

## **FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2025**

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on May 15, 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 Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve the agenda as written.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the County Board of Equalization meeting minutes from April 17, 2025 and April 22, 2025 along with the Regular Commission meeting minutes from April 22, 2025 and May 1, 2025.

County Assistance/Death Expense application #CP2025-05 was presented requesting burial fees for an indigent individual who had passed away.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve paying #CP2025-05 to Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home for services. With Cope and Wahlert voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Dar Coy, Emergency Management, met with the Board. He noted that Sunny Brook Propane would be building a transfer station near Prairie Hills Church. Coy also noted that he had worked on a Burn Ban Ordinance for Oglala Lakota County as the Commissioners of Oglala Lakota County agreed that one should be put in place.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Coy and Gary Baker, Assistant Emergency Manager, to attend EM 103 Training, to include per diem and lodging on June 17, 2025.

Coy then reported on incidents.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, met with the Board. He asked that they take no action regarding the hire approval that was listed on the agenda. He then provided updates. Melissa Fleming, Lead Dispatcher, had received a report that the 911 system in Fall River County was in compliance and the next review would be in 2028. He then reported the jail census. There are 11 males and 3 females in house and 1 male in Meade County for a total of 14 inmates.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve travel for Tony March, Highway Superintendent, to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual SDACHS Summer meeting in Pierre 06/11 – 06/12/2025 to include lodging of \$125.00/night and per diem.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to hire Michael DeBoer as Heavy Equipment Operator at \$22.00/hr effective 05/16/2025.

March reported that he had an interested party for the mechanic position but the starting hiring scale is low and the individual wants more per hour. March suggested that, maybe in Union Negotiations that could be addressed. Russell questioned the need for a mechanic and was told that it would save money on routine maintenance of fleet vehicles.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the purchase of a vehicle hoist from Benco Equipment in the amount of \$47,500.00 plus the 3-year warranty in the amount of \$600.00. With Cope voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the Application for Approach Permit for Richard Thompson, located on the north side of Pilger Mountain Road, to service a residence at Lot 27 of Red Canyon Subdivision.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve the Application for Approach Permit for John McBride, located on the west side of Dewey Road approximately ¼ mile north of 28097 Dewey Road, to service a pasture.

March then provided updates. The Igloo project is in the last stages of planning. The online auction is going well. They are applying mag water to Shep's Canyon Road. They will be doing this 3 times this year. It is partially funded by Golden West Telecommunications. The crack sealing on the roads that were bid is done. The asphalt treatment (chip sealing) will begin in July.

Joe Allen, Commissioner, spoke asking the Board to give feedback regarding Pennington County's proposal for prisoner housing services. He asked that they decide whether they would like to go with the proposal or to move forward with trying to build something that would fit the County's needs for a Jail/Justice Center. Previous studies and correspondence were referenced, with the general consensus that the current Jail is in high need of many repairs and that it was recommended to move forward with a new build or a complete remodel of the current jail. The Board would like the Auditor to provide a listing of all of the current funds available while still leaving \$5,000,000.00 in the County's possession.

The Board reviewed the quarterly report for the Community Health Nurse. She was not able to attend the meeting. The report was provided for informational purposes.

The Hearing for Cash Transfers, Supplements and Contingencies occurred.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve Fall River County Resolution #2025-14 as follows:

**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-14**  
**Supplemental Budget 2025, #1**  
**Contingency Transfer 2025, #1**

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-21-22 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt a supplemental budget, and whereas, as due and legal notice has been given, the following Supplements to expenditures for May 15, 2025, be approved as follows: Dispatch Equipment 20700X4340225, \$40,381.72; LEPC Grant 23400X4260222, \$30.34 Means of finance to be cash, and

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-21-32.2 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt a transfer appropriation from the contingency budget to other appropriations, which are insufficient, a contingency transfer shall be approved and adopted to the following Departments: Juvenile Care 10100X4272215, \$6,340.00; Care of Poor Burial 10100X4260411, \$901.52; Dispatch Equipment 20700X4240225, \$10,716.65; Courthouse Building Fund 30100X4260161, \$132,041.83

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the Supplemental Budget #1 and Contingency Transfer #1 for 2025.

Dated at Fall River County, South Dakota this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

/S/ Joe Falkenburg

Joe Falkenburg

Fall River County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje

Fall River County Auditor's Office

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board to present the 2024 Annual Report for their review. She then presented abatements/refunds.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the following abatements/refunds:

County						COUNTY									
					Full & True			Fixed Values							
Parcel Number	Deed holder	Legal Description	Reason	Year	Ag	NA	O/O	Ag	NA	O/O	Tax District	NA Factor	AG Factor		
65238-00000-054-00	FLAIG, ALAN	RED ROCK RIDGE SUBD: LOT 54, SEC 15, TWP 8, RG 5 (3.59 ACRES)	Applying O/O	2024 pay 2025		\$ 327,890				\$ 327,890	3	0.912	0.85	\$ 860.33	refund
09000-00703-012-00	ALEXIOU, DEBRA IRENE & FLEMING, HARRY C	GOVT LOTS 3 & 4, S1/2NW1/4, SEC 1 TWP 7, RG 3,	Late applicant to tax reduction program	2024 pay 2025	\$ 50,320		\$ 92,900	\$ 50,320		\$ 15,790	9	0.912	0.85	\$ 695.42	abate
Hot Springs						HOT SPRINGS									
					Full & True			Fixed Values							
Parcel Number	Deedholder	Legal Description	Reason	Year	Ag	NA	O/O	Ag	NA	O/O	Tax District	NA Factor	AG Factor		
75180-00705-132-06	GRAYLESS, BRIAN & ROBYN	CITY ACREAGE: TRACT D1 IN SW1/4NW1/4, SEC 13, TWP 7, RG 5	Applying O/O	2024 Pay 2025		\$ 1,090,650			\$ 833,620	\$ 257,030	6	0.912	0.85	\$ 674.40	abate/refund
Edgemont						EDGEMONT									
					Full & True			Fixed Values							
Parcel Number	Deedholder	Legal Description	Reason	Year	Ag	NA	O/O	Ag	NA	O/O	Tax District	NA Factor	AG Factor		
72100-00300-012-00	BRITTON, RICHARD A	BIRDSSELL ADDN: LOT 12, BLK 3	Late applicant to tax reduction program	2024 pay 2025			\$ 56,090			\$ 22,550	39	0.912	0.850	\$ 589.92	abate

Dave Weishaupl, Maintenance Supervisor, met with the Board.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve the quote from Golden West Telecommunications and authorize the purchase of a new 800 G9-17-12700T 12-Core 1.40 GHz-16GB RAM – 512GB SSD – Win11 Pro -2x Display Port/1x HDMI with 3-year warranty plus installation and configuration in the amount of \$1,609.00 to replace the outdated and malfunctioning computer in the

Auditor's Office.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Russell, to approve hiring Albertson Engineering Inc. to begin the process of repair of the outside grand stairs at the front of the Courthouse. With Wahlert voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
AVERA MCKENNAN	TRANSPORT	\$92.11
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$378.47
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY	\$3,288.87
BUILDERS FIRST SOURCE	SUPPLY	\$34.58
SEVENTH CIRCUIT CASA PRG	BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$2,250.00
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE & USAGE	\$1,034.75
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTION	\$379.50
COUNTY DRUG	INMATE MEDICAL	\$76.13
CORRECT RX PHARMACY SERV.	INMATE PHARMACY	\$23.13
CULLIGAN SOFT WATER	RENTAL/SUPPLY	\$326.90
CUSTER/FALL RIVER REGIONA	DISPOSAL	\$20.00
CHAMBERLAIN MCCOLLEY'S	BURIAL ASSISTANCE	\$2,150.00
EN-TECH LLC	FUMIGATION	\$450.00
FALL RIVER AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLY	\$27.17
FALL RIVER HEALTH SERVICE	INMATE MEDICAL	\$251.44
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$976.98
GALLS	SUPPLY	\$367.43
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET/FIREWALL	\$6,864.85
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	\$3,752.68
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	\$3,811.09
GOODSHRED	SHREDDING	\$194.25
HEALTHCARE SERVICES INC	INMATE MEALS	\$15,912.00
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$153.00
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$567.41
HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC LIB	BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$25,000.00
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF	\$3,589.25
LYNNS DAKOTAMART	SUPPLY	\$27.07
LYNN'S DAK. MART PHARMACY	INMATE PHARMACY	\$63.11
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	\$918.00
MARCO	COPIER LEASE	\$181.47
MARTY'S TIRE & AUTO BODY	REPAIR/SERVICE	\$175.00
MASSA DENTAL OFFICES PC	INMATE MEDICAL	\$358.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	DATABASE SETUP & MONTHLY	\$35.00
MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR	INMATE HOUSING	\$2,945.00
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$140.00
MONUMENT HEALTH	INMATE MEDICAL/AUTOP	\$576.76
NORTON,TINA	CONTRACT NURSE INMATE	\$1,725.00
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	SUPPLY	\$1,295.00

PAYLOCITY	SERVICES	\$7,615.17
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING PENNINGTON	\$315.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	TRANSPORT	\$975.74
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$155.48
RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	INMATE MEDICAL	\$57.76
RAPID CITY FIRE DEPT	HAZMAT	\$947.66
RUSSELL, LANCE	REIMBURSEMENT	\$180.44
SOUTHERN HILLS ECONOMIC	BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$10,000.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	AUTO/MI STATE REMITTANCE	\$2,650.77
SDAAO	SDAAO REGISTRATION	\$750.00
SERVALL	RUGS AND MATS SERVICE	\$479.85
SPRINGS SENIOR CITIZENS	BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$5,000.00
STEVENS AUTOMOTIVE	SERVICE	\$7,807.22
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	SUPPLY	\$11.76
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	LODGING	\$339.00
WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIP.	SUPPLY	\$419.26
WEISHAUPL, DAVE	REIMBURSEMENT	\$90.00
THOMSON REUTERS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$326.34
WESTERN SD JUV SERV CTR	JUVENILE SERVICES	\$3,100.00
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$75.00
SCHIFERL, TANNER	REIMBURSEMENT	\$94.00
ARCE BARAJAS, JAVIER	REIMBURSEMENT	\$27.80
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$121,829.65</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>		
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY	\$644.55
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$209.83
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$1,563.46
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SANITATION COLLECTION	\$85.00
CITY OF EDMONT (UTL)	CITY OF EDMONT WATER	\$87.40
DIESEL MACHINERY, INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$985.45
FASTENAL COMPANY	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$94.09
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLY	\$15.20
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATION	\$27.00
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET/FIREWALL	\$49.50
GRIMM'S PUMP SERVICE INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$255.34
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT INC	ROAD PROJECTS	\$108,817.46
SIMON MATERIALS	GRAVEL	\$3,968.75
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$92.93
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	CITY WATER BILL	\$77.93
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	BULK H2O	\$1,521.99
MAVERICK TIRE & AUTO	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$202.07
MCDANIEL	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$427.80
MENARDS	SUPPLY	\$49.40
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC.	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$805.20
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	STATE COST ROAD SHARE	\$64.60

STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	SUPPLY	\$11.29
THE LITTLE PRINT SHOP	SUPPLY	\$413.31
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$120,469.55</b>
<b>911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND</b>		
CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE & USAGE	\$57.39
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET/FIREWALL	\$37.25
	<b>TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$94.64</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>		
COMPUTER REPAIR W/THERAPY	EQUIPMENT	\$500.00
GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES	INTERNET/FIREWALL	\$16.50
MARCO	COPIER LEASE	\$90.73
	<b>TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$607.23</b>
<b>24/7 SOBRIETY FUND</b>		
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	24/7 LABS	\$270.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
<b>M &amp; P RELIEF FUND</b>		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	SCANNING EQUIP LEASE	\$75.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR M &amp; P RELIEF FUND</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND</b>		
BLACK HILLS EXTERIORS LLC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$135,232.30
	<b>TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>\$135,232.30</b>
	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 05/02 AND 05/15/2025</b>	<b>\$378,578.37</b>

Break was taken at 10:30 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:39 a.m.

Public comments were heard. Susan Henderson, County Resident, wanted on record that she is against building a new Jail/Justice Center.

Barb Cline, Prairie Hills Transit, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$14,500.00. They received \$13,000.00 in 2025.

Alanna Seljeskog, West River Mental Health, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$7,500.00. They received \$7,500.00 in 2025.

Andrea Powers, Southern Hills Economic Development, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$20,000.00. They received \$10,000.00 in 2025.

Kelsey Trotter, Edgemont YMCA, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$5,000.00. They received \$4,000.00 in 2025.

Kehala Two Bulls, 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit CASA, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of

\$5,000.00. They received \$2,250.00 in 2025.

Donna Talley, W.E.A.V.E., met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$7,000.00. They received \$7,000.00 in 2025.

Julie Birner, Addiction Recovery, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$14,000.00. They received \$14,000.00 in 2025.

Lance Russell, State's Attorney, met with the Board to present the MOU between Fall River County and Angostura Irrigation District for approval. Russell stated the amount of liability insurance is \$1,000,000.00 in the body of the document but the addendum says \$2,000,000.00. He will change the addendum to read \$1,000,000.00.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the MOU between Fall River County and Angostura Irrigation District after the above change was made.

Russell informed the Board that he is working with the DANR on the possibility of the County deciding to sell the land that is leased near Edgemont that has a quarry if no reclamation has occurred. DANR will come to speak with the Board if they would like to hear their suggestions. There are certain requirements that should be met before the property can be sold.

Nina Steinmetz, Weed and Pest Supervisor, met with the Board to request various wage increases for part-time Weed and Pest employees and to present her 2026 budget request.

Motion made Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve increasing the wage for the Certified Weed Sprayer that has sprayed for the last 3 years and holds 5 different certificates from \$14.00/hr to \$16.00/hr, effective immediately.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve increasing the wage for the Weed and Pest mechanic from \$12.00/hr to \$13.00/hr.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve increasing the wage for a Certified Weed Sprayer new hire from \$12.00/hr to \$15.00/hr.

Steinmetz presented her 2026 budget request. She made no changes from the 2025 budget. She then invited the Board to the Pasture Walk that is scheduled for May 23, 2025.

Paul and Deb Stanley, Selah Mission (a non-profit organization), met with the Board to discuss their objection to the real property assessment on the property located at 1416 Martin St, Hot Springs as it is to be considered a religious exemption under SDCL 10-4-9.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope, to abate the taxes for the last 4 years. The Treasurer's Office will receive the calculated amount owed for the year that was not abated. Falkenburg informed the Stanley's that they will need to wait until the figures have been calculated and delivered to the Treasurer's Office to pay what is owed.

Ralph McDade, County resident, met with the Board to discuss issues with the Hot Brook Canyon Road District. He indicated that the Road District Board has met outside of the district and has violated laws. State's Attorney Russell spoke in response to McDade's complaint. McDade was informed that he would need to take civil action against the Road District and that the County Commission has no jurisdiction to intervene. The County is just the custodian of the taxes and/or levies. Once a road district is established,

there is not any other procedural involvement.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to enter into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) legal at 11:49 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:15 a.m.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen to pay the City of Hot Springs the following amounts: 26<sup>th</sup> Street Water Project #2020-04 in the amount of \$8,180.52; Martin Street Sewer Improvement #2021-13 in the amount of \$2,105.17; Martin Street Water Improvement District #2021-13 in the amount of \$2,535.77, as there was an incorrect calculation of Pay 25 installments of Special Assessments.

Chairman Falkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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

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