

FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2022

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on August 4, 2022. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope, 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.sdcounties.org>, or, under Fall River County Commission, SD at <http://www.YouTube.com>.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Cope, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to approve the July 7, July 12 and July 21, 2022 minutes, with the correction that Commissioner Cope was absent at the July 12, 2022 meeting.

There were no applicants for county assistance.

Bob Evans, Sheriff, reported to the Board that there are 7 males and 5 females in the Fall River County Jail and 2 males in the Pennington County Jail, for a total of 14 inmates.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Melissa Fleming to attend the 2022 Dakota 9-1-1 Conference, September 13 through September 15, 2022 in Spearfish, SD and to attend the Communications Training Officer Workshop, November 7 through November 9, 2022 in Pierre, SD.

Discussion was held about the rates for 2023 at the Pennington County Jail going to \$95.00 per day for standard inmates and to \$125.00 for high-risk inmates.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Management, met with the Board. Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve the following resolution:

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION # 2022-35 EMERGENCY DROUGHT DISASTER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Fall River County has failed to receive adequate precipitation for the preceding twelve-month period, and

WHEREAS, the lack of precipitation over the past years has created a catastrophic state of drought, and

WHEREAS, the drought conditions have had an enormous effect on the production capabilities of the agricultural industry, which in turn severely affects the entire local economy, and

WHEREAS, the lack of consistent precipitation has resulted in the lack of rainwater runoff and therefore caused livestock ponds, dams, wells and natural water holes to dry up, and

WHEREAS, the grass, what there is of it, in the pastures in the county is bone dry, and quickly allows the start and spread of wildfires thus making containment almost impossible, and

WHEREAS, the local volunteer fire departments have almost depleted their resources in quelling wildfires, and

WHEREAS, the lack of dependable precipitation has resulted in record low subsoil moisture and has caused the water table to drop significantly,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fall River County Commissioners declare that current drought conditions have created a natural disaster within Fall River County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both farmers/ranchers and local businesses may be eligible for disaster aid grants and/or low interest Economic Injury Disaster loans from the Farm Services Agency and Small Business Administration Agency retroactive to January 1, 2022, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for and on behalf of the citizens of Fall River County, request that the Governor of the State of South Dakota petition the Secretary of Agriculture to declare Fall River County a drought disaster area, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Emergency exists in Fall River County and this Resolution shall be in effect from and after its publication and this action is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2022

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

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje, Fall River County Auditor

Maynard completed the requirements to continue as a certified flood plain manager and spoke of the fire outlook for August in Southwestern South Dakota. The Hazmat Plan is in draft form and will be discussed further at the next meeting. Maynard also reported fires and incidents.

Dave Weishaupl, Building Supervisor, met with the Board. Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Russell, to approve the Golden West quote for Ruckus computer switches, in the total amount of \$7,914.51.

Dan Cullen, Veteran's Service Officer, reported to the Board that he attended the announcement from Senator Rounds that the AIRS Commission would not be going forward with proposed changes, and the VA in Hot Springs and Meade County would continue operations. Cullen attended the VSO Congressional Forum in Fort Meade and assisted more than 60 veterans in the last quarter with questions on claims and benefits. Cullen also assisted 150 veterans with disability and/or pension claims for a quarterly total of \$354,398.25 with the SD State of Veterans Affairs and filed for benefits and headstones for five veterans.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Cullen to attend the SDDVA Annual Workshop and Training in Pierre, August 15 through August 17, 2022.

The supplement transfer and contingency hearing was held. Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the following resolution:

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2022-36
Supplemental Budget 2022, #2
Contingency Transfer 2022, #2

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-21-22 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt a supplemental budget, and whereas, as due and legal notice has been given, the following Supplements to expenditures and revenues for August 4, 2022 be approved as follows: General Fund: M&P Services & Fees 25000X4220163, \$9,994.76; Hwy Road Projects 20100X4251311, \$800,000.00; Federal PILT 10100R3330000, \$99,832.00; Reimburse Insurance 10100R3730200, \$9,122.74; Forest Reserve 20100R3320300, \$7,065.00; Bankhead Jones 20100R3320400, \$5,714.22; Surface Transportation 20100R3340200, \$8,439.29; Severance Tax 20100R3350800, \$11,768.85; ARPA Funds 29000R3310900, \$651,961.00; Means of finance to be cash and cash for revenues received, and

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-21-32.2 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt a transfer appropriation from the contingency budget to other appropriations, which are insufficient, a contingency transfer shall be approved and adopted to the following Departments: Juvenile Care 10100X4272215, \$8,470.00; Rural Attorney Recruitment 10100X4220158, \$4,380.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the Supplemental Budget #2 and Contingency Transfer #2 for 2022.

Dated at Fall River County, South Dakota this 4th day of August 2022.

/s/Joe Falkenburg
Fall River County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje
Fall River County Auditor's Office

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, reported to the Board, that there will be a tax deed sale near the end of January or first part of February to sell 13 properties that have been taken on tax deed. Seven properties are in Edgemont, three in Hot Springs, one in Oelrichs, with two properties being in the County. Eight more properties will be ready for sale in March. Discussion was held on ways to improve the sales; for now, they will be the same as the first sale and continue to advertise locally.

Pullen has purchased two new treasury notes recently; one has 3.07% interest, while the other has 3.25% interest. First Interstate Bank will be meeting with Pullen next week about other banking services.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board. Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Heidebrink and Cody Romey to attend the SDAAO School, September 18 through September 23, 2022, Pierre, SD.

Randy Seiler, Highway Superintendent, reported to the Board that Shep's Canyon Road is completed. The Highway Department hasn't been blading due to lack of moisture but have been hauling gravel. Commissioner Russell complimented their work at the Oral crossing but requested that Seiler call the irrigation district on a location where water is spraying across the road. Discussion was held on fire danger, the water tanker being ready to go and that blades are in different areas in the county to aid with fire suppression.

Donald Hammond, Brosz Engineers, presented the 2022 Bridge Inspection report to the Board, including recommended repairs and postings. Significant findings on six bridges were discussed, with the recommendation to replace two of the bridges.

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

GENERAL FUND

AMERICAN FAMILY ASSURANCE	AMERICAN FAMILY ASSURANCE	\$904.83
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$1,275.37
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$45.39
BAYMONT INN&SUITES PIERRE	SPRING WORKSHOP HOTEL	\$462.00
BQ & ASSOCIATES, P.C., LLO	GARNISHMENT	\$131.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTRIC	\$4,456.52
BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INS CO	LIFE INSURANCE	\$32.76
CAMERON, GEORGE	COURT REPORTER	\$190.00
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER	\$5.00
CREDIT COLLECTION BUREAU	COLLECTIONS	\$604.18
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF SD	DELTA DENTAL	\$2,549.60
DRUG TESTS IN BULK	SUPPLY	\$300.00
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$42,114.62
EN-TECH LLC	FUMIGATION	\$450.00
EXPRESS COLLECTIONS, INC.	GARNISHMENT	\$445.00
DUDE SOLUTIONS, INC.	GIS SUPPORT CONTRACT	\$329.55
FARRELL, FARRELL & GINSBACH	CAAF/MI	\$6,996.76
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTERS	\$3,393.40
HEIDBRINK, LILY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$114.00
HEAVY HIGHWAY FRINGE	INSURANCE FEES	\$600.00
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$373.85
HOSTERMAN, RACHEL	REIMBURSEMENT	\$69.58
IOWA LABORERS DISTRICT	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$21,794.50
LIUNA LABORERS LOCAL 620	UNION DUES	\$351.00
MASSA DENTAL OFFICES PC	INMATE MEDICAL	\$32.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$1,553.07
MCGLUMPHY, ERIN	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,040.44
MCLEODS OFFICE SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	\$89.90
MONUMENT HEALTH	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	\$282.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	\$700.00
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE	NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE	\$65.00
NORTON, TINA	CONTRACT NURSE INMATE	\$1,250.00

CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CNT	CHILD SUPPORT	\$655.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	VISION PLAN	\$286.73
ROMEY, CODY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$114.00
SOUTH DAKOTA ST TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$5.70
SDACC	2022 COUNTY CONVENTION	\$975.00
SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	SDRS CONTRIBUTION	\$20,189.70
SERVALL	RUG/UNIFORM SERVICE	\$450.72
SONNY'S SUPER FOODS	SUPPLY	\$85.90
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF/MAG	\$429.68
STEVENS AUTOMOTIVE	SERVICE	\$161.44
TRUGREEN COMMERCIAL	LAWN SERVICE	\$44.35
UNITED WAY BLACK HILLS	UNITED WAY DONATION	\$122.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$509.02
ROMEY, COLE	RURAL ATTORNEY RECRU	\$4,379.76
NORTON, LYLE	UNIFORM REIMBURSEMEN	\$102.95
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$225.00
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$121,738.27

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

A & B WELDING SUPPLY CO.	WELDING SUPPLIES/LEASE	\$36.30
ACCOUTER RENTAL AND SALES	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$138.60
ADVANCED DRUG TESTING	RANDOM EMPLOYMEE DRUG TEST	\$26.00
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSURANCE	AMERICAN FAMILY ASSURANCE	\$365.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTR	\$383.10
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$517.24
BROSZ ENGINEERING, INC.	ENGINEERING	\$955.00
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF SD	DELTA DENTAL	\$523.70
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS/PARTS	\$627.90
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$9,966.44
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$110.15
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTERS	\$1,545.60
GRIMM'S PUMP SERVICE INC	PARTS	\$158.98
HEAVY HIGHWAY FRINGE	INSURANCE FEES	\$165.00
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$146.09
HOT SPRINGS AUTOMOTIVE	AUTO SUPPLY PARTS	\$1,799.68
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	WATER	\$1,210.12
RICOH USA INC	CONTRACT SERVICE	\$29.43
IOWA LABORERS DISTRICT	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$5,780.00
LIUNA LABORERS LOCAL 620	UNION DUES	\$216.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$14.19
NEWMAN SIGNS INC.	SIGNAGE	\$157.45
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC.	SUPPLY	\$1,018.15
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	VISION PLAN	\$40.80
RAPID DELIVERY	DELIVERY	\$14.95
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS	\$296.95
SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$124.47

SDACC	2022 COUNTY CONVENTION	\$195.00
SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	SDRS CONTRIBUTION	\$5,273.86
SD SUPPLEMENT RETIREMENT	SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT	\$40.00
TIME EQUIPMENT RENTALS	RENTAL	\$265.48
UNITED WAY BLACK HILLS	UNITED WAY DONATION	\$20.00
WHEELER LUMBER LLC	SUPPLY	\$9,695.75
	TOTAL COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$41,857.88
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT		
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSURANCE	AMERICAN FAMILY ASSURANCE	\$129.09
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$64.99
CREDIT COLLECTION BUREAU	COLLECTIONS	\$302.86
2022 DAKOTA 911 CONFER.	2022 911 CONFERENCE	\$100.00
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF SD	DELTA DENTAL	\$375.20
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$5,304.79
HEAVY HIGHWAY FRINGE	INSURANCE FEES	\$90.00
IOWA LABORERS DISTRICT	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$2,706.00
LIUNA LABORERS LOCAL 620	UNION DUES	\$54.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$6.00
RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE	VISION PLAN	\$12.66
SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	SDRS CONTRIBUTION	\$2,755.36
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$41.99
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$11,942.94
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$11.29
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$1,560.24
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$261.74
SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM	SDRS CONTRIBUTION	\$635.42
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$83.98
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$2,552.67
24/7 SOBRIETY FUND		
DRUG TESTS IN BULK	SUPPLY	\$2,700.00
EFTPS	EFTPS PAYROLL TAXES	\$165.58
	TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND	\$2,865.58
COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND		
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	SUPPLY	\$42.13
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$42.99
	TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND	\$85.12
	TOTAL PAID BETWEEN 7/22/22 AND 8/4/22	\$181,042.50

Break was taken at 9:50 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

Public comment was heard from Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, that \$45,000.00 is owed in back taxes on properties that the county can sell. The total value of the homes is \$185,000.00.

Jennifer Sietsema, Black Hills Council of Local Governments, reported to the Board about numerous projects that they have been doing over the last few years. Discussion was held on use of ARPA funds, being short staffed and increases in dues for counties.

Commissioners Allen and Cope spoke of meeting with Mitch Stone and Toby Morris about possible funding for a new justice center. No funding is available for justice centers or jails at this time. There will be a need for a feasibility study and may be looking at remodeling the existing jail in the future.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board. Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to approve the Fall River County Lien Outstanding Debt Collection Policy and authorize the chairman to sign.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the 2023 Provisional Budget, including the increase of taxes by 3% CPI and 4.2% growth, for tax collections in 2023. With all voting yes, by roll call vote, motion carried.

Bob Nelson, Hot Springs Mayor, and several Hot Springs City Council members, met with the Commission to discuss possible county wide law enforcement. Although the mayor and city council members expressed resistance to this idea, they were all willing to explore the possibility of county wide law enforcement with further study and seeking input from their constituents. A short discussion was held on increasing the city's payment for dispatch.

Isnalawica Belt, Deputy, reported to the Board a gave a review of the Active Shooter Threat Training he facilitated on July 28 and July 29, 2022, at the Hot Springs Middle School. Discussion was held on being first responders, controlling situations effectively and possible future trainings for law enforcement and other first responders.

Break was taken at 11:06 a.m. and meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to enter executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel purposes, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) for legal purposes and as per SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiation purposes at 11:11 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:18 a.m.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to adjourn at 11:19 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

/s/Sue Ganje, Auditor
Fall River County Auditor