

FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2021

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on April 15, 2021. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope (via phone), Joe Falkenburg, Heath Greenough, Deb Russell and Sue Ganje, Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the meeting called to order at 9:00 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. The full context of the meeting can be found on the county website under Commissioners at <http://fallriver.sdcountries.org>, or, under Fall River County Commission, SD at <http://www.YouTube.com>.

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

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the minutes for March 25, 2021. Minutes for April 1, 2021 were not available.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Russell, to surplus to sell the 1990 Chevrolet maroon pickup. The 2001 Honda Foreman 5 4X4 four-wheeler with a 24.5-gallon Jackrabbit sprayer with handgun will be retained until an appraisal is done and a minimum bid set.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Management, met with the board. Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve the OEM single signature form for the 2nd quarter, and authorize the chairman to sign.

The South Dakota Severe Weather Week is April 19th through April 23rd, with the tornado drill on April 21st.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant – Covid-19 Supplemental grant funding for \$570.57, and authorize the chairman to sign.

Maynard spoke of being awarded \$1,111.96 for the 2021 Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant (LEPC); a letter of support for the Wildfire and Forest Pest Mitigation project in the area surrounding Hot Springs; NWS weather spotter training; the Kawasaki ATV being repaired; and the SD OEM Shelter Trailer was inventoried on April 13th. Maynard advised that water is being tested at the South Annex and reported on fires and incidents. Discussion was held on possible signs or ways to notify traffic during storms when the road is closed, or alternative routes are available, Maynard will pursue the sign issue.

Bob Evans, Sheriff, met with the board and reported that there are 4 females and 9 males in the Fall River County Jail, with 3 males in the Pennington County Jail, with 1 inmate on work release, for a total of 17 inmates.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Greenough, to authorize an additional credit card and change the credit card policy to include the administrative assistant position for the sheriff department as a card holder, with a log to keep track of who has it and only for fuel use purposes.

Evans updated the board that there will be bills coming in from the Hot Springs Ambulance service for law enforcement training re-certification. Russell asked Evans to continue investigating barking dogs north of the Coffee Cup and work with the state's attorney.

Erin McGlumphy, Extension, met with the board for her quarterly report, advising that the 4-H program is growing, and participants are increasing. 19 youth are involved in shooting sports, horse safety and quality assurance training are coming up, 8 kids are involved in clover buds, Achievement Days will be held at the end of July, in conjunction with fair. The fair board has asked that livestock sale will be held a day later than normal, but the rest should be close to the same.

Dave Weishaupl, Building Supervisor, met with the board. Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the Kohler quote for a radiator on the jail generator, in the amount of \$3,020.00.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Russell, to approve the Golden West quote for the SonicWall Advanced Gateway Security Suite Bundle for TZ500 Series – 1 year, in the amount of \$917.90.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the board to report on 2018 – 2019 Department of Legislative Audit discrepancies, reported on the monies collected on liens, and gave a review of the 2020 annual report.

Lance Russell, State's Attorney, met with the board to follow-up on the solar farm. There is no regulatory authority, and it is the general rule that counties and cities only have powers that are granted by statute. There is no enforcement of bond, (unlike wind power), legislation is needed for solar power. Concerns were raised about batteries, etc. that could be left behind after the farm left. The board would like the State's Attorney to draft a written letter for the next meeting with their concerns and request for legislation.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the agreement between Fall River County and Argentine Township for Project BRO 8024(00)19-1, and authorize the chairman to sign.

Lance Russell advised the board that Edie Jenniges will be retiring in May and asked for hire approval. Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Russell, to approve hiring Lynn Two Bear, as a legal assistant, \$16.00 per hour, effective April 21, 2021 as per union contract.

Randy Seiler, Highway Superintendent, met with the board. Motion made by Allen, seconded by Greenough, to approve hiring Tyson Tuma, equipment operator with CDL, \$17.05 per hour, effective May 3, 2021, as per union contract.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Russell, to approve the March 2021 reimbursement to the highway department for fuel used or work performed as follows: Sheriff's Department for \$2,449.21; Weed and Pest Department for \$118.04; Building for \$58.72; Emergency Management for \$67.43; and Director of Equalization for \$74.63.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Russell, to approve the application by Jennifer Thompson for a road approach permit on the north side of Pilger Mountain Rd., CR#12.

Motion made by Falkenburg, seconded by Greenough, to approve the proposal from Bituminous Paving Inc. to pave Main Street (Old Hwy 79) in Oelrichs, with 3" asphalt, for a total amount of \$99,250.00.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Russell, to approve the bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND

AUDRA HILL CONSULTING, INC	MI QMHP EVALUATION	\$828.63
CURA HOSPITALITY	INMATE FEES	\$14,549.42
A-Z SHREDDING INC	SHREDDING	\$90.30
BANKS, BRIDGETTE	COURT REPORTER	\$57.00
BEESEY LAW OFFICE	CAAF	\$2,109.15
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$461.03
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTRIC	\$3,623.65
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE & METER	\$479.31
CORRECT RX PHARMACY SERV.	INMATE PHARMACY	\$90.36
CHAMBERLAIN MCCOLLEY'S	COUNTY BURIAL ASSISTANCE	\$1,900.00
DEAN SCHAEFER COURT REP	COURT REPORTER	\$48.00
EN-TECH LLC	FUMIGATION	\$110.00
DUDE SOLUTIONS, INC.	GIS SUPPORT CONTRACT	\$313.85
FALL RIVER HEALTH	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	\$161.00
FALL RIVER HEALTH SERVICE	INMATE MEDICAL	\$758.10
FARRELL, FARRELL & GINSBACH	CAAF	\$2,017.84
FR CONSERVATION DISTRICT	2021 BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$20,000.00
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$676.35
FREY, GREGORY	MI BOARD	\$35.00
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	IT SUPPORT/CONTRACT	\$6,059.51
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$399.79
HUNT, KAREN PAIGE	QMHP/MI	\$489.25
LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVIORAL	QMHP	\$184.00
LYNN'S DAKOTAMART	SUPPLY	\$4.90
MARCO	COPIER LEASE	\$170.33
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$3,134.30
MAYER, DAN	QMHP/MI	\$35.00
NELSONS OIL & GAS INC.	UTILITY	\$613.60
O'NEILL, JUSTIN	CAAF	\$1,563.15

PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING PENNINGTON/TRANSPORT	\$11,108.33
RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	INMATE MEDICAL	\$28.90
SCOVEL PSYCHOLOGICAL	COURT ORDERED MI EVALUATION	\$4,000.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	BLOOD DRAWS	\$380.00
SERVALL	RUGS AND MATS SERVICE	\$231.04
SOFTWARE SERVICES INC	SOFTWARE SERVICES	\$1,660.00
STEVENS AUTOMOTIVE	SERVICE	\$194.30
WENDELL'S GARAGE	SERVICE	\$59.69
YANKTON CO TREASURER	QMHP/MI	\$115.10
STREMLER, MATTHEW	WITNESS FEE	\$94.28
HELGESON, PAIGE	WITNESS FEE	\$149.72
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$78,984.18
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTRIC	\$789.01
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$465.75
	TOTAL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$1,254.76
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT		
FALL RIVER HEALTH	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	\$60.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$105.99
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$165.99
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
BUILDER'S FIRST SOURCE	SUPPLY	\$80.35
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	IT SUPPORT/CONTRACT	\$8.50
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$19.42
HOT SPRINGS AUTOMOTIVE	SUPPLY	\$41.96
MARCO	COPIER LEASE	\$38.90
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$50.57
ONSOLVE, LLC	CODE RED	\$2,982.00
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	SERVICE	\$395.00
WENDELL'S GARAGE	SERVICE	\$63.36
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$3,680.06
24/7 SOBRIETY FUND		
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$30.98
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	24/7 LABS	\$170.00
	TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND	\$200.98
	TOTAL PAID BETWEEN 4/2/21 AND 4/15/21	\$84,286.00

Break was taken at 9:50 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Public comment was heard from Commissioner Falkenburg on a federal law change on capital gains, with a possible resolution at the next meeting, and on the number of counties that have approved sanctuary designations, and that our governor needs to declare SD as a sanctuary state. Jim Angell spoke of bonding through DENR.

District 30 Senator Julie Frye-Mueller, and Representative Trish Ladner, met with the board to continue the discussion on the new soil map. Discussion was held on examples of places that were not tillable croplands, and that West River cannot be classified like East River. Greenough noted that even the National Grasslands had portions of land designated as crop. Frye-Mueller spoke of ranchers attempting to litigate to make a change, without being successful. Frye-Mueller and Ladner are willing to amend, re-write or draft a bill for the upcoming special session to help the issue. Hayes will visit with other equalization directors when the appeal process is completed to see how soil tables have affected other counties

Frye-Mueller spoke of her discussion with a federal representative on the closure of the Hill City sawmill, noting a push to decrease forest products. The effect to the community was unknown to the representative. Discussion was held on the loss of revenue, taxes and conservation issues, and Frye-Mueller noted the US Congressional Delegates have all the power on the issue.

Susie Hayes, Director of Equalization, met with the board to discuss HB 1085, and of the Agriculture forms that will be going out this summer to confirm agriculture status. Forms will be required to be filed with the Director of Equalization's office.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve 2 temporary full-time help for the Director of Equalization office to assist with ag applications and field work.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to adjourn at 10:57 a.m.

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

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