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FALL RIVER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Second Floor, Courtroom

Thursday, January 8, 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:

First grouping

- Approve Agenda
- Auditor's request to the Board for nominations for 2026 Chairman of the Board; turn meeting over to new Chairman
- Nominations for 2026 Vice-Chairman
- Set meeting dates (2025 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, and any other meeting dates designated by the Board)
- Appoint Official Newspaper – Fall River County Herald Star (2025-same)
- Designated bulletin board on 1st floor of County Courthouse for legal matters – agendas, notices, etc. (2025 same)
- Designate official depositories – First Interstate Bank, Schwab Treasury (2025 – same)
- Set prisoner care per day \$110.00 and \$130.00 as per Sheriff's Office (2025- \$105.00 & \$120.00)
- Approve the health care facility for jail – Monument Health as facility, with Dr Avery Sides providing supervision for care of inmates and supervision of Tina Norton, Inmate Contract Nurse, Fall River Health Services as secondary (2025- same)
- Tina Norton, Inmate Contract Nurse, \$1,500.00 (2025-same)

- Set ride-a-long fee for prisoner and mental health transports - \$40.00/day to Rapid City and \$100.00/day to Yankton and/or Sioux Falls (2025-same)
- Set indigent burial rate - \$2,150.00 (2025 same)
- Approve County Commission Meeting minutes of December 30th, 2025
- Second grouping
 - Appoint member to L.E.P.C. Board – Joe Allen, Joe Falkenburg – alternate (2025-same)
 - Appoint member to Weed Board – Joe Falkenburg, WILL NEED TO FILL THIS POSITION - alternate (2025-same)
 - Appoint member to Custer-Fall River Solid Waste Board – Les Cope, Deb Russell – alternate (2025-same)
 - Appoint member to 6th District Board (Black Hills Council of Local Government) – Deb Russell, Les Cope – alternate (2025-same)
 - Appoint member to R C & D Board – WILL NEED TO FILL THIS POSITION, Joe Falkenburg – alternate (2025-same except Board Member was Heath Greenough)
 - Appoint member to Juvenile Board – Joe Allen, Les Cope - alternate (2026-same)
 - Appoint member to Prairie Hills Transit Board – Deb Russell, Joe Falkenburg – alternate (2025-same)
 - Appoint member to 4-H– Joe Falkenburg, WILL NEED TO FILL THIS POSITION – alternate (2025-same except Board Member was Heath Greenough)
 - Appoint member to Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition – Deb Russell, Les Cope – alternate (2025-same)
- Third grouping
 - Approve travel of County Officials to attend monthly Association meetings; require travel request for overnight stays
 - Approve Resolution to purchase off of State Bids
 - Approve Election Resolution on fees
 - Approve Resolution to set 2026 Elected Official salaries – Auditor, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, State’s Attorney and Treasurer
 - Approve 2026 salaries for Commission
 - Approve 2026 salaries for Appointed Officials
 - Approve 2026 listing of employee wages
 - Approve status change from Assessor in Training to Certified Assessor for Jennifer Bengs with a wage increase from \$16.50/hr to \$18.00/hr, effective October 03, 2025 (as per Union Contract)
 - Approve anniversary wage increases for Martha Trees, DOE Admin. Assistant, from \$16.75/hr to \$17.50/hr, effective 12/21/2025 and due to anniversary date, from \$17.50/hr to \$ 18.75/ hr with longevity of \$35.00 per month, effective 1/2/2026; for Amber Tschacher, ROD Admin. Assistant, from \$18.85/hr to \$19.60/hr, effective 12/21/2025 and due to anniversary date, from \$19.60/hr to

\$20.35/hr, effective 1/17/2026; for Arrow Bettelyoun, Auditor Admin. Assistant, from \$17.25/hr to \$18.00/hr effective 12/21/2025 and due to anniversary date, from \$18.00/hr to \$19.25/hr, with longevity of \$35.00 per month effective 1/2/2026. (all per Union Contract)

- Approve anniversary salary wage increases for Darwin Coy, Emergency Manager, from \$52,080.00/yr to \$53,640.00/yr effective 1/1/2026 and due to anniversary date, from \$53,640.00/yr to \$56,640.00/yr effective 11/17/2025; for Tony March, HWY Superintendent, from \$74,580.00/yr to \$76,140.00/yr effective 1/1/2026, and due to evaluation date, from \$76,140.00/yr to \$78,640.00 effective 1/1/2026.
- Set per diem for Weed Board - \$25.00/meeting plus mileage (2025-same)
- Fourth grouping
 - Set Mental Health Board member fees – Chairman \$150.00/hr (2025-same)
 - Approve motion to not re-hire, for a 6-month period, any employee who quits and withdraws their retirement, unless authorized by Chairman
 - Appoint Public Information Officer-Stacey Martin; Assistants-Melissa Fleming and Bobbie Janis
 - County assistance/death expense applications

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

9:05 Dar Coy, Emergency Manager-

- Request to pay for Hazard mitigation plan in the amount of \$10,500.00; possible action
- Request to pay the City of Hot Springs for airplane hanger rent in the amount of \$1,350.00 bi-annually; possible action
- Updates

9:10 Lyle Norton, Sheriff-

- Request approval to sign 2026 Prisoner Housing Contract with Pennington County at the rates of \$110.00 and \$130.00 ; possible action
- Request approval to hire Alexia Barndt as an Uncertified Dispatcher effective 1/5/2026, \$20.25/hr ; possible action
- Request approval for Melissa Fleming to donate 5 Vacation days (40.0 hrs) to Janita Holt-Yellow for Funeral Leave for the week of Jan 4-Jan 10, 2026; possible action
- Surplus HP Office Jet Pro 8610 Printer/ Copier, asset tag #02245 from Sheriffs Office; possible action
- Updates

9:20 Tony March, Highway Superintendent-

- Request Purchase of Leased Belly Dump Trailer: I would like to move forward with purchasing the belly dump trailer that the highway shop has been leasing. In the amount of \$30,000.00; possible action
- Request Purchase of 10ft Snowplow from Mike DeBoer in the amount of \$1,000.00; possible action
- Set Private Road Work Hearing for February 5, 2026 at 9:40 a.m. as per SDCL 31-11-41 through 31-11-45; possible action
- Approve notice and set date to open annual bids for materials for February 5, 2026 at 9:45 a.m.; possible action
- Year- End project cost summary; possible action
- Updates

9:35 Dave Weishaupl

- Listing of County owned vehicles; possible action

9:40 Clark Brown-

- Request for Speed Limit in Ridgeview; possible action

9:50 Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer

- Discuss designation of banks; possible action
- Discuss distress warrant for Delinquent Mobile Home/Building on Leased Site Taxes; possible action
- Discuss Public Liability Report for 2026; possible action
- Discuss Tax Certificates issued for Delinquent Real Property Taxes; possible action
- Discussion on Tyler Technologies; possible action
- Request approval to hire Alexandra Forbey as a full-time administrative assistant, effective 02/02/2026 at \$16.75/hr; possible action

10:00 Pay bills and break

Public Comment

10:10 Commissioners-

- Joe Allen-Update regarding proposed Jail/Justice Center; possible action

10:15 Sue Ganje, County Auditor

- Discuss HB 1057 Indigent Legal Service Reimbursements; possible action
- E3 Security Grant Project
- Present 2026 Combined Election Agreement; possible action
- Combining agreement quote for IBM Maintenance; possible action
- Updates

Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel, (3) legal and (4) negotiations – Collective Bargaining Agreement between Laborer's Local Union 620 and Fall River County.12/21/2025 – 12/20/2028; possible action

Break

Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2-1 Personnel - Director of Equalization interviews ; possible action

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