

FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2025

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 16, 2025. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope, Joe Falkenburg, Deb Russell, Sandra Wahlert and Sue Ganje, Auditor.

Wahlert gave an invocation prior to the meeting.

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

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

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding the opening of sealed gravel bills hearing at 9:30 a.m. as advertised.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the Fall River County Commission Meeting minutes from December 27, 2024 and January 2, 2025.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell to approve Fall River County Resolution #2025-04 as follows:

Fall River County RESOLUTION #2025-04

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator is authorized to assist in fighting range fires through the State; and

WHEREAS, a county must formally request his assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11; and

WHEREAS, because there is insufficient time to hold a meeting and adopt a resolution during a fire, Fall River County can designate a person (s) with authority to request assistance under this law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fall River County Commissioners hereby designate the following person (s) with the authority to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in fighting range fires:

Darwin Coy
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
605 890-7245 (CELL) or 605 745-7562 (OFFICE)

Lyle Norton
FALL RIVER COUNTY SHERIFF
605 890-1931 (CELL) or 605 745-4444 (OFFICE)

Joe Falkenberg
COMMISSIONER
307 259-2583 (CELL) or 605-745-4244 (HOME)

Deb Russell
COMMISSIONER
605 890-9796 (CELL) or 605 424-2135 (HOME)

Joe Allen
COMMISSIONER
605 745-1890 (HOME)

Sandra Wahlert
COMMISSIONER
605 891-3949 (CELL)

Les Cope
COMMISSIONER
605 441-4960 (CELL) or 605 535-6910 (HOME)

Dated this 16th day of January, 2025

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

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

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve paying \$2,150.00 to the Kirk Funeral Home in Rapid City for #CP 2025-01. With Cope and Wahlert voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Allen, to approve the application for road approach permit from John Bery on the south side of Erskine Road (County Road #17) to serve a residence.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to move the permit to occupy County Highway Right-of-Way from Golden West Telecommunications for numerous locations. The Board would like to have the presenter there to go over all of the locations at the next meeting.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Caterpillar 308-07A Trackhoe that includes a 7-year maintenance warranty in the amount of \$142,830.33 from Butler Machinery Company. With Cope voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the purchase of a Road Rager Scarifier from DMC Wear Parts LLC in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement #2025-27-1 with the South Dakota Game Fish & Parks regarding Shep's Canyon Road with a 50/50 cost share, not to exceed \$22,000.00.

March then let the Board know that he will be bringing propane bids to the next meeting.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, met with the Board to provide updates and the jail census of 20 inmates. With 18 male 5 female in house, 1 female in Pennington County and 1 male in Meade County. The new Dispatch Center is up and running at the South Annex location.

Dar Coy, Emergency Manager, met with the Board. Jamie Mueller from the American Red Cross brought in smoke detectors that the Red Cross donated to the County to use where needed. He provided a listing of items that are eligible for Homeland Security funding for the Board to reference when various requests come in for purchasing. He reported that there were over 30 people in attendance for the LEPC meeting that occurred. Spearfish Electric visited the Oelrichs siren site and determined that a new electrical board is needed to get it operational. Since it's an item that needs to be fixed, he told them to go ahead and get it ordered. Coy will bring the invoice to a future meeting for the Board. He then reported regarding the bids for fire alarm and sprinkler systems in the Courthouse and Jail. The South Dakota Fire Marshall received an anonymous complaint stating that the fire system was not working properly. The Fire Marshall notified Coy that the County needs to take action on the insufficiencies. The Board took no action regarding the Single Signature Form or approval of the 2025 list of volunteers for Emergency Management assistance that were presented. Those items will be placed on the next agenda.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Russell, to approve the following quotes from Rapid Fire Protection: Alarm System – Kidde FX-5 for the County Jail in the amount of \$8,927.00; replacement of fire alarm panel in the Courthouse in the amount of \$10,995.00; and demo dry sprinkler system for the Courthouse in the amount of \$34,690.00.

The time now being 9:30 a.m., the sealed gravel crushing bids were opened. Croell bid \$15.00/ton for DOT agg. Base Course $\frac{3}{4}$ Gravel Base Sec. 882.2 from the Streeter Quarry and \$15.00/ton for Limestone Ledge Rock Base Course Sec. 882.2 from Streeter Quarry. KD Contractors, Inc. bid \$9.25/ton for DOT agg. Base Course $\frac{3}{4}$ Base Sec. 882.2 from the West Cheyenne (Angostura Pit) Quarry and \$10.50/ton for Limestone Ledge Rock Base Course Sec. 882.2 from the Sheps Canyon Quarry, Cottonwood Quarry and Collins Quarry; Simon Materials \$9.25/ton for DOT Agg. Base Course $\frac{3}{4}$ Gravel Base Sec 882.2 from the 1" X 0" from the Maverick Pit and \$11.15/ton for $\frac{3}{4}$ " X 0" from the Loring Quarry and 1" X 0" from the Hot Springs Quarry. March will come back with recommendations at the next meeting.

Allen did not have any new updates on the proposed Jail/Justice Center.

Falkenburg submitted a letter he received that included an offer for rental of office space from Pete Sutherland as he is preparing to retire. The Board said that they didn't have any need for extra office space at this time. Falkenburg also mentioned that Senator Hulse and Representative Ladner have been working on a bill that would provide some tax relief for property owners.

At this time, Cope mentioned that the State of South Dakota is showing interest in possibly creating a Wilderness area near the Mickelson Trail south of Minnekahta junction. He had been told that they are offering a 20-year lease plan for 5,400 acres and wants the County to send a letter to protest it. Lance Russell, State's Attorney will draft a letter that he will bring back to the Board to be approved at the next meeting.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to authorize the Treasurer's Office to suspend services and close the windows on February 14, 2025, to implement an update from the SD State Vehicle system for training and inventory. Russell requested that it be advertised in the newspaper prior to the closure.

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

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

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-05

A PLAT OF WESTBERG TRACT 2 AND WESTBERG KELSEY TRACT, LOCATED IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 16, T9S, R4E, BHM, FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FORMERLY TRACT 1 LESS WESTBERG TRACT AND TRACT 2R, OF ROMERO TRACT

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

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

Dated this 16th day of January.

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

ATTEST:

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

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

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-06

A PLAT OF GOODMAN TRACT NORTH AND GOODMAN TRACT SOUTH, OF SECTION 5, T7S, R8E, BHM, FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FORMERLY LOT 4

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

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Dated this 16th day of January.

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

ATTEST:

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

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

GENERAL FUND		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$866.35
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	EQUIPMENT	\$83.20
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$786.25
BH COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOV	2025 ASSESSMENT DUES	\$3,615.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY/POWER	\$3,371.90
CAMERON, GEORGE	COURT REPORTER	\$194.25
COLBATH & SPERLICH, PC	CAAF	\$19,219.72
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFT	HAVA MACHINE MAINTENANCE	\$4,830.60
EN-TECH LLC	FUMIGATION	\$125.00
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	BIT NETWORK FEES	\$71.25
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$985.51
FR COUNTY TREASURER	FIRST INTERSTATE	\$25.00
GALLS	SUPPLY	\$95.99
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$309.37
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	HANGAR RENT	\$1,350.00
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF & MH	\$2,696.53
JOHNSON, CAROL	COURT REPORTER	\$40.81
MAVERICK TIRE & AUTO	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$68.26
MEDICAL WASTE TRANSPORT	MEDICAL WASTE TRANSPORT	\$189.30
NEVVISION SECURITY LLC	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$89.97
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	SUPPLY	\$3,920.00
ONSITE FIRST AID, LLC	FIRST AID	\$169.88
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	SERVICE	\$499.92
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	TRANSPORT	\$1,025.86
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	BLOOD DRAW ANALYSIS	\$140.00
SD SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	25 ANNUAL DUES FRC	\$709.19
SD STATE ATTORNEY ASSOC	25' MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$1,075.16
SERVALL	RUGS AND MATS SERVICE	\$740.72
SKINNER, MATTHEW L. PC	CAAF	\$2,212.10
SOFTWARE SERVICES INC	SOFTWARE SERVICES	\$2,975.00
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$7,660.32
STEVENS AUTOMOTIVE	SERVICE	\$96.29
HASKVITZ, LAREE	BLOOD DRAW	\$375.00
STEVENS, MIKAYLA	BLOOD DRAW	\$300.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE PLAN	\$843.25
WEED & PEST CONFERENCE	2025 WEED & PEST CONF	\$550.00
WESTERN SD JUV SERV CTR	JUVENILE SERVICES	\$7,200.00

FEES, IRMA	BLOOD DRAW	\$150.00
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$375.00
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$70,031.95
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLY	\$38.10
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$97.35
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC	UTILITY/POWER	\$3.87
BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA INN	CONFERENCE HOTEL	\$224.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY/POWER	\$843.73
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$365.93
BUILDERS FIRST SOURCE	SUPPLY	\$54.88
CUSTER/FALL RIVER REGIONA	DISPOSAL	\$20.00
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	PARTS	\$29.20
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	\$74.65
GRIMM'S PUMP SERVICE INC	PARTS/SERVICE	\$753.62
SIMON MATERIALS	GRAVEL	\$2,660.00
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$11.36
INTERSTATE BATTERY	SUPPLY	\$290.00
KD CONTRACTORS INC	GRAVEL	\$3,617.35
MCDANIEL	REPAIR	\$520.00
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	SUPPLY	\$27.55
SDACHS	25 SDACHS/NACO DUES	\$350.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE PLAN	\$42.73
WHISLER BEARING COMPANY	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$66.57
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$10,090.89
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$701.48
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE PLAN	\$42.73
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$744.21
EMERGENCY MGT		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$168.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL SERVICE PLAN	\$130.31
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MGT	\$299.21
24/7 SOBRIETY FUND		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$6.98
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	24/7 LABS	\$90.00
	TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND	\$96.98
COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND		
BILL'S HEATING	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$7,362.51
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$1,399.53
	TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND	\$8,762.04

	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 12/28/2024 AND 01/16/2024	\$90,025.28
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Break was taken at 9:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

Joe Falkenburg, Commissioner, asked for Public Comment. There were none.

Dan Cullen, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to provide his quarterly report and updates. The Board recognized his hard work for the area Veterans.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the move of Morgan Erickson to Deputy Director of Equalization, effective 01/21/2024 with a wage increase from \$18.00/hour to \$18.35/hour for Deputy status, as per Union Contract.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve hiring Jennifer Bengs as a Director of Equalization administrative assistant, effective 01/21/2024 at a rate of \$16.00/hour, as per Union Contract.

There was no Executive Session needed.

Falkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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

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