

FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2024

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 6, 2024. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope, Joe Falkenburg, Heath Greenough, Deb Russell and Sue Ganje, Auditor.

The Board met in the East parking area at 8:30 a.m. to view the potential area for the location of the Jail/Justice Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts; none were noted. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. The full context of the meeting can be found on the County website under Commissioners at <http://fallriver.sdcountries.org>, or on Facebook, on the Fall River County's website.

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

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the Fall River County Commission Meeting minutes from May 16, 2024.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Cope, to reschedule the first meeting in July for Tuesday, July 2, 2024 due to the 1st Thursday being July 4th, a Federal holiday.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to rescind the motion made at the 04/18/2024 meeting regarding an increase in longevity for Lynn Two Bear due to a clerical error. The increase will happen in 2026.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Cope, to approve travel for Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, Morgan Erickson, Assessor in Training and Lance Russell, State's Attorney to attend the Office of Hearing Examiners meeting in Pierre on June 18, 2024.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve hiring Tom Crutti, Maintenance/Custodian at \$16.00/hr, effective 05/22/2024.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve hiring Linda Kramer, Seasonal Part-time Mosquito Surveillance at \$13.00/hr, effective 05/31/2024 with an average of 8 hours per week. Noting that the position will be reimbursed through the SD Department of Health Mosquito Surveillance Grant.

There were no County Assistance applications.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, met with the Board to provide the jail census. There are 16 total inmates, 13 male, 2 female and 1 female in Pennington County. Norton also wanted to let the Board know that the Court System has requested the County form a Security Committee.

Frank Maynard met with the Board to provide notice that Congress has cut funding for FEMA grant funds. This will affect LEMPG funds, cutting each County's funding by 10% from the 2023 amount and will remain capped at this level for future years. Maynard also noted that he had completed the requirements for Certified Floodplain Manager, which will expire on 07/31/2026. He then reported on fires and incidents within the County.

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

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the pay increase for Casey Raskiewicz, Heavy Equipment Operator from \$24.25/hr to \$25.00/hr, effective 06/15/2024, per Union Contract.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the Fall River Pipeline Easement for Zachary F Rapp and Lacey S Rapp over, upon, under and across Howl Road in Section 35, TWP 8S, RNG 7E, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Russell, to approve the low bid from Vollan Oil for 8,000 gallons of DSL #2 Summer Blend in the amount of \$2.75/gallon.

Blessing then provided updates regarding various projects and the timelines.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve having the County Highway Department remove a tree and install culverts and spread fill dirt in the grassy area beyond the East parking lot in preparation for building the proposed Jail/Justice Center.

Haley Hamilton, Fall River County Soil Conservation, met with the Board to present the 2025 Budget request.

An abatement for Raymond Soske was presented due to the decision of the Board at the meeting on 05/16/2024 that they reviewed.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve an abatement for Raymond Soske, parcel #40000-01103-252-00 with a legal description of W1/2W1/2 Section 24, T11S, R3E, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota in the amount of \$1,848.04 for AY 2023, pay 2024.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve hiring Amber Branstetter, Treasurer's Office Administrative Assistant at a rate of \$15.50/hr, as per Union Contract, effective 06/12/2024.

Joe Allen, Commissioner, advised that he had spoken to Bill Tanner about a potential property exchange that includes the property that Tanner owns north of the County's East parking lot in exchange for the property that the County owns where a large storage building is located near Galveston Circle that had been taken on Tax Deed. Treasurer Pullen will look into the legalities of the exchange and report back to the Board.

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

GENERAL FUND		
CURA HOSPITALITY	INMATE FOOD/SUPPLY	\$14,736.96
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$264.26
BILBRUCK, TYLER	BLOOD DRAW	\$450.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTR	\$3,156.46
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$78.38
CAMERON, GEORGE	COURT REPORTER	\$19.60
SEVENTH CIRCUIT CASA PRG	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$2,250.00
COLBATH & SPERLICH, PC	CAAF	\$1,010.70
COLBATH & SPERLICH, PC	CAAF/MAG/JUV	\$5,026.51
DETECTA CHEM	SUPPLY	\$177.05

EDGEMONT SENIOR MEALS	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$2,500.00
EDGEMONT SENIOR CITIZENS	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$3,100.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFT	ELECTION SOFTWARE	\$1,674.35
ENGBRETSON, MELODY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$66.00
FALL RIVER HISTORICAL SOC	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$6,000.00
FALL RIVER HEALTH	EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	\$68.00
FALL RIVER HEALTH SERVICE	INMATE MEDICAL	\$5,132.75
FALL RIVER COUNTY SHERIFF	REIMBURSEMENT	\$235.70
FR CONSERVATION DISTRICT	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$20,000.00
4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$3,000.00
SCHMIDT, STACY	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$66.00
GALLS	UNIFORMS/SHERIFF SUP	\$891.04
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$227.79
HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC LIB	2024 ALLOTTMENT	\$25,000.00
HOT SPRINGS MEAL SITE	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$3,800.00
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF	\$1,917.90
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF	\$6,844.27
LYLE'S LOCK SERVICE	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$114.24
LYNN'S DAK. MART PHARMACY	INMATE PHARMACY	\$633.06
MARKETLAB INC	SUPPLY	\$208.46
MAVERICK TIRE & AUTO	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$1,666.83
MCLEODS OFFICE SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	\$801.44
MONUMENT HEALTH	AUTOPSY	\$2,000.00
NORTON, TINA	CONTRACT NURSE INMAT	\$1,400.00
OFFICE EMPORIUM	SUPPLY	\$75.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	TRANSPORTATION	\$828.68
PRAIRIE HILLS TRANSIT	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$13,000.00
PULLEN, TERESA	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	\$66.00
QUIRK, JAMES	LOST CHECK	\$8.33
RAMKOTA HOTEL-PIERRE	HOTEL	\$696.00
CITY OF RAPID CITY	BLOOD ANALYSIS	\$440.00
ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTER	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$14,000.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	BLOOD DRAW ANALYSIS	\$50.00
SDAAO	ASSESSOR MEMBERSHIP	\$150.00
SERVALL	RUG SERVICE	\$599.51
SKINNER, MATTHEW L. PC	CAAF	\$1,565.45
SOFTWARE SERVICES INC	SOFTWARE SERVICES	\$1,925.00
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF, JUV, MAG	\$12,209.46
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$3,630.46
SPRINGS SENIOR CITIZENS	2024 ALLOTMENT	\$5,000.00
STEVENS AUTOMOTIVE	SERVICE	\$62.65
TIMECLOCK PLUS, LLC	TIME CLOCK SYSTEM	\$34.64
VAN DIEST SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$2,428.80
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$1,144.20

WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIP.	SUPPLY	\$796.80
WEICHMANN, CYNTHIA	COURT REPORTER	\$29.40
WEICHMANN, CYNTHIA	COURT REPORTER	\$14.70
YANKTON CO. SHERIFF	CIVIL PAPERS	\$50.00
YELLOW ROBE CONSULTING IN	INVESTIGATIONS	\$1,500.00
YELLOW ROBE CONSULTING IN	JUV	\$822.71
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$375.00
BEDNAR, KELLY	JURY & WITNESS	\$20.00
ALLSUP, STACIA	LOST CHECK TREAS	\$33.22
WHITE, SHAWN	WITNESS AND JURY FEE	\$53.15
MASTERSON, TIMOTHY	JURY & WITNESS	\$20.51
BELL, NICK	JURY & WITNESS	\$20.51
CONE, THOMAS II	JURY & WITNESS	\$20.51
MINNICK, ANDREW	JURY & WITNESS	\$672.40
THOMPSON, CODY	JURY & WITNESS	\$23.06
MARSHALL, JANELLE ROSE	JURY & WITNESS	\$20.51
FORNEY, ERIC	JURY & WITNESS	\$45.50
MARTINSON, TYREL	LOST CHECK TREAS	\$66.73
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,564.55
AUDITOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$26,049.88
TREASURER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$20,293.17
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$20,737.11
MAINTENANC	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$8,819.08
ASSESSOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$20,189.99
REG/DEEDS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$15,362.23
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,258.25
GIS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,888.01
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$63,999.52
JAIL	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$36,399.51
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$550.23
NURSE	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$634.00
EXTENSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,722.85
WEED	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,196.65
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$4,647.34
CRBR ADM	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$51,109.90
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,910.05
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$474,348.96
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY CO.	WELDING SUPPLIES/LEA	\$450.00
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC	UTILITY	\$62.30
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTR	\$584.94
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$369.95
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$34,604.58
CUSTER/FALL RIVER REGIONA	DISPOSAL	\$1,670.00

FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS/PARTS	\$50.50
FALL RIVER AUTO SUPPLY	AUTO PARTS/REPAIR	\$362.05
FALL RIVER HEALTH	EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	\$47.00
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$67.45
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$13.90
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$77.86
KD CONTRACTORS INC	GRAVEL	\$13,431.24
KD CONTRACTORS INC	GRAVEL	\$11,670.16
MG OIL	INVENTORY/SUPPLY	\$839.30
MENARDS	SUPPLY	\$29.18
MIDWAY SERVICE/VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	\$22,000.00
NELSONS OIL & GAS INC.	FUEL	\$2,448.80
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC.	PARTS	\$334.43
RAPID CHEVROLET CADILLAC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$11,138.20
RAPID DELIVERY	DELIVERY	\$61.43
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	REPAIR/PARTS	\$1,279.24
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$1,413.60
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$103,006.11
911 SURCHARGE REIMB		
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$41.91
DISPATCH	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$31,118.03
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMB	\$31,159.94
EMERGENCY MGT		
RAMKOTA HOTEL-PIERRE	HOTEL	\$10.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$125.73
F.R.EMERG.	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$8,427.01
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MGT	\$8,562.74
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 05-17 AND 06-06-2024	\$617,077.75

Break was taken at 9:29 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:38 a.m.

Public comment was heard at this time. Kimberly Allen, County resident, provided comments regarding Election Day. Sue Ganje, Auditor, noted that there was some confusion between the various Election Boards due to the different processes, prescribed by SDCL and SD Admin Rules, of hand counting voted ballots versus the processes when there is a tabulator count. Cindy Gould, County resident spoke about her concerns regarding a polygamist area on Hwy 71. Joe Falkenburg, Commissioner, wanted the public to know about the PAF, an animal rights group from Colorado that is trying to get slaughterhouses closed down which could impact our local economy. Susan Henderson, County Resident, stated that she was a poll watcher, is in favor of hand counting ballots and that the November election is an important election. Heath Greenough, Commissioner, commented that Fall River County had nearly double the state average in voter turnout.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Greenough, to approve hiring Russell's daughter, Julia Russell as a Part-time summer intern for the State's Attorney's Office, not to exceed 25 hours per week. After Some

discussion transpired that included the desire of the Board for Russell to publicly advertise for the position and the mention of it being against Policy, roll call was taken, with Cope and Falkenburg voting yes, all others voting no, motion failed.

Russell then spoke regarding the revised Burn Ban. He is doing some research for a clarification of the designated agency for issuing fire danger levels before he submits a final draft and asked that the Board move it to the next meeting for potential action.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, presented a report regarding the revenue received from the Solar Farm in Fall River County. The total amount is \$95,739.02, with 50% going to the Oelrichs School District and the other 50% going to the County General Fund.

The Official Canvass of the June 4, 2024 Primary Election was conducted by the Board.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve and certify the Official 2024 Primary Election Canvass.

Commission Chairman Falkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 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