

**FALL RIVER COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COURTHOUSE
906 NORTH RIVER ST
HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA 57747
PHONE: (605) 745-5130 FAX: (605) 745-6835**

**FALL RIVER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

- 8:30 Commission review of bills
9:00 Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Conflict Of Interest Items for Board Members
Action Items for Consideration:
Agenda
Minutes of 12-29-15 AND 1-5-16
County assistance, death expense applications
December 31, 2015, Auditor's Account with County Treasurer
Wage increases, as per Union Contract – Lyle Norton, Deputy Sheriff, 4160 hrs, to \$17.56, effect 12-28-15
Set daily work release rate for 2016 - \$24.00 with out meals up to \$37.14, with 3 meals, depending on meal costs
Surplus 2010 Chevy Tahoe for trade-in on new 2016 Tahoe
Election Board Fee Resolution for 2016
(move any unfinished business to the end of the meeting if needed)
- 9:10 Keith Andersen, Andersen Engineering – 2 Plats: Frank Peters; Dan Inman
9:15 Dan Cullen, Veteran's Service Officer – Quarterly report
9:25 Lyle Jensen, Bldg Supervisor – Report on Hwy 18 & 385 road reconstruction meeting; Request for letter by Board on the need for Handicapped Parking in front of Courthouse; Tem Tech Controller update; Carport/building quotes; Quotes to repair rust on pickup; Advise of dates to be out of the country for leave time; updates
9:45 Frank Maynard, Em Mgt – Computer purchase; Travel approval, Maynard and Timmins, to attend SDEMA Conference, Aberdeen, Sep 12-15, 2016; Updates
9:55 Sue Ganje, Auditor – 2016 Combined Election agreement with City of Hot Springs; HS School; Town of Oelrichs; Oelrichs School
10:00 Hwy Business – Pipeline Easement, Gary & Sharon Romey; Signing of Documents for Bridge over Red Canyon Road; Hire of Engineer for chip sealing Oral Road; Updates
10:20 Approve bills; break
10:25 Public Comment
10:35 Joe Allen – Present proposed Ordinance for Building Notifications within FR County for review;
Set 1st Reading for 2-2-16 @ 10:40 am
10:45 Kelli Rhoe, Treas, Sue Ganje, Auditor – Request consideration to allow credit cards for all departments to allow for centralizing credit cards by department
10:55 Susie Simkins, Dir of Equal – Assessment year 3 preliminary report; Abatements – Steenlage, Sharp; Travel for Frances Denison, Appraiser, to USPAP training, Chamberlain, Feb 8-9, 2016
11:05 Jacki Waldner, Co Health Nurse – Quarterly report
11:15 Jim Sword, State's Attorney – Office review
11:35 Sue Ganje, Auditor – Office review
11:45 Unfinished Business
Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and (3), legal and personnel matters
Adjourn

Agendas are set 24 hours prior to a meeting, any items added at the meeting will be heard for informational purposes only, If any items require action, such action will be deferred to the next meeting.

Fall River County fully subscribes to the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you desire to attend this public meeting and are in need of accommodations, please notify the commissioners' office, (605) 745-5132, 24 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate services and auxiliary aids are available.

***1:00 Jail Committee meeting, Courtroom ***

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 31st day of December, 2015.

Total Amt of Deposit in First Interstate Bank: \$855,249.05

Total Amount of Cash: \$ 728.73

Total Amount of Treasurer's Change Fund: \$ 900.00

Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days: \$51,993.28

SAVINGS:

First Interstate Bank: \$681,904.48

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

First Interstate-Hot Springs: \$4,279,498.79

Black Hills Federal Credit Union: \$ 250,000.00

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:

Greenia, Ann - \$441.40, Lic (11/04/15)

TOTAL \$6,121,250.73

Dated This 31st Day of December, 2015.

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Fall River County.

County Monies: \$5,941,739.81

Held for other Entities: \$87,950.39

Held in Trust: \$91,560.53

TOTAL: \$6,121,250.73

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.

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2016-04

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 12-15-11, the Board of County Commissioners at their first meeting shall set a fee for Election Board and the mileage rate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fall River County Board of Commissioners have set the FLAT FEE FOR ATTENDANCE OF ELECTION SCHOOL AT \$15.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fall River Board of County Commissioners have set the fee for Election Boards for the Primary and General and all Special Elections as follows:

ALL ELECTION BOARDS WILL RECEIVE A FLAT FEE OF \$115.00; RESOLUTION AND ABSENTEE BOARDS WILL BE SET AT \$8.55 PER HOUR, and

ALL PROVISIONAL BOARDS WILL BE SET AT A \$20.00 FLAT FEE, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fall River County Commissioners set the mileage rate at \$.42 per mile for the transporting of ballots and ballot boxes by the precinct superintendent.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2016.

Michael P. Ortner, Chairman
Fall River County Commission

ATTEST:

Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Fall River County

Estimate From
MENARDS®

Estimate # 74354
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ESTIMATE FOR:
Fall River Co. 110 Main Hot Springs, SD 57747
Ph: (605) 745-5139
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: covered shed

STORE # 3133 RAPC
710 N Creek Dr
Rapid City, SD 57703

PHONE: (605) 399-3922
FAX: (605) 399-9945

ESTIMATE BY ESTIMATE DATE	
DAVID K	12/29/15

SKU NUMBER DESCRIPTION QTY TO ORDER ADDITIONAL ITEM INFORMATION

Code Exempt Print - Mm Engineering
File Number: 235919 - Design ID: 1
Project Name: covered shed

563-8804 DAP SILICONE CAULK CLR #08641 9.8OZ 1 EACH
Silicone
Dap Silicone Caulk Clr - #08641 9.8oz

155-9974 18' TRIM BOX SPEC ORDER 10-2X6-18' 1 EACH ** Special Order **
Trim Box
18' Trim Box Spec Order - 10-2x6-18'
10 Total
Corner Brace = 2
1-D Girt = 4
1-C Girt = 4

Jobsite delivery may be arranged for an additional fee.4/12 roof
pitch
7 7/8" Heel height
9'4" clearance under header
Double anchor blocks to help with building uplift due to open walls
All walls open
Please verify material with guest before ordering
Please verify all steel and trim colors before ordering

Quoted By: Tyler Olson
(715) 876-3264

Re-Quote
Closed off 3 walls and left 1 sidewall open

155-9961 20' PALLET SPEC ORDER 11-2X4-20' 1 EACH ** Special Order **

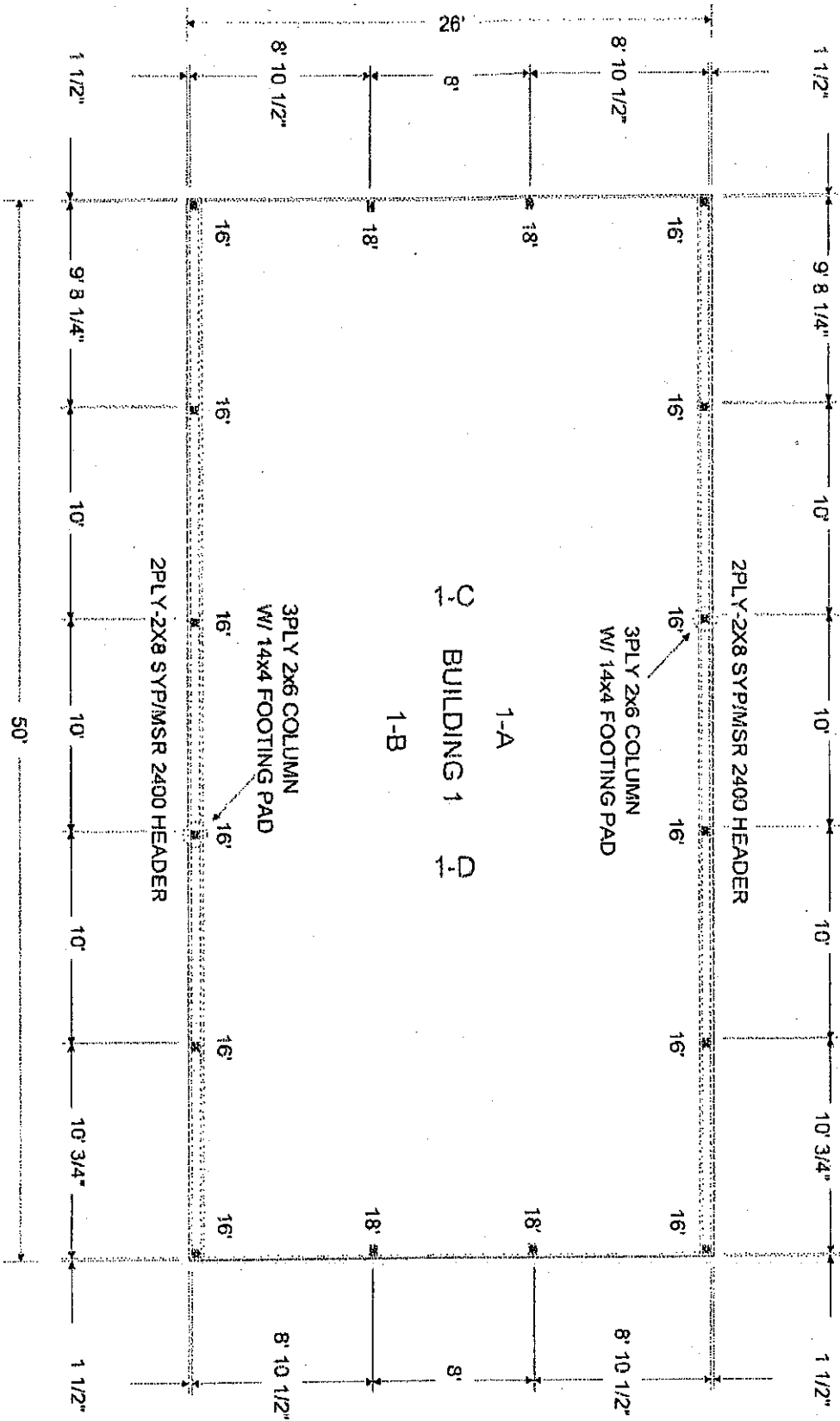
This is an estimate. It is given only for general price information. This is not an offer and there can be no legally binding contract between the parties based upon this estimate. The prices stated herein are subject to change depending upon the market conditions. The prices stated on this estimate are not firm for any time period unless specifically written otherwise on this form and are not inclusive of taxes, delivery, packaging or any other charges which may or may not need to be added when ultimately purchasing products from this estimate. The availability of materials is subject to inventory conditions. MENARDS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS INCURRED BY THE GUEST WHO RELIES ON PRICES SET FORTH HEREIN OR ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ANY OF THE MATERIALS STATED HEREIN. All information on this form, other than price, has been provided by guest and Menards is not responsible for any errors in the information on this estimate, including but not limited to quantity, dimension and quality. Please examine this estimate carefully. MENARDS MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS, ORAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE THAT THE MATERIALS LISTED ARE SUITABLE FOR ANY PURPOSE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GUEST. BECAUSE OF WIDE VARIATIONS IN CODES, THERE ARE NO REPRESENTATIONS THAT THE MATERIALS LISTED HEREIN MEET YOUR CODE REQUIREMENTS.

TODAY'S SUB-TOTAL: 7,484.22
REGULAR SUB-TOTAL: 7,484.23

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FloorPlan

Quote#: 235919 Design#: 1



Dreams Carports & Buildings, Inc.

Orem, UT 84058

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
12/18/2015	01413

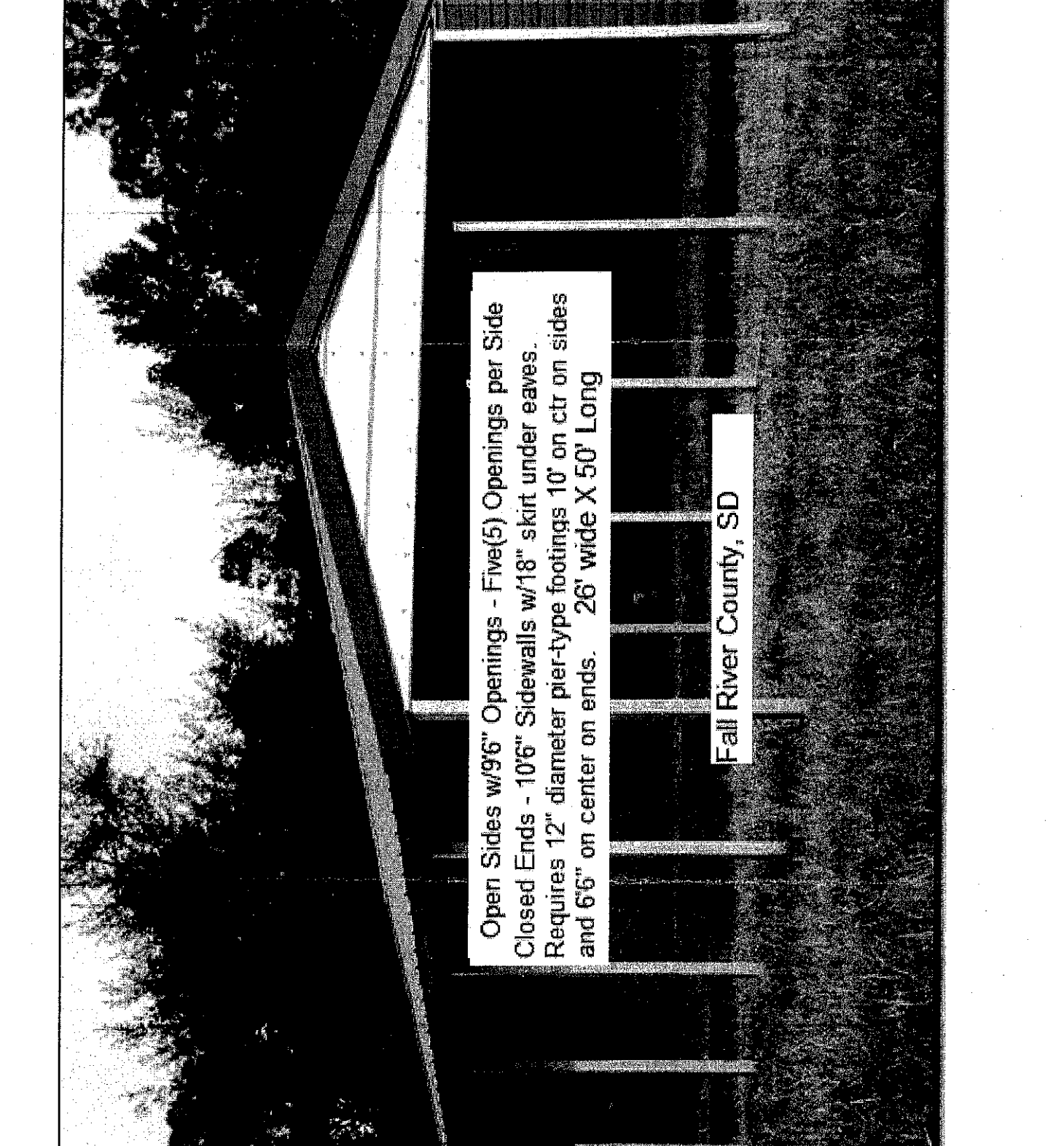
Dealer Information
Auto Connection Plus Lindsey (605) 673-5560 yourcar@gwtc.net

Customer Information
Fall River County SD

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
26' Wide x 50' Long / A-Frame Style / 14 Gauge / Strongest Deluxe Carport / Certified 30lbs Ground Snow Load	1	5,690.00	5,690.00T
10' Height On 50' Long / Approx Center Height 12'6"	1	840.00	840.00T
Vertical Roof On 50' Long (There is no overhang on vertical buildings)	1	1,000.00	1,000.00T
Closed End On 10' Height x 26' Wide	2	1,170.00	2,340.00T
9'5" Wide x 9' Tall Frame Opening on Side of Building / Five Openings Per Side	10	150.00	1,500.00T
50' Long Panel / 29 Gauge / To Cover Header Above Openings On Each Side	2	180.00	360.00T
Concrete Bolts (Impact Anchors) / Certified 105mph Wind Load	26	10.00	260.00T
** Engineer Drawings Are NOT Included **			

Estimate valid for 30 days Including Delivery and Installation, sales tax NOT Included - Ivanna	Subtotal	\$11,990.00
	Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
	Total	\$11,990.00



Open Sides w/9'6" Openings - Five(5) Openings per Side
Closed Ends - 10'6" Sidewalls w/18" skirt under eaves.
Requires 12" diameter pier-type footings 10' on ctr on sides
and 6'6" on center on ends. 26' wide X 50' Long

Fall River County, SD



TROY PIERCE
DBA AUTO BODY OF GENERATIONS
 719 Jensen Hwy, Hot Springs, SD 57747
 shop: 605-745-6210, cell: 605-890-0423
 autobodyofgenerations@hotmail.com SHEET NO. _____ OF _____ SHEETS

ESTIMATE AND REPAIR ORDER

Car Owner Fall River County Hot Springs Business Phone _____ Date Jan 5, 16
 Address 906 W Rivm CITY _____ Home Phone _____ Est. No. _____
 Insurance Co. _____ Phone _____ Repair Order No. _____
 I.D. _____ Adjuster _____ Retain Parts Customer Initial _____
 Destroy Parts

YEAR 04 MAKE Chevy MODEL 1500 LICENSE NO. CO 9639 ODOMETER 130,000

Repair	Replace	DESCRIPTION OF LABOR OR MATERIAL	LABOR HRS.	PARTS	MISC.	SUBLET-NET & PAINT
<u>Y</u>		<u>LP Boxside Rust Repair</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>100</u>		<u>3.0</u>
<u>V</u>		<u>RT Boxside Rust Repair</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>100</u>		<u>3.0</u>
	<u>Y</u>	<u>Rear Bumper</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>250</u>		
			<u>7.0</u>			<u>6.0</u>

1488-24

The above estimate is based on our inspection and does not cover additional parts or labor which may be required after the work has started. Worn or damaged parts, not evident on first inspection, may be discovered and you will be contacted for authorization for additional work. Parts prices subject to change without notice. This estimate is good for _____ days.

Insurance Deductible _____ Estimator _____
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I have read and understand the above estimate and authorize repair service be performed, including sublet work and acknowledge receipt of this estimate. An express mechanic's lien is hereby acknowledged on above car, truck, or vehicle to secure the amount of repairs thereto.

THIS WORK AUTHORIZED BY Troy Pierce DATE Jan 5, 16
 WORK ACCEPTED BY: _____ DATE _____

13.0 HRS. OF LABOR @ \$ 50 PER HR. \$ 750
 ESTIMATE AMOUNT \$ 1488²⁴
 Revised Estimate \$ _____
 Customer's O.K. By _____
 Time _____ Date Called _____ By Whom _____
 Deposit \$ _____
 Chgs. if not Repaired \$ _____

PARTS	<u>450</u>
PAINT MATERIALS	<u>280</u>
BODY MATERIALS	
SUBLET	<u>1404</u>
TAX	<u>84²⁴</u>
ADVANCE CHARGES	
TOTAL	<u>1488²⁴</u>

Date: 1/6/2016 10:32 AM
 Estimate ID: 2094
 Estimate Version: 0
 Preliminary
 Profile ID: Shop
 Quote ID: 3245201

Estimate Totals

I. Labor Subtotals	Units	Rate	Add'l Labor Amount	Sublet Amount	Totals	II. Part Replacement Summary	Amount
Body	13.2	58.00	0.00	0.00	765.60 T	Taxable Parts	283.08
Refinish	8.1	58.00	0.00	0.00	469.80 T	Sales Tax @ 4.000%	11.32
					Taxable Labor		
					Labor Tax @ 4.000%		
					1,235.40	Total Replacement Parts Amount	294.40
					49.42		
Labor Summary	21.3				1,284.82		

III. Additional Costs	Amount	IV. Adjustments	Amount
Taxable Costs	291.80	Customer Responsibility	0.00
Sales Tax @ 4.000%	11.66		
Total Additional Costs	303.26		

Paint Material Method: Rates
 Init Rate = 35.00 , Init Max Hours = 99.9, Addl Rate = 0.00

I. Total Labor:	1,284.82
II. Total Replacement Parts:	294.40
III. Total Additional Costs:	303.26
Gross Total:	1,882.48
IV. Total Adjustments:	0.00
Net Total:	1,882.48

This is a preliminary estimate.
Additional changes to the estimate may be required for the actual repair.

The above is an estimate based on our inspection, and does not cover additional parts or labor which may be required after the work has been opened up. Occasionally, after work has started, worn, broken or damaged parts are discovered which are not evident on first inspection. Quotations on parts and labor are current and subject to change.

1	I	497	Panel,Bedside LT	Sublet Repair	\$75.00*	6.0*	SM
2	L	497	13 Panel,Bedside LT	Refinish		4.3	RF
				3.1 Surface			
				0.6 Two-stage setup			
				0.6 Two-stage			
3	I	498	Panel,Bedside RT	Sublet Repair	\$75.00*	6.0*	SM
4	L	498	Panel,Bedside RT	Refinish		3.4	RF
				2.8 Surface			
				0.6 Two-stage			

Rear Bumper

5	UE	453	Accessory RR Bmpr Kit	Replace OE Surplus	\$300.00*	0.8	SM
5			Items				

MC Message

13 INCLUDES 0.6 HOURS FIRST PANEL TWO-STAGE ALLOWANCE

Estimate Total & Entries

OE Surplus Parts		\$300.00	
Paint & Materials	7.7 Hours @ \$38.00	\$292.60	
Parts & Material Total			\$592.60
Tax on Parts & Material	@ 6.000%		\$35.56

Labor	Rate	Replace Hrs	Repair Hrs	Total Hrs	
Sheet Metal (SM)	\$56.00	0.8	12.0	12.8	\$716.80
Mech/Elec (ME)	\$65.00				
Frame (FR)	\$65.00				
Refinish (RF)	\$56.00	7.7		7.7	\$431.20

Labor Total		20.5 Hours	\$1,148.00
Tax on Labor	@ 6.000%		\$68.88
Sublet Repairs			\$150.00
Tax on Sublet	@ 6.000%		\$9.00
Gross Total			\$2,004.04
Net Total			\$2,004.04

Alternate Parts Y/00/00/00/00/00 CUM 00/00/00/00/00 Zip Code: 57747 Default
 OEM Part Prices DT 01/06/2016 09:22 AM EstimateID 114036474369843200 QuotelD ****

Audatex Estimating 7.0.621 ES 01/06/2016 09:25 AM REL 7.0.621 DT 12/01/2015
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1.8 HRS WERE ADDED TO THIS ESTIMATE BASED ON AUDATEX'S TWO-STAGE REFINISH FORMULA.

Op Codes

* = User-Entered Value E = Replace OEM NG = Replace NAGS

ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BUILDING NOTIFICATION WITHIN FALL RIVER COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Fall River County Commission that Ordinance _____ of Ordinances of Fall River County be implemented to read as follows:

PURPOSE: Public health, safety, and welfare are the primary concerns of the Fall River County Commission. This ordinance is intended to create an orderly process for building notification in Fall River County.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. BUILDING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

1. Prior to beginning any new construction, the owner of the real property must submit to the Director of Equalization a Building Notification Form. Construction is defined in Section 2.
2. Within 30 days after completion of the construction, the owner of the real property shall inform the Director of Equalization of the same and shall work in good faith to set up a time that the Director of Equalization can reassess the value of the property.
3. The Director of Equalization shall have no authority to approve or disapprove any building plans or specifications.
4. Any inspection by the Director of Equalization shall be pursuant to his/her responsibilities to properly assess and value property within Fall River County, South Dakota.
5. The Building Notification Form shall be developed by the Director of Equalization and approved by the Fall River County Commission.
6. The Director of Equalization shall make the Building Notification Form available at the Fall River County Courthouse or online at the Fall River County website.

SECTION 2. WHEN BUILDING NOTIFICATION APPLICATION REQUIRED

1. Construction requiring a Building Notification Form shall include any of the following:
 - A. Construction of all new structures except: appurtenances attached to residential structures (such as decks, porches, or window awnings); storage buildings smaller than two hundred square feet (200 sq. ft.); canopy-type carports; and agricultural structures smaller than two hundred square feet (200 sq. ft.).
 - B. Additions made to any structure.
 - C. Buildings that are to be moved from one parcel to another.

D. Buildings that are to be demolished or removed from the property.

E. Mobile homes that are to be located within the County, moved from one location to another within the County, or moved out of the County.

F. Construction or installation of communications towers, windmills, solar panels, oil wells and other unoccupied structures.

2. The following acts shall not be considered construction requiring a Building Notification Form:

A. Remodeling or normal maintenance of existing buildings, or for repair to facilitate such maintenance, provided the area of the structure is not being enlarged.

B. Installation of fences, corrals, or similar livestock enclosures.

C. Installation of swings, or other playground equipment.

D. Finish work such as painting, papering, tiling, carpeting or cabinetry.

E. Fire or storm damage repair, so long as the structure is not being enlarged or additions are being made. However, a Building Notification Form is necessary for such damage repair when the structure is located within an established flood hazard.

SECTION 3. MISCELLANEOUS

1. This ordinance shall apply to all of Fall River County, State of South Dakota, except for those areas within any organized municipality.

2. Each of the provisions of this ordinance is separate and severable and if any provision or any part of any provision hereof is held illegal or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

FALL RIVER COUNTY COMMISSION

MICHAEL ORTNER
CHAIRMAN

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____
Published: _____
Effective Date: _____

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

906 N River St
Hot Springs, SD. 57747
605-745-5136

BUILDING NOTIFICATION FORM

South Dakota Codified Law requires all property owners to list all improvements and report them to the Department of Equalization each year.

This Form must be filled out by all taxpayers if changes have occurred to your property.

PROPERTY OWNER: _____

PHONE #: _____ e-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

STRUCTURE LOCATION: _____

(physical address or legal description)

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR ADDITION:

New Construction Addition

Type of Construction: House Garage AG Building Other _____

Size: _____ X _____ X _____ Work done by: Self Contractor
(length) (width) (height)

Proposed Start Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Estimated Cost: _____

STRUCTURE MOVED:

Type of Structure: Mobile Home House Other _____

Original Location: _____

New Location: _____

Scheduled Move Date: _____

STRUCTURE DEMOLISHED OR REMOVED:

Type of Structure: House Garage AG Building Other _____

Reason for Demo or Removal: Fire Weather Other _____

Date of Demo or Removal: _____

10-6-20. Penalty for intentional evasion, deceit or failure to list property. Any person who shall intentionally evade, deceive, or by any manner or means, not list all the property of every description which he is required to list, shall, in addition to any and all other penalties, be subject to the penalty of having added to his assessment as previously listed, the amount not listed and an additional penalty of fifty percent of the amount not listed.

I, _____ do affirm that I am a resident or property owner in the County of Fall River. I affirm that the above list contains a full and correct statement of all structures and improvements erected, placed upon, or removed from my real estate in Fall River County.

(printed name)

(signature)

Date: _____

Department of Equalization
January 14, 2016

The Department of Equalization would like to offer our support for the proposed Ordinance regarding Building Notifications in Fall River County. We view this as an invaluable tool in the assessment process. We would like to mention the following points to be considered when determining the need for this Ordinance.

1. Help maintain the integrity of the current County-wide Reassessment.
2. Help reduce the amount of time and travel needed to discover any new construction or to identify property changes every year, (Fall Field Work), thus saving the department time and money.
3. The DOE would be able to schedule reassessment visits with property owners.
4. Helps GIS to be aware of structure locations so they can be added or removed in a timely manner to the structure layer used by multiple public safety agencies.
5. Can be used as an application for Discretionary consideration and awareness.
6. County would not miss growth dollars when setting annual mil levy.
7. Tax burden would be shared fairly between all tax payers.
8. Property owners would have a fair assessment in a timely manner, reducing the need for abatements done on removed structures, or ADD ONs for missed structures.
9. Building Notification Forms remind the property owners of their obligation to report changes on their property to the DOE. (SDCL 10-6-20)
10. Hot Springs and Edgemont residents are held accountable under those cities' Building Permit plans, the rest of the County residents should be held to a similar standard.

Commission note

RE: Black Hills Resource Conservation and Development 2016 Dues

X DELETE ← REPLY ← REPLY ALL → FORWARD ...



BH RC & D <blackhillsrcd@gmail.com>

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Mon 1/11/2016 8:16 AM

To: Ganje, Sue;

2 attachments

BHRC2015S
ummary.pdf

Invoice2016~
:pdf

Download all

Sue

Attached is the invoice for the BHRC&D dues for 2016, also attached is a list of the projects that we have worked on over the past year.

We appreciate your continued support for the organization.



Also you are invited to our annual breakfast meeting January 28th at the Ramkota, Washington room at 8:30AM, an agenda will be emailed for this meeting!

Thanks and if you have any questions just email or give me a call.

Here is our website if you would like more information <http://sdrcd.org/main/black-hills-main/>

DennieMann

Dennie Mann
4012 Oiler Lane
Rapid City SD 57701
605 939 8156

Commission note invitation to Annual Breakfast

Attached see RC&D accomplishments for year

Black Hills RC&D 2015 Accomplishments

2015 was a year of successful mountain pine beetle collaboration and action among many stakeholders living and working in the Black Hills of Northeastern Wyoming, and Western South Dakota.

In an effort largely unmatched throughout the country, private landowners, County Weed and Pest Departments, Resource Conservation Districts, and State Federal Agencies have joined together in a collaborative "all lands" approach to combat the current mountain pine beetle epidemic.

This collaboration has resulted in the Black Hills Regional Mountain Pine Beetle Strategy, a five year strategy for responding to the current epidemic in both Wyoming and South Dakota.

Using a variety of methods including forest thinning, sanitation harvest, cut and chunk, cut and burn, prescribed fire, and chemical spraying, the collaborators have treated hundreds of thousands of trees across thousands of acres of infested and at-risk area throughout the Black Hills ponderosa-pine forest.

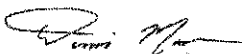
There is a tremendous spirit of cooperation behind the work that is being accomplished. The larger Black Hills community of Wyoming and South Dakota is working together to slow progression of the mountain pine beetle in the Hills.

The State of South Dakota is providing technical assistance to private landowners in conjunction with a cost-share program for treating green-infested trees in select priority areas, and has held eight informational workshops on 2015. Custer State Park treated 29,000 trees, used timber sales to thin forests at risk, and preventive sprayed high value trees. US Forest Service has completed both commercial and non-commercial harvest on 30,000 acres in 2015. Through this cooperative effort 2015 surveys have shown a huge decline in MPB activity in the Black Hills!

The Spring Creek water project has been ongoing for over 10 years and BHRC&D involvement is to provide recommendations to the Pennington County Planning Department concerning the "Best Management Practices" concerning the Spring Creek project implementation and watershed management plan. In 2016 BHRC&D may be taking a larger role in this project by meeting with interested landowners to discuss projects that would improve and enhance this Black Hills watershed!

BHRC&D is also working with BARR Engineering on the implementation of a watershed management plan for the lower reaches of Spearfish Creek. This will be a collaborative effort with cities, irrigation districts, private landowners, and the public to improve the Spearfish Creek watershed. It was decided to hold off on submitting a grant application in 2015

BHRC&D had also applied for a \$50,000 grant through the Rural Energy for America Program. This grant will assist with energy efficiency improvements on farms and Ranches, businesses, cooperatives, tribal entities, and electric utilities. BHRC&D was unsuccessful in receiving this grant!



Executive Director BHRC&D

10/28/2015