

**FALL RIVER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
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**FALL RIVER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Second Floor Courtroom
Thursday, May 16, 2024**

8:00 Commission review of bills

9:00 Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Conflict of Interest Items for Board Members
Approve Agenda

Action Agenda items for Consideration:

- Approve minutes of Fall River County Consolidated Board of Equalization for April 30, 2024
- Approve minutes of the Fall River County Commissioners for May 2, 2024
- Approve Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for April 2024
- Hire approval for Shenandoah Wardell as Administrative Assistant Treasurer's Office, starting wage of \$15.50/hr (as per Union Contract), effective 05/21/2024
- Surplus to junk: Dell 15" monitor, asset tag #1903; HP Officejet PRO L7780 Printer/Fax, asset tag #1782; and HP Officejet PRO 8620 Printer/Fax, asset tag #02041 – Veteran Service Officer
- County assistance/death expense applications

(Move any unfinished business to the end of the meeting if needed)

9:05 Lyle Norton, Sheriff-

- Request hire approval for Katy Howard as Jailer, starting wage of \$20.00/hr (per Union Contract), effective 05/21/2024; possible action
- Request travel approval for Deputy Riley Christie to attend D.A.R.E. Officer Training June 10-21, 2024 in Pierre at no cost for SD Officers, training includes lodging and meals; possible action
- Report from Chief Deputy Isnalawica Belt regarding the Law Enforcement Handgun Instructor Training and Certification that he attended
- Updates; possible action

9:10 Frank Maynard, Emergency Manager-

- Present Fall River County Burn Ban Resolution; possible action
- Per LEMPG requirements: Present updates on Status of LEOP, Hazardous Materials Plan and PDM plan; possible action
- Updates, possible action

9:15 Brett Blessing, Highway Foreman-

- Present quotes for new vehicle(s); possible action
- Updates; possible action

9:25 Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization-

- Travel approval for Joseph Gorackzowski, Morgan Erickson both Assessors in Training and Lily Heidebrink to attend the Vanguard User Group Meeting, August 7 & 8, 2024 in Oacoma; possible action

- Travel approval for Lily Heidebrink to attend the SDAAO School, September 16-20, 2024 in Oacoma; possible action
- Request approval of abatements for the following; possible action:
 - DAHMAJ LTD, parcel #11000-00705-212-40, 2023 pay 2024, in the amount of \$43.32
 - Wilcox, Lavern C & Sonja J, parcel #12000-00706-144-00, 2023 pay 2024, in the amount of \$822.83
 - Schuler, Todd J & Linda S, parcel #65095-00000-043-00, 2023 pay 2024, in the amount of \$28.09
 - Lauing, Tom Q & Laurie A, parcel #65133-00000-002-00, 2023 pay 2024, in the amount of \$1,084.52
 - Ulmer, Kevin D, parcel #65133-00000-005-00, 2023 pay 2024 in the amount of \$1,037.22
- Request approval of abatement for Kurt Zuege, 1961 Guerdon Great Lakes Mobile Home, serial #3055CFE13864D, parcel #81000-00000-008-65, 2023 pay 2024 in the amount of \$114.20; 2022, pay 2023 in the amount of \$127.03; 2021, pay 2022 in the amount of \$148.81; possible action
- Discussion regarding property owned by Robert Torre, requesting an abatement on parcels 78100-02900-003-00, 78100-02900-005-00 and 78100-02900-006-00; possible action
- Discussion regarding property owned by Robert Soske and utilized by Lloyd Soske, requesting that it be returned to Ag status; possible action

9:40 Kim McNemar, West River Mental Health (fka Behavior Management Systems)-
 • 2025 Budget request; possible action

9:45 Joe Allen, Commissioner-
 • Update on Justice Center/Jail

9:55 Approve bills & break

10:05 Public Comment

10:15 Sue Ganje, Auditor-
 • Present Resolution to clarify the name of Minnekahta Fire Department, aka Minnekahta Fire Protection District; possible action
 • Report on Malt Beverage/SD Farm Wine, Liquor, Wine/Cider license fees; possible action
 • Present estimate for Payroll processing from Software Services, Inc; possible action

10:20 Commissioners-
 • Discussion regarding a proposed bill from US Senator Mike Rounds regarding mandatory electronic tags for cattle and bison; possible action
 • Approve Proclamation of June to be declared Men's Health Month in Fall River County, authorize Chairman to sign; possible action
 • Review Sentinel Missile Project MOUs; possible action

10:25 Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel, (3)SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal
 • Possible action

Adjourn

****Agendas are set 24 hours prior to a meeting. Any items added at the meeting will be heard for informational purposes only, if any items require action, such action will be deferred to the next meeting.**

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The below Conference Call information is assigned for pre-arranged agenda items where the presenter is unavailable in person.

Conference Call information (if applicable): Call (848) 777-1212; Conference ID #37268689

FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2024

The Fall River Consolidated Board of Equalization met on April 30, 2024. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope, and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Present by telephone: Joe Falkenburg. Present from the Director of Equalization Department was: Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Allen to approve the following stipulation

PARCEL #	PROPERTY OWNER	SCH DIST / CITY	ASSESSOR	APPEAL REASON / STIP SOLUTION	CLASS CHANGE	ORIG LAND VL	ORIG BLDG VL	ADJ LAND VL	ADJ BLDG VL
75116-00000-006-00	BLACK HILLS LODGING LLC	Hot Springs /City	LH	Adjusted due to income		\$ 563,500	\$ 3,779,630	\$ 563,500	\$ 3,138,800

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope to adjourn at 9:11 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

FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2024

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on May 2, 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.sdcountries.org>, or on Facebook, on the Fall River County's website.

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

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Cope, to approve the meeting minutes from April 18, 2024.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the Consolidated Board of Equalization meeting minutes from April 18, 2024.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve, per Union Contract, pay increases for Riley Christie, Sheriff Deputy, from \$23.50/hr to \$24.25/hr, effective 05/22/2024 and for Tanner Schiferl, Sheriff Deputy from \$24.50/hr to \$25.25/hr, effective 05/17/2024.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Lynn Two Bear, Legal Assistant and Lance Russell, State's Attorney to attend the "Prosecuting the Impaired Driver" Training on May 1, 2024 in Deadwood, to include lodging mileage and per diem, with partial reimbursement from Highway Safety.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Lance Russell to attend the 2024 State's Attorneys' Conference May 2-3, 2024 to include lodging, mileage and per diem, with partial reimbursement from Law Enforcement Training.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Amber Tschacher, Deputy Register of Deeds, to attend the SDACO Deputy Workshop in Pierre on June 11, 2024, at a cost of \$100.00 plus lodging and per diem.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Greenough, to approve the following list of equipment to junk from the Sheriff's Department: Canon MB2320 Printer, asset tag #02033; 8 Nokia Lumia 2520 Tablets, asset tag #'s 02012, 02011, 02010 and 02006, 4 do not have tags; 15 Rugged Covers of Nokia Lumia 2520 Tablets, no tags; 8 Nokia Power Keyboards, no tags; 12 Zagg Universal keyboards, no tags; 4 Nokia Lumia 2520 Screen Protectors, no tags; 1 Garmin GPS Map 365, no tag; 1 Dashcam remote camera, no tag; 2 handheld radios with batteries and chargers, asset tag #'s 01719 and 01717; 2 seeker metal detectors, no tags; 1 APC Computer tower asset tag # 01983; 1 HP Printer/Scanner, asset tag #02064; 1 4-drawer metal filing cabinet, no tag; all to junk as they are no longer working.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve Morgan Erickson to move classification from Administrative Assistant to Assessor in Training with an increase from \$15.00/hr to \$15.50/hr, effective 05/21/2024, as per Union Contract.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Joseph Goraczkowski and Morgan Erickson, Assessors in Training and Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization to attend the

SDAOO Conference June 3-7, 2024 in Aberdeen to include lodging and per diem.

Notification was given to the Board that Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization will be attending the USPAP Training June 28, 2024 in Rapid City.

There were no County Assistance applications.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, met with the Board to provide the jail census of 22 inmates, 15 male, 7 female, with 3 females in Pennington County. He also informed the Board and the public that, on May 19, 2024, the Sheriff's Office is sponsoring an event called Badges & Bobbers. It includes fishing and a picnic for area youth at Coldbrook Reservoir.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to provide updates and report on incidents. He also mentioned potentially revisiting the Fire Ban Resolution, which he will bring back to the Board at the next meeting.

Brett Blessing, Highway Foreman, and acting Supervisor, met with the Board.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Greenough, to purchase off of Harding County bids for milling/reclaiming equipment rental with operator to grind with lay-back process at \$1.28/SqYd.

Blessing reported that they will need to put another layer of gravel down after the grinding occurs on Old Hwy 79 and that all employees will be working on this project for 2 weeks. Currently they have 4 pickups in Rapid City being worked on due to mechanical issues. He provided some cost estimates for new pickups. The Board asked him to bring some numbers to the next meeting for possible action to purchase.

Break was taken at 9:20 a.m. and resumed at 9:26 a.m.

The 2024-2025 Malt Beverage and SD Farm wine On/Off Sale License renewal hearing a new Wine & Cider On/Off Sale License hearing took place as advertised.

Motion made by Greenough, seconded by Allen, to approve the following 2024-2025 Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine On/Off Sale License renewals along with the new 2024 Wine & Cider On/Off Sale License as follows adding that the licenses should have a letter to accompany them stating that the fee may be going up next year:

All 5 Gears/Stateline Casino; Billie Besco/Angostura Den; Angostura Resort Management, Inc/Common Cents Food Store #113; Angostura Resort Management, Inc/Inferno on the Beach; Larry N Forney/Forney's Standard Service; H&H Enterprises/Coffee Cup Fuel Stop #9; Hidden Lake Campground & Resort LLC/Hidden Lake Campground & Resort; Hill City Lodging Destination, LLC/ Hot Springs, SD KOA; Rodeo Grounds, LLC/Rodeo Grounds; Sandy Bottom Campground, Inc/Sandy Bottom Campground; TTT Taverns/ Pirates Pub; and The Lodge at Angostura, LLC/The Lodge at Angostura along with the new license for The Lodge at Angostura, LLC/The Lodge at Angostura. With Cope and Russell voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried. Auditor Ganje will check with the SD Department of Revenue to determine if counties can set their own rates for license fees.

Joe Allen, Commissioner, presented an agreement to the Board between the County and the City of Hot Springs.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen to approve the Agreement to hold the City of Hot

Springs harmless for any damages arising from the water pipeline and infrastructure from the west side of the highway to the east side of the highway and authorize the Chairman to sign. The County provided the T's for the pipes.

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

GENERAL FUND		
ACTION MECHANICAL INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$3,086.00
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE AND USA	\$423.49
CLOSE, MICHAEL	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE/SUPPLY	\$195.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	MALT BEVERAGE/WINE L	\$1,800.00
ELEVATUS ARCHITECTURE	JUSTICE STUDY	\$780.00
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	BIT NETWORK FEES	\$69.25
FALL RIVER HEALTH SERVICE	INMATE MEDICAL/VOID	-\$7,779.80
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	EQUIPMENT	\$53.40
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	WRONG AMOUNT/VOID	-\$86.80
GOFF, GARLAND LEE	MI	\$393.80
GRAFIX SHOPPE	VEHICLE GRAPHICS	\$994.69
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$168.41
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF	\$353.40
LYLE'S LOCK SERVICE	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$40.80
MCLEODS OFFICE SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	\$768.52
MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR	INMATE HOUSING	\$380.00
MONUMENT HEALTH	INMATE MEDICAL SERVI	\$127.20
NORTON, TINA	CONTRACT NURSE INMAT	\$1,700.00
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	SUPPLY	\$561.90
SD ASSOC.OF CO. OFFICIALS	2024 SPRING WORKSHOP	\$600.00
SD ASSOC.OF CO. OFFICIALS	2024 WEBSITE HOSTING	\$150.00
SERVALL	RUG SERVICE	\$432.91
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$606.48
CHRISTIE, RILEY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$120.00
STURGIS RESPONDER SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$4,741.95
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	LODGING	\$170.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$825.87
FEES, IRMA	BLOOD DRAW	\$150.00
NORTON, LYLE	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$86.00
JANIS, BOBBIE	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$13.44
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$450.00
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,564.51
AUDITOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$25,949.99
TREASURER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$23,374.95
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$24,009.41
MAINTENANCE	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$9,083.72
ASSESSOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$21,913.62
REG/DEEDS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$15,676.28
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,258.24

GIS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,888.01
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$58,883.61
JAIL	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$43,136.63
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$900.84
NURSE	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,593.81
EXTENSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,578.15
WEED & PEST	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,234.39
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,821.41
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$269,243.48
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC	UTILITY	\$74.51
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$4,709.38
CRBR ADM	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$52,008.76
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$56,792.65
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT		
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$41.91
DISPATCH	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$36,808.05
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$36,849.96
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
BLACK HILLS POWERSPORTS	REIMBURSEMENT/VOID	-\$62.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$125.73
F.R. EMERG.	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$8,663.41
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$8,727.14
COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND		
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$43.18
TEM-TECH	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$1,929.07
WILSON ELECTRIC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$5,117.15
	TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND	\$7,089.40
	TOTAL BILLS PAID BETWEEN 04/19 AND 05/02/2024	\$378,702.63

Break was taken at 9:38 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

Public comment was heard at this time. Susan Henderson, County resident, to inform the Board that the VIVOS property (where the army bunkers are located) has converted one of the bunkers into an area for burning materials by opening the top of it. She provided pictures and wants to know if there is anything that can be done to stop it. She is concerned that the embers will travel in the wind and may start a grass fire that could spread to her property. Joe Messinio, County resident, asked that the Commissioners decide in a timely manner regarding the Jail/Justice Center project. Jeannine Lecy, County resident, informed the Board that she has been involved in the Jail/Justice Center compilation of data, offering recommendations and planning.

Julie Fry-Mueller, District 30 Senator, met with the Board to discuss potential funding to replace property tax statewide. She provided different scenarios of formulas that could be used to lessen the tax burden on property owners.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Greenough, to enter executive session to discuss personnel, legal, and Contracts as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3) and (4) at 10:30 a.m.

The Chairman declared the Board out of executive session at 11:13 a.m.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the Winner Jail Contract for housing for emergency purposes.

Commission Chairman Falkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 11:14 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

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF FALL RIVER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County on this 30th day of April 2024.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$	4,348,912.12
Total Amount of Cash:	\$	3,435.36
Total Amount of Treasurer's Change Fund:	\$	900.00
Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:	\$	353,538.38
SAVINGS:		
#4) First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$	1,279,190.20
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:		
#8) Black Hills Federal Credit Union, HS:	\$	250,000.00
#14) Schwab Treasury:	\$	176,471.38
#15) First National Bank, Lead:	\$	324,874.62
#21) Schwab Treasury 2 Yr:	\$	275,524.06
#22) Schwab Treasury 2 Yr:	\$	996,363.28
#23) Schwab Treasury 2 Yr:	\$	997,656.25
#24) Schwab Treasury 2 Yr:	\$	2,119,429.69
#25) Schwab Treasury 3 Yr:	\$	1,954,062.50
#26) Schwab Treasury 4 Yr:	\$	1,039,289.06
#27) Schwab Treasury 2 Yr:	\$	990,417.97

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts that have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days:

Register of Deeds Change Fund:	\$	500.00
Highway Petty Cash:	\$	20.00
Election Petty Cash:	\$	15.00

RETURNED CHECKS:

Hannah Thomas	\$	426.01
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TOTAL \$ 15,111,025.88

Dated This 30th Day of April 2024.

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of
of Fall River County

Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer
of Fall River County

County Monies	\$	11,393,691.07
Held for other Entities	\$	3,483,127.21
Held in Trust	\$	234,207.60
TOTAL	\$	15,111,025.88

The Above Balance Reflects County Monies, Monies Held in Trust, and Monies Collected for and to be remitted to Other ENTITIES: SCHOOLS, TOWNS AND STATE.



Auditor Office <aud@frcounty.org>

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1 message


Daniel Cullen <veterans@frcounty.org>
To: Auditor <agenda@frcounty.org>

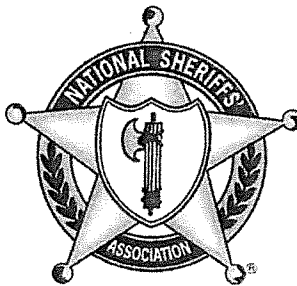
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Hi Bobbi,
Here it is.
Also, move to junk

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02041 Printer/fax HP Officejet PRO 8620

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Daniel Cullen
Veterans Service Officer
Fall River County
(605) 745-5146
Accreditation #41476

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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS DRUG
ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM (D.A.R.E.)**

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association recognizes the nationwide seriousness of drug abuse, heightened abuse of opioids and prescription drugs, and violence by our nation's youth, and the urgent need to use and expand school-based prevention science education programs throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the daily struggle, particularly during the pandemic, against alcohol abuse, tobacco, drugs, bullying, cyber abuse and violence requires a long-term national, state, and local effort and commitment; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, the D.A.R.E. program has taught tens of millions of elementary, middle, and high school students decision-making skills for safe and healthy living so that they resist the pressure to be involved in high-risk behaviors: and

WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. trains and certifies local deputy sheriffs and other law enforcement officers who in turn serve as a local resource in helping educate young people on how to resist peer pressure and refrain from drug use, violence, bullying and other high-risk behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the D.A.R.E. program strengthens the relationship and builds trust between law enforcement and young people through the D.A.R.E. officer's presence in classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Government and society must address the use of illegal drugs, opioids, tobacco, and alcohol, as well as prescription drug abuse among youth by building knowledge of the warning signs and risks and providing them the decision-making skills to resist these and other high-risk behaviors; and

WHEREAS, D.A.R.E. instructors, parents, teachers, health care professionals and all interested parties who guide our nation's youth to grow into healthy responsible, successful adults, are strengthening our country, and contributing to a future of hope for everyone;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association acknowledges and actively supports the efforts of D.A.R.E. evidence-based programs to significantly reduce/eliminate the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, opioid and prescription drugs, and other high-risk behaviors by our nation's youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Sheriff's Association strongly recommends sheriff's offices across our nation utilize D.A.R.E. programs in their communities.



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

WHAT: D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT)

WHEN: Monday June 10 to Friday June 21, 2024
8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day

WHO: This is the initial two-week, 80-hour course for all Police Officers, Deputies and School Resource Officers to teach the D.A.R.E. program known as *keepin' it REAL!*

WHERE: South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Center (SDLETC)
1302 East Highway
Pierre SD 57501

LODGING: Lodging provided by the SDLETC at no cost.

COST: Free for South Dakota officers (meals included).

\$700 for out-of-state officers (meals not included).

Your agency is responsible for all other travel and training expenses.

CONTACT: To register for this class please email Taunya O'Connor

taunya.o'conner@state.sd.us

Please do not wait to register as space is limited to 21 attendees. A minimum of 10 South Dakota officers must be enrolled in the class by May 6, 2024 or the class will be cancelled.

Starting a new D.A.R.E. program? Questions about D.A.R.E. curricula?

Go to www.dare.org or email craig.seibel@dare.org

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American Firearms Training & Tactics

Certificate of Achievement

Isnalawica Belt

Has successfully completed the

***Law Enforcement Handgun Instructor
Development Course***

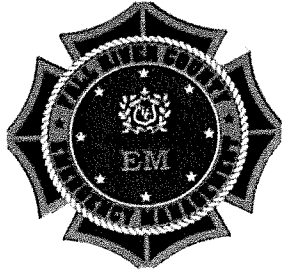
44 Hour

April 29-May 3, 2024

Mark A. Fricke

Mark A. Fricke, Director of AFTT

NRA Instructor # 37054982



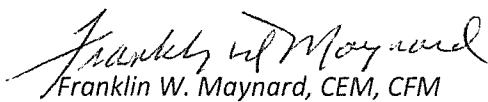
Emergency Management
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Franklin W. Maynard CEM CFM
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Hot Springs, SD 57747
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Date: May 16, 2024

Subj: Commission Update

1. **County Burn Ban:** I am recommending the Commission approve the Fall River County Burn Ban.
2. **County Elected Officials Program Update:** Per the requirements of the LEMPG, annually the Emergency Manager will update the governing body on the status of the LEOP, Mitigation Plan and the Hazardous Materials Plan.
3. **County EM Pickup:** The pickup will need an oil change, and I am going to have the vendor check the brake pads. Last fall the pads were about 40%, so they may need to be replaced.
4. **Fires & Incidents:**
 - a. 5/5/2024: Grass & Timber Fire: Located in Custer County: Edgemont Fire Dept.
 - b. 5/6/2024:: Semi Rollover: Hwy 18 mm 58: Oelrich Fire Dept., Fall River Sheriff, and Hot Springs Ambulance.
 - c. 5/6/2024: Grass Fire: 13235 Hills View Drive: Angustura Fire Dept.
 - d. 5/9/2024: Airplane Beacon Alert: (False Alarm) Fall River Sheriff, Oral Fire Dept., Hot Springs Ambulance.
 - e. 5/11/2024: Smoke Call< 12868 Argyle Rd. Hot Springs Fire Dept.


Franklin W. Maynard, CEM, CFM
Emergency Manager
Fall River County
906 N. River Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2024-_____
A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY REGULATION
OF FIRE HAZARDS IN FALL RIVER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Fall River County Commission is charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Fall River County including all property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Fall River County Commission has consulted with local fire officials, law enforcement and emergency management officials concerning the threat posed by wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the threat of wildfires in Fall River County is such so as to pose a significant danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Fall River County including property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Fall River County Commission has deemed it necessary to enact certain temporary controls to reduce the threat posed to the citizens and property of Fall River County by wildfires.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 7-8-20 (18) the Fall River County Commission does hereby enact this resolution to insure public safety on an emergency basis, effective immediately and impose a ban on all open burning and fireworks except for petroleum fueled or charcoal briquette fueled grills used for preparing food. This burn ban applies to any individual in Fall River County outside any municipality or land within the Black Hills Fire Protection District, and is in effect when the fire index reaches the **MODERATE, HIGH, VERY HIGH or EXTREME** level. Individuals will be allowed to use gas fueled or charcoal fired BBQ grills and will be allowed open burning when the fire index is at the **LOW** level. Campfires will **NOT** be allowed on private land or licensed commercial campgrounds. Campgrounds operated by the State of South Dakota or US Government must follow the established laws and regulations.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this open burning ban will remain in effect until repealed by the Fall River County Commission. Pursuant to SDCL 7-18A-2 the penalty for violating this resolution shall include a fine not to exceed two hundred dollars for each violation and/or imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation; or both such fine and imprisonment. Additionally person(s) in violation of this burn ban may be responsible for any and all suppression costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fall River County Commission declares an emergency and this resolution shall be in effect immediately in order to protect the peace, health and safety of the citizens of Fall River County.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

Sue Ganje, Auditor

Joe Falkenburg
Chairman, Fall River Commission

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20A. TRUCK 1 TON 4 X 4 LONG BOX

Available Approx July 2024

LAMB CHEVROLET
SILVERADO
CONTRACT #: 17618



4- Available

These are the most ordered colors by the State. Please indicate your manufacturer's color name and any additional costs. Additional paint costs will be added to the base cost of the vehicle for evaluation purposes.

COLOR	MANUFACTURER COLOR NAME	ADDITIONAL COST (if any)
Blue	Blue North Sky	
Gray	N/A	
Red	Hot Red	
Silver	Silver Ice	

Pricing for HD 3500
Double Cab

Base Price 46,055

Color: Sterling Gray Met.

Long Box - NC

Bed liner - 845

Flex fuel = 375

Total 47,275

- Engine, 6.6L
- Transmission, Automatic
- Power Door Locks with FOBs
- Brakes - ABS
- Power Windows
- Electronic 4-wheel drive selection
- Radio, AM/FM
- Bluetooth Capability
- Backup Camera
- Deep Tint Rear Windows
- Armrest, Fold Down (Cloth Only)
- Air Conditioning
- Air Bags, Side Impact
- Bumper, Rear Step
- Cruise Control
- Floor Covering, Rubber
- Box Length 8'
- Single Rear Wheels
- Guard, Skid plate Package - Manufacturer's Standard
- Trailer Tow pkg., Cooler, Engine Oil Cooler, Cooler, Transmission Light, Rear Cargo
- Lights, Clearance Roof, 5 Amber Color
- Brake Controller, Integrated
- Mirrors, Trailer, Powered, Adjustable, Heated
- Tow Hooks, 2 on Front
- Seats, Cloth, Split Bench
- Tilt Steering
- Spare tire, full size, jack, and accessories
- Tire, Spare Wheel & Tire Mounted Outside, Vehicle MFG. Standard Bracket
- Tires, LT All Terrain
- Wipers, Multiple Speed
- Factory Cab Headliner
- Full-Length Stainless-Steel Cab Running Boards (Wheel to Wheel) (may be dealer installed)
- Factory Freight

Delivery Date 56 - 140 days

Base Cost

Regular Cab \$46,049
 Extended Cab \$46,055
 Crew Cab \$47,914

- Engine, Flex Fuel \$375
- Engines, Option, Diesel 6.6L \$9990
- Box Delete/with filler hose kit \$(-50)
- Short Box Length 6.5' NC - not available on regular cab
- Floor Covering, Carpet/Mats \$350
- Dual Rear Wheels - 14000GVW \$2195 on ext./crew cabs - long box only
- PTO-Provision W/Elec Throttle Control \$1295 - requires diesel engine

- Seats, Vinyl \$100
- Factory Installed 110v Converter (300 watt min.) \$275
- Two accessory switches \$250 – customer installed
- Grill Guard \$1500
- Spray on Bed Liner \$845
- Paint Upgrade Charge \$995
- Heavy Duty 20" Rubber Splash Guard \$375
- Molded Plastic Splash Guard \$275
- Power Seat \$855

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16A. TRUCK 3/4 TON 4 X4 SHORT BOX

LAMB CHEVROLET
SILVERADO
CONTRACT #: 17618

FLEX FUEL OPTION AVAILABLE

1 - Available Late June 24

These are the most ordered colors by the State. Please indicate your manufacturer's color name and any additional costs. Additional paint costs will be added to the base cost of the vehicle for evaluation purposes.

COLOR	MANUFACTURER COLOR NAME	ADDITIONAL COST (if any)
Blue	North Sky Blue Metallic	
Gray	N/A	
Red	Red Hot	
Silver	Silver Ice Metallic	

- Engine, 6.6L 401hp
- Transmission, Automatic
- Power Door Locks with FOBs
- Brakes - ABS
- Power Windows
- Deep Tint Rear Windows
- Electronic 4-wheel drive selection
- Radio, AM/FM
- Bluetooth Capability
- Backup Camera
- Armrest, Fold Down (Cloth Only)
- Air Conditioning
- Air Bags, Side Impact
- Bumper, Rear Step
- Cruise Control
- Floor Covering, Rubber
- Box Length 6.5'
- Guard, Skid plate Package - Manufacturer's Standard
- GVW, 10,300 Lb.
- Trailer Tow pkg., Cooler, Engine Oil Cooler, Cooler, Transmission
- Light, Rear Cargo
- Lights, Clearance Roof 5 Amber Color
- Brake Controller, Integrated
- Mirrors, Trailer, Powered, Adjustable, Heated
- Tow Hooks, 2 on Front
- Seat, Cloth, Split Bench
- Seat, Bench Type, Second
- Tilt Steering
- Spare tire, full size, jack, and accessories
- Tire, Spare Wheel & Tire Mounted Outside, Vehicle MFG Standard Bracket
- Tires, LT All Terrain
- Wipers, Multiple Speed
- Factory Cab Headliner
- Full-Length Stainless-Steel Cab Running Boards (may be dealer installed)
- Factory Freight

Color - White

HD 2500 Ext Cab Short Box

GAS

Base Price 44,952

110 V outlet converter 350

45,302.00

Delivery Date 56 - 140 days

Base Cost	Extended Cab	\$44,952
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- Engine, Flex Fuel \$375
- Engines, Option, Diesel 6.6L \$9990
- Long Box Length 8' \$575
- Box Delete/with filler hose kit \$(-50)
- Floor Covering, Carpet/Mats \$250
- Light, Spotlight, Post Mounted 6" \$1300
- Light, Spotlight, Roof Mounted 6" \$1500
- Seats, Vinyl \$75

D Cab 2500

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Deedholder	Parcel_Number	Abtmt Years	Abtmt Type	Abtmt Amount	Abatement Reason
County:					
DAHMAJ LTD	11000-00705-212-40	AY 23 Pay 24	Partial	\$ 43.32	Removed Mobile home
WILCOX, LAVERN C & SONJA J	12000-00706-144-00	AY 23 Pay 24	Partial	\$ 822.83	Late applicant to tax reduction program
SCHULER, TODD J & LINDA S	65095-00000-043-00	AY 23 Pay 24	Partial	\$ 28.09	Should have been O/O
LAUING, TOM Q & LAURIE A	65133-00000-002-00	AY 23 Pay 24	Partial	\$ 1,084.52	Should have been O/O
ULMER, KEVIN D	65133-00000-005-00	AY 23 Pay 24	Partial	\$ 1,037.22	Should have been O/O

Tax Bill #2023-4257



Parcel Details

Breakout

Parcel Number: 65095-00000-04300
 Taxpayer: SCHULER, TODD J & LINDA S
 Mailing Address: 4655 200TH AVE
 HANLEY FALLS, MN 56245
 Legal: COBBLESTONE MTN ESTATES SUBD: LOT 43,
 SEC 2, TWP 7, RG 5 (1.87 A)
 Acres: 0
 Property Address: 27199 DIAMOND CT
 County: FALL RIVER CNTY
 School: HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL
 Tax: COBBLESTONE RD
 Other: COUNTY LIBRARY
 Other: H S AMBULANCE
 Other: HOT SPGS FD# 50

COBBLESTONE RD	\$190.68
COUNTY	\$707.83
COUNTY LIBRARY	\$2.58
H S AMBULANCE	\$53.57
HOT SPGS FD# 50	\$54.60
SCHOOL-OO	\$844.87
SCHOOL-OT	\$930.91
Abated Amount	-\$275.66
First Payment	\$1,254.69
Second Payment	\$1,254.69
Total	\$2,509.38

$$\frac{244100 \times .99 \times 11.0610}{1000} = 2481.29$$

Requested Abatement
 \$ 28.09

Close

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Fall River COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
County of Fall River } ss.

Laving, Tom A & Laurie A, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he has ground for abatement or refund of taxes under the provisions of SDCL-10-18-1 as indicated by an "x" opposite the following applicable provisions of such statute or as otherwise stated:

- 1. When an error has been made in any identifying entry or description of the property, in entering the valuation thereof or in the extension of the tax, to the injury of the complainant;
- 2. When improvements on any real property were considered or included in the valuation thereof, which did not exist thereon at the time fixed by law for making assessment;
- 3. When the complainant or the property is exempt from the tax;
- 4. When the complainant had no taxable interest in the property assessed against him at the time fixed by law for making the assessment;
- 5. When taxes have been erroneously paid or error made in noting payment or issuing receipt therefor;
- 6. When the same property has been assessed against the complainant more than once in the same year, and the complainant produces satisfactory evidence that the tax thereon for such year has been paid; provided that no tax shall be abated on any real property which has been sold for taxes, while a tax certificate is outstanding.

Should have been 0/0

Approved - Disapproved by City or Township

Board _____

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman City or Twp. Board.

Approved by authority of Subdivision
of SDCL-10-18-1.

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman County Board.

Rejected:

Reasons: _____

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman County Board.

Applicant advised of action by notice dated

_____, 20__.

County Auditor:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	VALUATION	STATE TAX	Amt. of Abatement or Refund	
				Consolidated Tax	Asked
Crosswind Subd: Lot 2R, Sec 10, Twp 8, Rg 6 (0.72 Acres)	2023	371340		4764.10	\$1084.52

APPLICANT SHOULD USE THIS SPACE FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

My Commission Expires _____
Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__

Laving, Tom & Laurie A
P.O. Address 14340 Wm Flats Loop Rd
Oral, SD 57766

Applicant further states that the description of the property taxed, the year when taxed, the valuation thereof, the amount of state tax if any, the amount of the consolidated tax, and the amount of abatement or refund of taxes asked for are as set out in the schedule hereto attached.
Wherefore, applicant asks said board of county commissioners to grant the relief required by law in such cases made and provided.



Tax Bill #2023-12061

Parcel Details

Breakout

Parcel Number: 65133-00000-00200
 Taxpayer: LAUING, TOM Q & LAURIE A
 Mailing Address: 14340 WG FLATS LOOP RD
 ORAL, SD 57766
 Legal: CROSSWIND SUBD: LOT 2R, SEC 10, TWP 8,
 RG 6 (0.72 ACRES)
 Acres: 0
 Property Address: 27815 AERONAUT LN
 County: FALL RIVER CNTY
 School: HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL
 Tax: SECONDARY ROAD
 Other: COUNTY LIBRARY
 Other: H S AMBULANCE
 Other: HOT SPGS FD# 50

TOWNSHIP	\$194.96
COUNTY	\$1,076.79
COUNTY LIBRARY	\$3.92
H S AMBULANCE	\$81.49
HOT SPGS FD# 50	\$83.06
SCHOOL-OT	\$3,323.88
First Payment	\$2,382.05
Second Payment	\$2,382.05
Total	\$4,764.10
Outstanding	\$2,382.05
Interest	\$0.00

Requested Abatement Close
 \$ 1084.52

$$\frac{371,340 \times .919 \times 10.7823}{1000} = 3679.58$$

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Fall River COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of Fall River } ss.

Schuler, Todd J + Linda S

, being first duly sworn deposes

and says that he has ground for abatement or refund of taxes under the provisions of SDCL-10-18-1 as indicated by an "x" opposite the following applicable provisions of such statute or as otherwise stated:

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2. When improvements on any real property were considered or included in the valuation thereof, which did not exist thereon at the time fixed by law for making assessment;

3. When the complainant or the property is exempt from the tax;

4. When the complainant had no taxable interest in the property assessed against him at the time fixed by law for making the assessment;

5. When taxes have been erroneously paid or error made in noting payment or issuing receipt therefor;

6. When the same property has been assessed against the complainant more than once in the same year, and the complainant produces satisfactory evidence that the tax thereon for such year has been paid; provided that no tax shall be abated on any real property which has been sold for taxes, while a tax certificate is outstanding.

Should have been 0/0

Tax Bill #2023-10012

X

Parcel Details

Breakout

Parcel Number: 12000-00706-14400
 Taxpayer: WILCOX, LAVERN C & SONJA J
 Mailing Address: 27324 WAGON WHEEL RD
 HOT SPRINGS, SD 57747
 Legal: NE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4NE1/4,
 S1/2NE1/4NE1/4, THAT PART OF
 N1/2N1/2SE1/4NE1/4, NW OF HWY 79, LESS
 TRACT WILCOX (30 A)
 Acres: 0
 Property Address: 27324 WAGON WHEEL RD HOT SPRINGS
 County: FALL RIVER CNTY
 School: HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL
 Tax: SECONDARY ROAD
 Other: COUNTY LIBRARY
 Other: H S AMBULANCE
 Other: ORAL FD# 80

TOWNSHIP	\$58.41
COUNTY	\$322.61
COUNTY LIBRARY	\$1.18
H S AMBULANCE	\$24.41
ORAL FD# 80	\$57.80
SCHOOL-OO	\$670.89
First Payment	\$567.65
Second Payment	\$567.65
Total	\$1,135.30

2023 Value
 \$111,250

Requested Abatement
 \$822.83 Close

Freeze Value
 \$30,620

$$\frac{30620 \times .919 \times 11.1042}{1000} = 312.47$$

No. _____
 APPLICATION FOR
 ABATEMENT OR REFUND
 of

Mt. _____
 P. O. _____

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR

County _____

Received and filed in my office on

_____, 20____.

County Auditor:

By _____
 Deputy.

Approved - Disapproved by City or Township

Board _____

Dated _____, 20____

Chairman City or Twp. Board.

Approved by authority of Subdivision
 of SDCL-10-18-1.

Dated _____, 20____

Chairman County Board.

Rejected:

Reasons: _____

Dated _____, 20____

Chairman County Board.

Applicant advised of action by notice dated

_____, 20____.

County Auditor.

APPLICANT SHOULD USE THIS SPACE FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	VALUATION	STATE TAX	Consolidated Tax	Amt. of Abatement or Refund	
					Asked	Allowed
Cross wind Subd: Lot 8, Sec 10, Twp 8, Rg 6 (72 Acres)	2023	355140		455628	\$1037.22	

My Commission Expires _____
 Notary Public _____

_____, being first duly sworn deposes
and says that ___he has ground___ for abatement or refund of taxes under the provisions of SDCL-10-18-1
as indicated by an "x" opposite the following applicable provisions of such statute or as otherwise
stated:

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- 3. When the complainant or the property is exempt from the tax;
- 4. When the complainant had no taxable interest in the property assessed against him at the time fixed by law for making the assessment;
- 5. When taxes have been erroneously paid or error made in noting payment or issuing receipt therefor;
- 6. When the same property has been assessed against the complainant more than once in the same year, and the complainant produces satisfactory evidence that the tax thereon for such year has been paid; provided that no tax shall be abated on any real property which has been sold for taxes, while a tax certificate is outstanding.

Should have been owner occupied

Lily White
5/13/24

Parcel Details

Breakout

Parcel Number: 11000-00705-21240
 Taxpayer: DAHMAJ LTD
 Mailing Address: 37121 E DRY VALLEY RD
 MULLEN, NE 69152
 Legal: LOT 5 OF TRACT A IN W1/2NW1/4, SEC 21,
 TWP 7, RG 5 (10.00 ACRES), LESS COUNTY RD
 18A (0.44 ACRES), ALSO KNOWN AS
 WHITETA
 Acres: 0
 Property Address: 27432 WHITETAIL RD
 County: FALL RIVER CNTY
 School: HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL
 Tax: SECONDARY ROAD
 Other: COUNTY LIBRARY
 Other: H S AMBULANCE
 Other: MKTA FD# 60

TOWNSHIP	\$89.14
COUNTY	\$492.36
COUNTY LIBRARY	\$1.79
H S AMBULANCE	\$37.27
MKTA FD# 60	\$29.54
SCHOOL-AG	\$64.48
SCHOOL-OO	\$937.92
Abated Amount	-\$1,096.06
First Payment	\$278.22

Requested
Abatement
\$ 43.32

2023 Value

\$172,720

Value w/o MH

57,940

$$\frac{27190 \times .85 \times 9.0842}{1000} = 209.95$$

$$\frac{30750 \times .919 \times 10.7282}{1000} = 303.17$$

513.12

Close

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Fall River COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of Fall River } ss.

Teresa Pullen - Treasurer of Fall River County, being first duly sworn deposes and says that she has ground for abatement or refund of taxes under the provisions of SDCL-10-18-1 as indicated by an "x" opposite the following applicable provisions of such statute or as otherwise stated:

- 1. When an error has been made in any identifying entry or description of the property, in entering the valuation thereof or in the extension of the tax, to the injury of the complainant;
- 2. When improvements on any real property were considered or included in the valuation thereof, which did not exist thereon at the time fixed by law for making assessment;
- 3. When the complainant or the property is exempt from the tax;
- 4. When the complainant had no taxable interest in the property assessed against him at the time fixed by law for making the assessment;
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According to SDCL 21-54-19

Abandoned Mobile home on leased site.

Real property owner of mobile home park obtained title from owner of mobile home & the real property owner

Approved - Disapproved by City or Township

Board _____

Dated _____, 20____

Chairman City or Twp. Board.

Approved by authority of Subdivision
of SDCL-10-18-1.

Dated _____, 20____

Chairman County Board.

Rejected:

Reasons: _____

Dated _____, 20____

Chairman County Board.

Applicant advised of action by notice dated

_____, 20____.

County Auditor.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	VALUATION	STATE TAX	Consolidated Tax	Amt. of Abatement or Refund	Asked	Allowed
1961 Guerdon Great Lakes MH	2023	pay 24			114.20		
Serial # 3055CFE13864D	2023	pay 23			127.03		
Parcel # 81000-0000-008-65	2021	pay 22			148.81		
Kurt Zuege - MH owner							

APPLICANT SHOULD USE THIS SPACE FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

My Commission Expires _____

Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Wherefore, applicant asks said board of county commissioners to grant the relief required by law in such cases made and provided.

Applicant further states that the description of the property taxed, the year when taxed, the valuation thereof, the amount of state tax if any, the amount of the consolidated tax, and the amount of abatement or refund of taxes asked for are as set out in the schedule hereto attached.

Fall River County - Auditor/Treasurer
P.O. Address 610 N. River St. Hot Springs SD
57741

Tax Bill #2023-11095



Parcel Details

Breakout

Parcel Number: 65133-00000-00500
Taxpayer: ULMER, KEVIN D
Mailing Address: PO BOX 803
 HOT SPRINGS, SD 57747
Legal: CROSSWIND SUBD: LOT 5R, SEC 10, TWP 8,
 RG 6 (0.72 ACRES)
Acres: 0
Property Address: 27821 AERONAUT LN
County FALL RIVER CNTY
School HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL
Tax SECONDARY ROAD
Other COUNTY LIBRARY
Other H S AMBULANCE
Other HOT SPGS FD# 50

TOWNSHIP	\$186.46
COUNTY	\$1,029.81
COUNTY LIBRARY	\$3.75
H S AMBULANCE	\$77.94
HOT SPGS FD# 50	\$79.44
SCHOOL-OT	\$3,178.88
First Payment	\$2,278.14
Second Payment	\$2,278.14
Total	\$4,556.28
Outstanding	\$4,556.28
Interest	\$18.99

Tax w/ owner occupied

$$\frac{355140 \times .919 \times 10.7823}{1000} = 3519.06$$

Requested Abatement
 \$1037.22

Close

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Fall River COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of Fall River } ss.

Wilcox, Lavern C & Sonja J, being first duly sworn deposes

and says that he has ground for abatement or refund of taxes under the provisions of SDCL-10-18-1 as indicated by an "x" opposite the following applicable provisions of such statute or as otherwise stated:

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Late Applicant to tax reduction Program

Approved - Disapproved by City or Township

Board _____

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman City or Twp. Board.

Approved by authority of Subdivision of SDCL-10-18-1.

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman County Board.

Rejected:

Reasons: _____

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman County Board.

Applicant advised of action by notice dated _____, 20__.

County Auditor.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	VALUATION	STATE TAX	Consolidated Tax	Asked	Amt. of Abatement or Refund Allowed
NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, 2023		111,250		1135.30	882.83	
S 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4, That Part of						
N 1/2 N 1/2 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW of						
Hwy 79, Less Tract Wilcox (30A						

APPLICANT SHOULD USE THIS SPACE FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

My Commission Expires _____
Notary Public _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__

Wilcox, Lavern C & Sonja J
P.O. Address: 27324 Wagon Wheel Rd
Hot Springs, SD 57147

Applicant further states that the description of the property taxed, the year when taxed, the valuation thereof, the amount of state tax if any, the amount of the consolidated tax, and the amount of abatement or refund of taxes asked for are as set out in the schedule hereto attached.
Wherefore, applicant asks said board of county commissioners to grant the relief required by law in such cases made and provided.

APPLICATION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Fall River COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

County of Fall River } ss.

Dahmaj LTD, being first duly sworn deposes

and says that he has ground for abatement or refund of taxes under the provisions of SDCL-10-18-1 as indicated by an "x" opposite the following applicable provisions of such statute or as otherwise stated:

- 1. When an error has been made in any identifying entry or description of the property, in entering the valuation thereof or in the extension of the tax, to the injury of the complainant;
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- 4. When the complainant had no taxable interest in the property assessed against him at the time fixed by law for making the assessment;
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Removed Mobile Home

Approved - Disapproved by City or Township

Board _____

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman City or Twp. Board.

Approved by authority of Subdivision of SDCL-10-18-1.

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman County Board.

Rejected:

Reasons: _____

Dated _____, 20__

Chairman County Board.

Applicant advised of action by notice dated _____, 20__.

County Auditor:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	YEAR	VALUATION	STATE TAX	Consolidated Tax	Asked	Amnt. of Abatement or Refund Allowed
Lot 5 of Tract A in W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 21, Twp 7, Rg 5 (10.00 Acres), Less County Rd 18A (0.44 Acres), Also known as Whiteoak	2023	172,720		556.44	43.32	

APPLICANT SHOULD USE THIS SPACE FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

My Commission Expires _____
Notary Public _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20__

Dahmay LTD
P.O. Address: 37121 E Dry Valley Rd
Mullen, NE 69152

Applicant further states that the description of the property taxed, the year when taxed, the amount of state tax if any, the amount of the consolidated tax, and the amount of abatement or refund of taxes asked for are as set out in the schedule hereto attached.
Wherefore, applicant asks said board of county commissioners to grant the relief required by law in such cases made and provided.



Auditor Office <aud@frcounty.org>

Meeting

1 message

Robert <rctorre@goldenwest.net>
To: commissioners@frcounty.org

Mon, May 13, 2024 at 10:38 AM

Hello,

I have been disputing a fraudulent assessment for over a year. My taxes are almost four times more than they should be. FR Treasurer Theresa won't let me pay a fair amount and told me to bring my case before the Commissioners. I would also like to forward the letter I wrote to Theresa with some photos that show the assessment is fraudulent to the Commissioners, can I do this through this contact?

Thanks,

Robert Torre

212 W. Fifth St.

Oelrichs

Robert Torre
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April 16, 2024

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer
Fall River County
906 N. River St.
Hot Springs SD 57747

Re; extreme overtaxation

Dear Teresa Pullen

I have been trying to get the Fall River County Equalization Department to correct some extreme errors in their assessment of my property in Oelrichs that has caused a severely excessive Property Tax bill. In 2023 my tax bill was \$978.96 and for 2024 my tax bill is \$3361.20, an increase of 344%. The main cause of this huge increase is because of an improper assessment of my property. (I have three parcels that all combine together to form one property, 78100-02900-003-00, 78100-02900-005-00 and 78100-02900-006-00).

They have incorrectly assessed that I have two residences on my property. When I bought the property in 2021 the house was unlivable, it was on the verge of collapse, the foundation of the north wall was about half rotted away and there was almost nothing left of the wall and floor beams where they were rotted out. The foundation under the kitchen addition was also in very bad shape, although not rotted way as in the older section. I spent almost six months rebuilding and reinforcing the foundation under the kitchen addition and repairing and strengthening the foundation under the north wall, which also needed to have a secondary foundation built to support the floor along the wall. I had to live in an apartment in Hot Springs for a while as I worked on the house. And while the north wall and kitchen are now stable, the rest of the house is still unlivable and dysfunctional because the floor is collapsing due to no foundation in the center of the house.

The original construction was the moronic 'floating floor' where they did not support the center of the house, only the perimeter. And things were made far worse when a previous owner had a floor heater installed and they cut one of the two beams that were supporting the center of the house. Currently the center of the house is several inches lower than the perimeter, which makes the floor slope so bad you cannot furnish the house as a house should be organized (anything tall will be unstable, and could tip-over). I use it as a storage area for now, with most of the articles boxed and stacked as close to the perimeter as possible to keep the loading off the center of the house. There is no plumbing, water or septic, no heating or cooling, and all the windows are boarded up because they are all in severe disrepair and need to be replaced. Most of the glass in the windows is about to fall out and none open or close properly or seal out the elements.

None of the contractors in the area (I checked all in Hot Springs and Chadron) have the time to assist me in any of my work, they have all stated they are booked for one to two years, and I have to do everything myself which makes the serious repair work take a long, long time.

The house is not now, and will not be, an inhabitable residence for a long time. I have also decided to not even try to make it a livable residence in the near future, I intend to use it for a storage and work area once it is fully repaired, but any work for doing that will have to wait for at least a year as I am now concentrating on finishing the work that is needed on the mobile home. The mobile home is the only livable structure on my property.

The attached photos of the old house, display the following;

Photos 1 & 2 are the outside.

Photo 3 shows some of the work needed to repair the rotted beams at the base of the north wall and the secondary foundation needed to support the floor along that wall. The floor beams were rotted away at the north wall to the point there was almost nothing left of them. You can also see the sewer line, it is capped off at the top (where the toilet use to connect), the other PVC pipes are not connected at the opposite ends. The original cinder-block wall was also not supported and tipping to the point I feared it might 'cave-in'. The dirt walls near the cinder block wall were also mortared over to keep the water that flows into the basement from snow melt from eroding the wall, it were eroded severely when I started the work.

Photo 4 shows the unsupported floor beams and the heater that they installed, there are two temporary foundation supports that are supporting the center of the floor, they are the only supports for most of the center of the house and do not come close to leveling the floor.

Photo 5 is a detailed view of the heater they installed by cutting the main beam, the two C-clamps are holding that beam together (it is comprised of three rough-cut 2x8's that are loosely nailed together and was separating).

Photos 6 & 7 are of a level I placed, aligned from the outer wall (at top) to the center of the house, and a close up of the level bulb. You can see the air bubble is at one end of the level bulb, the level was not moved between the two photos. The floor slopes drastically. The doorway goes into the kitchen.

Photo 8 shows the water input to the house, I put a hose valve on it during the summer to water the lawn, the water goes nowhere else in the house.

I have on ONE residence on my property and intend to ONLY EVER have ONE residence on this property. I do not ever want to be a landlord, and if I ever leave this property it will be placed for sale, not for rent. I will also sell and have the mobile home removed if I ever get the old house livable, but at the current time I have no plans or intention to do so.

When I moved the mobile home onto the property the Equalization Department first assessed its value at \$141,020, which is over twice what I paid for it. They wrongly claimed it was brand new, when it's over 20 years old and needed extensive work (I still have work to do to finish the repairs it needed they were so extensive). It was the best mobile for sale in Rapid City that could be moved, new mobile homes had a 6-8 month wait which I could not live with. They finally came and re-assessed its value at \$46,960, which I agree with. But they not only still list the

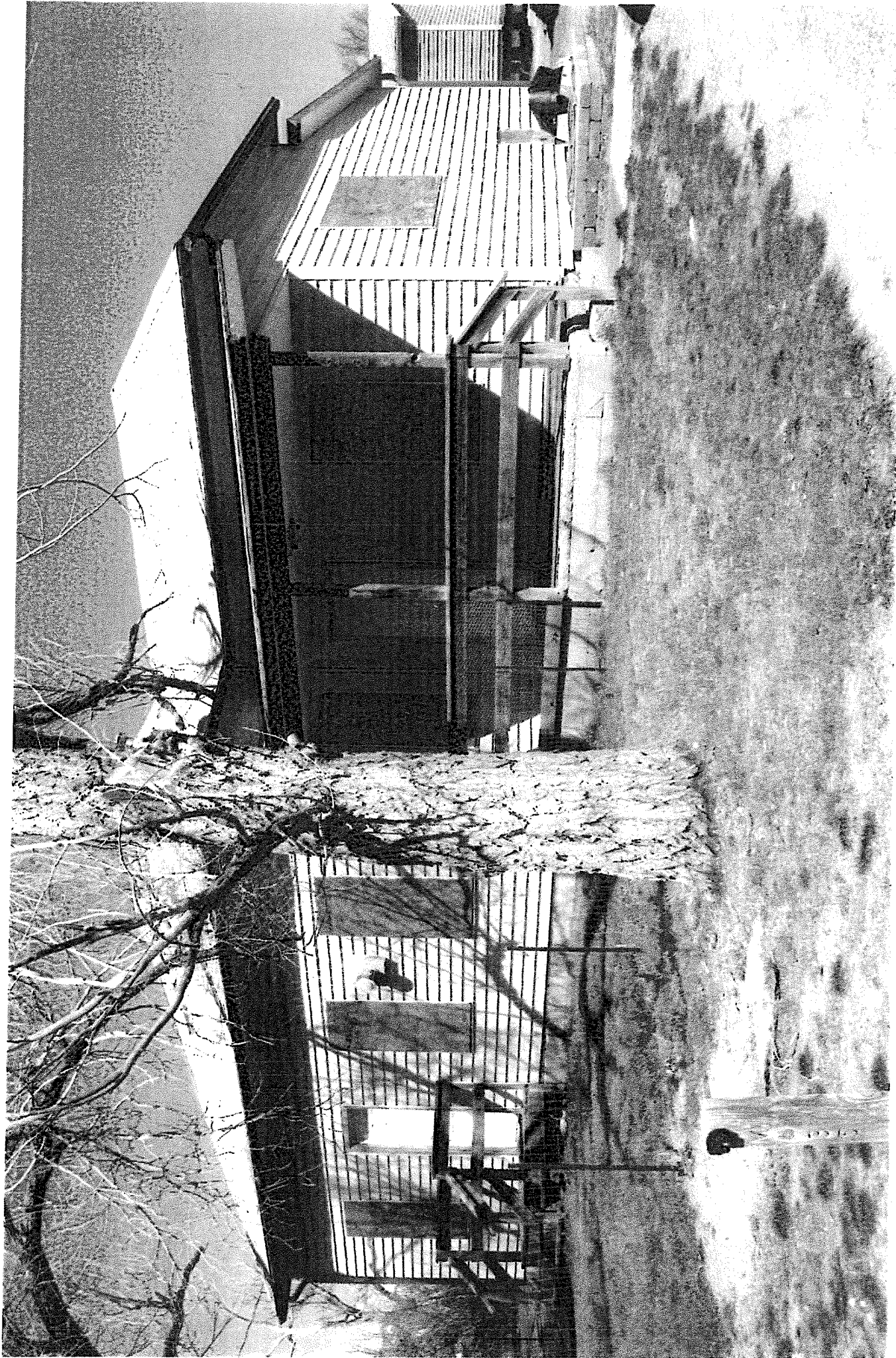
unlivable house as a residence, they have increased the assessment by almost 50% over the previous assessment. I have asked them several times to re-classify the old house as an out building and give it an honest assessment for that use, but they have not done so. I personally consider it to be more of a liability than an asset, since the cost of having it torn down and removed is greater than its potential value. The main reason I have not done that is I presently do need more space than what the mobile offers for my belongings and do intend to use it as a storage/work space in the future. I refuse to pay any tax on the old house as long as it is still treated as a "Residence" with a valuation far in excess of its true potential value.

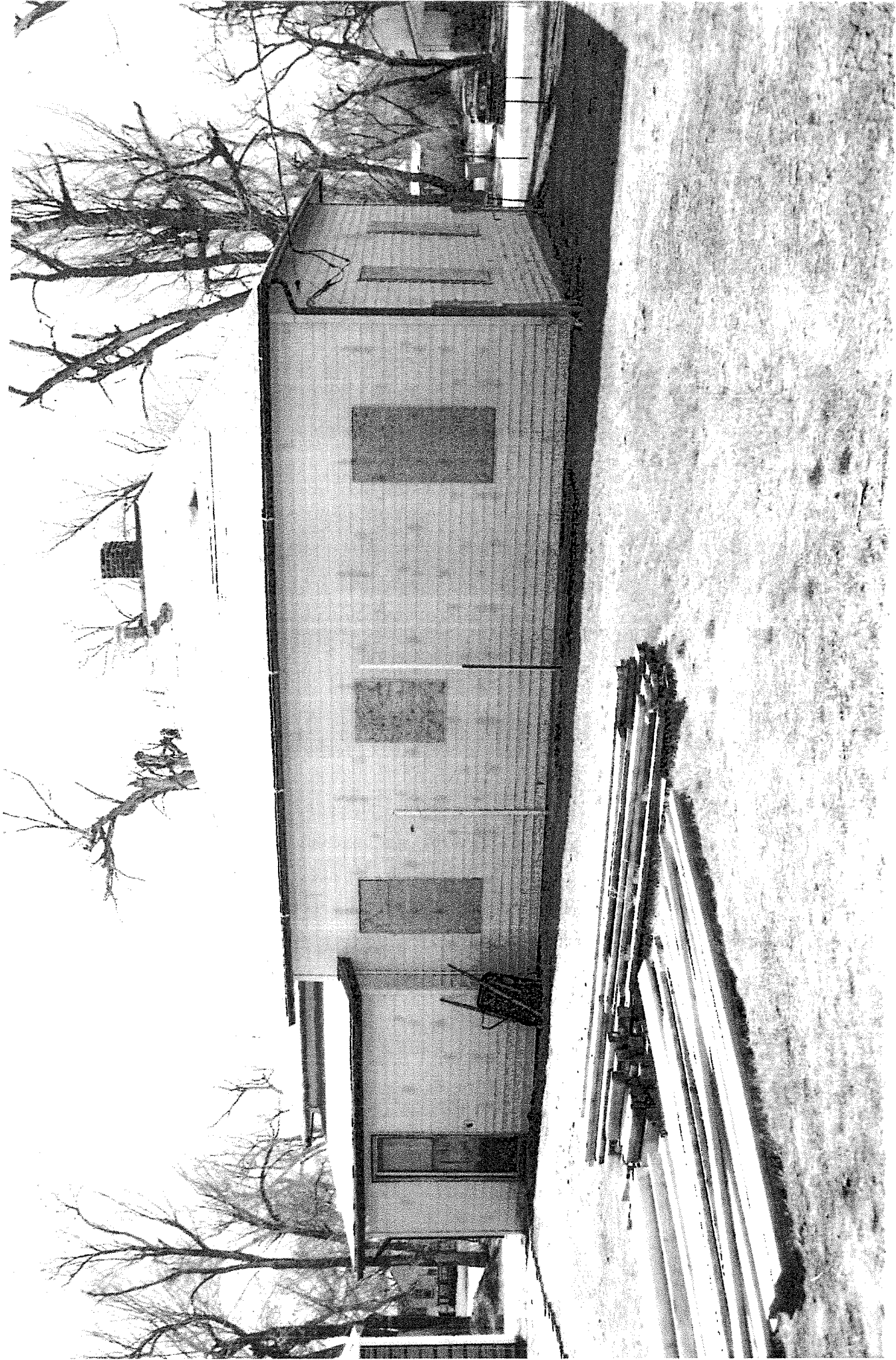
The current bill for my property taxes are all based on these erroneous and excessive assessments. Technically, since the old house has never been in a state of livability, the taxes I paid in 2022 and 2023 were in excess of the true value of the property. When I purchased that property in 2021 I did not buy a house one could live in, I essentially bought a piece of land with utilities that needed extensive work to turn into a livable property. I could tell is needed extensive work, but after looking for months and not being able to find another house (they all had contracts before even being listed), had to buy that property. My lease was expiring in Rapid City and my landlords (the worst I have ever dealt with) would not do a month to month. Banks would not finance the property, and once I cleared out the basement (took several weeks) I found out why. It was unlivable and on the verge of collapse.

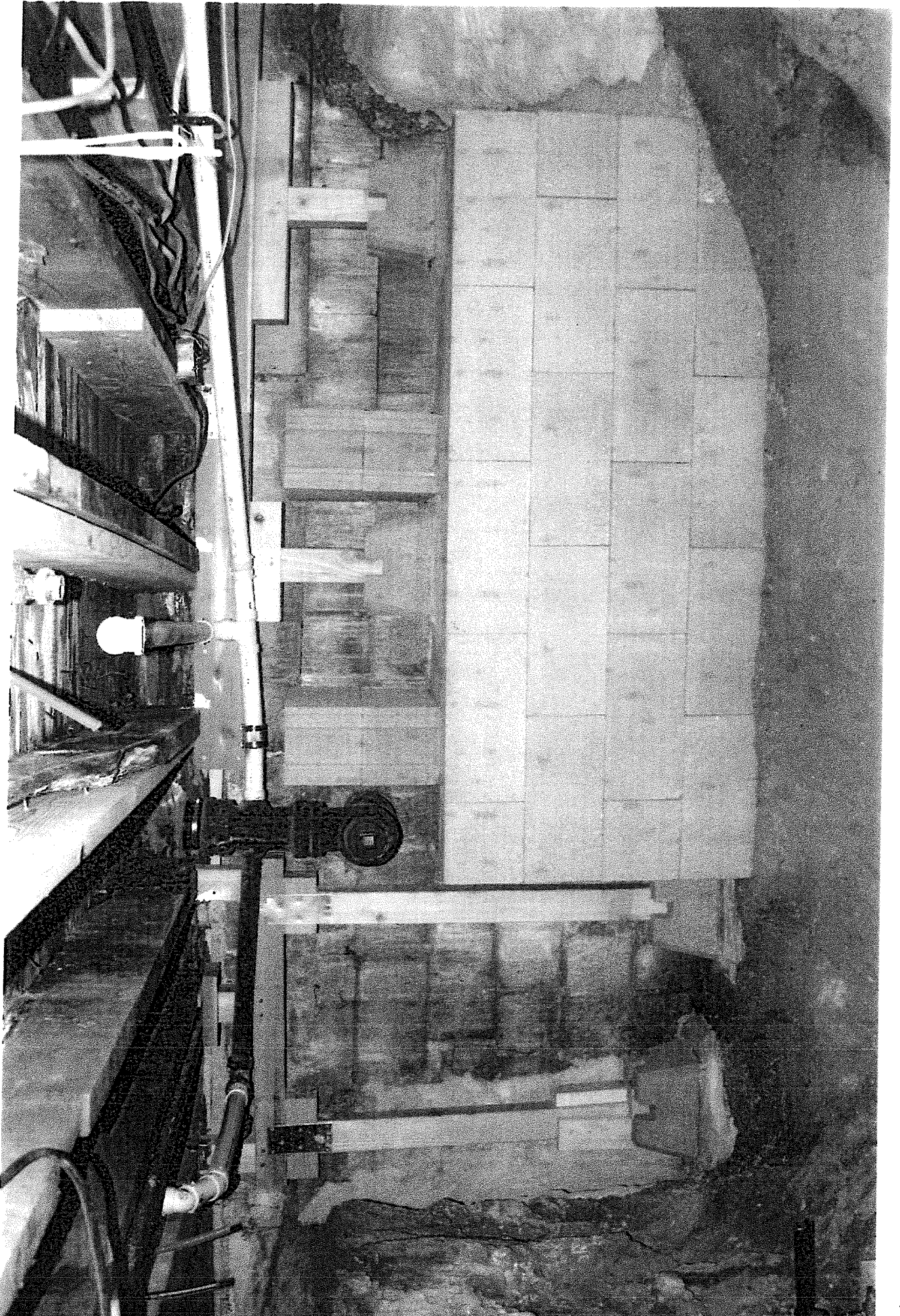
Until the practical value of the old house is corrected I will only pay the tax on the land. And I will only pay the Residence tax on the mobile home according to the recent assessment, \$46,960, not the wrong assessment of \$141,020. I will pay a tax on parcel 78100-02900-003-00 for a value of \$9,350, on parcel 78100-02900-005-00 for a value of \$53,460, and for parcel 78100-02900-006-00 for a value of \$6,500. Based on a total property value of \$69,310 and a tax rate of approximately 1.323% I will pay \$916.77 for my 2023 taxes. If and when a revised assessment for the house as an outbuilding with a proper tax for such is presented, I will pay any additional tax I might owe, but not until then.

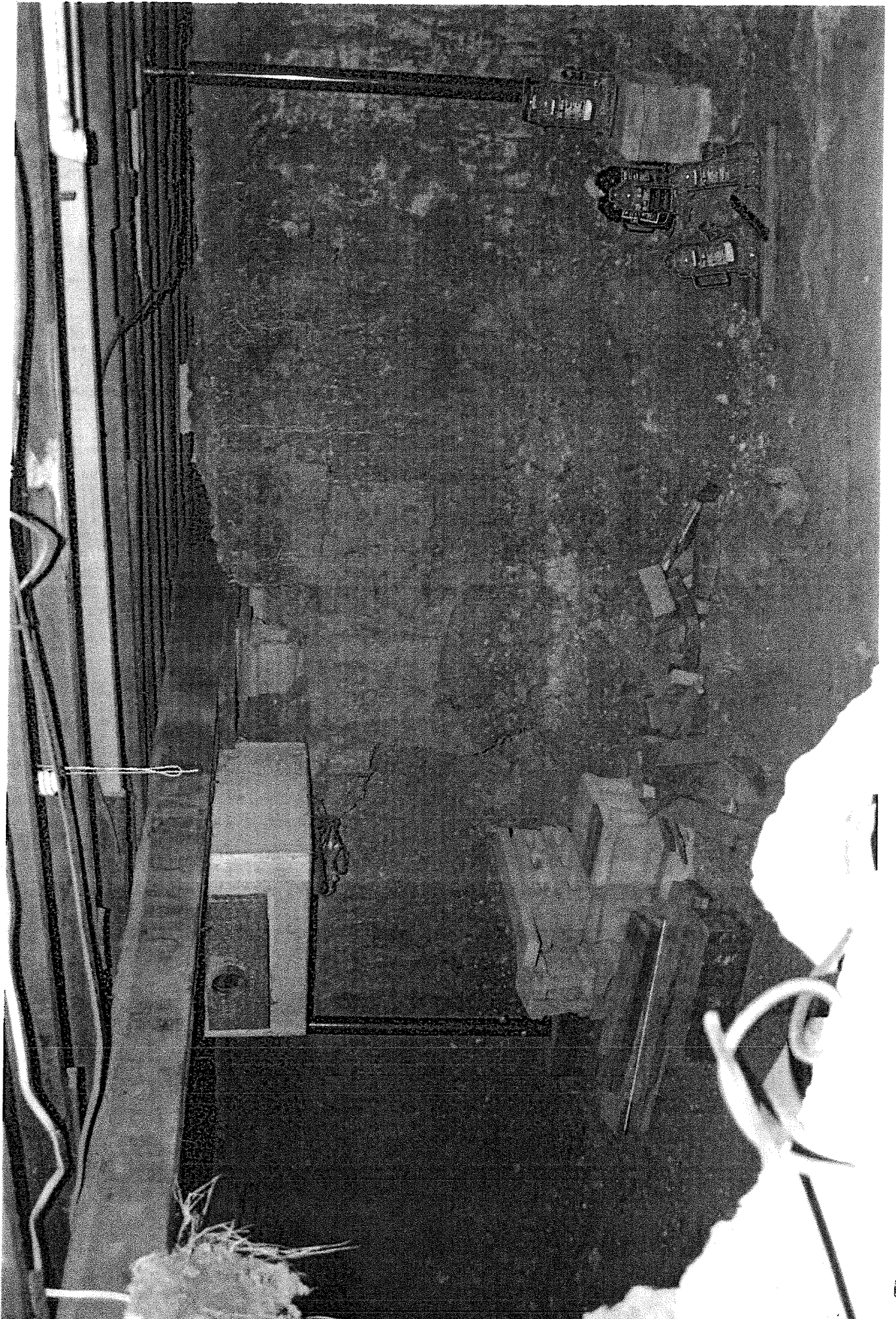


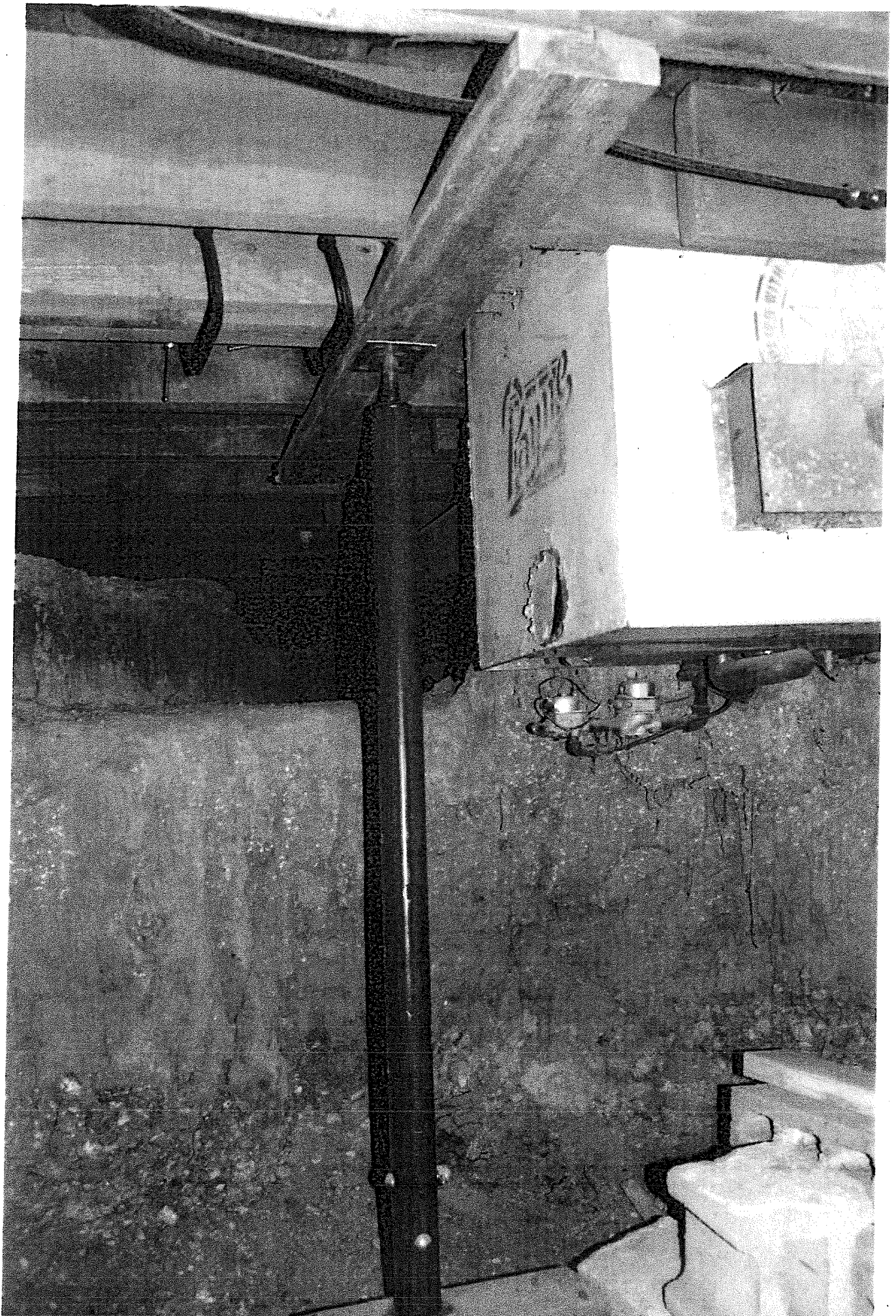
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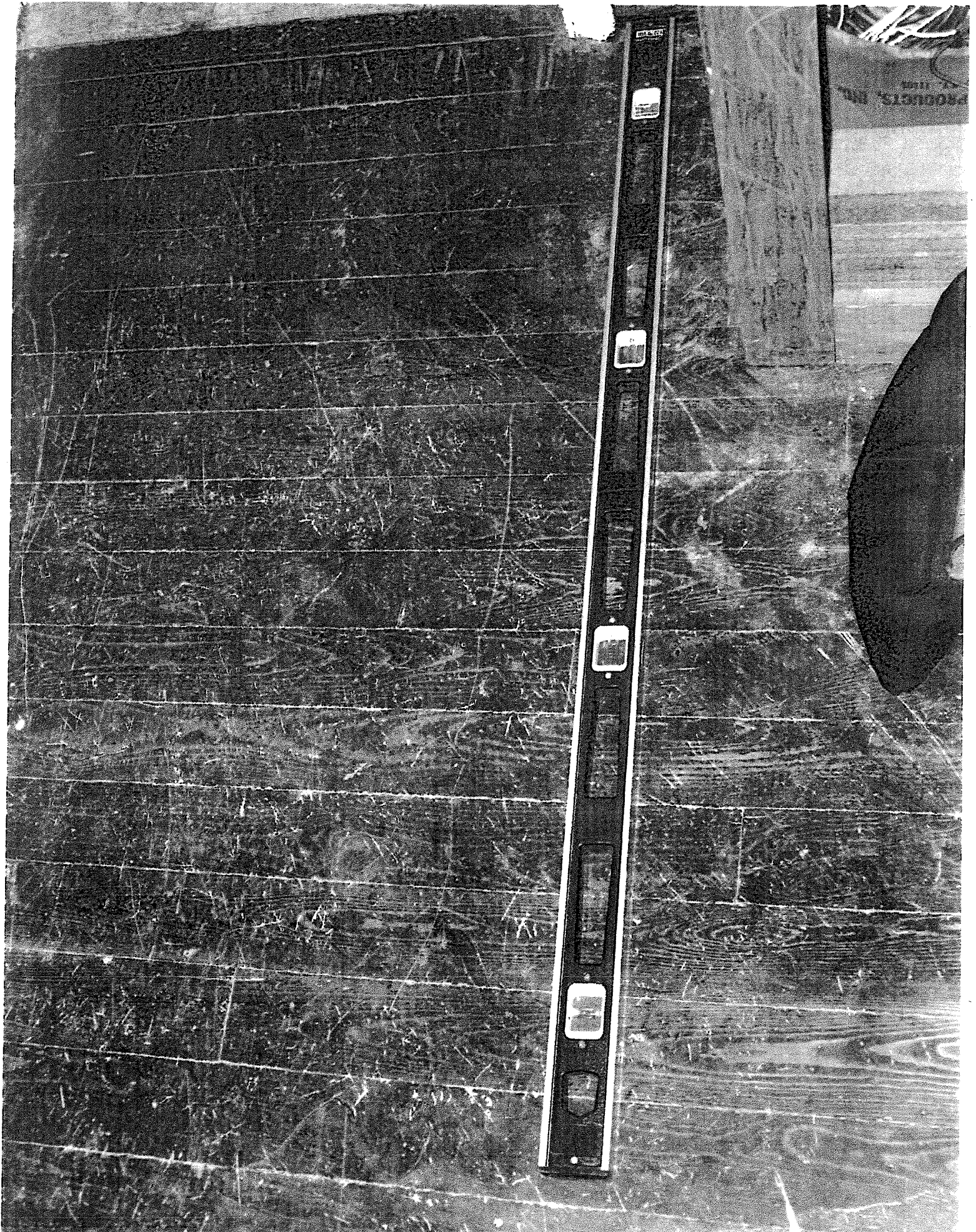


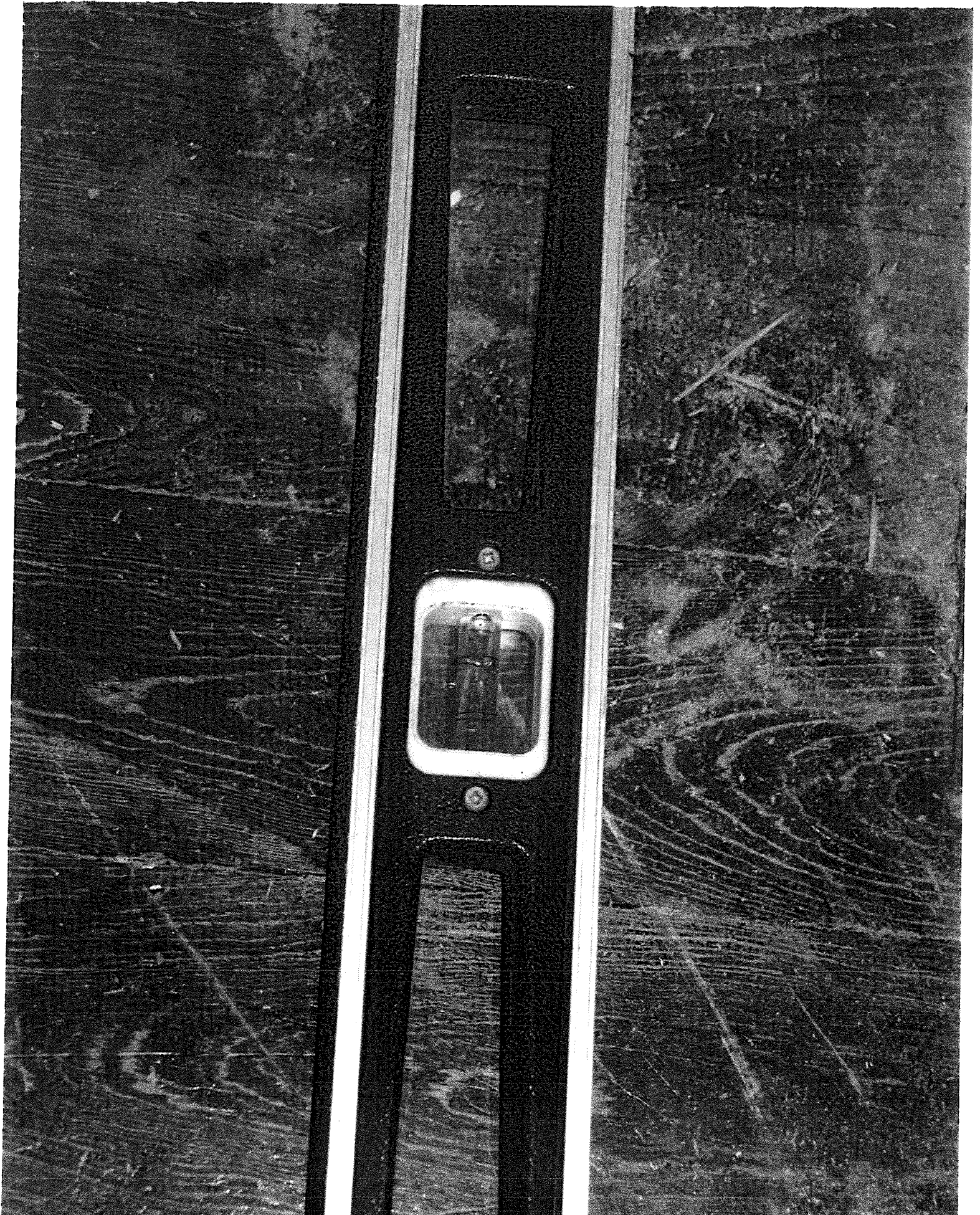


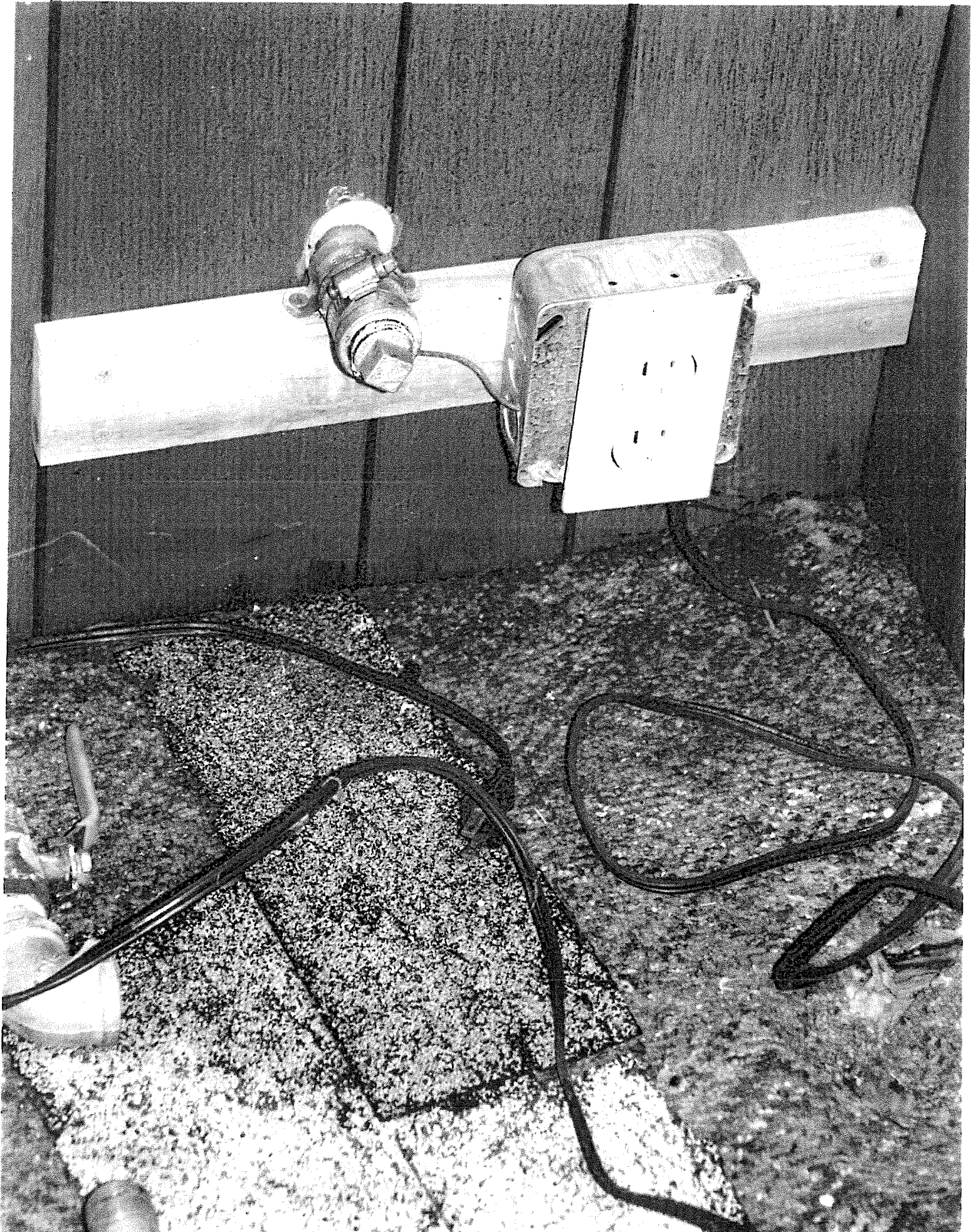














FALL RIVER & OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY TREASURER

**906 North River Street
Hot Springs, SD 57747
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Fax: 605-745-3530**

May 5, 2024

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

I am unable to attend the County Commissioners meeting today as I am at a conference in Pierre. I am writing to you in regard to parcel # 40000-01103-252-00, a parcel of land owned by Raymond E Soske. Lloyd Soske, brother to Raymond Soske has had his cattle on this parcel for many years making it AG land for taxing purposes. The Fall River County GIS Map online has data going back to 2015 for the public to view and the parcel was considered AG land up till 2022 pay 2023. Lloyd Soske pays the taxes on this parcel and noticed the parcel this year was no longer considered AG land. He has worked with the Equalization office and going forward it will once again be taxed as AG land. Mr. Lloyd Soske requested that DOE change the previous year 2023 pay 2024 back to AG land and was told they would not. Lloyd has come to Sue Ganje and me for assistance. When I contacted Lily Heidebrink with Equalization, I was told a year or two ago a letter was sent out to all landowners in Fall River County that had AG status asking them to update their information regarding AG status and that Raymond Soske never responded making his property no longer taxed as AG land.

Mr. Lloyd Soske is requesting from the Commissioners that parcel # 40000-01103-252-00 be returned to AG status for 2023 pay 2024 and if possible 2022 pay 2023 also.

Teresa Pullen
Fall River County Treasurer

RE: [EXT] Fall River Allocation Request and WRMH brochure

Kay Grinsteinner <KGrinsteinner@wrmentalhealth.org>

Tue 4/9/2024 1:56 PM

To:Ganje, Sue <Sue.Ganje@state.sd.us>

Will do! Thank you for the opportunity to discuss our programs and services!

From: Ganje, Sue <Sue.Ganje@state.sd.us>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:55 PM

To: Kay Grinsteinner <KGrinsteinner@wrmentalhealth.org>

Subject: Re: Fall River Allocation Request and WRMH brochure

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That would be great, have the individual call our office at 605-745-5130 and ask for Bobbie who works agendas for me.

Thanks,

Sue Ganje

County Auditor

Fall River/Oglala Lakota County

605-745-5130

From: Kay Grinsteinner <KGrinsteinner@wrmentalhealth.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:49 PM

To: Ganje, Sue <Sue.Ganje@state.sd.us>

Subject: RE: [EXT] Fall River Allocation Request and WRMH brochure

We can have a WRMH leadership member there. I will forward to our CEO and program director for Hot Springs to respond.

From: Ganje, Sue <Sue.Ganje@state.sd.us>

Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 1:41 PM

To: Kay Grinsteinner <KGrinsteinner@wrmentalhealth.org>

Subject: Re: Fall River Allocation Request and WRMH brochure

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Thank you Kay, I am assuming this is for the budget meeting that Fall River will be conducting this year, particularly on May 16th. Will you be able to attend that meeting?

Sue Ganje

County Auditor

Fall River/Oglala Lakota County

605-745-5130

From: Kay Grinsteinner <KGrinsteinner@wrmentalhealth.org>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 10:51 AM
To: Ganje, Sue <Sue.Ganje@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Fall River Allocation Request and WRMH brochure

Good morning,

Last week when I sent the Allocation Request for Oglala, I believe I neglected to include Fall River County and an updated services offered brochure. My apologies!

Regards,

Kay Grinsteinner, CFO
West River Mental Health
(formerly Behavior Management Systems, Inc.)
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Fall River County Resolution # 2024 – _____

Whereas, the Fall River County auditor's office received petitions from electors of the rural Minnekahta area on October 7, 1987. The petition requested the auditor to designate a time and place for a hearing on the formation of a rural fire protection district, under the name of the Minnekahta Fire Protection District, hearing to be held on November 17th, 1987; and

Whereas, the hearing was held on November 17, 1987, and the Fall River County Commission then motioned to adjourn the hearing until December 15, 1987; and

Whereas, on December 15th, 1987, the Fall River County Commission approved Resolution #1987-24 approving the Minnekahta Fire District boundary lines, as follows:

Township Seven (7)S, Range Three (3)E:

Sections One (1) through Three (3), inclusive
Sections Ten (10) through Fifteen (15), inclusive
Sections Twenty-two (22) through Twenty-seven (27), inclusive
Sections Thirty-four (34) through Thirty-six (36), inclusive

Township Seven (7)S, Range Four (4)E:

Sections One (1) through Thirty-Six (36), inclusive

Township Seven (7)S, Range Five (5)E:

Sections Four (4) through Nine (9), inclusive
Sections Sixteen (16) through Twenty-one (21), inclusive
Sections Twenty-eight (28) through Thirty-two (32), inclusive

Township Eight (8)S, Range Three (3)E:

Sections One (1) through Three (3), inclusive
Sections Ten (10) through Thirteen (13), inclusive

Township Eight (8)S through Four (4)E:

Sections One (1) through Eight (8), inclusive
Sections Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18), inclusive

Township Eight (8)S, Range Five (5)E:

Sections Five (5) and Six (6), inclusive

All property located in BHM, Fall River County, State of South Dakota, consisting of 88 square miles, more or less.

Whereas, a representative of the Minnekahta Fire Protection District, organized as said District by 2015 Revised By-Laws, spoke to the Fall River County Commission on March 21, 2024, to advise of issues they are having with the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, as a result of the two different names of the entity. Fall River County's Resolution 1987 - 24, filed with the SD Secretary of State, declared the district to be the Minnekahta Fire District. The SD Wildland Fire Division currently recognizes the Minnekahta Fire District, rather than the Minnekahta Fire Protection District.

Now therefore Be It Resolved that the Minnekahta Fire District shall by law be designated as the Minnekahta Fire Protection District, effective immediately, for all purposes.

Passed and Approved this 16th day of May, 2024.

Joe Falkenburg, Chairman
Fall River County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sue Ganje, Auditor
Fall River County

Alcoholic Beverage Fees

Email from the SD Department of Revenue:

Good morning Sue – Below is the statute regarding the fees. The malt beverage license is \$300 set by statute and the wine license is \$500 set by statute. You can find the guidelines on the other license types in this statute.

35-4-2. Classes of licenses enumerated--Fees.

The classes of licenses, with the fee of each class, are as follows:

- (1) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 223, § 13;
- (2) Wholesalers of alcoholic beverages--five thousand dollars;
- (3) Off-sale--not less than three hundred dollars. The renewal fee for the license may not exceed five hundred dollars; Set by statute, \$500.00, county fee is \$500.00
- (4) On-sale--not less than one dollar for each person residing within the municipality as measured by the last preceding federal census. The renewal fee for the license may not exceed fifteen hundred dollars;
- (5) Off-sale licenses issued to municipalities under local option--not less than two hundred fifty dollars;
- (6) On-sale licenses issued outside municipalities--not less than the amount the nearest municipality to the applicant is charging for a like license. The renewal fee shall be the same as is charged for a like license in the nearest municipality. If the municipality to which the applicant is nearest holds an on-sale license, pursuant to § 35-3-13 and does not charge a specified fee, then the fee shall be the minimum amount that could be charged as if the municipality had not been authorized to obtain on-sale licenses pursuant to § 35-3-13. The renewal fee shall be the same as could be charged for a like license in the nearest municipality; Current County fee for renewal is \$1,400.00
- (7) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 213, § 46;
- (8) Transportation companies--twenty-five dollars;
- (9) Carrier--one hundred dollars. The fee licenses all conveyances the licensee operates in this state;
- (10) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 213, § 46;

- (11) On-sale dealers at publicly operated airports--two hundred fifty dollars;
- (12) Wine and cider retailers, being both package dealers and on-sale dealers--five hundred dollars; Set by statute, \$500.00, county fee is \$500.00
- (13) Convention facility on-sale--not less than one dollar for each person residing within the municipality as measured by the last preceding federal census. The renewal fee for the license may not exceed fifteen hundred dollars;
- (14) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 224, § 11;
- (15) Wholesalers of malt beverages--four hundred dollars;
- (16) Malt beverage and wine produced by a farm winery licensee, being both package dealers and on-sale dealers--three hundred dollars; Set by Statute, \$300.00, county fee is \$300.00
- (17) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 213, § 46;
- (17A) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 213, § 46;
- (18) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 213, § 46;
- (19) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 213, § 46 and ch 222, § 11;
- (20) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 213, § 46;
- (21) Retail on premises manufacturer--two hundred fifty dollars;
- (22) Repealed by SL 2018, ch 223, § 13; and
- (23) Off-sale delivery--one hundred fifty dollars.

The below estimate is for temporary Payroll processing in the Auditor's Office, with on-site training with Software services and our Payroll-Accounts payable administrative assistant. Billing will be based on actual hours, and expenses. Ultimately, by the end of the year we will have determined a payroll software company to contract with. Our office processes payroll for a total of 85 employees, 70 approximately for Fall River County and 15 for Oglala Lakota County. This expense will be pro-rated for each county, Fall River paying 82% and Oglala Lakota County paying 18%. Along with the items listed on the estimate below, it will be determined what portion of payroll will continue to be done in this office.

In addition to Payroll, one individual in the office also does Accounts Payable. Payables have increased, total expenses in 2014 were \$5,681,122, in which increased the processing time. In 2023 we had total expenses in the amount of \$8,155, 004. The time taken to process payables has increased through the years.

Estimate for Payroll Processing for Fall River & Oglala Lakota County

by Software Services Inc., May 9, 2024

To include:

- Setup of new employees in Bosanova (not in timeclock)
- Insurance and misc deduction changes, if minimal
- Accrued vacation payouts for terminated employees
- Rate increases received prior to effective date
- Processing of timeclock file and time sheets signed by employee & supervisor
- Processing of special pay if documented
- Time sheets and special pay documents due 2nd day after end of pay period
- One processing run per month. Corrections wait until next month.
- Send ACH to bank 3-4 days from the end of the month
- Prepare AP vouchers due from Payroll deductions.
- Submit SD Retirement data electronically
- Assistance with quarterly 941 filing

May2024 onsite

June 2024 onsite

(July thru Nov will evaluate feasibility of doing it remotely)

Estimated 4 to 5.5 days \$3200 to \$4500

Mileage if Onsite \$ 530

Meals & Misc if Onsite \$ 150/day

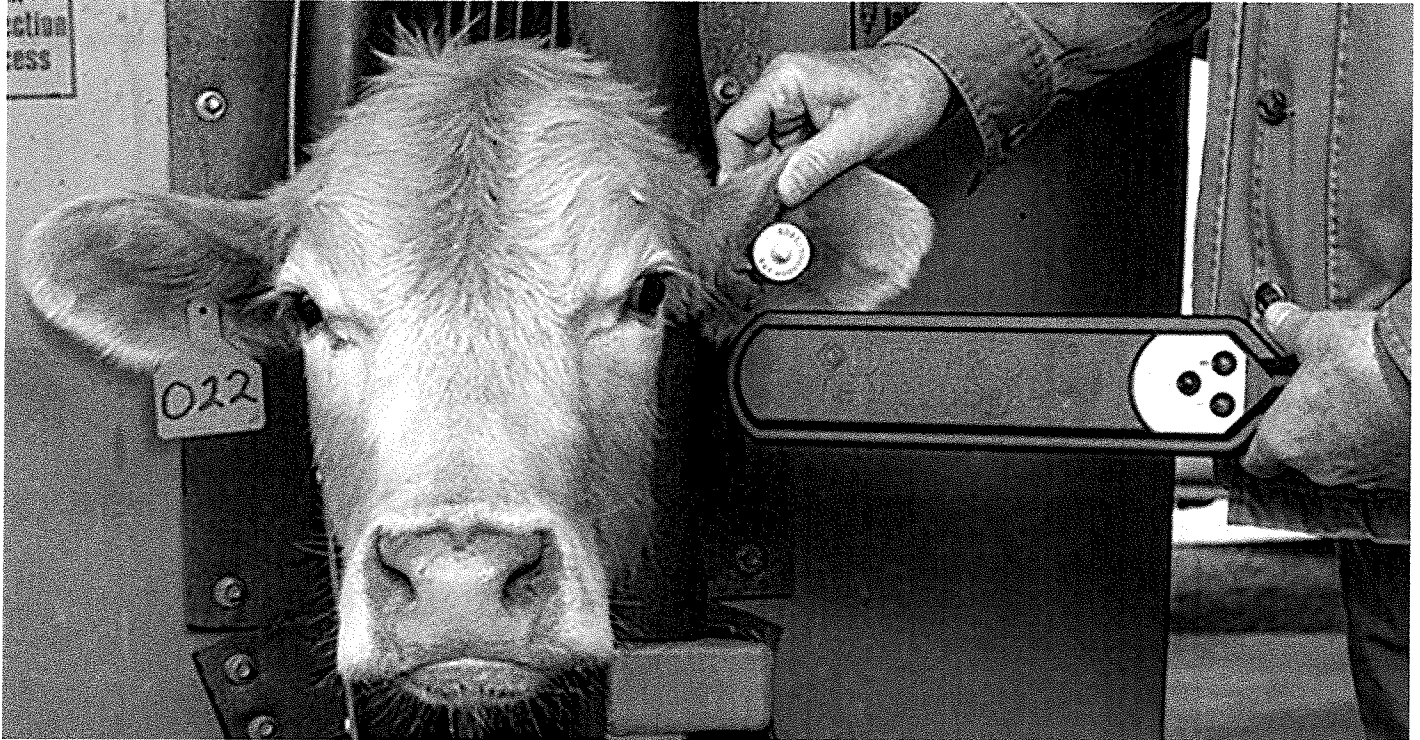
Thank you for your consideration on this request.

Sue Ganje, Auditor

Quick Reads

Rounds bill would prevent mandatory electronic tags for cattle and bison

By: Searchlight staff - May 8, 2024 10:32 am



A demonstration of a radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tag. (Courtesy of USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)

U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota, introduced legislation Wednesday that would prevent the federal government from implementing a rule requiring the use of electronic identification tags on cattle and bison.

“South Dakota cattle producers don’t need D.C. bureaucrats telling them how to manage and track their livestock,” Rounds said in a press release.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture issued the final rule last month and said it will be effective 180 days after publication in the Federal Register. The department said the rule would put in place “the technology, tools, and processes to help quickly pinpoint and respond to costly foreign animal diseases.”

“Rapid traceability in a disease outbreak will not only limit how long farms are quarantined, keep more animals from getting sick, and help ranchers and farmers get back to selling their products more quickly – but will help keep our markets open,” said Dr. Michael Watson, administrator of the department’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The department said the rule applies to “all sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age or older, all dairy cattle, cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo or recreation events, and cattle or bison of any age used for shows or exhibitions.”

The rule requires official ear tags to be visually and electronically readable for interstate movement of certain cattle and bison. The tags are often described as RFID, for radio frequency identification. Rounds said the rule would also require records to be entered into a tribal, state or federal database, allowing the federal government to access the information.

“USDA’s proposed RFID mandate is federal government overreach, plain and simple,” Rounds said, adding that if farmers and ranchers want to use electronic tags, they can do so voluntarily.

Doris Lauing, executive director of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, said in Rounds’ press release that the federal mandate would be a “violation of constitutional personal property rights” and an “unnecessary expense.”

Bill Bullard, CEO of R-CALF USA, said the mandatory ear tags “will cost the industry tens of millions of dollars without any means of recovery from the marketplace.”

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Proclamation

Whereas, Men's Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about receiving regular disease prevention screenings and living healthier lifestyles; and,

Whereas, Nationwide, life expectancy for men averages five years fewer than that of women, with men experiencing higher rates of health problems such as diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease, and premature mortality; and,

Whereas, The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on men's health in the United States, dropping men's life expectancy by two years; and,

Whereas, Men's Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children through preventive health screenings, healthy living and seeking needed help; and,

Whereas, The growing epidemic of suicide and substance abuse requires special effort to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression and mental stress in boys and men; and

Whereas, The centerpiece of Men's Health Month is National Men's Health Week, a special awareness period passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton on May 31, 1994.

NOW THEREFORE WE, the Commissioners of Fall River County, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 10-16, 2024 as Men's Health Week in Fall River County, South Dakota.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2024.

*Joe Falkenburg, Chairman
Fall River County Commission*

ATTEST:

Sue Ganje, Fall River County Auditor



Re: Sentinel Missile Project MOUs

1 message

Kim McLees <kim.mclees1@wyo.gov>

Tue, May 7, 2024 at 9:59 AM

To: rtauch@cartercounty.us, auditor@buttesd.org, stan.dar4@gmail.com, commissioners@lawrence.sd.us, lloyd.lacroix@pennco.org, jlintz@countycustersd.com, commissioners@frcounty.org, ken.meyer2@scottsbuffcountyne.gov, 2rrgifford@gmail.com, clerk@kimballcountyne.gov, mfreeman@weld.gov, twalker@mt.gov, mzimmerman@siouxcountyne.org, kelly.sides@scottsbuffcountyne.gov, clerk@bannercountyne.gov, ckoppes@weld.gov, Ccdes42@gmail.com, lcarey@bsb.mt.gov, pthomson@lawrence.sd.us, c.cheguis@co.custer.mt.us, em@frcounty.org, coordinator@region23em.org, tnewman@scottsbuffcounty.org, region21em@region21.net, rrudisill@weldgov.com, contactdoj@mt.gov, ago.info.help@nebraska.gov

Cc: Lynn Budd <lynn.budd@wyo.gov>, George Nykun <george.nykun@wyo.gov>, "Robinson, Ed" <edr@crookcounty.wy.gov>, gnelson@westongov.com, James Santistevens - Niobrara Co EMA <niobraracountyema@gmail.com>, tbozeman@goshensheriff.org, Jeanine West <jeanine.west@laramiecountywy.gov>

Good morning,

Attached is the blank template we are planning on using for the MOUs. It has already been approved by our Attorney General's Office, it would just be a matter of entering the correct wording and information for each county, etc. Please take a look, share it with those who would be affected.

Maybe after we get some more responses back from everyone, we can try to set up a call to discuss everything. Thanks for your support and consideration.

Kim

On Mon, May 6, 2024 at 3:05 PM Kim McLees <kim.mclees1@wyo.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Our agency has been asked to develop Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) regarding the upcoming Sentinel Missile Project. Please see the attached letter, map, and information.

I have tried including everyone affected by this project. I hope I have all the correct people but if you are not the right person to receive this information, and you know who is, could you please forward it on?

Also, please let me know if you have any questions and whether you would be willing to participate.

Thank you, Kim

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Sentinel nuclear deterrent

The \$96 billion Sentinel overhaul will modernize the land-based leg of the U.S. nuclear triad and replace five-decade-old Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs)

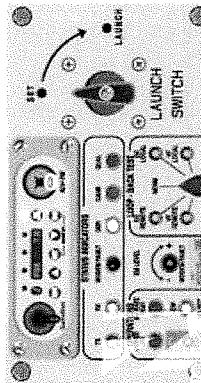
■ LGM-35A Sentinel: ICBM developed by team led by Northrop Grumman, in co-operation with U.S. Air Force

▶ Payload: MK21A Reentry Vehicle (RV) developed by Lockheed Martin Corp. at cost of \$996 million

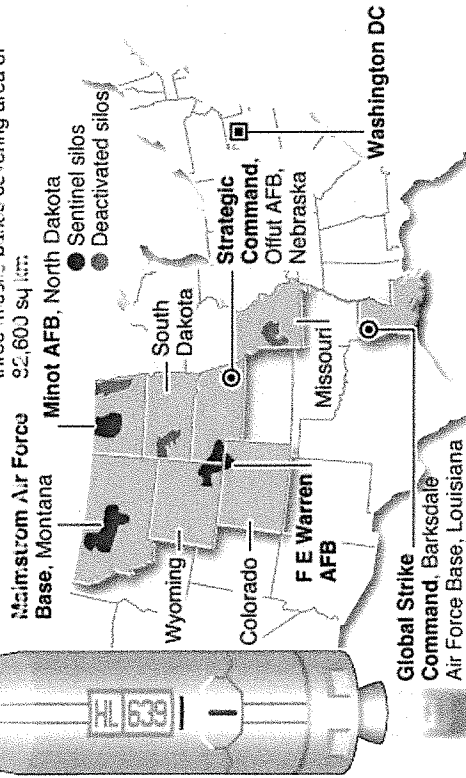
▶ Warhead: W87-1 nuclear, based on Minuteman III 300 kiloton-yield W87-0. W87-1 is capable of being upgraded to 475kT

Modularity: Key feature allows easy modernization and replacement of components in future

Three-stage solid fuel engines: Of 18 critical technologies, static test fire of first-stage rocket motor is successfully completed in March 2023



Sentinel: Will replace 400 Minuteman ICBMs, their ageing control centres and three missile bases covering area of 92,603 sq km:



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Graphic shows LGM-35A Sentinel nuclear deterrent system.

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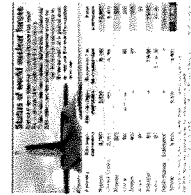
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The nuclear triad provides deterrence through land-, sea- and air-based forces. To modernize the land-based leg of the triad, the Air Force will install new Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile systems (ICBMs) and other infrastructure to give the weapon system 21st-century connectivity across its vast network.

The overhaul will replace 400 Minuteman III ICBMs in 450 missile silos, their control centres, three nuclear missile bases and other testing facilities covering an area of 92,600 square kilometres (31,900 square miles) by 2030.

The deployment of the Sentinel system will begin at F. C. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming; Matmstrom AFB, Montana; and Minot AFB, North Dakota, over the next 15 years.

Some have criticized the upgrade, which could, in theory, make the system more vulnerable to cyberattacks.

Minuteman III debuted in 1968. 10 years after the programme initially began.

Gen. Thomas Bussiere, Air Force Global Strike Command commander, said some politicians have questioned the need to invest "so much money in a capability that's never going to be used."

"I would offer to you [it] gets used every day of every week, every second of every hour. The value and power and strength of this force is in its existence," Bussiere added.

Lynn Budd
Director



Mark Gordon
Governor

May 6, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Our agency has been approached to develop Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) regarding emergency response across state lines (county to county) for the US Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile systems (ICBMs) nuclear deterrent overhaul and modernization project that will be happening soon.

We recently completed an MOU between Teton County, Idaho and Teton County, Wyoming in order to establish terms and conditions in which the parties may request aid and assistance from each other in responding to an emergency, disaster, or overtaxing planned event that exceeds the resources available in the requesting party's jurisdiction. We would like to do this same type of contract with our southeastern Wyoming counties.

We have attached a map showing the counties that are connected between our states for your reference.

Please let us know if you would be willing to participate in this process and we can work on getting these documents in place. Thank you, we appreciate your cooperation.

Lynn Budd, Director
Wyoming Office of Homeland Security

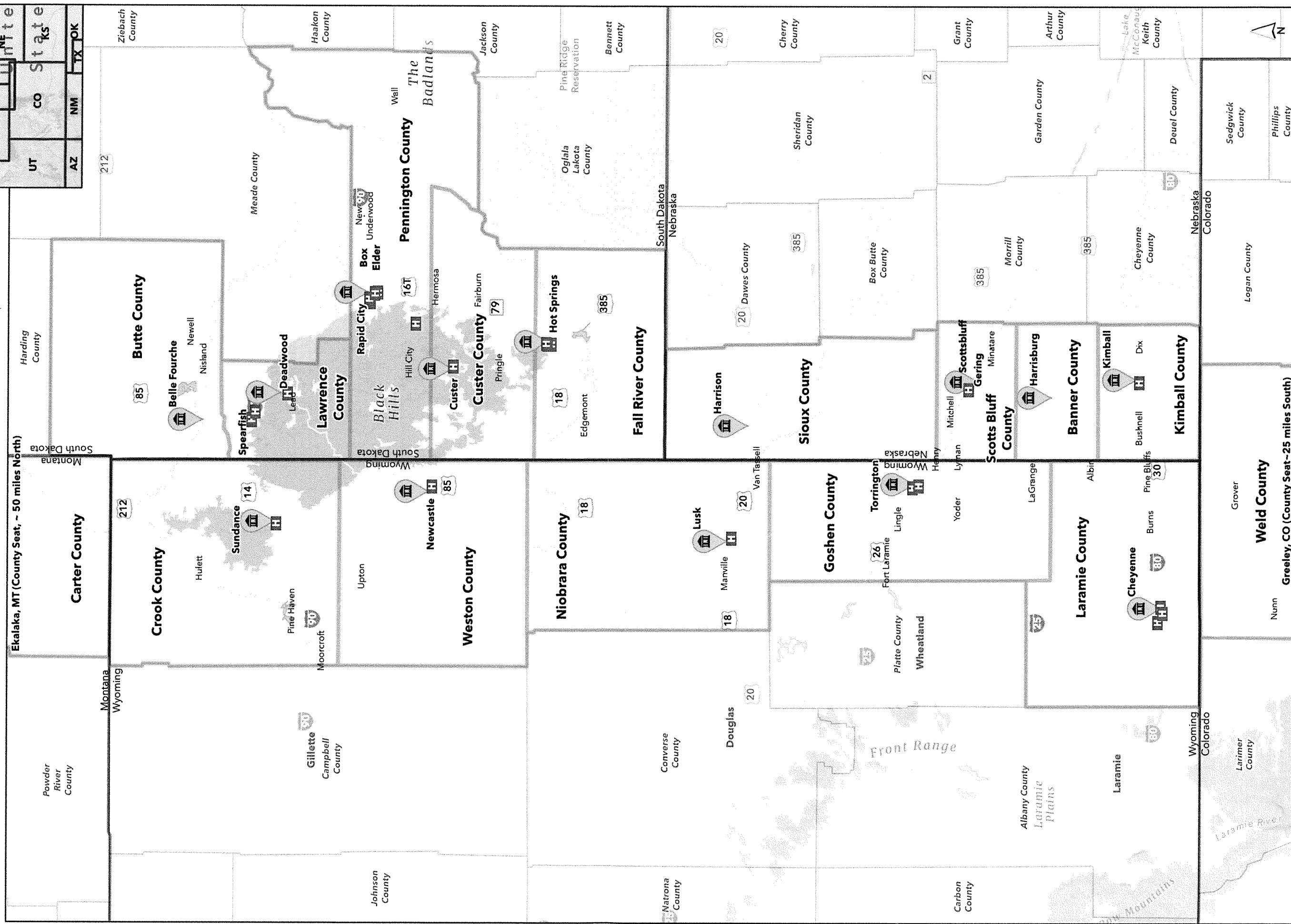
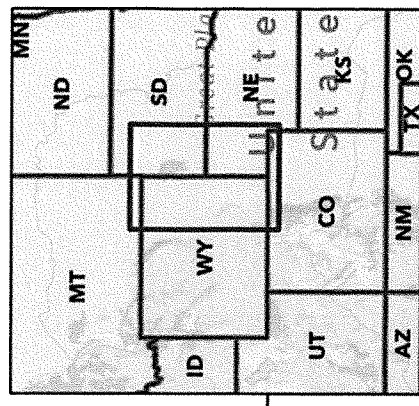
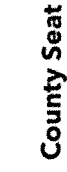
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Data Layer / Map Description: Map showing counties on the easternmost extent of Wyoming and those counties from the neighboring states of Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Colorado that share a border. Also included are census incorporated places, county seats, as well as hospitals (HIFLD) in the area of interest.



MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN [INSERT 1ST COUNTY, WYOMING], AND [INSERT 2ND OTHER COUNTY, STATE] FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES MUTUAL AID

THIS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT, hereinafter “Agreement,” is made by and between [Insert 1st County, Wyoming], a duly organized county of the State of Wyoming, whose address is [Insert 1st County’s Address, Wyoming, Zip Code], and [Insert 2nd County, State], a duly organized county of the State of [Insert State], whose address is [Insert 2nd County’s Address, State, Zip Code], in order to grant assistance to one another where such assistance is necessary to protect life and property, or otherwise cope with such emergencies, disasters, or overtaking planned events beyond the capabilities and resources of the individual parties, with reference to the following:

WHEREAS, the parties cooperating under this Agreement have expertise unique to the management of disasters/emergencies and overtaking planned events that would be difficult and time consuming to accumulate during the onset of a disaster/emergency; and

WHEREAS, the unique expertise and experience maintained by each party cooperating under this Agreement would be beneficial to each other should the need arise; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in considerations of the provisions, terms and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Agreement is to [Insert brief description of the Mutual Aid Agreement purpose].

2. **AUTHORITY:** This Agreement is written using the authorities granted by Wyo. Stats. §§ 19-13-201 through 210 titled the “Interstate Emergency Services Mutual Aid Act,” which provides in § 19-13-203(a):

Any one (1) or more fire protection services, emergency medical care providers, homeland security programs or local government subdivision of this state may enter into a mutual aid agreement with any one (1) or more fire protection services, emergency medical care providers, homeland security programs or local government subdivisions of any other state or the United States to provide emergency services to the area covered by the agreement.

In addition, the authority granted by [Insert State] Code § [Insert Code], § [Insert Code] and Title [Insert Title Number], Chapter [Insert Chapter Number] titled the [Insert “Description”], which provides in § [Insert Code]:

[Insert 2nd County’s Code].

3. **TERM:** This Agreement becomes effective upon the date of execution by both parties represented herein. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by the parties.

4. **REQUESTING MUTUAL AID:** When a party becomes affected by, or is under imminent threat of, an emergency or disaster, or is subject to a planned event that has potential to stretch local resources to a point where public safety may be a risk, or has officially declared an emergency, it may request mutual aid assistance through an authorized representative by submitting a written or oral request followed as soon as practicable by written confirmation, to the other party. The Requesting Party shall not request assistance unless resources available within the affected area are deemed inadequate. Requests for assistance must be transmitted by an authorized representative of the Requesting Party. Either party retains the right to deny any request for assistance. This Agreement shall not obligate either party to provide any resources to the other party. Resources contemplated by this Agreement shall include equipment (vehicles, trucks, tractors, barriers, trailers, materials, and supplies) and personnel.

5. **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:** Each party to this Agreement shall designate their Emergency Management Coordinator as the primary authorized representative. In the absence of the Emergency Management Coordinator, the respective authorized officials of the party to this Agreement may select an appointee to act as the authorized representative.
6. **SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF RESOURCES:** The party responding with aid and assistance, Responding Party, agrees that its resources will be under the operational control of the party requesting aid and assistance, Requesting Party. Direct supervision and control of resources shall remain with the Responding Party's designated supervisory personnel and Requesting Party shall advise Responding Party's supervisory personnel of the work tasks to be assigned.
7. **WITHDRAWAL OF RESOURCES:** The Responding Party's resources shall remain subject to recall at any time. Responding Party shall give Requesting Party reasonable, advance notification of its intent to withdraw resources. If such notice is not practicable, Responding Party shall give Requesting Party the most immediate and earliest possible notice of the recall of resources.
8. **PROVIDING STANDARD OPERATION GUIDE:** The signatories' Emergency Management Coordinators shall cause to be developed a Standard Operation Guide which shall contain information such as resource inventories, procedures for payment and reimbursement, interoperable communications, or any other guideline necessary for the administration of this Agreement.
9. **MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE:** The Requesting Party shall have the responsibility of providing compensation incidental to the Responding Party's officials, employees, volunteers, equipment, and supplies rendering aid to this Agreement. All activities performed by the Responding Party under this Agreement will be at no cost for the first twelve (12) hours of each incident or event. For any activities following the initial twelve (12) hours, the parties will negotiate in good faith for any expenses incurred. In addition, the Requesting Party shall be responsible for providing food and housing for the personnel of the Responding Party from the time of their arrival at the designated location to the time of their departure.
10. **UNEMPLOYMENT AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE:** During the period of assistance, each party shall maintain its own unemployment insurance and worker's compensation insurance coverage, as required by law, for its employees deployed to assist Requesting Party.
11. **INSURANCE:** Each party shall be responsible for providing and maintaining insurance coverage for its automobile liability coverage, general liability, public officials, and law enforcement liability insurance.
12. **IMMUNITIES:** By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not waive any governmental or sovereign immunity. Each party specifically retains all immunities and defenses available to it as a sovereign or governmental entity pursuant state law, including Wyo. Stat. § 1-39-101, *et seq.*, and [Insert 2nd County's Statute Title Number, Chapter Number, Sections Number, et seq.].
13. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Each party to this Agreement shall assume the risk of any liability arising from its own actions or omissions of the actions or omissions of its employees and agents at all times. Neither party agrees to insure, defend, or indemnify the other. To the extent a party does not maintain the proper levels of liability and other insurance coverage pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the party's liability for being uninsured, or underinsured, shall not be construed as a waiver of its governmental or sovereign immunities.
14. **THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS:** The parties do not intend to create in any other individual or entity the status of third-party beneficiary, and this Agreement shall not be construed so as to create such status. The rights, duties, and obligations contained in this Agreement shall operate only between and among the parties to this Agreement

and shall insure solely to the benefit of such parties. The provisions of this Agreement are only intended to assist the parties in determining and performing their obligations under this Agreement.

15. **APPLICABLE LAW:** In the event that the construction, interpretation, and enforcement of this Agreement are subject to adjudication in a court of law, the construction, interpretation, and enforcement of the terms of the Agreement, and each party's duties and responsibilities thereunder, shall be governed by the laws in which the Requesting Party resides, either Wyoming or [Insert 2nd County's State]. In such event, the Courts of that particular State shall have jurisdiction over the Agreement and the parties.

16. **TERMINATION:** This Agreement may be terminated, without cause, by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, which shall be delivered by hand delivery or by certified mail sent to the address listed herein.

17. **AMENDMENTS:** Any changes, modifications, revisions, or amendments to this Agreement which are mutually agreed upon by the parties to this Agreement shall be incorporated by written instrument, executed, and signed by all parties to this Agreement with the same approvals, certifications, submissions, and other requirements applicable to the original Agreement.

18. **SEVERABILITY:** Should any portion of this Agreement be judicially determined to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, and either party may renegotiate the terms affected by the severance.

19. **ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT:** This Agreement represents the entire and integrated Agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral.

20. **STATE APPROVAL:** The parties acknowledge that, as an agreement between the public agencies of two or more states, this Agreement is subject to filing with the secretary of state and approval of the attorney general of the State of [Insert 2nd County's State] under [Insert 2nd County's State Code § Number]. Following execution of this agreement, [Insert 2nd County's Name, State] shall file this Agreement with the [Insert 2nd County's State] Secretary of State's Office and take such steps as reasonably necessary to obtain approval from the attorney general of the State of [Insert 2nd County's State] and provide documentation of the approval to [Insert 1st County's Name, Wyoming], when it is obtained.

The parties also acknowledge that pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 19-13-205, this Agreement is subject to the approval of the attorney general of the State of Wyoming. Following execution of this Agreement, [Insert 1st County's Name, Wyoming] shall take such steps as reasonably necessary to obtain approval from the attorney general of the State of Wyoming and provide documentation of such approval to [Insert 2nd County's Name, State] when it is obtained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement by the respective authorized officers as set forth below, with an effective date on the date executed by [Insert 1st County's Name, Wyoming].

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
[INSERT 2ND CNTY NAME, STATE] [INSERT 1ST CNTY NAME, WYOMING]

[Insert Name and Title of Person Signing]
[Insert County's Name, State]
Board of County Commissioners

[Insert Name and Title of Person Signing]
[Insert County's Name, Wyoming]
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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By: _____ By: _____
 [Insert Name and Title of Person Signing] [Insert Name and Title of Person Signing]
 [Insert County's Name, State] [Insert County's Name, Wyoming]
 County Clerk County Clerk

STATE OF WYOMING
 OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In accordance with Wyo. Stat. § 19-13-205, the Wyoming Attorney General has reviewed the Mutual Aid Agreement between [Insert 2nd County's Name, State] and [Insert 1st County's Name, Wyoming] for Emergency Services Mutual Aid and determined that the Agreement is compliant with Wyo. Stats. §§ 19-13-201 through 210.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2023

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bridget Hill, Wyoming Attorney General

Colorado Ranching Family Loses Lease To Highest Bidder

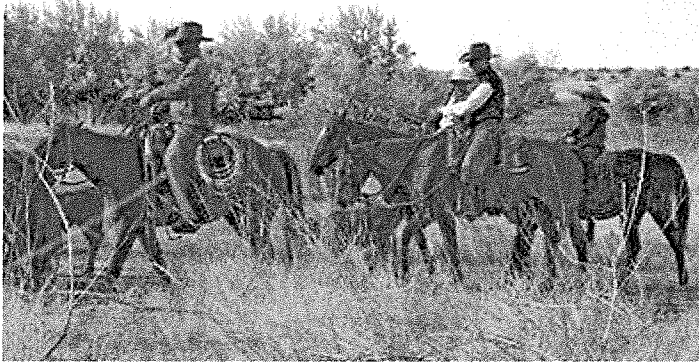
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by Jessica Hughes

A recent decision by the *Colorado Land Board* to not renew a 25-year lease at *Chico Basin Ranch* has left a favorite Colorado family without a home for them or their cattle.

Located just southeast of Colorado Springs, the Chico Basin Ranch spans 86,000 acres of short-grass prairie and has been held in a trust for the good of Colorado's K-12 schools. The land is leased and managed by *Ranchlands*, a family-ranching business run by Duke Phillips III and his children. They operate large-scale cattle



Ranching at Chico Basin Ranch. Photo credit: Ranchlands and

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and bison ranches in the American West and partner with conservation-minded owners to implement conservation programs that work alongside their ranching operations, all while preserving the ranching legacy.

The lease between the

Colorado Land Board and the Phillips family business is due to expire at the end of this year. According to the *Colorado Department of Natural Resources*,



Chico Basin Ranch. Photo credit: Ranchlands and Matt DeLorme

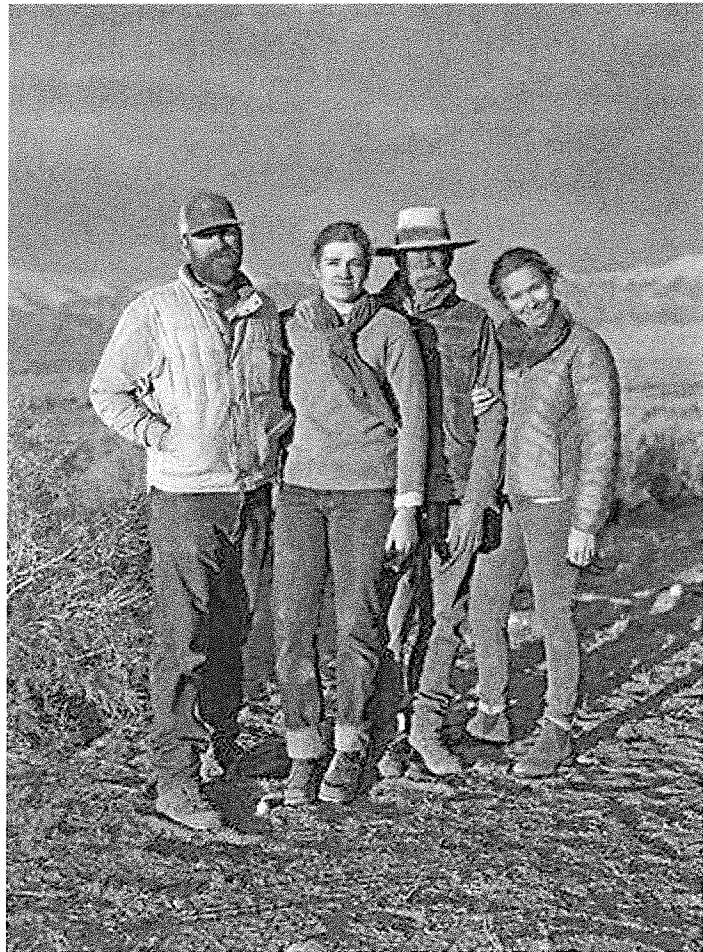
“to prepare for the expiration of the lease, the State Land Board evaluated different leasing scenarios that would achieve the goals of the School Trust to earn revenue and maintain exceptional stewardship.”

To evaluate available options, the agency hosted 11 public meetings over 18 months and issued a competitive request for proposals. In November 2023, the Colorado Land Board decided to lease the land to another ranching operation that outbid Ranchlands by a hefty amount, despite Phillips and his family pleading with the board to consider more than just money for the new 10-year lease.



In this case, money spoke the loudest and the Phillips family was out-bid by a lot. Ranchlands offered 25% over asking and the new lessee offered 75% over.

“We offered a fair and consistent revenue for the renewed lease,” says Tess Leach, Duke’s daughter, and Head of Business Development at Ranchlands. “We thought that they would value our operations and the impact we had on the community over money.”



The Phillips Family: Duke Phillips IV, Madi Phillips, Duke Phillips

III, and Tess Leach. Photo credit: Parker Fitzgerald and

Ranchlands

In this situation, it appears that money won, begging the question, what is the purpose of the Colorado State Land Board? As the second-largest landowner in Colorado, with 2.8 million surface acres and 4.0 million mineral estate acres, the board states its mission is “to produce reasonable and consistent income over time, and to provide sound stewardship of the state trust assets.”

Thus, the board has a mission to not accept the highest bid for a lease, which they just did, or accept profitable, yet damaging uses for the land it owns. State lands are leased for many different reasons, some of which Ranchlands won the bid for 24 years ago, including recreation, cattle grazing, and hospitality.

During their long-standing lease, Ranchlands was proud to provide a variety of educational programs, recreational activities, ranch stays, art shows, concerts, creative writing workshops, roping, and photography classes at Chico Basin Ranch for the community to enjoy. And to help the next generations of ranchers take hold,



the Phillips also offered an apprenticeship program that helped train young ranchers with real-world experience, plus learn about ranching and conservation.

One of Ranchland's most successful programs is the bird-banding station that they instituted – the oldest in Colorado. Because the Chico Basin Ranch is one of the largest uninterrupted stretches of prairie left in the United States, the ranch is known as one of the prime locations in Colorado for birding. In partnership with the *Audubon Society* and *Bird Conservancy of the Rockies*, the ranch maintains a bird banding station where visiting biologists band hundreds of migratory birds and is open to the visiting public to help assist in this process.

However, these programs face an uncertain future as the lease nears its expiration. According to Phillips, the new lease agreement lacks any provisions for public recreational access, implying that the land will be off-limits to the community starting in 2025. This reality threatens to dismantle the programs and initiatives that Phillips and his family have painstakingly cultivated over the years.

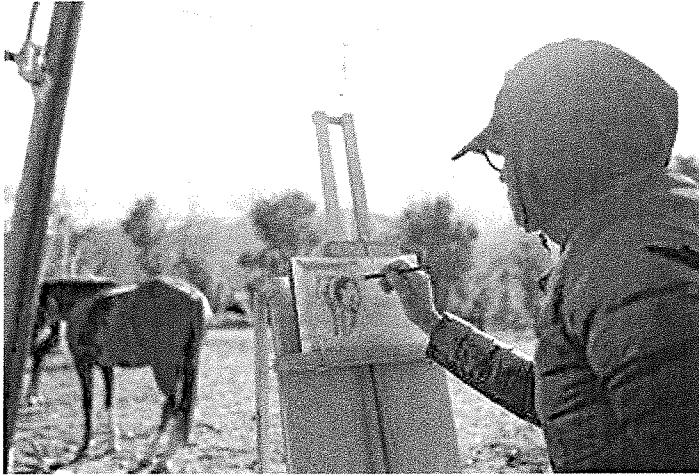
Phillips describes this as a huge loss for the Front Range of Colorado. "We have always had an open gate policy for people to come in and look at the ranch and enjoy it with hiking, tours, and other activities," says Phillips. "Our biggest legacy at the Chico, is the community we have built. This is what we are most sad to be leaving behind."

"I don't think the land board values the community component as much as they do about money," says Duke. "If we continue to value money over community, ranching will become a thing of the past if we don't recognize the importance of conservation and community."

Despite this devastating loss, the Phillips family is determined to continue its efforts to bridge the divide between rural and city communities. "People are becoming more and more isolated from nature," says Phillips. "It has become a focus for us to try and bridge the gap between urban and rural communities." Because of this, Ranchlands has initiated *The Collective*, a new organization focusing on developing a model, that sees ranching as an alternative to large-scale conservation in the U.S. The first-of-its-kind, a Collective membership will grant those who join a deeper access to Ranchlands and their mission of perpetuating

ranching into the future with exclusive events, conversations, and experiences on working landscapes.

“This will only happen if we do it together,” says Phillips. “We can’t do it alone as ranchers and we will all have to come together to make this happen.”



Art programs at Chico Basin Ranch. Photo credit: Ranchlands

and Avery Sass

Phillips and his family are on a mission to create a grassroots movement where the short-term gain of money isn't the objective, and the long-term vision for the land is. “The whole idea of land being treated as a commodity that is bought and sold, is a foreign concept to someone like me as someone who lives

on it, tries to take care of it, and use it,” says Phillips. “We want to start a revolution with The Collective that protects the land through ranching and not money and transactions.”

The Phillips family will soon leave Colorado and make a new home at *Paint Rock Canyon* on the west side of the *Bighorn Mountains*, in Wyoming. But the biggest challenge right now is finding another ranch to which they can move their cattle. While the family’s challenges are far from over, they are hopeful for the next chapter and the continued ability to uphold and share the legacy of ranching with the next generation.

“Life gives you a lot of bends and turns in it. We’re going to take the lumps and move forward and see where we land,” says Phillips. “But we are looking at the other side of it all and are thankful to have lived there. We are very appreciative of our time at Chico Basin Ranch.”

For more information, visit them at Ranchlands.com.



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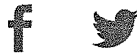
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