

FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2019

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in special session on April 9, 2019. Present: Ann Abbott, Joe Allen, Joe Falkenburg, Paul Nabholz and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Deb Russell was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts; none were noted. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion made by Nabholz, seconded by Allen, to approve the agenda as written.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Management, met with the board. Discussion was held on the bridge that collapsed on East Ardmore Road this past weekend and a disaster resolution. Motion made by Allen, seconded by Abbott, to approve the following resolution and authorize the chairman to sign:

2019-12 Fall River County Disaster Declaration Resolution

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019, Fall River County, South Dakota suffered severe storm damage caused by a heavy wet snow storm resulting in widespread flooding issues; and repairs are still ongoing; and

WHEREAS, this severe storm caused road damage, property flooding, loss of access, loss of livestock and had a bridge collapse on East Ardmore Road; and

WHEREAS, the damaged roads, bridge, culverts and severe flooding has isolated residents, and caused livestock losses; and

WHEREAS, Fall River County has incurred huge expenses as they endeavor to provide road repair and access to residents of the county; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fall River County Commissioners do hereby declare a disaster for the population of the area impacted.

The Fall River County Commissioners respectfully request that any and all assistance that may be available from State and Federal agencies be provided to all local governments to include Fall River County and to the local businesses and the general population as we work to overcome this disaster.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Fall River County Commissioners do hereby declare a flooding and winter storm disaster and respectfully request the Governor of the State of South Dakota to declare a disaster area and to request a Presidential Declaration of Disaster to insure

that the maximum amount of assistance is made available to local governments, businesses and residents affected.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2019

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje
Fall River County Auditor

/s/Joe Falkenburg
Fall River County Board of Commissioners

Discussion continued on the current repairs done by the highway department, with assistance from Ross Hunter and Steve Simunek, along with possibility of use of box culverts to repair the damage. A detour around the bridge has now been completed and Falkenburg thanked everyone who helped.

Motion made by Nabholz, seconded by Abbott, to enter executive session with State's Attorney Ahrendt as per SDCL 1-25-3 at 11:25 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 11:44 a.m.

Motion made by Nabholz, seconded by Allen, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

/s/ Joe Falkenburg
Joe Falkenburg, Chairman
Board of Fall River County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje, Fall River County Auditor