

**FALL RIVER COUNTY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 20, 2014. Present: Joe Allen, Anne Cassens, Joe Falkenburg, Deb Russell, and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Absent: Michael Ortner.

An invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given; the meeting called to order by Vice-chairman Falkenburg at 9:00 AM.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts; none were noted. Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to approve the agenda as written. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Joe Gutierrez, Commander of the Western SD Juvenile Services Center, met with the Board to provide an overview of the facility and program.

Kristen Rush, Golden West Technologies, presented the Board with a proposal for network management services. Motion by Cassens, seconded by Allen, to approve a contract for basic managed services with prepaid support at a cost of \$1,508.94 per month and a one-time setup fee of \$725.00. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 meeting. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Applications for assistance were reviewed. Motion by Cassens, seconded by Russell, to approve CP #2014-03 for \$475.75 in assistance for propane, with a repayment plan. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Russell, to approve CP #2014-04 for \$498.63 in assistance for electricity and \$500.00 in assistance for rent, with a repayment plan or there will be no further requests for assistance approved for the applicant. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Lyle Jensen, Building Superintendent, presented propane quotes for approval.

	<u>2,000 gal. Propane</u>
Nelson's Oil	\$2.97 per gal.
PJ's Hideaway	\$3.02 per gal.
D & J Petroleum	\$3.45 per gal.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to accept the quote from Nelson's Oil of \$2.97 per gallon for 2,000 gallons of propane as the low bid. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Russell, to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer as follows. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

**AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER**

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 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

Total Amt of Deposit in Wells Fargo Bank:	\$ <u>1,113.74</u>
Total Amt of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, Hot Springs:	\$ <u>1,208,518.67</u>
Total Amount of Cash:	\$ <u>1,757.77</u>
Total Amount of Treasurer's Change Fund:	\$ <u>900.00</u>
Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession, Not Exceeding Three Days:	\$ <u>28,446.26</u>
MONEY MARKET SAVINGS, First Interstate Bank:	\$ <u>8,367.84</u>
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, First Interstate Bank:	\$ <u>3,470,000.00</u>
Black Hills FCU:	\$ <u>250,000.00</u>

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that 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:

McMillin, Robert, \$272.95

**TOTAL: \$4,969,912.23**

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

/s/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Auditor, Fall River County

The above balance reflects county monies, monies held in trust and monies collected for and to be remitted to other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS, TOWNSHIPS, FIRE AND AMBULANCE DISTRICTS AND STATE.

Information obtained from Lora Michael, Cat's Meow Feline Rescue, a 501C3 organization, informed the Board of fundraising raffles and silent auctions scheduled for 2014.

Tax Deeds were presented for review. Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to approve the Tax Deeds for properties sold at the county sale on February 6, 2014 and authorize the vice-chairman to sign. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to approve \$1,616.00 for the Catastrophic County Poor Relief 2014 assessment. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Sherri Schwenke, new District Ranger for the Hell Canyon Ranger District, introduced herself to the Board, noting she will provide them with quarterly reports.

Randy Seiler, Highway Superintendent, presented fuel bids.

	<u>8,000 gal Unleaded</u>
Nelson's	\$3.1275 / gal.

MG Oil no bid  
PJ's no bid

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Russell, to approve Nelson's bid of \$3.1275 per gallon for 8,000 gallons of unleaded as the only bid. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Seiler updated the Board on department activities and training. Cassens asked about preparations the department could make to avoid road flooding. Discussion was held on service costs for work done by the department employees in comparison to costs from local shops.

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

**General Fund**

A&B Business Equipment	Copier	\$498.71
Attny General, Office Of	Report	\$10.00
Audra Malcomb Consulting	MI	\$178.16
Behavior Management Sys	Allotment	\$7,500.00
Black Hills Chemical	Supply	\$400.77
Bingham, James	CAAF	\$455.10
Cardmember Service	Misc	\$2,775.07
CBM Food Service	Inmate	\$1,366.56
Cedar Shore Resort	Travel	\$163.90
Century Business Leasing	Copier	\$128.30
Clinical Laboratory Of	Autopsy	\$1,854.00
Culligan Soft Water	Water	\$105.75
Edgemont Herald Tribune	Publishing	\$627.24
Evans, Robert	Travel	\$27.75
Falkenburg, Joe	Travel	\$76.96
Golden West Technologies	Contract	\$795.00
Hillyard Floor Care Supp	Supply	\$136.11
Hot Springs Public Lib	Allotment	\$25,000.00
Inside The Tape	Tuition	\$550.00
Keizer, Brad	Travel	\$147.26
McColley's	Cremation	\$1,300.00
Nelsons Oil & Gas Inc.	Assistance	\$458.02
Oelrichs Senior Citizens	Allotment	\$1,000.00
O'Neill, Justin	CAAF	\$331.97
Rapid City Journal	Publishing	\$254.00
Rapid City Regional	MI	\$330.33
Rick's Auto Center	Car Maint	\$35.00
Sanichem	Supply	\$255.00
SDSU Extension Service	Salary	\$8,627.00
Servall	Supply	\$122.41

Shepherd Reporting LLC	MI	\$30.00
Skinner, Matthew L. PC	CAAF	\$1,698.50
Snowfighters	Snow Removal	\$225.00
Software Services Inc	Support	\$1,150.00
Sotherland, Becki	Travel	\$17.76
State Remittance Center	MI; 24/7	\$809.74
Stevens Plumbing	Labor	\$89.73
Sword, James	Supply	\$10.55
Tiger Direct	Equip	\$168.29
United States Postal Serv	Postage	\$1,338.88
Winslow, Shari	Travel	\$19.72
<b>General Fund Total</b>		<b>\$61,068.54</b>

**County Road & Bridge**

B H Electric Coop Inc.	Utility	\$41.75
Cheyenne Sanitation	Utility	\$74.00
Edgemont Herald Tribune	Publishing	\$30.72
Fall River Auto Supply	Supply	\$76.68
City Of Hot Springs	Utility	\$24.96
<b>County Road &amp; Bridge Total</b>		<b>\$248.11</b>

**911 Surchg. Reimb**

Golden West Technologies	Contract	\$795.00
Century Link	Telephone	\$629.18
Rushmore Communications	911	\$84,077.00
Tiger Direct	Equip	\$120.99
<b>911 Surcharge Reimb Total</b>		<b>\$85,622.17</b>

**FIRE Protection Fund**

Smithwick Fire Department	Allotment	\$1,700.00
<b>Fire Protection Fund Total</b>		<b>\$1,700.00</b>

**Emergency Mgt**

Cardmember Service	Misc	\$101.89
United States Postal Serv	Postage	\$7.32
<b>Emergency Mgt Total</b>		<b>\$109.21</b>

**Courthouse Building Fund**

Stevens Plumbing	Labor	\$184.33
<b>Courthouse Building Fund Total</b>		<b>\$184.33</b>

<b>Total Paid</b>		<b>\$304,147.89</b>
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The meeting opened for public comment. Susan Henderson discussed the need for an economic impact statement that would calculate the loss to utilities, ranchers, the railroad, etc., should the VA close, which could be used in drafting a letter of support. Curt Nettinga reported that efforts to save the VA are shifting to focus on the economic impact the facility has on the area, urging the commission to provide a letter of support.

Brad Keizer, 4-H / Youth Adviser, presented the Board with the office cooperative agreement. Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding between the county and SDSU Extension, authorizing the vice-chairman to sign. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Sheriff Rich Mraz provided a report on jail population and presented cooperative plans for approval. Motion by Allen, seconded by Cassens, to approve cooperative law enforcement agreements between the Sheriff's Office and the USDA Forest Service for law enforcement patrols of the Nebraska National Forest and Black Hills National Forest land, authorizing the vice-chairman to sign. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to approve hiring Kathy Fanning as a jailer, effective February 18, 2014, at a rate of \$11.50 per hour. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Susie Hayes, Director of Equalization, presented abatement requests. Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve an abatement for Kenyon and Betty Papen of \$624.07 for 2013 taxes for parcel #65259-00000-00600, as the home was removed from the property. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Russell, to approve an abatement for James Curl or Lorena Surber of \$1,964.84 for 2013 taxes for parcel #72220-01400-01801, as the mobile home was double billed. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to approve an abatement for Dustin Aldrich or William Wagner of \$584.98 for 2013 taxes for parcel #75105-00000-01100, as the mobile home was moved out of the county in Nov. 2011. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve an abatement for Steve and Carla Simunek of \$1,551.64 for 2012 taxes and \$2,059.18 for 2013 taxes for parcel #75380-00100-00200, as the building was condemned in 2012 and torn down in 2013. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to approve an abatement for Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance of \$947.94 for 2012 taxes and \$941.52 for 2013 taxes for parcel #75485-00000-01700, as the mobile home was moved out of the county in 2011. With no further

discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Russell, to approve an abatement for Jerry Briggs of \$219.44 for 2013 taxes for parcel #11000-00705-10400, as the property should have been classified as owner-occupied. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Russell, to approve an abatement for Elmer and Doris Van Houtan of \$520.54 for 2013 taxes for parcel #75330-00700-00110, as the property should have been classified as owner-occupied. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Cassens, to approve an abatement for Ellen Simons of \$806.82 for 2013 taxes for parcel #18000-00803-31210, as the building was double-billed. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen, to abate taxes for the City of Hot Springs as follows: \$31.26 for parcel #75400-00705-13200; \$17,573.64 for parcel #75180-00705-14111; \$266.26 for parcel #75180-00705-13200; \$333.26 for parcel #75160-00100-01800; \$17.86 for parcel 75140-02500-01200; \$1,296.22 for parcel 75140-02200-00001; \$13.32 for parcel 75140-01200-00500; \$1,234.22 for parcel 75290-01700-04500. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve travel for Hayes and Frances Denison to attend the NCRAAO / SDAAO Joint Conference in Deadwood on June 8-12, 2014 at an estimated cost of \$988.00. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Management, informed the Board of training and drill schedules and asked for approval of vehicle repairs. Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve replacing the door locks and ignition on the '04 Chevrolet pickup at an estimated cost of \$400.00 to \$500.00. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Lori Bachand, Treasurer, met with the Board for personnel matters. Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve appointing Kristi Hudson as a full-time deputy at a rate of \$10.75 per hour, effective February 21, 2014. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Russell, to hire Kathy Timmins as a full-time clerk in the Treasurer's Office at a rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective February 17, 2014. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Cassens, seconded by Allen, to enter into Executive Session for personnel and legal matters, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and 1-25-2(3). With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried and the Board went into Executive Session at 11:21 AM.

Ortner joined the meeting during Executive Session at 11:30 AM.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:58 AM and had a brief discussion regarding the VA.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Cassens, to adjourn. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 12:04 PM.

/s/ Joe Falkenburg

Joe Falkenburg, Vice-Chairman

Board of Fall River County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Fall River County Auditor