

FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2024

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 4, 2024. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope, Joe Falkenburg, Heath Greenough, Deb Russell and Sue Ganje, Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the meeting was 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 on Facebook, on the Fall River County's website.

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

The meeting was turned over to the Auditor, who asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board. Nomination was made by Russell, seconded by Allen, for Falkenburg as Chairman. Second nomination was made by Cope, seconded by Greenough, for Greenough as Chairman.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Cope for the nominations to cease. An anonymous paper vote was done. With Greenough receiving 2 votes and Falkenburg receiving 3 votes, Falkenburg is the Chair for 2024. The meeting was turned back to the Chairman of the Board.

Nomination made by Allen, seconded by Falkenburg, for Russell as the Vice-Chair. Second nomination made by Greenough, seconded by Cope, for Cope as the Vice-Chair. Roll call was taken, with 4 votes for Russell and 1 vote for Cope, Russell is the Vice-Chair for 2024.

The Board reviewed the list of items to approve.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Greenough, to approve the consent agenda First Grouping to include the following: to approve setting the meeting dates on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month; to appoint the Fall River County Herald-Star as the Official newspaper for 2024; to designate three feet of the bulletin board in the 1st floor of the Courthouse for legal matters and to also post Commission agendas on the ground, side and first floor doors of the courthouse; to set the depositories for the county as First Interstate Bank, First National Bank of Lead, Black Hills Federal Credit Union, Schwab Treasury; to set the prisoner care per day at \$95.00 and \$120.00, as per Sheriff's Office recommendation; to approve Monument Health as the health care facility for the jail, under the direct supervision of Dr. Avery Sides, as primary caregiver for inmates and the Fall River Healthcare Clinic under the supervision of Tina Norton, LPN as the secondary; to approve Tina Norton, LPN as Inmate Contract Nurse, \$1,250.00 per month; to set the ride-a-long fee for prisoner and mental health transports at \$40.00 per day to Rapid City and \$100.00 per day to Yankton and Sioux Falls and to set the Indigent burial rate at \$2,150.00.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve the consent agenda Second Grouping to include the following: to appoint Joe Allen and alternate Joe Falkenburg to the L.E.P.C. board; to appoint Joe Falkenburg and alternate Heath Greenough to the Weed board; to appoint Les Cope and alternate Deb Russell to the Custer/Fall River Regional Waste Management Board; to appoint Les Cope and alternate Deb Russell to the Black Hills Council of Local Governments Board (6th District of Local Governments); to appoint Heath Greenough and alternate Joe Falkenburg to the Resource, Conservation, and Development (R C & D) board; to appoint Joe Allen and alternate Les Cope to the Western SD Juvenile Services Center Board, to appoint Deb Russell and alternate Joe Falkenburg to the Prairie Hills Transit Board; to appoint Joe Falkenburg and alternate Heath Greenough to the 4-H/Extension Board; and to appoint Deb Russell and alternate Les Cope to the Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Cope, to approve the consent agenda Third Grouping to include the following: to approve travel for the County Officials to attend meetings of the Black Hills Associations and to request office supervisors to obtain travel approval for all other meetings requiring more than same-day travel; to approve the following resolutions on State Bids, Election fees and mileage and the 2024 Elected Official salaries resolution for the Auditor, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, State's Attorney and Treasurer, to approve the following listing: Longevity schedule; 2024 Commission salaries, and the 2024 listing of employee wages, including per diem for the weed board at \$25.00 per meeting plus mileage:

Longevity Pay

Longevity pays after 2 years of continuous service \$25.00 per month equating to \$300.00 per year.

After 5 years of continuous service \$50.00 per month equating to \$600.00 per year.

After 10 years of continuous service \$75.00 per month equating to \$900.00 per year.

After 20 years of continuous service \$100.00 per month equating to \$1,200.00 per year.

		Eligible for Longevity	Oglala Lakota County
Wages for 2024			
COMMISSIONERS		Salary	
Allen, Joe	Commissioner	\$10,200.00	
Cope, Les	Commissioner	\$10,200.00	
Falkenburg, Joe	Commissioner	\$10,800.00	
Greenough, Heath	Commissioner	\$10,200.00	
Russell, Deborah	Commissioner	\$10,800.00	
ELECTED OFFICIALS		Salary	Longevity OL Salary
Engebretson, Melody (Mel)	Register of Deeds	\$59,052.72	900.00/yr \$22,188.72
Ganje, Sue	Auditor	\$64,391.04	1200.00/yr \$22,188.72
Norton, Lyle	Sheriff	\$75,340.08	600.00/yr
Pullen, Teresa	Treasurer	\$52,480.08	600.00/yr \$22,188.72
Russell, Lance	State's Attorney	\$77,037.48	\$30,326.52
APPOINTED OFFICIALS		Salary	
Cullen, Dan	Veteran's Service Officer	\$54,920.40	900.00/yr
Heidebrink, Lillian	Director of Equalization	\$46,760.04	300.00/yr \$15,038.52
Martin, Stacey	GIS Emergency	\$54,581.88	900.00/yr
Maynard, Frank	Management	\$66,802.68	1200.00/yr
Seiler, Randy	Hwy Superintendent	\$75,050.64	1200.00/yr
Steinmetz, Nina	Weed Supervisor	\$55,941.36	900.00/yr
Weishaupl, David	Maintenance Supervisor	\$47,520.24	600.00/yr
HOURLY		Hourly, or per call/mtg	
Amthor, Cory	Hwy Department Emergency	\$21.75	
Baker, Gary	Management	\$16.75	
Belt, Isnalawica	Deputy Sheriff	\$26.75	300.00/yr
Bettleyoun, Arrow	Auditor's Office	\$15.50	
Birkland, LaVella	Register of Deeds Office	\$19.50	600.00/yr

Blessing, Brett	Hwy Department	\$27.00	900.00/yr
Blessing, Cody	Dispatcher	\$18.50	
Boche, Carol	State's Attorney Office	\$21.50	600.00/yr
Buchholz, Martin	Hwy Department	\$25.50	900.00/yr
Burns, Cynthia	Auditor's Office	\$15.50	
Christie, Riley	Deputy Sheriff	\$23.50	
Costa, Samuel	Hwy Department	\$23.00	300.00/yr
Dobbs, Charles	Deputy Sheriff	\$24.75	
Fleming, Malachiah	Jailer	\$21.50	300.00/yr
Fleming, Melissa	Dispatcher	\$26.50	900.00/yr
Hageman, Wayne	Weed Board	\$25.00/mtg	
Hansen, Bradley	Jailer	\$25.16	900.00/yr
Holmes, Chaela	Treasurer's Office	\$17.85	300.00/yr
Hosterman, Rachel	Sheriff's Office	\$19.25	300.00/yr
Hylle, Amanda	24/7	\$16.00	
Janis, Bobbie	Auditor's Office	\$23.62	900.00/yr
Kipp, Samuel	Treasurer's Office	\$15.85	
Logue, Vincent	Deputy Sheriff	\$28.00	900.00/yr
Luther, Brandon	Jailer	\$23.50	600.00/yr
Maciejewski, Anna	Hwy Department	\$20.50	600.00/yr
Maciejewski, Calvin	Hwy Department	\$25.91	1200.00/yr
Madsen, Toni	24/7	\$16.00	
March, Cassidy	Extension	\$16.00	
Martin, Brian	Hwy Department	\$21.75	
Mendez, Jose	Maintenance Office	\$21.20	900.00/yr
Miles, Jay	Hwy Department	\$23.75	300.00/yr
Mraz, Jennifer	Coroner	\$150.00/call	
Mraz, Jennifer	Dispatcher	\$25.00	600.00/yr
Novotny, Bob	Weed Board	\$25.00/mtg	
Oechsle, Kenneth	Weed & Pest	\$12.75	
Otteson, Anthony	Jailer	\$23.50	600.00/yr
Petersen, Brandon	Deputy Sheriff	\$24.50	
Petersen Dee, Tamra	Assessor's Office	\$18.25	300.00/yr
Pokorski, David	Jailer	\$23.50	600.00/yr
Porter, Chrissy	Nurse Office	\$16.50	
Quintana, Veronica	Dispatcher	\$22.50	300.00/yr
Raskiewicz, Casey	Hwy Department	\$24.25	600.00/yr
Reitz, Janell	Treasurer's Office	\$15.50	
Ries, Abbey	Weed & Pest	\$14.00	
Rough Surface, Hayley	Dispatcher	\$21.00	300.00/yr
Schiferl, Tanner	Deputy Sheriff	\$24.50	
Schmidt, Stacy	Auditor's Office	\$22.47	900.00/yr
Schubbel, Frederick	Hwy Department	\$25.50	600.00/yr
Sides, John	Weed Board	\$25.00/mtg	
Simunek, Trina	Dispatcher	\$25.00	600.00/yr
Timmins, Kathy	Treasurer's Office	\$19.50	600.00/yr
Tomlinson, Julie	Auditor's Office	\$20.14	600.00/yr
Tschacher, Amber	Register of Deeds	\$15.50	
Two Bear, Lynn	State's Attorney Office	\$20.75	300.00/yr
Weishaupl, Carlee	Assessor's Office	\$16.25	
Wells, Darla	24/7	\$16.00	
Wilson, Blaine	Deputy Sheriff	\$24.75	
Wood, Wesley	Maintenance Office	\$19.25	300.00/yr
Wyatt, Jerry	Weed & Pest	\$25.00/mtg	

Zimiga, Austin

Jailer

\$23.50

600.00/yr

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope, to approve the consent agenda Fourth grouping to include the following: to set the chairman of the mental health board’s fee of \$125.00 per hour; to not rehire any employee who is eligible for and has retirement funds withheld, for a period of 6 months, if that employee has resigned and withdrawn their SD Retirement Funds, unless specifically authorized by the Board; and to appoint Stacey Martin as PIO (Public Information Officer), with Melissa Fleming and Bobbie Janis as assistants.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to approve the December 21, 2023 Commission meeting minutes.

There were no County assistance/death expense applications.

Sheriff Lyle Norton, met with the Board to provide updates and the jail census of 4 male inmates in house. He also spoke regarding the proposed Justice Center and the importance he feels for the Board to act. There has been an ongoing discussion regarding updating/upgrading/replacing the jail since approximately 1997 with only minor things being fixed. He is concerned that he will lose deputies due to discussions within the department. The Commissioners each expressed their opinions and concerns regarding the proposed Justice Center.

Commissioner Joe Allen presented an updated drawing of a new facility to hold 72 total inmates, with an estimated cost of \$10,400,000.00. Joe Falkenburg requested that this plan be sent to Elevatus to take into consideration for when they return to the next meeting on January 18, 2024. He also noted that this is an additional option to discuss for a potential Justice Center/Jail.

Randy Seiler, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to request a private road work hearing and provide updates.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to set a private road work hearing on February 1, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The Commissioners recognized that Tuesday, January 9, 2024 is National Law Enforcement Day and noted their appreciation for all of our local law enforcement employees.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to request hire approval.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen to approve hiring Martha Trees as an Administrative Assistant at \$15.00/hr, effective 01/02/2024.

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

GENERAL FUND		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$1,195.99
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTR	\$3,403.44
CAMERON, GEORGE	COURT REPORTER	\$161.70
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE AND USA	\$209.63
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$168.13
HOSTERMAN, RACHEL	REIMBURSEMENT	\$17.10
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	HANGAR RENT	\$1,350.00

HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF/MENTAL ILLNESS	\$1,779.12
LYNNS DAKOTAMART	SUPPLY	\$31.06
LYNN'S DAK. MART PHARMACY	INMATE PHARMACY	\$644.57
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	SERVICE CONTRACT	\$483.27
RUSSELL, LANCE	MILEAGE	\$28.00
SERVALL	RUG SERVICE	\$388.15
SKINNER, MATTHEW L. PC	CAAF	\$768.35
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$1,043.34
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	WEBSITE LICENSE CO M	\$15,981.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$785.89
FEES, IRMA	BLOOD DRAW	\$225.00
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$28,663.99
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY CO.	WELDING SUPPLIES/LEA	\$36.30
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTR	\$645.66
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$41.93
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$1,786.56
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS/PARTS	\$803.77
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$71.85
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$70.12
MG OIL	INVENTORY/SUPPLY	\$957.00
MCDANIEL	SERVICE/REPAIR	\$7,474.66
NELSONS OIL & GAS INC.	FUEL	\$4.85
SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$124.47
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$12,017.17
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT		
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$41.92
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$41.92
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$125.76
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$125.76
	TOTAL FOR BILLS BETWEEN 12/30/2023 & 01/04/2024	\$40,848.84

Break was taken at 9:40 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

Public Comment was held. Sue Ganje, Auditor introduced Arrow Bettelyoun, the new Elections Administrative Assistant for her office to the Board. Susan Henderson, County resident, spoke regarding the Crowe Dam and asked questions regarding the proposed Justice Center. Chief Deputy Sheriff Ish Belt spoke regarding the proposed Justice Center. Deputy Sheriff Riley Christie spoke regarding statistical law enforcement information for the area. Sydney Belt, County resident, spoke regarding the current infrastructure and her concerns.

Joe Falkenburg, Chairman, noted that we all want what will be best for everyone, then he declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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

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