

JERAULD COUNTY MINUTES  
UNAPPROVED

The Jerauld County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 am. Chairman Charles Bergeleen called the meeting to order with Commissioner Walt Hein, Commissioner Fred Krohmer, Commissioner DeVonne Losing and Commissioner Shane Mentzer present.

Chairman Bergeleen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor's Account with Treasurer: County Funds – \$4,069,457.43; Funded Depreciation (for Hospital use only) - \$3,333,058.22; Ambulance Fund - \$155,542.71; Custodial Funds - \$106,728.99 = \$7,664,787.35 total.

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

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2022 special meeting.

Moved by Hein, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to complete the business for 2022 and to reorganize for 2023.

Commissioner Mentzer was nominated for Chairman. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein that nominations cease and the county auditor cast a unanimous ballot for Mentzer. All members voted aye.

Commissioner Losing was nominated for Vice-Chairman. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Mentzer that nominations cease and the county auditor cast a unanimous ballot for Losing. All members voted aye.

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

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS:

Agtegra	softener salt	\$40.91
Alpena Co-op Service	fuel, propane	\$4,597.96
American Bank & Trust	wire transfer fee	\$15.00
Amkota Farm & Home	supplies	\$61.11
Beadle County Sheriff	prisoner care	\$600.00
Center for Independence	monthly support	\$180.00
Connecting Point	monthly service	\$507.09
Employees	medical reimbursement	\$2,622.86
Glacial Lakes & Tourism	2023 tourism apportionment	\$300.00
Humm Dinger	jail supplies	\$45.17
J&M Specialties	repair, service	\$185.60
John's Service, Inc	repair	\$22.24
L&M Sanitation	Jan/Feb collection	\$180.00

Lexis Nexis	monthly subscription	\$133.00
Marcus, Laurie	blood draw	\$80.00
McLeod's	supplies	\$65.48
Mitchell Safehouse	DA apportionment	\$85.00
Motor Clinic	tire repair	\$93.53
Postmaster	post office box rent	\$108.00
Reemployment Assistance	quarterly unemployment	\$102.13
Rolling Hills Vet Clinic	drug dog exam	\$230.07
Runnings	supplies	\$274.34
Santel	911 monthly	\$110.58
SD Dept of Health	blood draws	\$40.00
SD Dept of Health- WS	employee flu shots	\$506.00
SD Labor Law Poster Serv	3-year plan	\$278.50
Spring's Food Market	supplies	\$280.89
Total Oil	fuel	\$2,746.72
True Dakotan	publishing	\$620.30
Volesky, Ron	CAA fees	\$505.00
Wellmark	health ins (\$3,297.41 reimbursed)	\$15,584.93
Yankton County Sheriff	civil papers served	\$50.00
TOTAL		\$31,252.41

AMBULANCE:

A-OX	oxygen	\$58.75
AWMMC	bookkeeping, pharmacy	\$717.87
Connecting Point	monthly support	\$16.91
Henry Schein	supplies	\$22.28
Total Oil	fuel	\$93.55
TOTAL		\$909.36

Oath of Offices were taken by Shannon Fagerhaug, Jerauld County Auditor, Mette Ness, Jerauld County Register of Deeds, Fred Krohmer, Jerauld County Commissioner, Walt Hein, Jerauld County Commissioner, Teresa Fonder, Jerauld County Deputy Auditor & Deputy Register of Deeds, and Brian Kolousek, Jerauld County Highway Superintendent.

Chairman Mentzer made the following appointments:

Board of Adjustments (Planning & Zoning) – Commissioner Losing, Richard Kolousek, Doug Bruckner, Bernard Olinger, Cindy Eilers  
Weed – Commissioner Hein, Lee Dougan, Jerry Fastnacht, David Kogel, Dan Kruse, Barry Krueger  
Planning & Development District III – Commissioner Bergeleen  
Drainage Board – All Commissioners  
Tri-County Land Fill – Commissioner Bergeleen  
Highway Department – Commissioner Krohmer (lead), All Commissioners

Hospital – Commissioner Losing and Auditor Shannon Fagerhaug  
 Law Enforcement – All Commissioners  
 Mental Illness – Jim Taylor and Jim Miskimins, co-chairmen  
 Revolving Loan Fund – Commissioner Krohmer  
 Barn Committee Member – Commissioner Hein and Commissioner Mentzer  
 Ambulance – Commissioner Mentzer, Jerry Orth, Ed Gray, Christina Christensen, Eric Schroeder, Jim Vavra, Blake Willman

Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss road and bridge matters. The county shop door opened after a power outage during Christmas night freezing pipes. The pipes have been repaired. The department continues to move snow back from approaches. The board discussed equipment adaptations to allow for more flexibility when moving snow. Brian presented two applications for the Rural Access Infrastructure Funds. One application will need more information to approve. Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the application from Dale Township for assistance on the replacement of a small structure from the Rural Access Infrastructure Funding.

Fuel bids were presented as follows:	Total Oil, Inc.	Alpena Coop
Bulk Ethanol Gas	<b>\$2.84</b>	\$2.99
Ethanol Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.84</b>	
Unleaded Gas, Pump	<b>\$3.29</b>	
E-30 Gas, Pump	<b>\$2.51</b>	
#2 Clear Diesel Pump	<b>\$3.89</b>	
#1 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>\$4.49</b>	\$4.52
#2 Dyed Diesel, Truck	<b>\$3.42</b>	\$3.52

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

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to transfer \$80,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund as budgeted to cover the balance of the Restricted Secondary Road Funds as required by SDCL 31-12-27.

Stephanie Reasy, Administrator of Avera Weskota Hospital, was present to discuss the transition of the Ambulance billing. Open communication between Ms. Reasy and the county will continue in the future.

Deb Fastnacht, Ambulance Director, was available to update the board on the status of the Ambulance. The new EMT course has started with 4 individuals. Others that were unable to attend this time around will stay on as students and hopefully a new class can be scheduled in the late fall. The new airway mannequin has been working perfectly for training purposes. There have been a total of 9 calls in the month of January.

Connie Ness, Jerauld County Treasurer, was present to discuss unpaid property tax for 2023.

Sheriff Weber was present to discuss rescue equipment funding through the Emergency Management. Sheriff Weber will plan to get more information and decide if the equipment will fit the need.

The Beadle County Jail contract was submitted. The daily rate has increased this year due to food supplier increases. Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the 2023 Beadle County Jail contract at an increased rate of \$95.00/day.

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

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried that pursuant to SDCL 28-17-1 through 28-17-6 the sum be established for county burial of \$2,000.00 for complete burial and vault. Grave digging will be extra. Mileage of \$0.75 cents a running mile after the first 50 miles, not to exceed 200 miles. Oversize will be extra.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to designate the True Dakotan as the official newspaper.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried that all sheriff sales be held at the east door of the courthouse.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to designate the following polling places for 2023 elections:

- Precinct 1 - Jerauld County 4-H Building
- Precinct 2 - Jerauld County 4-H Building
- Precinct 3 – Alpena Community Center
- Precinct 4 – Jerauld County 4-H Building
- Precinct 5 – Jerauld County 4-H Building

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Hein, all members voted aye. Motion carried to pay election poll workers at \$175 per election with an additional \$25 for attending the schooling provided by the Auditor’s office.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to approve the District III membership fee for 2023 @ \$11,112.00.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Losing, all members voted aye. Motion carried to surplus an old battery backup box that is no longer working and dispose of it.

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

There are twenty volunteers with the Jerauld County Ambulance Service who are covered under the Jerauld County Worker’s Compensation policy. The list is on file in the Auditor’s Office.

RESOLUTION #2023-1  
2023 Wage Resolution

PER SDCL 7-7-9.1, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jerauld County Board of Commissioners adopt the following wage and policy scale for Jerauld County employees to be effective January 1, 2023. This Resolution, when adopted, will nullify all previous wage scales.

SALARIED PAY RATE

COMMISSIONERS

Charles Bergeleen	\$7,438.51
Walt Hein	\$7,438.51
Fred Krohmer	\$7,438.51

DeVonne Losing	\$7,438.51
Shane Mentzer	\$7,438.51

SALARIED PERSONNEL

Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor	\$47,153.60
Connie Ness, Treasurer	\$46,654.40
Mette Ness, Register of Deeds	\$45,156.80
Dedrich Koch, States Attorney	\$54,704.00
Brian Kolousek, Highway Superintendent	\$48,318.40
Jason Weber, Sheriff	\$58,905.60
Janice Bender, Director of Equalization	\$46,779.20
Debra Fastnacht, Ambulance Director	\$35,249.76 after 6 mo probation \$39,166.40

HOURLY PAY RATE

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Paul Sheldon, Deputy Sheriff	\$20.45
Dawn Lake, Deputy Sheriff	\$21.89
Michael Krueger, Deputy Sheriff	\$21.89
Regina Teveldal, Administrative Assistant	\$16.85

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Tanner Grohs	\$19.60
Kathy Jensen	\$17.15
Ben Rostyne	\$18.54 after 6 mo probation \$20.60
Edward Schroeder	\$19.60
Luke Starkey	\$19.60
Brady Younie	\$21.60

CLERICAL

Julie Barber, Deputy Treasurer & D O E / Planning & Zoning	\$17.41
Teresa Fonder, Extension/4-H Secretary, Deputy Auditor/ROD	\$16.64

CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL

Kelly Larson	\$18.23
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CORONER (Per Case)

Debra Fastnacht	\$100.00
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BOARD MEMBERS (Per Meeting Attended)

Weed & Pest	\$20.00
Planning & Zoning	\$20.00
Ambulance	\$20.00

Commissioner Krohmer moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Hein seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: Shane Mentzer  
Fred Krohmer  
Walt Hein  
Charles Bergeleen  
DeVonne Losing

Voting Nay: None

Motion passed and resolution adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Shane Mentzer, Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

The board took action to pay a stipend of \$20/month for cell phone usage to the following positions: Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Emergency Management Director, Maintenance Personnel, Ambulance Director, and Weed Supervisor.

The board authorized the Auditor to pay bills due prior to the regular scheduled meeting if the unpaid bill would result in additional charges. These include the following: City of Wessington Springs, AB&T Visa, Venture, AT&T, and Wellmark.

The commission board will comply with current law enforcement contracts and increase the agreement fee by 3%. Letters will be sent out to the respective entities notifying them of the increase.

Moved by Bergeleen, seconded by Krohmer, all members voted aye. Motion carried to meet in executive session at 1:31 pm for personnel reasons per SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Chairman Mentzer declared executive session over and to resume in regular session at 2:05 pm.

Offices will be closed Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Moved by Krohmer, seconded by Bergeleen, all members voted aye. Motion carried to adjourn at 2:10 pm.

Charles Bergeleen, 2022 Chairman

Shane Mentzer, 2023 Chairman

ATTEST: Shannon Fagerhaug, Auditor

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