

**FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2025**

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on March 6, 2025. Present: Joe Allen, Joe Falkenburg, Deb Russell, Sandra Wahlert and Sue Ganje, Auditor. Les Cope was absent.

A prayer was given by Wahlert.

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 Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the agenda with the addition of a Quote for a laptop computer from Golden West Technologies for the Highway Department Superintendent in the amount of \$939.50.

Les Cope entered the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the meeting minutes from February 20, 2025.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for January, 2025 as follows:

**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 31st day of January 2025.

<b>Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:</b>	\$	1,757,605.49
<b>Total Amount of Cash:</b>	\$	1,804.07
<b>Total Amount of Treasurer's Change Fund:</b>	\$	900.00
<b>Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:</b>	\$	37,554.15
<b>SAVINGS:</b>		
#4) First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$	1,464,964.26
<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:</b>		
#14) Schwab Treasury:	\$	8,784,455.17

**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
Suter, Debbie	Stop payment	\$ 729.45

**TOTAL \$ 12,048,973.60**

Dated This 31st Day of January 2025.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of  
of Fall River County

/S/ Teresa Pullen

Teresa Pullen, County  
Treasurer  
of Fall River County

County Monies	\$	11,564,724.46
Held for other Entities	\$	270,227.12
Held in Trust	\$	214,022.02
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 12,048,973.60</b>

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.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve the Wage increase for Chrissy Porter, Extension Administrative Assistant from \$17.25/hr to \$18.50/hr plus \$25.00/month longevity, effective 04/03/2025, per Union Contract.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to set the Consolidated Board of Equalization dates and times for 04/17/2025 after the regular meeting is adjourned and then again on 04/18/2025 at 9:00 a.m. if necessary.

CP2025-03 was presented for the Board's consideration.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve paying CP2025-03 in the amount of \$1,601.52 to Chamberlain/McColley's Funeral Home for the balance of funeral services not covered by the decedent. With Wahlert voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Dar Coy, Emergency Manager, met with the Board.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the quote and authorize the payment of \$1,387.48 to Computer Repair with Therapy for a Galaxy S10 Tablet, protective case, set up and configuration.

Coy then provided updates and reported on incidents.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, met with the Board.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve travel for Deputy Tanner Schiferl to attend the 2025 Narcotics Officer Conference in Deadwood April 30-May 2, 2025, at a cost of \$100.00 for registration, \$107.00/night for 2 nights lodging, plus per diem.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve travel for Sheriff Lyle Norton to attend the 2025 Sheriffs & Police Chiefs Conference in Deadwood April 15-17, 2025, at a cost of \$135.00 for registration, \$79.00/night for 3 nights lodging, plus per diem.

Discussion continued regarding the purchase of a body scanner for the Fall River County Jail with Opioid Settlement funds. Allen asked Norton which machine and contract he would like to purchase. Norton has one picked out that he feels is the best package deal.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the purchase of the body scanner that Norton was recommending, contingent on bidding laws. With Cope voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Norton provided updates and the jail census of 6 males and 5 females in house, with 1 male in Meade County, for a total of 12 inmates. Lastly, Norton informed the Board that the Sheriff's Department were going to have 2 Ford Interceptors delivered. He budgeted \$50,000.00 per vehicle but their price per unit was \$46,866.00 each. Once delivered he will arrange to get the vehicles equipped.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. He presented fuel quotes: Nelson's Oil & Gas \$3.049/gal for 8,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline; Vollan Oil \$2.777/gal for 8,000 gallons of unleaded Gasoline; no bid from MG Oil; \$2.744/gallon from CBH Co-Op for 8,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline; Stern Co. \$3.0173/gallon for 8,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline; and Hi-D-Way declined to bid.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to accept the low bid for 8,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline of \$2.774/gallon from CBH Co-Op.

March presented parking lot striping bids from Rapid Striping.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Allen to accept the bid from Rapid Striping for a total of \$4,055.00 plus marking of handicapped parking spaces.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Wahlert, to approve increasing Tony March, Highway Superintendent's County credit card limit from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00, effective immediately.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the application for Permit to Occupy County Right-of-Way from Golden West Telecommunications located from an existing vault approximately 950' west of Houseboat Drive to the west side of the power substation compound (crossing Feeder Way Rd).

March requested that the Board receive sealed quotes for the crack sealing in Oelrichs and Oral

Road at the next meeting. He will get quotes and have Brett Blessing, Highway Foreman, bring them to the meeting.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the quote from Golden West Technologies and purchase of an HP ProBook 460 G11 16" Notebook with a 1-year warranty to include HP Care Pack next business day hardware support, extended service agreement – parts and labor – 3 years – on-site and Microsoft 365 Apps for business subscription license - 1 user, 12-month subscription, in the amount of \$939.50 for the Highway Department Superintendent.

Dave Weishaupl, Maintenance Supervisor met with the Board to present propane quotes: Hi-D-Way \$1.85/gallon for delivery of 7,000 gallons; McGas Propane \$1.992/gallon for delivery of 7,000 gallons; and Nelson's Oil & Gas no bid.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to accept the low bid from Hi-D-Way of \$1.85/gallon for 7,000 gallons of propane delivered to the Courthouse tank.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to accept the quote from Golden West Technologies for SonicWall TZ570 Trade up with 3-year EPSS that is set to expire May 21, 2025, and authorize purchase in the amount of \$3,476.77.

Weishaupl then presented pictures of the outside cement staircase, showing that the concrete was disintegrating under the metal step plates used for safety. Weishaupl requested the Board's approval to hire an engineer to assess the work that will need to be completed by a mason. After discussion, Wahlert requested that Weishaupl get at least 3 quotes before moving forward with hiring anyone. Allen noted that he believes that an engineer will need to be involved before proceeding. The Deadwood Historical Grant was discussed, and it was noted that Bobbie Janis from the Auditor's office will be working on it.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope to request a quote from an engineer for the assessment and specifications needed for repair.

Joe Allen, Commissioner, will not have any new updates regarding the proposed Jail/Justice Center until after Sheriff Norton talks with Johnson Construction out of Harrisburg, SD at the Annual Sheriff's Conference and they have come to speak with the County.

Deb Russell asked Sheriff Norton to report on the most recent security meeting. They discussed various inexpensive ways to make the facility safer, ie. putting mylar window film on office windows, require employees to wear their ID badges, limiting the entrance points to 1, having the automatic locks have a shorter window before and after office hours, installing "barn" style doors so that the lower half can remain locked but the top half open so the public can see that the office is open.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope, to approve registration and travel for Deb Russell and Sandra Wahlert to attend the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners Spring Workshop April 9-10, 2025 in Pierre.

Nina Steinmetz, Weed and Pest Supervisor, met with the Board to provide a report on progress in 2024 and on the 2025 SD Weed and Pest Conference.

Andersen Engineers met with the Board to present a plat.

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

**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-09**

**A plat of Garrett Tract, located in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 22 and the SE1/4SAE1/4 of Section 21, T10S, R4E, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota**

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

/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 Wahlert, to approve payment of the bills as follows:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ALPHA ROAD BODY SHOP	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$6,230.96
AUDRA HILL CONSULTING, INC	MI/CONSULTING	\$345.02
BAUERKEMPERS INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$166.45
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$149.56
BILBRUCK, TYLER	BLOOD DRAW	\$225.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$3,515.62
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$89.98
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE AND USA	\$1,144.59
CHADRON MOTOR CO. INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$506.49
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTION	\$379.50
CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY	SERVICES	\$750.00
CULLIGAN SOFT WATER	RENTAL/SUPPLY	\$223.50
EDGEMONT YMCA	2025 BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$4,000.00
EN-TECH LLC	FUMIGATION	\$450.00
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$1,066.99
JUROR	VOID/JURY DUTY	-\$11.34
GALLS	UNIFORMS/SHERIFF SUP	\$115.14
GALLS	UNIFORMS/SHERIFF SUP	\$723.78
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET SERVICES	\$6,883.60
GRAFIX SHOPPE	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	\$320.00
H & R BLOCK	SUPPLY	\$1,180.00
HEALTHCARE SERVICES INC	INMATE MEALS	\$19,296.00

HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$243.19
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$795.68
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	4TH QTR FIRE SPRINKLER	\$24.00
IDEMIA IDENTITY&SECURITY	SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	\$2,536.00
JOHNSON, CAROL	COURT REPORTER	\$837.00
JOHNSON, CAROL	VOID/REISSUED AMENDED	-\$137.20
KIRK FUNERAL HOME	BURIAL ASSISTANCE	\$2,150.00
LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CO.	SUPPLY	\$199.08
LYNN'S DAK. MART PHARMACY	INMATE PHARMACY	\$200.76
MARTY'S TIRE & AUTO BODY	SERVICE	\$924.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	DATABASE SETUP & MON	\$35.00
MAVERICK TIRE & AUTO	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$316.96
MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR	INMATE HOUSING	\$2,945.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$90.00
MIDWEST MENTAL HEALTH SD	VOID/LOST CHECK REIS	-\$375.00
MONUMENT HEALTH	AUTOPSY	\$500.00
NEVVISION SECURITY LLC	VOID/OVERPAYMENT/REIMB	-\$899.97
NORTON,TINA	CONTRACT NURSE INMATE	\$1,575.00
ONSITE FIRST AID, LLC	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$144.40
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	TRANSPORTATION	\$523.42
US POSTAL SERVICE	SUPPLY	\$365.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS	QUITCLAIM	\$30.00
SDACC	CATASTROPHIC LEGAL	\$4,256.00
SD SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	VOID/REISSUED CHECK	-\$190.00
SERVALL	RUG SERVICE	\$458.58
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SOFTWARE SERVICES INC	SOFTWARE SERVICES	\$3,200.00
STEVENS, MIKAYLA	BLOOD DRAW	\$75.00
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$328.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$886.11
THOMSON REUTERS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$270.37
FEES, IRMA	BLOOD DRAW	\$600.00
PALASKI, DARLENE D	VOID/WRONG VENDOR	-\$20.00
FUGIER, SHANE	VOID/W&P REIMBURSEMENT	-\$134.25
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$450.00
JUROR	VOID/JURY DUTY	-\$53.93
MCCLENDON, LISA	LOST CHECK REIMBURSENT	\$11.50
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,377.69
AUDITOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$29,681.65
TREASURER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$25,833.94
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$24,905.74
MAINTENANC	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$14,302.23
ASSESSOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$28,887.49
REG/DEEDS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$17,044.57
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,483.64

GIS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,114.79
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$66,575.27
JAIL	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$37,323.10
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$333.67
EXTENSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$3,618.62
WEED	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,849.21
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$343,701.68</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>		
BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA INN	VOID/DOUBLE PAYMENT	-\$224.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY/ELECTRIC	\$1,077.54
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$784.44
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$95.59
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTION	\$79.00
CITY OF EDMONT	CITY OF EDMONT WATER	\$174.80
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS/PARTS	\$31.19
FALL RIVER AUTO SUPPLY	AUTO PARTS/REPAIR	\$65.75
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$36.35
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$83.84
FR WATER USERS DISTRICT	UTILITY	\$68.40
GLASS PRO +	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$810.00
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$11,298.27
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET SERVICES	\$8.50
GREAT WESTERN TIRE	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$275.00
GRIMM'S PUMP SERVICE INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$254.47
SIMON MATERIALS	GRAVEL	\$21,349.23
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$151.21
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$24.76
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	SUPPLY	\$322.48
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS	\$116.92
SDACHS	SHORTCOURSE 25 REGIST	\$150.00
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$1,337.23
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$42.74
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$12,171.76
CRBR HWY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$63,333.46
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>	<b>\$113,918.93</b>
<b>911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT</b>		
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE AND USA	\$55.43
RUSHMORE COMMUNICATIONS	UPS BATTERY BACKUP	\$262,411.36
SIMUNEK, TRINA	REIMBURSEMENT	\$296.82
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$42.74
DISPATCH	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$32,683.97
	<b>TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<b>\$295,490.32</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		

BAUERKEMPERS INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$128.69
FALL RIVER AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLY/PARTS	\$217.26
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET SERVICES	\$17.00
ONSOLVE, LLC	CODE RED RENEWAL 202	\$3,624.64
RUSHMORE COMMUNICATIONS	UPS BATTERY BACKUP	\$328.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$127.40
F.R.EMERG.	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$7,312.01
	<b>TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>\$11,755.25</b>
<b>24/7 SOBRIETY FUND</b>		
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,389.83
	<b>TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND</b>	<b>\$2,389.83</b>
<b>M &amp; P RELIEF FUND</b>		
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET SERVICES	\$2,682.00
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	\$5,467.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR M &amp; P RELIEF FUND</b>	<b>\$8,149.00</b>
<b>COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND</b>		
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$25.05
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION INC	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	\$14,765.79
	<b>TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>\$14,790.84</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 02/21 &amp; 03/06/2025</b>	<b>\$790,195.85</b>

Break was taken at 10:14 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:21 a.m.

Public comments were heard from Kelsey Peterson from Black Hills Energy. He provided a map of the area where Black Hills Energy will be rebuilding power lines near Oral, both overhead and buried. They will also be cutting and trimming trees in the County Right-of-Way, all of which will be submitting Right-of-Way permits in the future. Joe Falkenburg, Commissioner, spoke regarding a call from an employee of BNSF has indicated that, in August or September, they will not be stopping in Edgemont and all employees based out of Edgemont will have to relocate to Alliance or Gillette. He went on to say that it would be a very bad thing for Edgemont. A lot of people will be affected by it. He also noted that he had spoken to Representative Thune regarding P.I.L.T. monies that the County receives. Thune informed them that there is no guarantee that P.I.L.T monies will be paid to counties in the future. He said that Fall River County receives approximately \$800,000.00 from it. Don Olstad, County resident, spoke regarding the proposed property tax relief legislation that is happening in Pierre. He stated that, if some sort of legislation isn't passed, some Owner-Occupied landowners will need to sell their property because they can't afford to live here.

Gina Ruggieri and Scott James of Southern Hills Law spoke to the Board regarding the interest in hiring a Public Defender vs. having various attorneys providing Court Appointed services. The Board asked them to submit a proposal for providing those services at the next meeting. The Board discussed potentially advertising for other proposals for this service. It will be brought to the next meeting.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, spoke to the Board regarding credit cards. She just wanted to remind them that anything purchased with a credit card is essentially pre-approved. The Board has no way to deny an item if

purchased with a credit card. It is preferred that accounts be set up with vendors instead of using credit cards.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to go into Executive Session for personnel and legal as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 10:44 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:00 a.m., with no action taken. The Chairman of the meeting adjourned at 11:01 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