

FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2025

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on April 17, 2025. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope, Joe Falkenburg, Deb Russell, Sandra Wahlert and Sue Ganje, Auditor.

An invocation 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.sdcountries.org>, or on Facebook, on the Fall River County's website.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the agenda with the addition of approval and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement #2025-27-2 with the South Dakota Game Fish & Parks with a cost share of up to \$12,000.00 for crack sealing on 3.41 miles of Angostura Road.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the meeting minutes from April 3, 2025.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to approve the anniversary wage increases for Michael Close, Deputy Sheriff, from \$25.50/hr to \$26.25/hr, effective April 22, 2025 and for Charles Dobbs, Deputy Sheriff, from \$27.00/hr to \$27.75/hr, effective April 21, 2025, both as per Union Contract.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to set a hearing on May 1, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. for a new Retail (On-Off Sale) Wine and Cider license for the remainder of 2025 licensing period.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to set the date and provide Notice of Surplus Property Sale for an on-line auction to begin on May 5, 2025 and remain open until May 23, 2025.

There were no County assistance applications.

Dar Coy, Emergency Manager, met with the Board.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve travel for EM102 Training in Pierre, May 14-15, 2025, to include lodging and per diem.

Coy provided the Board notification that Gary Baker, Assistant Emergency Manager and Coy, Emergency Manager, will be attending the Salamander & Region 4 Training in Sturgis, May 6 & 7, 2025

Coy then provided updates and reported on incidents. He reported that there will be an Angostura Reservoir flood training on April 30, 2025 at the Oral School. He reminded the Board that County employees will need to take the Defensive Driving Course on May 13, 2025. There are 2 sessions, 10:00 am and 1:00 p.m. to accommodate all staff to attend. He also reminded the Board that there will be a meeting on May 2, 2025, 11:00 am at the Mueller Center with Black Hills Energy to discuss the possibilities of shutting down power during hot windy days due to the risk of fires.

Rachel Hosterman, Sheriff Department Office Manager, met with the Board. Sheriff Norton was at training in Deadwood.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve reclassification/lateral move of Jennifer

Mraz from Certified Dispatcher to Jailer, effective May 4, 2025.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the change of status from full-time to part-time for Trina Simunek, Certified Dispatcher, effective May 21, 2025.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve payment in lieu of vacation for 94 hours of leave time, per Union Contract.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve hiring Petra Atherley as a part time 24/7 Tech at \$16.00/hr, effective April 10, 2025.

Hosterman provided the jail census of 10 males and 5 females in house, with 1 male in Meade County, for a total of 16 inmates.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve and award the crack sealing bid to Highway Improvement, Inc in the amount of \$85,402.80 off of Lawrence County's bid for 3.41 miles of Angostura Rd (County Road 1), for .72 mile through Oelrichs and for 8.65 miles of Oral Road in the amount of \$85,402.80.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the purchase of a Road Rage Front Scarifier attachment in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the application for permit to occupy County highway right-of-way from Bogner Ranch, Inc. located from Horsehead between SW1/4 Section 3, T11S, R3E and SE1/4 Section 4 T11S, R4E, BHM to north of Harmony Rd on the east side of section line north 1/2 mile to pasture.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to move application for road approach permit from Kendall Reynar to the next regular meeting.

March then provided updates regarding work being performed.

The time now being 9:30 a.m., the Hearing for (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine license transfers/renewals for 2025-2026 licensing period; transfer of Package (On-Off Sale) Liquor license for the remainder of 2025 licensing period; and for a new Retail (On-Off Sale) Wine and Cider license for the 2025-2026 licensing period took place.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Allen, to approve the following licenses:

FOR LICENSE PERIOD 2025-2026

TYPE OF LICENSE

RENEWALS:

**All 5 Gears
Stateline Casino
30387 US Hwy 385
Oelrichs, SD 57763**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic # RB-2373
Freidel & Hines LLC**

**Billie Besco
Angostura Den
28041 US Hwy 385**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic # RB-2628**

Hot Springs, SD 57747

**Angostura Resort Management, Inc
Common Cents Food Store #113
28075 Recreation Rd
Hot Springs, SD 57747**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-2695
Moyle Petroleum**

**Angostura Resort Management, Inc
Inferno On The Beach
28075 Recreation Rd
Hot Springs, SD 57747**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-2690
Moyle Petroleum**

**H&H Enterprises
Coffee Cup Fuel Stop #9
27638 US HWY 385
Hot Springs SD 57747**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-2632
Heinz Enterprises, INC**

**Hill City Lodging Destination LLC
Hot Springs, SD KOA
27585 SD Hwy 79
Hot Springs, SD 57747**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-29477**

**Rodeo Grounds LLC
Rodeo Grounds
27631 SD Hwy 79
Hot Springs, SD 57747**

**Retail (On-Off sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-29508**

**Sandy Bottom Campground Inc
Sandy Bottom Campground
13316 N Angostura Rd
Hot Springs, SD 57747**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-29915**

**TTT Taverns
Pirates Pub
28298 Angostura Rd
Hot Springs, SD 57747-9701**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-2283**

**The Lodge at Angostura LLC
The Lodge at Angostura
13297 N Angostura Rd
Hot Springs, SD 57747**

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-29244**

**TRANSFER & RENEWAL FOR 2025-2026:
Eric Forney
Forney's Standard Service
29098 US Hwy 385
Oelrichs, SD 57763-0153**

**TYPE OF LICENSE
Retail (On-Off Sale)
Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine
Lic #RB-2322**

**TRANSFER:
Eric Forney
Forney's Standard Service
29098 US Hwy 385**

**TYPE OF LICENSE
Package (On-Off Sale)
Liquor
Lic #PL-27777**

Oelrichs, SD 57763-0153

FOR LICENSE PERIOD 2025

NEW:

**Rebecca Christensen
Buffalo Dreamer Restaurant LLC
13006 Fall River Rd
Hot Springs, SD 57747**

TYPE OF LICENSE

**Retail (On-Off Sale)
Wine & Cider
Lic #TBD**

Dave Weishaupl, Maintenance Supervisor, met with the Board.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the bid proposal from Midwestern Mechanical for steam pipe replacement due to leaking pipes in the Sheriff's Office and Basement Meeting Room and authorize payment in the amount of \$9,800.00.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the bid from Action Mechanical to replace broken plumbing that is incased in concrete in the jail, dumping fees and wall replacement to include ADA compliance and authorize payment in the amount of \$16,759.96.

There was discussion regarding the bid for structural engineering services for the repair of the exterior grand stairs on the front of the Courthouse. A quote was presented from Albertson Engineering, Inc, however, the Board would like Weishaupl to get more quotes from other engineering professionals.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to receive additional engineering quotes for the repair of the exterior grand stairs.

Joe Allen did not have any updates regarding the proposed Jail/Justice Center.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve and sign the letter to be sent to Thune, Rounds, Johnson and Rhoden regarding opposition of the potential closing of the BNSF railroad terminal in Edgemont, SD.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board. She provided notification of the 2025 Solar Farm alternative annual tax payment in the amount of \$271,380.44. Oelrichs School will receive 50% in the amount of 135,690.22. The County will receive 35 % in the amount of \$94,983.15 and \$40,707 for the unorganized township portion, total of \$135,690.22.

Ganje then presented some of the abatements and/or refunds for property taxes as follows: Tatanka Winds Properties, LLC, parcel 10000-00705-121-05 for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$3,061.00; Alan and Annemette Omvig, parcel 20000-00805-091-40 for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$910.52; Todd J and Linda S Schuler, parcel 65095-00000-043-00 for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$491.94; Tom Q and Laurie A Lauing, parcel 65133-00000-002-00 for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$1,075.72; Steven L and Carla M Simunek, parcel 65235-00100-020-00 for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$51.07; Mathew D and Kathleen A Steffen, parcel 75410-00600-034-00 for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$1,881.74; City of Hot Springs, parcel 75115-00100-013-16 for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$1.74; Harold L and Shirley M Green, parcel 75115-00000-059-00 for 2023 pay 2024 in the amount of \$1,395.13; Gina S King, parcel 81000-00000-018-60 for 2023 pay 2024 in the amount of \$78.13; Jonathan Grant and Justine C LeBar, parcel 75390-02900-035-00 for 2021 pay 2022 in the amount of \$247.54, for 2022 pay 2023 in the amount of \$356.82, for 2023 pay 2024 in the amount of \$333.21 and for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$329.30; David J Zimiga or Tabatha Lee, parcel 72105-00000-022-00 for 2021 pay 2022 in the amount of \$24.55, for 2022 pay 2023 in the amount of \$25.10, for 2023 pay

2024 in the amount of \$23.32, for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$25.60; Carol A Webb, parcel 72150-03000-002-00 for 2024 pay 2025 in the amount of \$1,198.13.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the above abatement/refunds.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve and pay the bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLY	\$121.28
BANGS MCCULLEN	COURT APPOINTED ATTY	\$36.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY INC	SUPPLY	\$2,070.39
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$255.45
WITNESS	WITNESS FEES	\$10.67
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER/ELECTRCITY	\$3,356.09
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$656.95
CAMERON, GEORGE	COURT REPORTER	\$102.90
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE & USAGE	\$1,151.04
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTION	\$379.50
COLBATH & SPERLICH, PC	CAAF	\$10,201.97
COUNTY DRUG	INMATE MEDICAL	\$47.92
CORRECT RX PHARMACY SERV.	INMATE MEDICAL	\$15.39
CULLIGAN SOFT WATER	RENTAL/SUPPLY	\$806.85
CUSTER/FALL RIVER REGIONA	DISPOSAL	\$20.00
EN-TECH LLC	FUMIGATION	\$125.00
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	BIT NETWORK FEES	\$57.25
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$622.21
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	FRSO VEHICLE PLATES	\$26.70
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET/FIREWALL	\$6,898.60
GOODSHRED	SHREDDING	\$194.25
HEALTHCARE SERVICES INC	INMATE MEALS	\$13,824.00
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$25.84
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF	\$785.73
WITNESS	WITNESS FEES	\$20.00
WITNESS	WITNESS FEES	\$20.00
WITNESS	WITNESS FEES	\$20.00
LYNNS DAKOTAMART	SUPPLY	\$30.43
LYNN'S DAK. MART PHARMACY	INMATE PHARMACY	\$76.81
MARCO	COPIER LEASE	\$172.80
MASTEL, BRUCE	DATABASE SETUP & MONTLY	\$35.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$140.00
WITNESS	WITNESS FEES	\$22.01
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING	\$904.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING PENNINGTON	\$3,255.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	TRANSPORT	\$398.06
PREMIER VEHICLE INSTALL	EQUIPMENT	\$10,385.54
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITT	\$60.00

SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	25' 4-H ADVISOR SALARY	\$43,220.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FRC 4H ADVISOR SALARY	-\$43,220.00
SDSU EXTENSION	25' 4H ADVISOR SALARY	\$43,220.00
SERVALL	RUGS AND MATS SERVICE	\$470.26
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$1,733.36
VAN DIEST SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$3,167.50
WAECKERLE LAW PROF LLC	COURT APPOINTED ATTY	\$1,176.50
THOMSON REUTERS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$135.19
WESTERN SD JUV SERV CTR	JUVENILE SERVICES	\$9,610.00
WITNESS	WITNESS FEES	\$24.02
WITNESS	WITNESS FEES	\$22.01
WITNESS	WITNESS FEES	\$24.02
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$116,914.49
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER/ELECTRIC	\$791.73
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY/PARTS	\$499.01
BROSZ ENGINEERING, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$12,185.00
BUILDERS FIRST SOURCE	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$70.04
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$1,463.25
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTION	\$85.00
COLONIAL RESEARCH	SUPPLY	\$245.59
CITY OF EDMONT (UTL)	CITY OF EDMONT WATER	\$559.37
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	PARTS	\$5,170.27
FALL RIVER HEALTH	WORKPLACE DRUG SCREEN	\$50.00
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$77.29
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET/FIREWALL	\$5,113.94
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$288.14
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$882.18
MG OIL	SUPPLY	\$398.08
PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES	SIGNAGE	\$580.61
RUSHMORE COMMUNICATIONS	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$877.50
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	SUPPLY/PARTS	\$1,419.24
FUGIER, JOHN	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$931.20
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$31,687.44
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT		
WILSON ELECTRIC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$871.26
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$871.26
EMERGENCY MGT		
COMPUTER REPAIR W/THERAPY	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$1,356.23
MARCO	COPIER LEASE	\$86.40
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MGT	\$1,442.63
M & P RELIEF FUND		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$75.00

	TOTAL FOR M & P RELIEF FUND	\$75.00
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 04/04 AND 04/17/2025	\$150,990.82

Break was taken at 9:50 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:57 a.m.

Public comments were heard. Ralph McDade, County resident, spoke regarding a petition to vacate an unused platted Right-of-Way. Ganje knew of the petition and asked that he visit with the Register of Deeds again regarding the issue causing the delay in coming before the Commission.

Dan Cullen, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board to provide the 1st Quarter report. He also stated that he plans on retiring August 10, 2025. Falkenburg thanked him and asked if he would stay on a while to train someone. Cullen agreed to do that.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to enter into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. for Personnel as per SDCL1-2512 (1).

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

Sandra Wahlert, Commissioner, presented a brief report regarding the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners workshop that she and Deb Russell attended in Pierre.

Cory Johnson, Johnson Construction, met with the Board to provide information regarding jails and justice centers that his company has remodeled, expanded or done new construction on. The Commissioners each shared their vision of what they would like to see in a Jail/Justice Center. Johnson Construction will come back to the Board with some numbers of potential builds.

Falkenburg declared that the Commission Meeting was in recess until they meet back at 1:30 p.m. to reconvene as the Fall River County Consolidated Board of Equalization.

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

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