

FALL RIVER COUNTY MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2010.

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on May 18, 2010. Present Michael Ortner, Joe Allen, Anne Cassens, Joe Falkenburg and Sue Ganje, County Auditor. Absent was Glen Reaser.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, time being 9:00 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts, in which none were found.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Cassens to approve the agenda as written. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Falkenburg to approve the minutes of May 4th, 2010. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to approve the Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FALL RIVER COUNTY

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 30th day of April, 2010.

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Total Amt of Deposit in Wells Fargo Bank: \$403,795.57
Total Amt of Deposit in First Interstate Bank - HS: \$2,145,829.80
Total Amount of Actual Cash: \$5,665.86
Total Amount of Treasurer's Change Fund: \$900.00
Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days: \$347,570.37
Provo Township Water Checking - First Interstate: \$300.00

MONEY MARKET SAVINGS: First Interstate Bank: \$31,982.53

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT: First Interstate - HS: \$3,620,000.00
Wells Fargo Bank: \$200,000.00

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

**Register of Deeds Change Fund: \$500.00
Highway Petty Cash: \$20.00
Election Petty Cash: \$15.00**

RETURNED CHECKS:

**Caldwell, Gwendolyn - \$25.60, Lic; Stone, April - \$56.00, Lic; Petersen, Lynda - \$1,433.00, Taxes;
Henry, Raymond - \$290.64, Taxes; Torrez, Jeremy - \$215.80, Lic**

TOTAL \$6,758,600.17

Dated This 30th Day of April, 2010.

S/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Fall River

County.

Applicants for County Assistance met with the Board.

Motion by Ortner, seconded by Falkenburg to approve a maximum payment of \$500.00 for a water heater for CP 10-12, with a plan for repayment by the applicant. The Ministerial Society will also pay \$150.00. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Falkenburg to approve payment of an electric bill for CP 10-11 in the amount of \$132.83, with repayment by the applicant. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Cassens to approve the following bills as presented. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

A&B BUSINESS EQUIPMENT	CNIN161308;CONTRACT	\$ 139.33
A&B BUSINESS EQUIPMENT	CNIN162647;CONTRACT	\$ 148.24
AL'S SIGNS	12-4-09;#2309;DOE DO	\$ 245.92
B H ELECTRIC COOP INC.	#2471200	\$ 132.35
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	5-3;#942742	\$ 187.95
BIEGLER, GREG LPC CCCII	25-Apr	\$ 60.00
BLACK HILLS AMMUNITION	4-19;#185147	\$ 335.00
BH FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC	PRISON MED	\$ 360.00
BH FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC	29-Apr	\$ 937.00
BLACK HILLS POWER	BHP84391 STORAGE	\$ 233.72
BLACK HILLS POWER	BHP84434 EXT	\$ 2,816.17
BLACK HILLS R.M.U.C.	2010 DUES	\$ 100.00
BROWN & SAENGER	SUPPLY	\$ 83.51
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	4-30;TAYLOR TECH	\$ 964.31
CBM FOOD SERVICE	4-14;STDINV27658	\$ 698.40
CBM FOOD SERVICE	4-21;STDINV27846	\$ 2,312.48
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	4-10;#S3559	\$ 263.30
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	5-4;#34558	\$ 192.11
CHEMSEARCH	4-28;#730841	\$ 657.70
CHEYENNE SANITATION	5-1;#4002;COURTHOUSE	\$ 296.80
CITY/CO ALCOHOL & DRUG	4-21/5-11	\$ 1,775.00
CLINICAL LAB	3-15;AM10-00035	\$ 1,944.00
CONGER, LESTA	5-4;EXT BRD MTG	\$ 11.10
CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	4-23;#201742	\$ 352.80
CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES	4-23;#201745	\$ 123.00
CULLIGAN SOFT WATER	4-30;#916	\$ 84.25
D&J PETROLEUM	4-27;#32654;1000 GAL	\$ 1,590.00
DACOTAH BANK	#60;#5284222	\$ 119.35
DAKOTA COUNTY	CR04-834	\$ 3.50
DAKOTA LEASING COMPANY	#08082197	\$ 186.10
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	4-15;#6439151;FILTER	\$ 478.80
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	5-5;#6456740	\$ 48.60
EDGEMONT HERALD TRIBUNE	4-21;#206387;4-6 MIN	\$ 528.80
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFT	4-30;#741578	\$ 1,459.81
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	MARCH BIT	\$ 15.00
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	APRIL BIT	\$ 19.00
FALKENBURG, JOE	TRAVEL	\$ 167.98
FALL RIVER HOSPITAL	FR00998682 1	\$ 232.06
FALL RIVER LAWN & SNOW	3-10;#SNL0008;PLOW S	\$ 240.00
FED EX	4-14;#7-055-19676	\$ 10.57
FED EX	4-28;#7-071-29924	\$ 14.50
FLINT ELECTRIC	4-23;#3294;ROOFTOP A	\$ 2,378.93
FLINT ELECTRIC	5-4;#3298	\$ 279.67
FR SOIL CONSERVATION DIST	FIRST HALF 2010	\$ 11,000.00
GALLS	4-22;#510560261;2010	\$ 594.99
GLASS PRO +	4-1;#2414;2010 TAHOE	\$ 579.98
GOLDEN WEST TELEPHONE	ELEC	\$ 1,832.11
GRAINGER	4-7;#9223280844;FILT	\$ 159.76
HAGEN GLASS, WINDOWS	REPAIR	\$ 331.43

HEARTLAND PAPER CO	4-22;K821137-1;DUSTE	\$ 415.36
HEARTLAND PAPER CO	5-6;#K825999-1	\$ 24.54
HILLYARD FLOOR CARE SUPP	4-16;#6280468;BLEACH	\$ 357.43
HILLYARD FLOOR CARE SUPP	4-29;#6295672	\$ 319.94
HOBART SALES & SERVICE	4-30;#020502	\$ 260.75
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	90887;90701;90603;91	\$ 439.07
HOT SPRINGS AUTOMOTIVE	31-11000	\$ 114.48
HOT SPRINGS AUTOMOTIVE	#31-028597;563;897;2	\$ 36.52
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	#51;COURTHOUSE	\$ 247.16
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	4-16;#10-001806	\$ 40.30
JERRY'S AUTO	4-27;'09 F250;OIL,ET	\$ 40.50
JERRY'S AUTO	4-30;'08 FORD F-150	\$ 37.50
KREISERS INC	4-15;#618262	\$ 144.06
LONE STAR HEATING & AIR	4-19;#134594;WELD ST	\$ 1,062.79
LLOYD'S INCORPORATED	4-22;CLEAN DUCTS @ J	\$ 4,180.00
LYLE'S HANDYMAN	4-20;#1002;4 PADLOCK	\$ 97.92
LYNN'S DAK. MART PHARMACY	PRISON MED	\$ 6.00
MCLEODS OFFICE SUPPLY CO.	4-28;#12520	\$ 52.64
MCLEODS OFFICE SUPPLY CO.	5-7;#12800	\$ 339.60
MEADOWS, OWEN	4-1;#52;2010 TAHOE	\$ 1,702.27
MORAN, LYNN A.	CAA	\$ 545.50
NETTINGA, JOAN	4-14;DOOR SIGN	\$ 261.14
NEVE'S UNIFORM INC	4-20;RP-023316	\$ 11.97
NEVE'S UNIFORM INC	4-19;RP-023309	\$ 28.82
NORTONS SINCLAIR	4-20;#33400	\$ 20.00
NORTON,TINA	4-8/15/22/29;WEEKLY	\$ 385.00
PAMIDA INC.	MISC	\$ 5,262.16
PENN CO STS ATTNY OFFICE	MI	\$ 200.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY AUDITOR	APRIL	\$ 82.00
PENN CO JAIL	13-Apr	\$ 1,491.00
PJ'S HI-D-WAY	INV #500907	\$ 100.43
POWELL, DEBRA J	18-Apr	\$ 35.00
POWELL, DEBRA J	9-May	\$ 70.00
QUILL CORPORATION	4-27;#5110332;PAPER,	\$ 924.41
QUILL CORPORATION	5-4;#5250523;POST-IT	\$ 1,153.39
RADIOSHACK	4-21;#10035413;ROUTE	\$ 139.95
RADIOSHACK	4-30;#10035575;RECOR	\$ 129.99
RAPID CITY JOURNAL (THE)	4-20;#188;4-6 MINS	\$ 441.84
RAPID CITY JOURNAL (THE)	4-27;#195;NOTICE,LET	\$ 407.26
RAPID CITY MEDICAL CENTER	3-11;#900012639	\$ 140.00
RAPID CITY REGIONAL	2-18;RCCC0416	\$ 140.15
REGIONAL HEALTH	AUTOPSIES	\$ 700.00
RAYMOND, CALLIE	12-Apr	\$ 70.00
REASER, GLEN	TRAVEL	\$ 105.45
REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALT	2-19/23;2100770008CB	\$ 302.84
RUSHMORE COMMUNICATIONS	4-20;#0010058-IN	\$ 115.00
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE TREAS	SALES TAX	\$ 88.93
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	16-Mar	\$ 420.00
SDPAA	GEN	\$ 58,972.84
SERVALL	4-20;#1461154	\$ 83.00
SERVALL	5-4;#1466966	\$ 83.00
SKINNER, MATTHEW L. PC	CAA	\$ 331.10
SMILEMAKERS	4-12;#4443828	\$ 21.77
SOFTWARE SERVICES INC	4-30;#11188	\$ 450.00
STATE REMITTANCE CENTER	#4331	\$ 1,282.67
STEPHENS MATTHEW T	CAA	\$ 350.00
SYNERGY GRAPHICS INC	4-27;#49195	\$ 150.00

211 HELPLINE	2010 ALLOTMENT	\$ 1,000.00
PRO BUILD	4-20;#290794	\$ 118.00
US BANK	5-10;#148952716	\$ 278.11
VERIZON WIRELESS	Cell	\$ 515.23
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	JUV1018	\$ 18.00
WELLS FARGO	#6745535373	\$ 380.64
WESTERN SD JUV SERV CTR	4/12/2023	\$ 10,000.00
SIDES, JOHN	5-4;EXT BRD MTG	\$ 22.20
		\$ 135,473.00

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

ADAMS MACHINING, INC	76510	\$ 696.73
ADVANCED DRUG TESTING	37907	\$ 52.00
B H ELECTRIC COOP INC.	2205 APR	\$ 17.47
BLACK HILLS POWER	89666 APR	\$ 354.29
BLACK HILLS POWER	19718 APR	\$ 46.32
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	6W00091408;6PS028818	\$ 1,025.67
CHEYENNE SANITATION	4003	\$ 76.32
EDDIES TRUCK SALES	1200950072;1040006;3	\$ 1,185.52
EDGEMONT, CITY OF	117 MAY	\$ 44.49
FALL RIVER AUTO SUPPLY	7675-19940;52;51;200	\$ 164.67
FALL RIVER HOSPITAL	FRO1000892;FRO100900	\$ 58.00
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	DIR EQU	\$ 15.00
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE	200950072;201040036	\$ 281.39
GOLDEN WEST TELEPHONE	HWY	\$ 239.58
GRIMM'S PUMP SERVICE INC	21279	\$ 8.06
HILLS MATERIALS CO.	132032	\$ 801.80
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	090716;090756	\$ 20.92
HOT SPRINGS AUTOMOTIVE	31-027047;573;898;92	\$ 624.98
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	1489	\$ 26.21
OFFICE SOLUTIONS	81961128	\$ 75.00
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO.	14-95154	\$ 21.31
KIMBALL MIDWEST	1470636	\$ 204.34
MG OIL	IN-081150	\$ 1,012.67
NELSONS OIL & GAS INC.	504890	\$ 24,233.84
NORTHWEST PETERBILT	J201020029	\$ 159.81
NORTONS SINCLAIR	33349	\$ 10.42
RAPID DELIVERY	143791;752;141164;14	\$ 74.80
SAFETY KLEEN	921797853	\$ 106.00
SDPAA	HWY	\$ 25,205.16
SEILER, RANDY	VCHR APR	\$ 190.30
SHEEHAN EQUIPMENT, INC.	C01519	\$ 67.94
TWILIGHT FIRST AID &	202778	\$ 31.55
VERIZON WIRELESS	2390728080	\$ 38.56
		\$ 57,171.12

EMERGENCY MGT

CARDMEMBER SERVICE	4-30;RACKMOUNT SOL	\$ 877.59
GOLDEN WEST TELEPHONE	EM	\$ 88.42
RIVER LODGE	3/3/2004	\$ 69.00
QUILL CORPORATION	4-27;#5110332;RULED	\$ 10.52
SDPAA	EM	\$ 637.08
SECURE SD PARTNERSHIP	REGISTRATION	\$ 750.00
TIMMINS, ANDREAS	TRAVEL	\$ 58.31
VERIZON WIRELESS	EM	\$ 120.40
SDPAA	FIRE	\$ 86.44
		\$ 2,697.76

county commissioners and reported to the Department of Legislative Audit. The report shall be on forms prescribed by the Department of Legislative Audit." The following analysis should be completed as of March thirty-first and September thirtieth of each year. Thereafter, the unreserved, undesignated fund balance amount should be published in the minutes of the governing board. This analysis should also be filed with the Department of Legislative Audit.

FALL RIVER COUNTY

DATE: March 31 2010

ASSETS:

10100	Cash	<u>1,850,730.11</u>
10800	Taxes Receivable--Current	<u>2,245,999.57</u>
11000	Taxes Receivable--Delinquent	<u>66,254.59</u>
11700	Accounts Receivable	22,067.69

TOTAL ASSETS 4,185,051.96

GENERAL FUND SURPLUS ANALYSIS

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

20200	Accounts Payable	<u>33,971.27</u>
22400	Deferred Revenue	<u>2,312,254.16</u>

FUND BALANCES:

27201	Designated for Next Year's Appropriations (one of the following)	
	March - 3/4 of the current year	488,301.00
	September - 1/4 of current year + subsequent year	
	December - subsequent year	<u> </u>
27202	Designated for Other Purposes (Specify)	
27203	Designated for Capital Outlay Accumulations	<u>600,000.00</u>
27209	Undesignated	<u>750,525.53</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 4,185,051.96

Following Year General Fund Budget
(use current year for March analysis) 3,663,541.00

The unreserved, undesignated fund balance, account 27209,
divided by the following year General Fund budget
resulting in the fund balance percentage 20.49%

The 2010-2011 WIC agreement was presented for approval.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Cassens to approve the 2010-2011 WIC Agreement with the State Department of Health, State of S.D. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Commissioner Allen requested additional time to research other counties and their procedures on building permits and this will be brought back to the Board.

Commissioner Ortner briefly discussed the action that NACO has taken with the Department of Veterans Affairs in expressing concern over the suspension of benefits to incarcerated veterans and the subsequent financial responsibility that this places on Counties.

Jerry Sanfter, Avera Health Insurance, met with the Board to present a quote for the 2010-2011 county employee health insurance.

Frank Maynard of Emergency Management and Andy Timmins of 911 met with the Board to discuss equipment transfers.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to surplus and sell to Shannon County a copier for \$50.00, and transfer location of a Shannon County computer and monitor to Pine Ridge for use in the Lakota Election Office. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Maynard also reported that Fall River County has received a Certificate of Community Protection Achievement for developing and implementing the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Firewise Communities Program by the WFPA.

A brief discussion was held on the progress of the Corp of Engineers in updating the flood warning system and the Cold Brook Dam site. The bulk of the updated equipment has been installed and will be operable this week.

Maynard indicated that James Johnson will be in the Auditor's Office to evaluate the air system and conduct spot checks for mold.

Timmins gave the Commission a follow-up report on the use of Microsoft Essentials as relative to the preparation for the E-911 installation, and a proposal from Golden West for Anti-Virus protection.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Allen to approve the three year subscription for VIPRE Anti-Virus protection and a 24 port Ethernet Switch at a cost of \$1,257.00. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Timmins also presented revised quotes from Justice and Zuercher Tec for software, including CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch). Questions were asked by the Board and Timmins explained different line items of needed software. Sheriff Tarrell expressed concerns on the quote procedure, along with the room needed for the new dispatch stations. Custer County currently uses the Justice system. Ortner asked for a legal opinion on whether these items need to be publically quoted and if we currently have room for the equipment. Timmins gave a brief on the progress with Bulberry and Golden West for the 911 system.

Highway Supervisor Randy Seiler met with the Board about approval for moving an approach. The Board indicated as long as the State approved the move, there should be no problem. Seiler also reported on the scheduling of a Surplus Sale to be held on June 15, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at the Highway Shop. Departments will be notified to review their offices for items to be included in the sale.

The second road tour was discussed and the Board and Highway Superintendent will set the afternoon of the meeting on June 1, 2010.

GIS Coordinator Stacey Martin met with the Board to advise them that her field work is dependent on weather and satellite service, and therefore is not necessarily from 8:00 to 5:00.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to authorize Martin to work hours as needed, while staying within 40 hours per week. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

At 10:30 the Board opened the floor for public comment.

Tom Davis spoke on problems with the City not giving notice prior to doing work in the County, specifically with regards to channel work being done at the Evans intersection in Cold Brook.

Sheriff Tarrell informed the Board that the Jail Geo-Technical report is in and Architect Fennel will be down to Hot Springs on May 21, 2010.

Commissioner Falkenburg reported that the Provo Township Water system has problems with a crack in the tank. Lyle Ruthleutner is doing well in keeping the tower filled and that there are there is still an easement issue to be resolved with the updated water system. The Provo Township Water Board has expressed concerns about finances and Falkenburg indicated the County will not be assisting but he is researching other financing options.

The Commission took a break at 10:45 a.m.

Mary Anne Holloway-Crowe, along with County Treasurer Lori Bachand, met with the Commission on Holloway-Crowe's request for interest to be waived on her Delinquent Tax Agreement. When the property was acquired in 2006, back taxes went back to 1992. The current principal balance is \$5,709.16 plus and additional balance of \$5,161.32 in interest. Discussion was held.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to waive the interest on back taxes as long as the \$200 monthly payments continue. Discussion on the motion was held with Commissioner Ortner indicating support as long as the payment agreement was kept, otherwise he would support the procedure for a tax deed. With no further discussion, Commissioner Cassens voted nay, all other Commissioners voted yea and the motion carried.

Keith Anderson, Anderson Engineering, met to present to present a plat for approval. Questions on water and septic systems were asked, along with publishing each sold lot.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to approve the following Resolution. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2010-15

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County Commissioners of Fall River County, South Dakota, the within plat of Cobblestone Mountain Estates Subdivision plat of Lots 29, 35 and 50 of Cobblestone Mountain Estates Subdivision located in the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 2, and the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 1, T7S, R5E, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, it appearing to this Board that the system of streets conforms to the system of streets of existing plats and sections lines of the County; adequate provision is made for access to adjacent unplatted lands by public dedication or section line when physically accessible; all provisions of the county subdivision regulations have been complied with; all taxes and special assessments upon the property have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been lawfully executed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said plat is hereby approved in all respects.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2010.

Michael P. Ortner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Fall River County

ATTEST:

Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Fall River County

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Falkenburg to approve the following Resolution. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2010-14

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County Commissioners of Fall River County, South Dakota, the within plat of Tract 2R of Tract 2 located in a portion of Government Lot 2, all of the Southwest ¼ Northeast ¼, Southeast ¼ Northeast ¼, Northeast ¼ Southeast ¼ of Section 6 and a portion of the Northwest ¼ Southwest ¼ of Section 5 all in T7S, /R4E, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, it appearing to this Board that the system of streets conforms to the system of streets of existing plats and sections lines of the County; adequate provision is made for access to adjacent unplatted lands by public dedication or section line when physically accessible; all provisions of the county subdivision regulations have been complied with; all taxes and special assessments upon the property have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been lawfully executed;

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Commissioner Cassens questioned why the floor settling in the cistern was not the Contractor's responsibility, which Andersen answered that there was not testing that could have predicted the settling and breakage of the epoxy lining that the Contractor installed. Approximately 1/3 of the cistern was filled (170, 000 gal.). Falkenburg noted the urgency of determining a cost estimate to facilitate finding funding and that the easements be signed. Cassens also spoke on the location of where the meters were installed and the lack of anything in writing.

Veterans' Services Officer J.R. Steele met to request authorization for the Mobile Vet Center to park across from the Courthouse.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to approve the Mobile Vet Center to be located across from the Courthouse on June 14th or 15th, 2010. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Edgemont Mayor Jim Turner, representing Neighborworks Edgemont Council, and Director of Equalization Terri Halls met to request abatement of taxes on a property so the house could be removed and a Governor's House put on the property. The owners would deed the property to the Neighborworks Edgemont Council.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to approve the abatement of taxes and interest in the amount of \$4,768.99, with the legal description of Stewarts Addition, Lot 7 and the South 12' of Lot 8, Block 10. This motion is contingent upon the current owners quit claim deed of the property to Neighborworks. A copy of the deed will be given to the Director of Equalization, and the Auditor will abate the taxes. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Mike McNeil of the United States Forest Service Department of Agriculture met to give updates and answer questions for the Board on the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands Travel Management Plan. Tom Davis inquired about the access for handicapped individuals.

Commissioner Ortner read the codified law which addresses bid requirements for computers and software, which exempts these items from the bidding process. Tarrell again spoke on the availability of space for seating in the Dispatch room.

Jerry Sanfter met again with the Board to bring costs about the medical bridge.

The Commission adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to meet in Executive Session to address personnel and legal matters. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

The Commission came out of Executive session at 2:02 p.m.

A meeting was held in the Courtroom to discuss the new process of valuing agriculture property. Mike Verchio, District 30 Representative, was invited to explain the process. Michael Kenyon of the South Dakota Department of Revenue in Pierre was also present to help explain the change and long term effect to taxpayers. Also present was Terri Halls, Fall River Director and Equalization, and the Directors from Pennington and Custer County. Leonard Wood, Marvin Bishop and David Hazeltine, Custer County Commissioners, were also present.

The new valuation is based on the soil survey and is broken down to taxation on productivity with the categories of cropland and grasslands.

Commissioner Falkenburg, who called this meeting due to the calls he and other Commissioners had received and after the recent Equalization hearings, welcomed all that came. Comments and questions started with Nick Bogner, and were also heard from Dusty Pence, Dwayne Stearns, John Koller, Loyd Thomsen, Marla Peters, Joe Logue, Peggy and Tom Porter, Paul Nabholz. The biggest issue was the category of cropland versus grassland. Halls advised that 14% of the County is classified as cropland and 86% of the County is classified as grassland. Cropland values are much higher than grassland and the comments were that we are in the driest part of the State and you are unable to produce crops in the majority of areas, but land is being taxed on the potential, not probable. The Soil Survey that is being used was discussed, along with the inability to insure property south of Edgemont, sloping issues and questions on being taxed like eastern South Dakota. Kenyon spoke that all values came from Fall River County information, explained the increase limits in the law and admitted that work needed to be done on the values in our County and Butte County, due to the irrigation systems and other issues including leases that prohibit anything but grazing, in part. Ortner reminded the audience that the S.D. Legislature created the laws, not the Department of Revenue, and that we need to keep pressure on our Representatives and Senators to make changes to this valuation system. Ortner thanked Representative Mike Verchio and Michael Kenyon from the Department of Revenue. The meeting on valuation closed at 3:32 p.m. The Commission resumed business back in the Commissioner room.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Cassens to go into Executive Session at 3:51 p.m. for personnel (Union) matters. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

The Commission came out of Executive session at 3:58 p.m.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Cassens to authorize Chairman Ortner to try to negotiate a bridge plan with Wellmark and, as the deadline for renewal will be passed by the time of our next meeting, bring renewal information back to the next meeting. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Falkenburg to adjourn, with time being 4.01 p.m. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried. The Commission adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

**Michael P. Ortner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Fall River County**

ATTEST:

**Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Fall River County**