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FALL RIVER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Second Floor, Courtroom

Thursday, January 22, 2026

- 8:00 Commission review of bills
Opening Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:00 Call Meeting to Order
Conflict of Interest Items for Board Members

Action Agenda Items for Consideration:

- Approve agenda
- Approve County Commission Meeting minutes of January 8th, 2026
- Approve Auditors account with Treasurer for December 2025.
- Approve anniversary wage increases for Jennifer Bengs, DOE Certified Assessor, from \$18.75/hr to \$19.50/hr, effective 1/21/2026; for Morgan Erickson, DOE Deputy Certified Assessor, from \$19.85/hr to \$21.10/hr with longevity of \$35.00 per month, effective 1/22/2026. (all per Union Contract)
- Approve 6 month anniversary salary increase for Darren Russell from \$41,559.96/yr to \$45,000.00/yr, effective 2/1/2026.
- Review Community Health Nurse's Quarterly report.
- Approve inventory transfer of Tag #02175 Yoga ball chair, from Register of Deeds office to Auditor's office.
- Approve surplus to junk an ethernet switch 5-port (gigabit), No Tag #, a Computer PC Tag #02372 and Computer PC Tag #02321, all from the Register of Deeds Office.
- Accept Petition from Shep's Canyon Estates Subdivision landowners requesting formation of Sheps Canyon Estates Road District, set meeting and election for February 17th, 2026 at 5:00pm located at first floor hallway of courthouse

- County assistance/death expense applications

(Move any unfinished business to the end of the meeting, if needed)

9:05 Dar Coy, Emergency Manager-

- Present the 2026 list of Emergency Management volunteers for approval; possible action
- Present 1st Quarter LEMPG Single Signature Sheet, authorize Chairman to sign; possible action
- Updates, possible action

9:10 Tony March, Highway Superintendent-

- Present application for Road Approach Permit from Christian Frederick on the west side of WG Flats Loop, approximately at 14468 WG Flats Loop Oral, SD 57766; possible action
- Request approval for Tony March, Highway Superintendent, to attend the 2026 Short Course, March 17-19, 2026 at the Lodge at Deadwood at a cost of \$200.00 plus lodging and per diem for meals not included with Course; possible action
- Request approval for purchase of a 10ft Snowplow from DeBoer Site Service LLC for \$1,000.00; possible action
- Request approval for purchase of a Truck Broom from DeBoer Site Service LLC for \$1,000.00; possible action
- Present fuel bids for 8,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline (no ethanol):
 - Vollan: \$2.45 per gallon (*Awarded)
 - MG Oil: \$2.519 per gallon
 - Nelson's Oil & Gas: \$2.649 per gallon
 - Stern: Declined to bid
 - CBH: No response
 - Beguin: No response
- Updates; possible action.

9:20 Lyle Norton, Sheriff-

- Request approval for Deputy Mike Close to attend Street-Level De-Escalation Training in Yankton, SD 2/4/26-2/6/26. Training is free, per-diem for meals and lodging (\$107/night) requested; possible action.
- Request approval to purchase two (2) Stalker Radar units for patrol vehicles, \$7,046.00; possible action
- Request approval to surplus to sell Taser7 units to Hot Springs Police Department at a rate of \$500 each
- Updates; possible action

9:30 Darren Russell, VSO-

- Present 4th Quarter 2025 Quarterly report; possible action

- 9:35 Ben Sharp, Rebecca Terk and Sarah Peterson, County Residents –
- Letter from Fall River County Board of Commissioners to respectfully request reconsideration of venue change requests by the full Board of Minerals & Environment, and to grant Oglala Lakota County’s request to relocate the hearing on EXNI 453 to Hot Springs, possible action.
- 9:40 Levi Lauing, County Resident-
- Request for Ag abatement and correction of error in valuation; possible action.
- 9:45 Clark Brown, County Resident-
- Request for Speed Limit in Ridgeview Springs Subdivision; possible action
- 9:50 Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer
- Discussion on Investments; possible action.
 - Request payment in lieu of 16 hours of vacation for Kathy Timmins, Deputy Treasurer
- 10:00 Dave Weishaupl, Maintenance Supervisor
- Update regarding County owned vehicles; possible action.
- 10:10 Pay bills and break
- 10:20 Andersen Engineers-
- Present the following plat for approval; possible action
 - A PLAT OF VENNERS TRACTS 1, 2, AND 3 OF BLACK HILLS FLYWAY SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 8, T8S, R5E, BHM, FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, FORMERLY LOT 8, LOTS 32 THRU 37, AND THE VACATED 66' PUBLIC R.O.W. BETWEEN LOT 8 AND LOTS 32 THRU 36
- 10:25 Everett Dossey, Director of Equalization
- Discussion on a Public Information Campaign; possible action.
- 10:30 Public Comment
- 10:35 Commissioners-
- Joe Allen-Update regarding proposed Jail/Justice Center; possible action

- Collective Bargaining Agreement between Laborer's Local Union 620 and Fall River County.12/21/2025 – 12/20/2028; possible action

10:40 Sue Ganje, County Auditor

- Present abatements; possible action

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