

FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2025

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on July 3, 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, adding "possible action after the Pipeline Easement under the Highway Department.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the Fall River County Commission meeting minutes from June 19, 2025.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Cope, to surplus a Shop-Vac that no longer works, asset tag #01917, from Building and Maintenance to junk.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to surplus to sell a 2006 Kawasaki Mule and a 2009 Polaris Ranger due to not meeting the needs of the job from the Weed & Pest Department.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to set the date and provide Notice of Surplus Property Sale for an on-line auction to begin on August 7, 2025 and remain open until August 26, 2025.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to set a Hearing for Cash Transfers, Supplements and Contingency Transfers for July 17, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

There were no county assistance/death expense applications.

Dar Coy, Emergency Manager, met with the Board.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Allen, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 3rd Quarter LEMPG Single Signature form.

He then provided updates and incidents, reminding the Board that the Emergency Plan is not a public document.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, met with the Board.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve and authorize the Sheriff and Chairman to sign the 2025 USDA/US Forest Service Contract.

Norton then presented the 2026 Budget request for the departments that he manages and to provide updates for the Sheriff's Department. He provided the jail census. There are 3 females and 9 males in house and 1 male in Meade County for a total of 13 inmates. He also distributed information regarding a potential system for incarcerated individuals to use for communication and educational purposes. He will bring it back to the next meeting.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Tony March to attend the 2025 SDACHS Workshop in Pierre on August 13, 2025 to include lodging and per diem.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Russell, to approve the Application for Pipeline Easement from Mike Kindred in the area across Oak Tree Road at the intersection of Oak Tree Road and along Howl Road running south from Oak Tree Road approximately ½ mile and to approve the Application for Permit to Occupy County Right-of-Way from Renee Kindred along Howl Road from Oak Tree Road running south approximately ½ mile.

March presented the PI Worksheet from Brosz Engineering for material out of a ditch on Fall River Road AKA US Hwy 18 east of Hot Springs.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to purchase off of Pennington County's Asphalt and Tack Oil bid.

March then provided Highway Department updates.

Steve Simunek, County Resident, met with the Board to discuss the damage to S Buffalo Gap Road and Oral Road by heavy equipment. March will look into what can be done to mitigate the issue.

The time being 9:30 a.m., the Sealed Bids for Land Lease of 240 acres more or less in SE1/4, Section 19, W1/2SW1/4, Section 20, in Township 8S, R3E, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the only bid of \$1,500.00, paid annually for the Land Lease Property.

Joe Allen, Commissioner, did not have anything to report on the proposed Jail/Justice Center, however, he stated that the County needs to get something started with an engineer for an evaluation of existing infrastructure versus a new build. He would like to get a professional to provide information to put into a referendum to be voted on by the citizens of Fall River County.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Allen, to ask for quotes on a feasibility study for existing structures and/or new structures contingent on if the Building Fund monies can be used for this.

Stacey Martin, GIS Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss a request from the South Dakota Department of Revenue for GIS mapping. She will come back to the next meeting with a preliminary fee schedule if the County decides to sell the data. Martin then presented the 2026 GIS Budget request.

Sue Ganje, Auditor, met with the Board. She presented the award letter from the US Department of the Interior regarding P.I.L.T. money. Fall River County has received \$942,751.00.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to set a Hearing regarding P.I.L.T monies distribution for Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the Change Order from Black Hills Exteriors to install roof vents on the Museum building at a cost of \$2,000.00.

Ganje did not present the Auditor and Election 2026 Budget requests. She will do them at a later date.

Lastly, Ganje asked what the Board would like to do with some of the surplus items in storage.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to put sellable items, including the radiators, on the Public Surplus Auction.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to send the damaged file cabinets to junk.

Andersen Engineers did not meet with the Board. The plat that they had on the agenda was not ready to bring to the Board for approval yet.

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

GENERAL FUND		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$773.33
BENGIS, JENNIFER	REIMBURSEMENT	\$100.00
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLY	\$491.11
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	ELECTRIC/UTILITIES	\$3,580.37
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTRIC	\$3,240.89
BLESSING, BRETT	LOST CHECK REIMBURSE	\$9.00
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$298.96
EN-TECH LLC	FUMIGATION	\$125.00
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	BIT NETWORK FEES	\$57.25
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	TITLE/REGISTRATION	\$26.70
GOODSHRED	SHREDDING	\$277.50
HEALTHCARE SERVICES INC	INMATE MEALS	\$28,920.00
HEIDEBRINK, LILY	REIMBURSEMENT	\$100.00
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$240.89
INDEPENDENT OPTICAL INC	INMATE MEDICAL	\$80.00
LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF MO	PROOF OF SERVICE	\$32.00
LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF	PROOF OF SERVICE	\$21.65
LYNNS DAKOTAMART	INMATE SUPPLY	\$101.15
MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR	INMATE HOUSING	\$2,945.00
NORTON, TINA	CONTRACT NURSE INMATE	\$1,650.00
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	SERVICE CONTRACT	\$499.92

SOUTH DAKOTA ST TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$78.42
SERVALL	RUG SERVICE	\$900.64
SOUTHERN HILLS LAW PLLC	CAAF	\$888.73
TREASURER - EXPENSES	HARLAND CHECK ORDER	\$114.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$877.29
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW	\$750.00
SHAFFER, HEATHER	REIMBURSEMENT	\$251.80
KING, GINA	PROPERTY TAX REFUND	\$17.05
LEBAR, JONATHAN & JUSTINE	21,22,23 PROPERTY TAX REF	\$201.54
GREEN, HAROLD & SHIRLEY	PROPERTY TAX REFUND	\$242.27
GRAYLESS, BRIAN & ROBYN	PROPERTY TAX REFUND	\$121.55
DEBOER, WILMA	PROPERTY TAX REFUND	\$34.52
JOHNSON, ROBERT	LOST CHECK REIMBURSE	\$15.00
DELAHOYDE, KATY	COURT REPORTER	\$80.75
MARSH, JAMES E	CONSULTING SERVICES	\$2,498.00
COMMISSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,174.00
AUDITOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$28,551.58
TREASURER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$21,376.85
ST ATTY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$25,547.49
MAINTENANC	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$14,684.72
ASSESSOR	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$27,846.20
REG/DEEDS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$13,847.71
VET'S	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$5,483.64
GIS	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,114.79
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$66,278.45
JAIL	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$41,749.93
CORONER	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$523.29
EXTENSION	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$4,554.17
WEED	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$7,880.69
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$320,256.50
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY CO.	WELDING SUPPLIES/LEA	\$98.40
ADVANCED DRUG TESTING	RAND EMPL DRUG TESTING	\$31.20
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$261.95
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC	UTILITIES SMITHWICK	\$40.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	ELECTRIC/UTLITIES	\$424.24
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITY POWER ELECTRIC	\$523.86
BOMGAARS	SUPPLY	\$218.58
BUILDERS FIRST SOURCE	SUPPLY	\$119.60
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$926.00
CITY OF EDMONT (UTL)	CITY OF EDMONT WATER	\$87.40
DEBOER, MICHAEL	REIMBURSEMENT	\$188.28

FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS/PARTS	\$410.53
CITY OF EDGEMONT (H20)	HWY DEPT WATER	\$87.40
FALL RIVER AUTO SUPPLY	AUTO PARTS/REPAIR	\$64.91
FALL RIVER HEALTH	PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL	\$53.00
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$41.65
SIMON MATERIALS	GRAVEL	\$20,850.91
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLY	\$459.81
MARCH, TONY	REIMBURSEMENT	\$20.00
SOUTH DAKOTA ST TREASURER	SALES TAX	\$3.19
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	PARTS/SUPPLY	\$260.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$42.73
KING, GINA	PROPERTY TAX REFUND	\$0.72
LEBAR, JONATHAN & JUSTINE	21,22,23 PROPERTY TAX REF	\$8.60
GREEN, HAROLD & SHIRLEY	PROPERTY TAX REFUND	\$10.25
GRAYLESS, BRIAN & ROBYN	PROPERTY TAX REFUND	\$5.16
CRBR ADMIN	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$11,992.76
CRBR HWY	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$63,006.24
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$42.73
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	\$100,280.11
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND		
DISPATCH	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$43,842.14
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARE REIMBURSEMENT	\$43,842.14
EMERGENCY MGT FUND		
COMPUTER REPAIR W/THERAPY	EQUIPMENT	\$250.00
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	TITLE/REGISTRATION	\$12.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE PLAN	\$148.21
BAKER, GARY	REIMBURSEMENT	\$54.00
F.R. EMERG.	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$7,765.75
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MGT	\$8,229.96
24/7 SOBRIETY FUND		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$7.75
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	24/7 LABS	\$70.00
SHERIFF	WAGES & BENEFITS	\$6,782.50
	TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY	\$6,860.25
COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND		
ACTION MECHANICAL INC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$10,395.00
ALBERTSON ENGINEERING INC	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$3,712.50
BLACK HILLS EXTERIORS LLC	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$37,698.35
	TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING	\$51,805.85

	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 06/20 & 07/03/2025	\$531,274.81
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Break was taken at 10:08 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Public comment was heard from Joe Falkenburg. He expressed his opposition to individuals introducing raw sewage into the waterways of Fall River County.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to present her department's 2026 Budget request. She wanted to note that the department will need to get new computers next year.

Mary Terrones, Hot Springs Library, was unable to attend to present their 2026 Budget request.

Nina Steinmetz, Weed & Pest Supervisor, met with the Board to present 3 different quotes for an ATV to replace the ones that no longer work for her department.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Russell, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Honda Pioneer 1000 Deluxe UTV from Bauerkemper's in the amount of \$18,850.00.

Teresa Pullen, Treasurer, met with the Board.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve Fall River County Resolution #2025-18 as follows;

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-18

WHEREAS, Fall River County has on record in the Office of the Auditor, Treasurer and Sheriff, outstanding checks as follows for First Interstate Bank in the amount of \$6,480.47:

Check #5439-----Issued on 9/20/2010 to Darren Russell in the amount of \$4.58.

Check #5611-----Issued on 6/6/2011 to Edith Neisner in the amount of \$16.10.

Check #2981-----Issued on 4/4/2017 to State Supply in the amount of \$126.78.

Check #4182-----Issued on 11/7/2017 to Pennington Co. Auditor in the amount of \$28.00.

Check #4372-----Issued on 12/5/2017 to Norman Pudwill in the amount of \$60.00.

Check #7450-----Issued on 8/10/2021 to Leland Bristol in the amount of \$30.00.

Check #7458-----Issued on 9/15/2021 to Clarence Richards in the amount of \$15.00.

Check #7552-----Issued on 4/22/2022 to Engma Equities in the amount of \$50.00.

Check #7564-----Issued on 5/23/2022 to Debbie Stegelman in the amount of \$7.83.

Check #37065-----Issued on 12/19/2006 to Hot Springs Star in the amount of \$158.90.

Check #45134-----Issued on 2/17/2009 to Wells Fargo in the amount of \$267.30.

Check #46041-----Issued on 6/2/2009 to Western Communication in the amount of \$85.80.

Check #54184-----Issued on 4/17/2012 to South Dakota Invasive in the amount of \$50.00.

Check #56597-----Issued on 4/4/2013 to Ellen Heafner in the amount of \$350.00.

Check #60902-----Issued on 12/30/2014 to S.D. Secretary of State in the amount of \$30.00.

Check #62276-----Issued on 7/21/2015 to Nicholas Strampe in the amount of \$64.40.

Check #64442-----Issued on 7/5/2016 to Jeffery Janis in the amount of \$11.68.

Check #65678-----Issued on 10/16/2018 to Rube Tifft in the amount of \$35.70.

Check #68524-----Issued on 1/7/2020 to Scott Lawrence in the amount of \$103.36.

Check #70858-----Issued on 12/30/2020 to Sydney Belt in the amount of \$21.00.

Check #72213-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Marie Phipps in the amount of \$12.10.
Check #72214-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Jason Hanson in the amount of \$125.00.
Check #72215-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Kyle Brophy in the amount of \$12.00.
Check #72216-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Ricardo Gonzalez in the amount of \$80.00.
Check #72218-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Harvey Kewley in the amount of \$150.00.
Check #72221-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to James Wood in the amount of \$303.44.
Check #72222-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Micah Fisher in the amount of \$214.87.
Check #72225-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Michael Martin in the amount of \$39.88.
Check #72226-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Ryan Beaulieu in the amount of \$153.60.
Check #72227-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to David Sylvester in the amount of \$248.52.
Check #72229-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Brian O'Neill in the amount of \$17.85.
Check #72231-----Issued on 9/2/2021 to Benjamin Haskvitz in the amount of \$5.00.
Check #73234-----Issued on 3/3/2022 to Dale Molitor in the amount of \$3,000.00.
Check #73603-----Issued on 5/5/2022 to Jimmy Gossel in the amount of \$369.41.
Check #73682-----Issued on 5/19/2022 to Ellen or John Simons in the amount of \$1.93.
Check #75081-----Issued on 1/19/2023 to Larry Osmotherly in the amount of \$40.00.
Check #75107-----Issued on 1/19/2023 to Gerardo Cantu in the amount of \$51.02.
Check #75118-----Issued on 1/19/2023 to Christopher Wombles in the amount of \$20.00.
Check #75433-----Issued on 3/27/2023 to Sydney Belt in the amount of \$25.50.
Check #76031-----Issued on 7/18/2023 to Paha Sapa Foundation in the amount of \$38.00.
Check #76038-----Issued on 7/18/2023 to Ruthann Markham in the amount of \$10.74.
Check #76039-----Issued on 7/18/2023 to Cody Lien in the amount of \$20.74.
Check #76042-----Issued on 7/18/2023 to Lucas Broyles in the amount of \$13.70.
Check #76061-----Issued on 7/18/2023 to Jason Blessing in the amount of \$10.74.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Fall River County may by resolution make the "cancellation of checks and warrants not presented within two years of issuance" as stated in SDCL 1967 7-22-17.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned outstanding checks be canceled and the County Treasurer and County Auditor be instructed to cancel the same unless the individuals on the above listing contact the Auditor's Office within 30 days from publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF JULY, 2025.

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

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

Pullen requested that Sam Kipp, Treasurer Administrative Assistant, be appointed as Deputy Treasurer. There was a discussion regarding a pay increase.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to move the possible appointment as Deputy Treasurer to the next meeting.

Pullen then provided updates on investments

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to enter into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel and (3) legal.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:16 a.m.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the report from James Marsh, Hearing Examiner for the Findings and Conclusions of Law.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Wahlert, to approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Accountant's review of Payroll records of January through June of 2025 and a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Accountant's review and evaluation on payment of bills for the period of January through June of 2025

Chairman Falkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 11:29 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