

**FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2023**

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on December 21, 2023. 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.sdcountries.org>, or on Facebook, on the Fall River County’s website.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion and possible action on providing a Holiday/End of the Year bonus.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the minutes of the County Commissioners for December 7, 2023.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to approve the Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer for November 2023.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to reset the Minimum/No Maintenance Road Hearing from January 4, 2024, to January 18, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Russell to set a Supplement and Contingency Hearing for December 28, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the pay increase for Jailer Hayley Rough Surface from \$19.75/hr to \$21.00/hr plus 2-year longevity of \$25.00/month, effective 12/14/2023; Maintenance Wesley Wood from \$18.50/hr to \$19.25/hr, effective 12/21/2023; and Heavy Equipment Operator Cory Amthor from \$21.00/hr to \$21.75/hr, effective 12/27/2023; all as per Union Contract.

Propane quotes were received as follows:

	750 gallons, HS	375 gallons, Edgemont
Nelson’s Oil & Gas	\$2.02/gallon	\$2.02/gallon
MG Oil	No Bid	
PJ’s Hi-D-Way	No Bid, late	

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen to accept the low bid of \$2.02 per gallon of Propane from Nelson’s Oil & Gas for 750 gallons to be delivered to the Hot Springs Shop and 375 gallons to be delivered to the Edgemont Shop.

Sheriff Lyle Norton, met with the Board to request approval for two items and to give the jail count as follows: The jail population for 2023 was 6,663 (which averages to be 18.25 inmates per day) and to provide the following current jail count of 8 inmates, 6 male and 2 females.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to authorize Sheriff Norton to sign the 2024 Prisoner Housing Contract with Pennington County with the daily per inmate amount of \$95.00/day with special management daily amount of \$120.00/day.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to approve hiring Cody Blessing as Dispatcher-uncertified at \$18.50/hr, effective 12/10/2023.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to discuss the location of the South Radio Repeater installation and go over the coverage maps that included the Eckard Well site and Oelrichs water tower site. He then provided updates that included Fires and Incidents.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to locate the South Radio Repeater at the Eckard Well site. With Greenough voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Andersen Engineers met with the Board to present a plat for their approval.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve the following plat contingent upon the approval of the County Highway Superintendent:

**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2023-46**

**A PLAT FARM UNITS 34A, 34B AND 34C,  
LOCATED IN SECTION 34, T7S, R7E, BHM, FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
FORMERLY FARM UNIT 34 REVISED**

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County Commissioners of Fall River County, South Dakota, the within plat of the above described lands, and it appearing to this Board that the system of streets conforms to the system of streets of existing plats and section lines of the county; adequate provision is made for access to adjacent unplatted lands by public dedication or section line when physically accessible; all provisions of the county subdivision regulations have been complied with; all taxes and special assessments upon the property have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been lawfully executed; now and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said plat is hereby approved in all respects.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2023.

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

ATTEST:

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

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board to ask for approval to pay half of the yearly JD Power Connect subscription.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve paying half of the JD Power Connect subscription in the amount of \$212.50.

The scheduled Supplement and Contingency Hearing was held at this time. Some discussion was held regarding delinquent liens.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve Fall River County Resolution #2023-47 as follows:

**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2023-47  
Supplemental Budget 2023, #3  
Contingency Transfer 2023, #3**

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 December 21, 2023 be approved as follows: General Fund; IT Computer Support 10100x4220171, \$16,281.23; IT Maintenance 10100x4250171, \$4,026.91; GW Technology 10100x4342171, \$14,051.81; Sheriff Car Maintenance 10100x4272211 \$25,008.08; Blood Draw Expense 10100x4264212, \$25,167.72; Addiction Recovery 10100x4261443, \$125.85; Weed Grant Expense 10100x4341615, \$3,461.01; Abuse & Neglect 10100x4260154, \$4,552.12; Emergency Management Fund: Car Maintenance 22600x4272222, \$1,899.16; LEPC Fund: Expense 23400x4260222, \$1,569.99; Building Repair & Maintenance Fund: Repair & Maintenance 30100x4250161, \$6,196.00; Revenue General Fund: HAVA Reimbursement 10100r3310210, \$9,000.00; LATCF Grant 10100r3310990, \$684,507.21; State Grant 10100r3340100, \$59,482.01; Gross Receipts 10100r3350140, \$12,821.27; Liquor Tax Reversion 10100r3350190, \$38,701.18; Postage 10100r3410140, \$3,595.67; Rodent & Pest Control 10100r3480110, \$8,071.00; Reimb Chemical Sales 10100r3480120, \$9,474.52; Costs 10100r3520000, \$10,618.39; Interest 10100r3610100, \$200,720.78; Redeposit Prior Year 10100r3660000, \$30,393.76; Miscellaneous 10100r3690100, \$17,513.07; Reimburse Insurance 10100r3730200, \$183,995.03; HWY Fund: Insurance 20100r3690200, \$38,609.56; Dispatch Fund: Operating Transfer 20700r3710000, \$46,277.74; Emergency Management Fund: Homeland Security 22600r3310230, \$50,880.00; LEPC Fund: Grant 23400r3340100; Means of finance to be cash and cash 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: Court Appointed Attorney 10100X4260153, \$70,878.09; Catastrophic Legal 10100x4262153, \$2,244.00; Court Ordered Evaluation 10100x4263153, \$2,875.00; Abuse & Neglect 10100X4260154, \$2,244.78; Juvenile Care 10100X4272215, \$9,000.00; Operating Transfer Out 10100x4290911, \$18,410.74

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the Supplemental Budget #3 and Contingency Transfer #3 for 2023.

Dated at Fall River County, South Dakota this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2023.

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/S/ Joe Falkenburg  
Joe Falkenburg  
Fall River County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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

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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
AUDRA HILL CONSULTING,INC	MI QMHP EVALUATION	\$470.63

BALL, JAMES	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$132.00
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$398.43
BH REGIONAL EYE INSTITIUT	INMATE MEDICAL	\$88.05
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE & USAGE	\$344.06
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE & METER	\$88.61
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTIO	\$376.73
COLBATH & SPERLICH, PC	CAAF/JUV/A & N/MAG	\$41,107.27
CONGER RANCH	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$1,575.00
CULLIGAN SOFT WATER	RENTAL/SUPPLY	\$223.50
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	BIT NETWORK FEES	\$52.75
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$49.50
GALLS	SUPPLY	\$1,097.73
GANJE, SUE	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$33.70
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	PHONE HANDSETS	\$159.88
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE BILL/INTERNET/	\$2,211.86
HAMMEL, TERRAL	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$524.38
HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS	SUPPLY	\$309.67
HOPE COUNSELING CENTER	QMHP/MI	\$600.00
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$124.26
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$709.39
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	4TH QTR FIRE SPRINKL	\$24.00
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF/MAG	\$6,517.94
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	QMHP/MI	\$478.40
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	COPIER USAGE	\$179.09
MASSA DENTAL OFFICES PC	INMATE MEDICAL	\$199.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	DATABASE SETUP & MON	\$35.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$2,411.06
MCGLUMPHY, ERIN	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$752.26
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$140.00
MONUMENT HEALTH	INMATE MEDICAL	\$100.93
NELSONS OIL & GAS INC.	UTILITY	\$733.59
QUADIANT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$1,018.77
NICHOLAS TOWING	TOWING	\$190.00
O'NEILL, JUSTIN	CAAF	\$2,260.17
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	TRANSPORT	\$368.88
PENNINGTON COUNTY	QMHP/MI	\$107.00
PRINTZ, JUSTIN	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$40.00
QUINTANA, VERONICA	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$92.01
CITY OF RAPID CITY	BLOOD ANALYSIS	\$480.00
ROMEY, GARY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$809.88
RUSHMORE COMMUNICATIONS	SUPPLY	\$111.20
SDACC	SDACC AND NACO MEMBE	\$1,996.00
SDAE4-HP	SDAE4-HP MEMBERSHIP	\$120.00
SD ASSOC.OF CO. OFFICIALS	CONTRIBUTION	\$1,000.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$660.00

SD STATE ATTORNEY ASSOC	'24 SD STATE'S ATTOR	\$437.10
SERVALL	RUGS AND MATS SERVIC	\$388.15
SIMUNEK, STEVE	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$774.00
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$9,395.47
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	SUPPLY/PARTS	\$27.98
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	EXTRA TRAINING	\$87.50
THOMSON REUTERS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$155.40
TRENT, RON	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$579.88
FLEMING, TERRY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$70.05
KINDRED, MIKE	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$765.67
YANKTON CO. SHERIFF	CIVIL PAPERS SERVED	\$50.00
BOWKER RANCH	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$123.75
FRAUNE, RITA ANN	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$55.75
BRUNSON, CINDY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$990.25
LANDERS, JAY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$3,145.50
HAGEN, LESTER	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$42.50
PERRENOUD, MARK PH.D. INC	COURT ORDERED EVALUA	\$2,500.00
CAPE, DEAN	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$350.00
REUTTER, BEN	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$442.49
NORTON, LYLE	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$88.11
BROWN, RORY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$1,248.72
LEWIS, DAVID	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$20.00
TUBBS, MARK	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$375.00
STEARNS, JERRY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$92.50
LAMONT, TIM	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$725.00
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$150.00
SMITH, DEAN	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$444.50
LONG, LINDA	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$33.75
FISH, DON	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$765.25
FROST, JACK	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$38.75
MCM, LLP	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$722.86
ROMEY RANCH	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$350.00
GOEMAN, JIMMY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$1,320.13
HOGUE, FRANK	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$55.75
MEISTER, JENNY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$111.75
TYSDAL, BERNARD	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$48.75
BURG, GREG	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$643.75
ALLISON, GARY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$25.00
FUGIER, SHAWN	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$269.38
HENRY, RAYMOND JR	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$266.00
KINDRED, KATHY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$104.26
PRAIRIE GARDEN	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$150.00
RONNING, ANDREA	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$25.00
SPENCER RANCH	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$73.00
SVENKENSEN, PENNY	WEED GRANT REIMB	\$74.75

MR. KLINKHAMMER	WITNESS FEE & MILEAG	\$21.02
LUENNING, KELLY	WITNESS FEE & MILEAG	\$44.48
BURDETTE, DOUGLAS	WITNESS FEE & MILEAG	\$44.48
BURDETTE, TIMI	WITNESS FEE	\$20.00
JOHNSON, BOB	WITNESS FEE & MILEAG	\$44.48
JOHNSON, ELIZABETH	WITNESS FEE & MILEAG	\$44.48
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	\$100,534.39
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/CLOTHING ALLO	\$396.09
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLY	\$696.55
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTIO	\$79.00
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIR	\$3,710.78
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE BILL/INTERNET/	\$262.75
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$446.14
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$471.12
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$1.89
ROD'S EXCAVATING	WATER LINE REPAIR	\$1,158.17
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	COST SHARE	\$23,045.10
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	SUPPLY/PART	\$249.71
WHITMORE INC.	LOADER PAPER	\$90.47
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>	\$30,607.77
<b>911 SURCHARGE REIMB</b>		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE BILL/INTERNET/	\$806.17
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$12.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMB</b>	\$818.17
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE BILL/INTERNET/	\$154.24
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	COPIER USAGE	\$89.54
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$290.50
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	\$0.63
BAKER, GARY	REISSUE DAMAGED CK#7	\$20.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	\$554.91
<b>24/7 SOBRIETY FUND</b>		
DRUG TESTS IN BULK	SUPPLY 24/7 PROGRAM	\$1,518.75
	<b>TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND</b>	\$1,518.75
<b>COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND</b>		
STEVENS SERVICES, INC.	SERVICE	\$402.97
	<b>TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND</b>	\$402.97

	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 12/8 AND 12/21/2023</b>	\$134,436.96

Break was taken at 9:47 am. The meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m.

Public Comment was held. Susan Henderson, County resident, provided the Board with an update about the petitions she was circulating to give to the US Forest Service regarding the proposed Crowe Dam Prescribed Burn.

Nina Steinmetz, Weed & Pest Supervisor, met with the Board to request travel approval and to approve appointment of a new Weed Board member.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve travel for Nina Steinmetz and Board member Wayne Hageman to travel to Spearfish for the 2024 State Weed and Pest Conference February 21-23, 2024 at a total cost of \$946.00.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Greenough, to appoint Jill Oechsle to the Weed Board.

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

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Greenough to approve hiring Joseph Gorackowski as an Administrative Assistant in the Director of Equalization Office at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective December 26, 2023.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed Justice Center. Joe Allen was asked to bring the old plan to the December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to share with the commissioners.

Discussion was held on offering an “End of the Year” bonus of \$250.00 for employees which included a reimbursement from Oglala Lakota County of 50% for their contracted employees and Fall River paying the balance.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Falkenburg, to approve paying \$250.00 to non-contracted employees and paying \$250.00 to the contracted employees with 50% of that to be reimbursed by Oglala Lakota County. With Russell and Falkenburg voting yes, all others voting no, motion failed.

Joe Falkenburg, Chairman, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:47 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