

**FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 20TH,
2025**

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on November 20, 2025. Present: Joe Allen, Les Cope, Joe Falkenburg, Deb Russell, Sandra Wahlert and Stacy Schmidt, Deputy 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.sdcounties.org> or on Facebook on the Fall River County website.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the agenda with correction to change one of the Highway items from Petition for Private Road maintenance to an Application for Approach Permit.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve the Fall River County Commission meeting minutes from November 6, 2025.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve wage increase for Samuel Costa, Heavy Equipment Operator, from \$24.75/hr to \$26.00/hr for 4-year anniversary, effective November 8, 2025, and Petra Atherley, Treasurer Administrative Assistant, from \$16.50/hr to \$17.25/hr for 1 year anniversary, effective November 4, 2025; as per Union Contract

No County assistance applications were presented.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to approve agreement for State aid of salaries for the County Veteran Service Officer.

Dar Coy, Emergency Management, met with the Board to present updates.

There was no forewarning for the regional power outage. It was out of Black Hills Energy's control.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, met with the Board to present updates. He provided the jail census. There are 4 males and 1 female in house with 1 male in Meade County for a total of 6 inmates. The E3 is going to be up around the 1st of the year. There was discussion regarding traffic enforcement in the rural housing developments.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert to approve travel for Michael DeBoer and Calvin Maciejewski, to pick up a 2007 International Truck that was purchased on Purple Wave Online Auction site 11-11-25 to 11-12-25, located in Macran, Missouri.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the Application for a Approach Permit for Tara Kaiser and Karla Weldon, located at the North side of Pine Hills Rd, approximately at E ½SE¼ , Sec 6,TWP 9, RG 3, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the Application for Permit to Occupy County Highway Right-of-Way from Kim Watkins from intersection of Pilger Mtn Rd and Red Canyon Rd to ¾ mile West to install a cattle guard.

December 2024 Cash analysis was mentioned.

March reported that all blades are currently out working.

The time being 9:30 a.m., the hearing for Cash Supplements took place.

**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025- 35
Supplemental Budget 2025, #10**

WHEREAS, SDCL 7-21-22 provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt a supplemental budget, and whereas, as due and legal notice has been given, the following Supplements to expenditures for November 20, 2025, be approved as follows:

11/20/2025	\$ 225.50	10100X4222130	Judicial Systems	Court Reporter
11/20/2025	\$ 7,855.42	10100X4261154	Abuse & Neglect	Attorneys
11/20/2025	\$ 151.43	10100X4340615	Weed Control	Equipment
11/20/2025	\$ 4,285.00	30100x4250161	Building Fund	Repair & Maint
11/20/2025	\$ 297.75	20700X4110225	Dispatch	Salaries
11/20/2025	\$ 210.00	24800X4110211	24/7	Salaries

Means of finance to be cash and cash received, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the Supplemental Budget #10 for 2025.

Dated at Fall River County, South Dakota this 20TH day of November 2025.

/s/ Joe Falkenburg
Joe Falkenburg
Fall River County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Stacy Schmidt
Stacy Schmidt
Fall River County Deputy Auditor

Dave Weishaupl, Maintence Supervisor, met with the Board.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to approve Dark Fiber 5 Year renewal agreement with Golden West, in the amount of \$742.50 a month.

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

GENERAL FUND		
AMERICINN FORT PIERRE	LODGING/JANIS ELEC TRAINING	\$314.00
BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES/CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$497.32
\$47.90 INV 304446 B NITRILE GLOVESX10, \$18.49 " " CLEANER 6/32 BOTTLES, \$227.01 " " WHITE ROLL TOWEL (6) X 3, \$50.99 " " 45 GAL 40X48 LINER, \$66.71 " " CORELESS JUMBO 1000 SHEET, \$7.99 " " SHIPPING & HANDLING, Sheriff \$70.24 INV 304447 EMPRESS 2 PLY TISS, \$7.99 " " SHIPPING & HANDLING		
CHEYENNE SANITATION	SOLID WASTE SERVICE	\$387.00
COLBATH & SPERLICH, PC	COURT APPT ATTY SERVICE	\$9,712.46
COUNTY DRUG	INMATE PHARMACY	\$38.57
CUSTER LAWYER, PLLC	COURT APPOINTED ATTY	\$1,326.20
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	BIT NETWORK FEES	\$64.25
FALL RIVER HEALTH SERVICE	INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES	\$602.60
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	WEED & PEST PUBLISHING	\$35.51
FR COUNTY TREASURER	TITLE TRANS 1FM5K8AB	\$28.70
GALLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCES	\$704.95
WOLF, GEORGINE	COURT REPORTER SERVICE	\$53.30
HAUSER TAX SERVICE	PAYROLL AUD 1/1 - 10/31/2025	\$17,435.00
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES/TOOLS/CLEANING SUP	\$448.66
Sheriff \$377.94 INV 362992 FIRE EXT PRO X 9, \$8.99 " " GREASE RD LITHM 14 OZ, \$17.98 INV 363279 CLEANER DRAIN X 2, \$6.29 " " CLOROX CLNR BLCH, - \$10.00 " " ACE REWARDS, \$15.29 INV 363508 RAGS PAPER 12X10", \$7.73 " " BLEACH REG LIQ, \$5.39 " " FORMULA 409 MSC LMN, \$6.83 " " CLOROX CLEANUP FRESH , \$6.29 " " CLORX CLNR BLCH, \$5.93 " " 409 MULTI SRFC SPRY		
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	COURT APP ATTY SERVICE	\$772.43
JENNIGES, EDITH	REIMBURS FOR COURT DOCS	\$26.50
LYNN'S DAK. MART PHARMACY	INMATE PHARMACY	\$29.68
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	\$918.00
MASTEL, BRUCE	HOST DATABASE MONTHLY	\$35.00
MCGLUMPHY, ERIN	EXT TRAVEL	\$2,612.55
MIDWEST MENTAL HEALTH SD	MH EVALUATION/COURT	\$600.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC.	TRAFFIC SIGNS & FREIGHT	\$355.39
\$59.40 INV TRFINV064069 FLAG X 2, \$122.12 " " SPECIAL 4 HOLE PUNCH X 4, \$147.00 " " SPECIAL 4 HOLE PUNCH X 4, \$26.87 " " FREIGHT		

O'NEILL, JUSTIN	COURT APPOINTED ATTY	\$624.84
ONSITE FIRST AID, LLC	FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$224.39
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE & SAFETY SERVICE	\$973.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING OCTOBER	\$3,255.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE TRANSPORTATION	\$191.40
PENNINGTON COUNTY	MH EVALUATIONS COURT	\$215.00
SDAE4-HP	SDAE4-HP	\$120.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LABORATORY SERVICES	\$185.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	OCTOBER 2025 REMITTANCE	\$2,650.77
SDSU:DEPT OF ANIMAL SCI.	2026 IRM REDBOOKS	\$80.00
SERVALL	RUG SERVICES	\$508.34
SKINNER, MATTHEW L. PC	COURT APPOINTED ATTY	\$1,171.20
SOFTWARE SERVICES INC	ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	\$425.00
TEXEL-GELDERT, KEELY	COURT REPORTER SERVICE	\$172.20
KRAMER, LINDA	REIMBURSEMENT SUBWAY	\$115.92
MILES, SASHA	BLOOD DRAW TECH SERVICE	\$150.00
	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	\$48,060.13
COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	\$44.85
BITUMINOUS PAVING INC	2025 FRC ASPHALT SURFACE	\$237,902.50
BOMGAARS	CLOTHING ALLOW/PARTS	\$60.56
BUILDERS FIRST SOURCE	TOILET & INSTALL SUPPLIES	\$229.87
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	PARTS/MAINTENANCE	\$1,706.46
DEBOER, MICHAEL	PER DIEM/TRAV TO MO	\$102.00
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$32.45
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE	TOOLS/PARTS	\$93.44
SIMON MATERIALS	ASPHALT/GRAVEL	\$67,066.45
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$250.98
\$179.00 INV 363499 WIRE STL GLVNX100, \$26.99 INV 363348 CULTIVATOR WOOD, \$44.99 " " CLOSET ROD STL		
KIEFFER SANITATION	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$162.50
MACIEJEWSKI, CALVIN	PER DIEM/TRAV/MO	\$102.00
MG OIL	TRACTOR FLUID	\$503.25
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC.	TIRES	\$8,646.30
RAMKOTA HOTEL-PIERRE	LODGING SDACHS WORKSHOP	\$112.00
SCHUBBEL, FREDERICK JR	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$300.00
\$59.98 SHIRT JACKET, \$8.44 LEATHER GLOVES, \$12.99 WINTER WORK GLOVES, \$21.59 6 PAIRS OVER THE CALF SOCKS, \$34.52 JEANS, \$104.70 JEANS X 3, \$55.98 4 PK LONG SLEEVE TSHIRTS X 2, \$10.34 SALES TAX, -\$8.54 OVER \$300 BUDGET		
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	PARTS/SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$990.00

\$28.49 INV 831040882 POWER KLENZ 32OZ, \$14.03 " " INJECTOR PERFECTOR 12 OZ, \$79.98 " " OIL STABILIZER GAL X 2, \$599.90 INV 831040691 CABLE BOOSTERX10, \$101.88 " " QT HUB OIL X 12, \$149.70 " " 14.1 OZ GENERAL PURPOSEX30, \$3.03 INV 831041109 MINI LAMP, \$12.99 " " 25 PC SAE & METRIC		
	TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$318,305.61
911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND		
FLEMING, MELISSA	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$297.75
	TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMBURSEMENT FUND	\$297.75
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND		
ONSOLVE, LLC	CODERED IPAWS INTIGRATION	\$445.45
	TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND	\$445.45
24/7 SOBRIETY FUND		
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LABORATORY SERVICE	\$210.00
	TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND	\$210.00
COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND		
RESPEC CO LLC (ALBERTSON)	FRONT GRAND STAIRCASE	\$4,285.00
	TOTAL FOR COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND	\$4,285.00
	TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 11/07 AND 11/20/2025	\$371,603.94

Break was taken at 9:32 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m.

Joe Allen did not have any updates on the Jail/ Justice Center.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve pledging 1/3 of the cost for the Chord Uranium meeting if it is approved to be held in Hot Springs in the amount of \$1,956.67.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the board to discuss the abatement requested by Jasson Correll.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to deny abatement request based on the State's Attorney's advice.

Motion made by Russell, seconded Wahlert, to approve the revised Mill Levy resolution:

		ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FALL RIVER COUNTY, SD
		For the Year January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Tax Levy in			
COUNTY TAX LEVIES	Dollars	\$'s/1,000	Resolution
WITHIN LIMITED LEVY:			
* General County Purposes	3,722,018.00	2.919	ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FALL RIVER
(10-12-9)			County, South Dakota
Library	9,646.00	0.011	
			Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County
			Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all
			contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its
			institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,
LIMITED LEVY (10- 12-21) -			Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a
SUB TOTAL			Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and
OUTSIDE LIMITED LEVY:	3,731,664.00	2.930	Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the
County Snow Removal Fund			Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such
(34-5-2)			Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions
County Road and Bridge			have been made thereto.
(10-12-13)			
Courthouse, Jail, etc., Bldg.	157,884.00	0.124	NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget
(7-25-1)			as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations,
Bond Interest Sinking			amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE
(7-24-18)			APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE
Ag Building			APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR FALL RIVER
(7-27-1)			County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for
			calendar year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31,

			2026 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the
			Board of County Commissioners of Fall River
			County, South Dakota, this 18th day of September, 2025.
			The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection
			during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor
			Fall River, County, South Dakota. The accompanying
			taxes are levied by Fall River County for the year
			January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
UNLIMITED LEVY - SUB TOTAL	157,884.00	0.124	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
			Fall River County, South Dakota
LIMITED AND UNLIMITED			
LEVY - SUB-TOTAL	3,889,548.00	3.054	/s/ Joe Falkenburg Chairman
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES			
Secondary Road (Unorg. PT-76) (31-12-27)	357,114.00	0.563	/s/ Deborah Russell Commissioner
Fire Protection (34-31-3)	1,385.00	0.132	/s/ Joe Allen Commissioner
			/s/ Sandra Wahlert Commissioner
			/s/ Les Cope Commissioner
			/s/ Attest Stacy Schmidt County Deputy Auditor
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	4,248,047.00	3.749	
* These Amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.			

As of 09/18/2025 these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue			

Falkenburg recognized Vince Logue, retired Deputy Sheriff, for his years of service. The following proclamation was read:

Proclamation

Whereas, The Fall River Board of County Commissioners have designated November 20, 2025, as a day to honor Vincent Logue, Fall River County Deputy Sheriff;

Whereas, Logue began his recent journey with Fall River County in the year 2011, but had served Fall River County for 12 years, from 1990 through 2002;

Whereas, Logue has devoted his time to promoting the safety and welfare of the County. Holding the position that he served to a higher standard;

Now, therefore, the Fall River Board of County Commissioners calls upon all citizens of Fall River County to observe the day of November 20, 2025, in recognition of the 26 years of service by Logue, who by his devotion to the County, has rendered invaluable service to our residents; and

We further call upon the citizens of Fall River County to honor Logue for his professionalism in the role of County Deputy Sheriff.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the County Commissioners of Fall River County give thanks to the service Logue has rendered unto Fall River County and the State of South Dakota.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Joe Falkenburg
 Joe Falkenburg
 Fall River County Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Stacy Schmidt
 Stacy Schmidt, Fall River County Deputy Auditor

Johnson Construction, met with the Board, to present a PowerPoint on jail/justice center options to consider. The 3 options presented were: 1. Build new facility across the street from current location, 2. add on and remodel current existing facility, 3. maintain current facility.

Public comments were heard by Kim Allen, County resident, to share that she is circulating petitions to abolish property taxes, inviting anyone who would like to sign to contact her. This would be an Amendment to the Constitution presented at the 2026 Election.

Lily Heidebrink, Director of Equalization, met with the Board.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve purchase of training hours from Vanguard for 9 hours in the amount of \$175.00.

Andrew Chatwin, County landowner, was not present.

Recess for Lunch at 10:45 a.m.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel, (3) legal and (4) negotiations.

Joe Falkenburg left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:24 p.m.

Vice-Chairwoman Russell declared the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

/s/ Joe Falkenburg
Joe Falkenburg, Chairman
Board of Fall River County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Stacy Schmidt
Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor
Fall River County