

## **FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2025**

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on August 13, 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; No conflicts 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 website.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the agenda.

There were no County Assistance/Death Expense requests to present.

Sue Ganje, County Auditor, met with board to work on the 2026 Provisional Budget. Expenditures requested from non-county organizations were reviewed, the amount to levy each County fund was determined. Discussion was held on the County operating in the red, Ganje explained that funds were not in the red, and the board designates projects if the General Fund cash exceeds the 40% rule of the undesignated cash balance.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen to approve the 2026 Provisional Budget which will be published in the newspaper.

Discussion was held on a previous motion to do a 6-month Payroll and Accounts payables audit. Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen to no longer require the audit.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Wahlert to pursue software from Tyler Technologies.

Joe Falkenburg, Chairman of the Board spoke on the need for roads to be 20' for emergency access. This will be on September 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

The Board briefly discussed Dispatch reimbursement cost from the City of Hot Springs, noting that the City is requesting reimbursement to be \$102,500.00; the County would like reimbursement in the amount of \$120,000.00 for 2026.

Chairman Falkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 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