

FALL RIVER COUNTY APPROVED MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2025

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 5, 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 Wahlert, to approve the agenda with the addition of approving Katy Maciejewski as a Deputy Coroner.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve the Fall River County Commission meeting minutes from May 15, 2025 and May 27, 2025.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for April, 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 30th day of April 2025.

Total Amount of Deposit in First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$	5,985,178.83
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Total Amount of Cash:	\$	7,821.52
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Total Amount of Treasurer's Change Fund:	\$	900.00
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Total Amount of Checks in Treasurer's Possession Not Exceeding Three Days:	\$	433,636.31
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SAVINGS:

#4) First Interstate Bank, HS:	\$	975,161.17
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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:

#14) Schwab Treasury:	\$	8,844,701.94
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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 \$ 16,249,090.23

Dated This 30th Day of April 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	\$ 11,650,436.63
Held for other Entities	\$ 4,375,141.76
Held in Trust	\$ 223,511.84
TOTAL	\$ 16,249,090.23

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 Allen, to surplus to junk the following items from the Highway Department: battery back-ups that no longer work, asset tag #'s 00968 & 000964; large calculator, asset tag #000773; hard drive, asset tag #1564.

A notification was provided by the Hot Springs Ministerial Association of a 50/50 raffle to take place during the upcoming Arts & Crafts Festival, with the drawing to be held on June 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. to benefit the fundraising efforts for long-term expansion plans for the Food Pantry building.

A notification was provided by the P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization) of Hot Springs of a sale of raffle tickets, effective immediately, for a hot air balloon ride along with other various donated items, to be drawn on September 15, 2025, proceeds will be used to support scholarships, grants and loans for women's education.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to set a Cash Transfers, Supplement and Contingency Hearing for June 19, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

There were no county assistance/death expense applications.

Dar Coy, Emergency Management, met with the Board. He presented his 2026 Budget request. He

informed the Board that the Fire Alarm and sprinkler systems were fully operational. He then provided a quote from ONSOLVE for the CodeRED/IPAWS integration for important alerts in the County. He recommends that the County go with this upgrade due to potential power interruptions. Coy then presented a notice from County Emergency Managers requesting support for Emergency Managers to qualify for Class B, Public Safety status through South Dakota Retirement System. Lastly, he provided updates and reported on incidents. After much discussion by numerous individuals regarding the potential power interruptions, no motion or second for proceeding with the ONSOLVE CodeRED/IPAWS upgrade and the following resolution:

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION # 2025-15
Resolution of Support

WHEREAS, the Fall River Board of County Commissioners assert that the primary duties of the emergency management personnel services are to protect life and property, and they receive intensive and specialized training to carry out those duties; and

WHEREAS, the Fall River Board of County Commissioners assert the duties are hazardous to the employee, are physically demanding, and directly subject the employee to a risk of injury or death; and

WHEREAS, the Fall River Board of County Commissioners assert that the capacity to effectively perform the duties declines with advancing age, resulting in increased risk to both the employee and public and justifying an earlier normal retirement age

WHEREAS, the Fall River Board of County Commissioners acknowledge that both the employer's and employee's contributions to the South Dakota Retirement will increase by 2%, and family benefits are not payable upon the death of a member who has reached normal retirement age.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that Fall River County, through it's Board of County Commissioners supports the Emergency Management position(s) being classified as Class B Public Safety. This said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2025 at Hot Springs, SD.

/S/ Joe Falkenburg
Chairman
Fall River County Commission

ATTEST:
/S/ Sue Ganje
Auditor
Fall River County

There was a vote taken for the afore-mentioned items and they passed unanimously. A clarification motion and second will need to be made at the next regular meeting.

The discussion regarding the potential power interruptions resulted in the interest of the Board in drafting a letter to legislators of the County's concern regarding the hardships that it may cause. Wahlert will work with the Auditor and will have something to present at the next meeting.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, met with the Board. He reported that the Badges & Bobbers event that was to be held on May 18, 2025 had been rescheduled for June 8, 2025 due to inclement weather. He requested advertising for the hiring of a Civil Deputy.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to approve advertising for a Law Enforcement

Certified Deputy to replace Officer Logue when he retires. With Cope voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Norton then provided updates. He reported the jail census. There are 10 males and 3 females in house and 1 male in Meade County for a total of 14 inmates.

There was a discussion regarding the County's animal ordinance.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. After discussion regarding the Board's previous decision to deny Approach Permits for the area of Sand Creek Reserve Subdivision, the Board said that they would not accept the Application for Approach Permit from Kendall Reynier on the west side of North Butte Rd.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the Application for Permit to Occupy County Highway Right-of-Way from Golden West Telecommunications, located at a vault listed as B10/4 on staking sheet along with WG Flats Loop to a driveway entrance at 11473 WG Flats Loop.

The fuel quotes were as follows: Vollan Oil \$2.51/gal for 8,000 gallons of #2 dyed diesel; CBH Co-Op \$2.539/gal for 8,000 gallons of #2 dyed diesel; Nelson's Oil & Gas \$2.55/gal for 8,000 gallons of #2 dyed diesel; Hi-D-Way declined to bid; no bid from MG Oil or Stern.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the low bid from Vollan Oil in the amount of \$2.51/gal for 8,000 gallons of #2 dyed diesel.

March then provided his 2026 Budget request, noting that his budget allows for 11 employees and currently has 9. He mentioned overtime. Cope inquired about flextime. Russell cautioned him to limit overtime. Wahlert noted that they need to compare overtime to the cost of hiring another truck driver. He then reported that the online auction had a good response. They will be working on getting a list of items to sell and will schedule another auction.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve advertising for sealed bids as follows:

NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS FOR LEASED GRAZING
LAND IN FALL RIVER COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a motion made by the Fall River County Commissioners at their regular meeting on June 5, 2025, sealed bids will be taken for a Three-Year Grazing Lease on the following land:

240 acres more or less in SE1/4, Section 19, W1/2SW1/4, Section 20, all in Township 8, South of Range 3 East, B.H.M., Fall River County, South Dakota.

The lease will be for the period commencing July 15, 2025 and ending July 14, 2028. Sealed bids will be opened by the Fall River County Commissioners at their regular meeting on July 3, 2025, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. The approved bid amount will be paid annually by July 15, 2025 for each of the above years.

The Grazing Lease Sealed Bids are to be sent to the Fall River County Auditor's Office, 906 North River, Hot Springs, South Dakota, 57747; the envelope must be marked 'Sealed Bid For Grazing Lease' and must be received in the Auditor's Office by June 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Any further questions please call the Fall River County Auditor's Office at 605-745-5130.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2025.

/S/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Fall River County

To be published the weeks of June 19th and 26th, 2025.

Dan Cullen, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Board. He presented the 2026 Budget request.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve travel for the VSO to attend the Annual Veteran Service Office Conference, September 9 – 12, 2025 at a cost of \$50.00 for registration and \$50.00 for associated fees plus lodging and per diem.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to accept Cullen's letter of resignation with regret. Cullen will train the new VSO for 2 weeks before he leaves. His resignation will be effective Sunday, August 10, 2025.

Lance Russell, State's Attorney, met with the Board.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve payment in lieu of vacation as per Union Contract for Carol Boche, Legal Assistant, for 112.75 hours due to being short staffed and a heavy workload.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve hiring Madison Russell as Legal Intern for the summer at \$12.00/hr, effective 06/05/2025.

Allen reported on the proposed Jail/Justice Center. He informed the Board that Wahlert had been going through the previous literature regarding the current jail, but no decisions have been made yet. Falkenburg had already discussed the importance of retaining the gravel pit near Edgemont earlier in the meeting. The Board then reviewed the Public Health Nurse 2026 Budget request as she was unable to attend.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board to present abatements and refunds for property taxes.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the following abatements/refunds: Mike and Angela Jarding, Parcel #10000-00704-041-00 for 2022 Pay 2023 in the amount of \$323.87; Alan and Annette Olmvig, Parcel #20000-00805-091-40 for 2022 Pay 2023 in the amount of \$1,863.39; Maureen Hernandez for 2022 Pay 2023 in the amount of \$268.67; Amber Hulse, Parcel #81900-02015-000-50 for 2023 Pay 2023 in the amount of \$1,741.20 and for 2023 Pay 2024 in the amount of \$1,924.42.

Public comment was heard from Susan Henderson, County resident. She expressed her concern about finances in the County.

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

GENERAL FUND		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLY	\$363.65
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$772.56
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$750.33
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$1,352.71
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	VOID/SUPPLY	-\$363.65

AUDRA HILL CONSULTING,INC	MI/CONSULTING	\$1,303.56
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$400.52
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTRICITY	\$3,390.79
CLINICAL LABORATORY OF	AUTOPSY	\$3,459.00
COLBATH & SPERLICH, PC	CAAF/MAG/JUV	\$2,003.50
CORPORATE WAREHOUSE	SUPPLY	\$746.50
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	MALT BEVERAGE/SD FARM WINE	\$75.00
3X EJECTION LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$3,125.00
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	BIT NETWORK FEES	\$57.25
FR CO JAIL COMMISSARY	SUPPLY	\$50.00
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	VEHICLE TITLE TRANSFER FEE	\$10.00
SCHMIDT, STACY	REIMBURSEMENT	\$66.00
WOLF, GEORGINE	COURT REPORTER	\$148.70
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$273.23
CITY OF HOT SPRINGS	2ND QTR FIRE SPRINKLER	\$24.00
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CAAF	\$6,187.60
JOHNSON, CAROL	COURT REPORTER	\$68.60
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	QMHP/MI	\$421.50
LYNNS DAKOTAMART	SUPPLY	\$81.09
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$4,093.40
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$1,788.27
MAVERICK TIRE & AUTO	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$1,312.85
MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR	INMATE HOUSING	\$2,850.00
NORTON,TINA	CONTRACT NURSE INMATE	\$1,575.00
O'DAY, VALARIE	COURT REPORTER	\$248.00
ONSITE FIRST AID, LLC	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$321.84
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	SERVICE CONTRACT	\$125.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING PENNINGTON	\$315.00
PREMIER VEHICLE INSTALL	EQUIPMENT	\$1,130.78
RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES PRO.	VICTIMS SERVICES	\$34.54
RAMKOTA HOTEL-PIERRE	LODGING	\$544.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	BLOOD DRAW ANALYSIS	\$2,950.00
SD NETWORK AGAINST FAMILY	2025 MEMBERSHIP DUE	\$200.00
SERVALL	RUG SERVICE	\$656.29
SOFTWARE SERVICES INC	SOFTWARE SERVICES	\$4,625.00
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$1,196.28
STEINMETZ, NINA	REIMBURSEMENT	\$211.12
STEPHENS LAW OFFICE	CAAF	\$2,130.00
HASKVITZ, LAREE	BLOOD DRAW	\$825.00
STEVENS, MIKAYLA	BLOOD DRAW	\$75.00
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$141.01
TIMMINS, KATHY L	REIMBURSEMENT	\$66.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$903.16
WESTERN DETENTION	EQUIPMENT	\$273.00
ZIMIGA, DAVID OR TABATHA	REFUND '21 PAY '22 TAXES	\$3.07

MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$150.00
MCDADE, KIMBERLY ANN	LOST CHECK REIMBURSE	\$31.61
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,335.47
AUDITOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$29,534.51
TREASURER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$27,388.93
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$24,133.14
MAINTENANC	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$13,087.02
ASSESSOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$28,368.72
REG/DEEDS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$19,005.85
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,483.64
GIS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,114.79
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$67,099.93
JAIL	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$43,848.33
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$175.55
EXTENSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$4,276.56
WEED	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,414.78
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$333,809.88
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY CO.	WELDING SUPPLIES/LEASE	\$722.59
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$414.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$325.12
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$1,045.06
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC	UTILITIES SMITHWICK	\$44.54
BENCO	EQUIPMENT	\$47,500.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTRICITY	\$477.02
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$764.49
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$6,017.55
CORE & MAIN LP	EQUIPMENT	\$2,073.64
DMC WEAR PARTS LLC	EQUIPMENT	\$7,750.00
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS/PARTS	\$228.96
CITY OF EDMONT (H2O)	BULK H2O	\$181.00
EQUIPMENT BLADES INC	EQUIPMENT	\$4,240.00
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$9.00
FR WATER USERS DISTRICT	BULK H2O	\$323.00
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$91.02
GRIMM'S PUMP SERVICE INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$339.51
SIMON MATERIALS	GRAVEL	\$15,750.06
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$57.55
LYCOX ENTERPRISES INC	FREIGHT	\$1,050.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$228.76
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$77.06
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SUPPLY	\$1,359.75
MIDWAY SERVICE/VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	\$20,100.08
PFEIFFER LEE MA	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$529.43
PFEIFFER LEE MA	VOID/REPAIR&MAINTENANCE	-\$529.43

ROSANE CONSTRUCTION LLC	DUST CONTROL	\$24,955.94
SIMUNEK ELECTRIC	SUPPLY	\$1,006.39
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$1,773.38
SUMMIT SIGNS & SUPPLY INC	SUPPLY	\$75.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$42.73
WALK-N-ROLL	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$3,348.12
THE WELDING SHOP LLC	SUPPLY	\$132.00
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$11,771.60
CRBR HWY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$59,168.02
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$213,443.89
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT		
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$2,921.41
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$266.85
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$42.73
DISPATCH	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$37,243.01
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$40,474.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$43.79
CORPORATE WAREHOUSE	SUPPLY	\$373.25
GOVERNORS INN	LODGING	\$327.00
HEIMAN INC	EQUIPMENT	\$3,285.30
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$18.00
MASTERCARD	COUNTY CREDIT CARD	\$18.00
RUSHMORE COMMUNICATIONS	EQUIPMENT	\$1,755.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$166.23
F.R.EMERG.	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$8,565.09
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$14,551.66
24/7 SOBRIETY FUND		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$50.64
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$9.98
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$2,543.17
	TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND	\$2,603.79
COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND		
DEL'S CONSTRUCTION INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$6,549.96
ZIMIGA, DAVID OR TABATHA	REFUND '21 PAY '22 TAXES	\$0.13
	TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND	\$6,550.09
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PD BETWEEN 05/16 AND 06/05/2025	\$611,433.31

Break was taken at 10:15 a.m.. The meeting resumed at 10:22 a.m.

Uriah Luallin, Fall River County Museum, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request

of \$9,000.00. They received \$6,000.00 in 2025.

Gail Bethel, Edgemont Library, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$6,000.00. They received \$4,000.00 in 2025.

Mel Engebretson, Register of Deeds, met with the Board

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Cope, to approve hiring Laura Braucher as Administrative Assistant at \$16.50/hr, effective 06/09/2025.

Lisa Sagdalen and Mattelyn Montoya, Boys and Girls Club, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$10,000.00. They received \$10,000.00 in 2025.

Hot Springs Library submitted their 2026 budget request of \$30,000.00. They received \$25,000.00 in 2025.

Sandy Swenson, Springs Senior Citizen Center, met with the Board to present their 2026 budget request of \$5,000.00. They received \$5,000.00 in 2025.

Jennifer Sietsema, Black Hills Council of Local Governments, met with the Board to present the draft 2024 Annual Performance Report from their agency.

Jennifer Mraz, Coroner, met with the Board to present the 2026 budget request of \$29,965.00. Her requested amount from 2025 was \$26,965.00.

Erin McGlumphy, SDSU Extension and 4H Advisor, met with the Board to present the 2026 budget requests. The requested amounts were the same as 2025 amounts.

Julie Birner, Addiction Recovery Center, met with the Board to present a request of 2025 Opioid Settlement Funding.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board to report on the SDACO Spring Workshop, provide a delinquent property tax update, tax deed update, mobile home distress warrant update, to ask the Board if she should move forward with creating payment plans for property owners that are delinquent in property taxes and to discuss the future sales of Tax Certificates.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to enter into Executive Session at 11:17 a.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:31 a.m.

Chairman Falkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 11:31 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