76	102	816
Public Utilities Commissioner:						
Forrest Wilson (D)	111	26	21	21	21	200
A. Gideon Oakes (L)	8	1	2	3	1	15
Kristie Fiegen (R)	337	125	98	71	85	716
State Senator District 20:						
Paul Miskimins (R)	346	111	92	62	83	694
State Representative District 20:						
Jeff Bathke (R)	298	105	76	60	72	611
Kaley Nolz (R)	258	88	66	50	60	522
Jerauld County Treasurer						
Jessica Van Dyke (D)	60	27	14	10	15	126
Tara Peterson (R)	143	32	29	37	56	297
Lisa Younie (I)	286	96	88	53	45	568
Supreme Court Justice Retention:						
Yes	329	116	93	68	79	685
No	79	18	25	19	20	161
Constitutional Amendment E:						
Yes	173	37	45	26	24	305
No	304	120	86	72	91	673
Constitutional Amendment F:						
Yes	218	73	67	50	51	459
No	257	85	65	50	63	520
Constitutional Amendment G:						

Yes	157	43	55	26	33	314
No	328	114	77	76	83	678
Constitutional Amendment H:						
Yes	139	38	37	23	25	262
No	331	118	91	74	88	702
Initiated Measure 28:						
Yes	100	33	30	26	23	212
No	375	125	102	75	89	766
Initiated Measure 29:						
Yes	139	29	61	23	12	264
No	344	129	73	77	104	727
Referred Law 21:						
Yes	160	35	64	29	27	315
No	319	120	64	72	85	660

Total County-Wide Turn Out: 80.36%

At this time, the canvassing board assisted with selecting the contests for the Post-Election Audit at random per SDCL 12-17B-20. The Post-Election Audit will be held in the Jerauld County Auditor's office at the Jerauld County Courthouse on November 14, 2024 at 9:30 am.

There were no representatives for the R&B department. The board discussed concerns of landowners digging through county roads and the integrity of the road following that. The board was reminded of the Ulteig Sign Project meeting held here on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	<b>Total Oil, Inc.</b>
Bulk Ethanol Gas	<b>\$2.64</b>
Ethanol Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.64</b>
Unleaded Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.89</b>
E-30 Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.47</b>
#2 Clr Diesel, Truck	<b>\$3.13</b>
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>\$3.10</b>
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>\$2.76</b>

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

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried that in accordance with SDCL 7-7-25 & 7-7-26 necessary expenses be allowed for November meetings.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the renewal of the Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License from Horseshoe K Ranch & Gun Club at 23539 365<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kimball, SD.

Moved by Hein, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the renewal of the Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License from Pheasant Crest Lodge Inc. at 23625 365<sup>th</sup> Ave., Kimball, SD.

The budgeted funds available to the Mentally Handicapped Fees and Coroner funds are projected to end in a deficit by end of year. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve an automatic supplement of \$6,500.00 from the Commissioner Contingency Transfer fund to the Mentally Handicapped Fees fund and \$350.00 from the Commissioner Contingency fund to the Coroner Salary fund for unexpected costs that exceeded the budgeted expenses for 2024.

Christina Karsky, DOE, was present to speak with the board about the Legislative Study completed over summer months regarding consistency in the DOE offices across the state. DOE Karsky informed them of the procedure changes that were explored and what subcommittees were formed to continue the research. The state may contact a commissioner board member for more information.

Ann Scheel, Custodian, was available to update the board on buildings. There are several areas at the Ag Building that need to be addressed. The board has been unable to get someone to come. Commissioner Hein had reached out to a local contractor and he is willing to write up an estimate on some of the repairs. The railing on the east side of the courthouse ramp is rusting and failing as well. Ann will contact him to set up a time to walk through the Ag building and look at the ramp railing. Ann reported that the halogen lights at the 4-H barn are starting to fail. One of the lights has burned out and two others have started to get dim. Westendorf Electric had tried to repair the lights and were asked to prepare a quote for updated LED lighting in the 4-H barn. The work would replace the halogen lights and add some additional back up lighting on each end. The board looked at the estimate and said that they would approve the updated lighting estimate. Auditor Fagerhaug will reach out to Westendorf Electric to notify him. The board discussed what other updates are needed at the Ag Building in the next year.

Auditor Fagerhaug presented a SD Dept of Ag and Natural Resources notice regarding environmental fees for Jerauld County.

At this time, the board held a first reading of ordinance #2024-8. The board read through the addendums and additions to the original ordinance. The board asked for some items to be reworded. A revised version of the ordinance will be presented to the board at the next regular meeting.

Eric Schroeder and Ryder Schweitzer were available to present a new communication product for the Ambulance and Fire Departments. The product works as an app on a cell phone. There are initial fees, annual fees and line costs for the product. There are benefits to have all units sign up at the same time. The board will get back to them on a decision.

Blake Willman, AB&T, was present to ask permission of the board to designate the Ag Building as the Emergency Location for AB&T within their policy. The location has been in writing for years, but the policy is up for renewal and Mr. Willman wanted to ensure it could continue as is. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to allow AB&T to designate the Jerauld County Ag Building as an Emergency Location.

Carter Fredricksen, Global Life Family Heritage, was available to give a presentation and ask permission to meet with the employees of Jerauld County. The board agreed to allow him permission. Mr. Fredricksen will reach out to Auditor Fagerhaug to set up a date.

Auditor Fagerhaug received an update from Claim Associates yesterday regarding a past claim. She reviewed the information with the board. Claim Associates will reach out if anything changes, or needs to be addressed in the future. The board will be informed if that happens.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to update the board on Ambulance status. Deb attended the SD EMS Conference at the end of October. She has been working to increase the presence at schools. Deb presented a Google Voice option to allow other crew members to answer the Ambulance phone when she is off. The BMOE certifications are due by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Losing, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 3:18 pm for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 4:00 pm.

The courthouse will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day holiday. It will again be closed on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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