

## FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTUES JANUARY 22, 2026

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 22, 2026. 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.sdcounties.org> or on Facebook on the Fall River County page.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the agenda with changes as follows to add Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) personnel (3) legal.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve the Fall River County Commission meeting minutes from January 8, 2026 with the change on page 2: to appoint Sandra Wahlert and alternate Joe Falkenburg (rather than Wahlert and Russell) to the 4-H/Extension Board.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the following action agenda items, with Russell abstaining on the salary increase for VSO Darren Russell:

- 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 of 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00pm located at first floor hallway of courthouse

No County Assistance applications were presented.

**Dar Coy, Emergency Manager**, met with the Board, gave updates.

- Motion to approve volunteer list (see Auditor's Office for complete listing) made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen.

- Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter LEMPG.

**Tony March, Highway Superintendent**, met with the Board, gave updates.

- Motion made by Cope, seconded by Russell, to approve the Road Approach Permit from Christian Frederick on the west side of WG Flats Loop, approximately at 14468 WG Flats Loop Oral, SD 57766.
- Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to approve travel 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.
- Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve purchase of a 10ft Snowplow from DeBoer Site Service LLC for \$1,000.00. With Russell and Wahlert voting no, and Allen, Cope and Falkenburg voting yes, the motion carried.
- Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve purchase of a Truck Broom from DeBoer Site Service LLC for \$1,000.00. With Russell voting no, and Allen, Cope, Falkenburg and Wahlert voting yes, the motion carried.
- Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Cope to approve the low bid from Vollan in the amount of \$2.45/ gal for 8,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline (no ethanol.)
- Rediscussed the Highway crew numbers and previous crew numbers. The Department has been down 2 men since March started.

**Lyle Norton, Sheriff**, met with the Board, gave updates.

- Motion made by Falkenburg, seconded by Wahlert to approve 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.
- Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell to purchase two (2) Stalker Radar units for patrol vehicles, \$7,046.00.
- Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell to surplus to sell Taser7 units to Hot Springs Police Department at a rate of **\$600** each.
- Jail census, 8 males and 2 females in house with 3 males in Pennington County for a total of 13 inmates.

**Darren Russell, VSO**, met with the Board.

- Presented 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Activities and the number of benefit payments he has been working on with Veterans in our community. It was noted that in 2025 there were 1,811 active payments totaling \$31,894,389.01.

**Ben Sharp, Rebecca Terk and Sarah Peterson**, met with the board.

Discussion was held regarding writing a letter to appeal the DANR's decision not to have the hearing in FRC . The Commissioners want to appeal the denial. Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen to appeal DANR's decision.

**Levi Lauing, County Resident**, met with the Board to request an Agriculture abatement and to correct an error in valuation. Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope to approve the following : parcel number 59000-00000-04600, abatement for '24 pay '25 in amount of \$5901.58 and abatement for '25 pay '26 in the amount of \$4,890.54.

**Clark Brown, County Resident**,

- Met with the Board to request a speed limit of 25mph and 15mph to be posted in Ridgeview Springs Subdivision. Lyle stated that they are reasonable speeds for these roads. Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert to approve the speed limit request, contingent on the need to have a hearing.

**Teresa Pullen, County Treasurer**

- Outlined the County's investments and explained that interest earnings are being reinvested.
- Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert to approve 16 hrs vacation payout, as per union contract, for Kathy Timmins, Deputy Treasurer, due to the office being very short staffed.

**Dave Weishaupl, Maintenance Supervisor**

- Supplied County vehicle updates, the Uplander van needs a transmission, the Board feels that it can be put up on Auction.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to pay bills.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
BLACKBIRD AUTOMOTIVE MAINT	AUTO MAINTENANCE	\$505.00
\$90.00 INV 121925A/HUGHES CO11863 OIL, \$30.00 " " CABIN AIR FILTER, \$125.00 " " INGNITION COIL/CYLINDER 1, -\$5.00 " " FLEET DISCOUNT, \$90.00 INV 011026A/DOBBS CO12790 OIL, \$40.00 " " CABIN AIR FILTER, \$30.00 " " ENGINE AIR FILTER, \$60.00 " " FRONT LEFT FENDER REPAIR, \$50.00 " " DIAG & REPAIR BRAKE NOISE, -\$5.00 " " FLEET DISCOUNT		
BANGS MCCULLEN	COURT APPT ATTY FEES	\$2,136.00
BH COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOV	2026 ASSESSMENT DUES	\$3,725.00
BOMGAARS	COMM WATER & SHER SU	\$137.97
Comm - \$7.98 INV 88705813 BOTTLED WATER X 2; Sheriff - \$129.99 INV 88706159 WIN 5.56 MAG SHEL		

CENTURY BUSINESS LEASING	COPIER LEASE/USAGE ST ATTY OFF	\$87.99
CORRECT RX PHARMACY SERV.	INMATE PHARMACY	\$18.47
SD DEPT OF LABOR & REG	REEMPLOYMENT ASSIST	\$154.65
DUFFY LAW FIRM, PROF. LLC	COURT APPT ATTY FEES	\$372.00
EMBLEMS, INC	EAGLE SHOULDER PATCH	\$416.00
EDGEMONT SENIOR MEALS	2026 BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$3,500.00
EDGEMONT SENIOR MEALS	VOID/WRONG VENDOR	-\$3,500.00
EDGEMONT SENIOR CITIZENS	2026 BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$3,500.00
EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE	BIT NETWORK FEES	\$64.25
FALL RIVER COUNTY HERALD	PUBLICATIONS	\$1,579.34
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	REG '25 FORD EXPL IN	\$32.70
FALL RIVER CTY TREASURER	VOID/ALREADY REGISTERED	-\$32.70
GALLS	SUPPLIES	\$128.78
Sheriff - \$10.99 INV 033632233 POCKET KEY, \$.80 " " SHIPPING		
GOLDEN WEST	TELECOMM/INTERNET/FAX	\$2,490.85
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	CLEANING SUPPLIES/SUPPLIES	\$126.08
<p>Sher - \$5.39 INV 365509 FORMULA 409 LN 32OZ, \$5.93 " " 409 MULTI-SRFC SPRY 32OZ, \$6.83 " " CLOROX CLEANUP FR 32 OZ, \$8.09 " " CLOROX GERMI 81 OZ, \$15.29 " " RAGS PAPER 12X10 200 CT; Building - \$15.29 " " C BATTERIES 12 PK, \$16.19 " " AAA BATTERIES 30 PK. -\$5.00 " " REWARDS, \$30.58 INV 365763 RAGS 12X10 200 CTX2, \$12.58 " " CLOROX CLNR BLCH 32 OZ X 2, \$8.98 " " DAWN ULTRA DISH SP 18OZ X2, \$5.93 " " 409 MULTI SRFC SPR 32 OZ</p>		
HUSTEAD LAW OFFICE, P.C.	COURT APPT ATTY FEES	\$923.14
JOHNSON, CAROL	COURT REPORTER SERVICES	\$72.80
LYNNS DAKOTAMART	INMATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$129.18
<p>\$3.78 TC HONEY LEMON X 2, \$7.56 TC CHERRY CGH DROP X 4, \$3.78 TP HNY CGH DROP X 2, \$7.78 TC MIGRAINE CAP X 2, \$48.87 TC IBUPROFEN CAPS X 3, \$25.16 TC COLD SFTG X 4, \$32.25 TYLENOL TAB X 3</p>		
LYNN'S DAK. MART PHARMACY	INMATE PHARMACY	\$202.46
MASTEL, BRUCE	HOST DATABASE SERVIC	\$35.00
MAVERICK TIRE & AUTO	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$327.75
<p>\$25.00 INV 045642 FL TIRE REP/CO12201, \$233.68 " " AC DELCO BATTERY/CO12201, \$8.19 " " OIL FILTER/CO12201, \$11.95 " " CHANGE MOTOR OIL/CO12201, \$48.93 " " CHEVRON FULL SYNTH X 7/"</p>		
MEDICAL WASTE TRANSPORT	DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTE	\$189.30
MOCIC	2026 MEMBERSHIP AMOUNT	\$100.00
NELSONS OIL & GAS INC.	TANK RENTAL & PROPANE	\$36.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POST MACH SERV	\$1,833.67
NORTON,TINA	CONTRACT NURSE JAN 2026	\$1,500.00

OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	ELEVATOR REP DUE TO POWER OUT	\$2,163.29
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	INMATE HOUSING DEC 2	\$2,625.00
CITY OF RAPID CITY	DEC 2025 BAC DETERMINATIONS	\$80.00
SOUTHERN HILLS ECONOMIC	2026 BUDGET ALLOTMENT	\$10,000.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LABORATORY FEES	\$50.00
SD DEPT OF REVENUE	DECEMBER 2025 REMITTANCE	\$60.00
SERVALL	RUG SERVICE	\$594.02
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	VEHICLE MAINT SUPPLIES	\$86.22
Sheriff - \$14.98 INV 831043001 FUEL TRX2 TRANS, \$9.27 INV 831042811 OIL FILTER/1S, \$21.98 " " QT MOBILE 1 0W20 X2/1S, \$39.99 " " 5QT MOBILE 1 0W20/1S		
TMA	TIRES FOR '05 CHEV COLO	\$1,348.41
\$436.92 INV 93562 NEXEN 205/75R15 X 4, \$15.00 " " TIRE DISPOSAL FEE X 3, \$40.00 " " TIRE BALANCE X 4, \$8.00 " " VALVE STEM X 2, \$60.00 " " DUP MAG LUG NUT, \$508.28 " " BLACK ROCK WHEELS X 4, \$99.88 " " FRONT END ALIGNMENT, \$102.83 " " RIGHT OUTER TIE ROD END, \$62.50 " " MECHANICAL LABOR, \$15.00 " " SHOP SUPPLIES		
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	CAMA WEB SERVICES	\$14,781.25
\$2,681.25 INV 722 SERVICE FEE TOTAL, \$750.00 INV 712 AG BUILD PRICING FEE, \$700.00 " " COMPARABLE SEARCH SERV FEE, \$1,750.00 " " NETWORK ADD SEAT SERV FEE, \$1,500.00 " " NETWORK UPGRADE SERV FEE, \$1,100.00 " " " PRECOMPUT COMM/IND PRICING, \$850.00 " " PHOTOVISION SERVICE FEE, \$650.00 " " PRO VERSION UPGR SERV FEE, \$500.00 " " REMOTE EDIT ADD SEAT SERV, \$1,100.00 " " RESIDENT PRICING SERV FEE, \$1,000.00 " " REMOTE EDIT SERV FEE, \$700.00 " " SKETCH SERVICE FEE, \$1,500.00 " " DATABASE SERV FEE		
	<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$52,579.87</b>
<b>COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>		
ADVANCED DRUG TESTING	RANDOM DRUG TESTING	\$31.20
BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC UTILITY	\$70.23
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES/MACIEJEWSKI	\$274.66
\$24.71 INV 88705413 TSHIRT/CM, \$27.74 " " SHIRT/CM, \$62.99 INV 88704494 LINE JACKET/CM, \$24.29 " " TSHIRT/CM, \$49.49 " " BIB OVERALLS/CM, \$49.49 " " BIB DENIM PREWASH/CM, \$19.99 INV 88705788 TIES,CABLE,INDUST, \$15.96 " " HOSE X 4		
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	EQUIP MAINTENANCE	\$396.00
\$396.00 INV 06CT0001485 CON #FRC068925		
COLONIAL RESEARCH	SUPPLIES	\$644.51
\$260.00 INV 154635 RCC-230 BLAST, \$365.10 " " RCC-222 CITRA BURST, \$19.41 " " SHIPPING		
DEBOER, MICHAEL	HITCH/SNOW PLOW & BROOM	\$2,000.00

DEBOER, MICHAEL	VOID/NOT APPROVED @ COMM	-\$1,000.00
FALL RIVER AUTO SUPPLY	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$610.66
\$401.58 INV 7675-287263 HHC HOSE X 194, \$209.08 " " HHC 16G-16FJX		
FORWARD DISTRIBUTING	BRAKE CLEANER X 7	\$31.50
G&H DISTRIBUTING OF RC	SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$344.40
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE	TOOLS/SUPPLIES	\$116.64
GOLDEN WEST	TELECOMM/INTERNET/FAX	\$242.29
HOT SPRINGS ACE HARDWARE	TOOLS	\$36.99
\$36.99 INV 365762 IMPACT EXTRAC SET6PC		
KIEFFER SANITATION	SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$177.81
MACIEJEWSKI, CALVIN	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$29.00
NAPA PARTSONE	2.5 DEF X 80	\$1,039.20
NELSONS OIL & GAS INC.	TANK RENTAL & PROPANE	\$772.00
NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS	SUPPLIES	\$150.24
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC.	TIRES/SERVICE/REPAIR	\$1,566.77
\$1,326.14 INV 1760024972 385/65R22.5 X 2, \$60.00 " " COUNTERACT ECO-BALANCE X 2, \$ 61.29 " " FLAT REPAIR, \$107.52 " " TRK DSMNT/MNT X 2, \$11.82 " " SHOP/SERVICE SUPPLIES		
RDO EQUIPMENT CO	36 LATHE	\$47.69
SDACHS	2026 SDACHS & NACE	\$800.00
STURDEVANT'S AUTO VALUE	SUPPLIES/PARTS/TOOLS	\$534.92
\$31.99 INV 831043043 DRIVE BUDD WHEEL, \$23.99 INV 831043187 SNAP RING PLIERS, \$8.41 " " ON-OFF-ON TGL 50 AMP, \$30.19 INV 831042850 FEMALE FL FAC OR, \$13.29 " " FEMALE FLAT FACED OR, \$42.40 " " HYDRAULIC HOSE X 80, \$54.95 INV 831042851 30/30 SPR BRAKE, \$329.70 INV 831042849 30/30 SP BRAKEX6		
DONALDSON, CLINT	2011 TRAIL KING BELL	\$30,700.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR COUNTY ROAD &amp; BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$39,616.71</b>
<b>911 SURCHARGE REIMB FUND</b>		
GOLDEN WEST	TELECOMM/INTERNET/FA	\$859.99
	<b>TOTAL FOR 911 SURCHARGE REIMB FUND</b>	<b>\$859.99</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MGT FUND</b>		
GOLDEN WEST	TELECOMM/INTERNET/FA	\$178.91
	<b>TOTAL FOR EMERGENCY MGT FUND</b>	<b>\$178.91</b>
<b>24/7 SOBRIETY FUND</b>		
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LABORATORY SERVICES	\$100.00
	<b>TOTAL FOR 24/7 SOBRIETY FUND</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

	<b>TOTAL FOR BILLS PAID BETWEEN 01/09 AND 01/22/2026</b>	<b>\$93,335.48</b>
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Break at 10:17a.m. ~Back in session at 10:25a.m.

**Everett Dossey, Director of Equalization-**

- Proposed a public information campaign to educate residents on valuations and information on assist them with property tax forms.

**No Public Comment**

**Joe Allen, Commissioner,** had no update to report on the proposed Jail/Justice Center.

**Don Olstad, County Resident,** spoke to oppose the proposed Jail/Justice Center. He expressed concern with the property tax increases within the last five years, and his concern was expressed on further increasing property taxes to fund the jail. He estimated it would increase the mill levies by 37.5% based on 2025 valuations.

**Vince Logue, County Resident,** got up to support the proposed Jail/Justice Center.

Vince feels that looking at the two options we have is either transport and pay to house inmates in other counties or build a new facility. In the long run the cost to transport will be more than building the facility. Vince stated we could bring in income by housing prisoners for the US Marshalls.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Laborer’s Local Union 620 and Fall River County 12/21/2025-12/20/2028.

**Sue Ganje, County Auditor,** presented abatements and refunds.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Cope to approve the following: refund for parcel # 21000-00806-15300, '24 pay '25 in the amount of \$1,302.80 for Flyte, Mary Jane; abatements for the following: parcel #81900-01979-00090, '25 pay '26 int the amount of \$102.46 for Singleton, Connie; parcel# 65010-00500-00000, '24 pay '25 in the amount of \$128.12 for Angostura Estates Homeowners and Water Users Assn Inc; parcel# 09000-00703-11200, '25 pay '26 in the amount of \$2,135.89 for Varas, Theodore Jr Revocable Trust; parcel# 75320-00300-00800, '25 pay '26 in the amount of \$2,265.00 for McElroy, Timothy & Linda; parcel# 85000-02020-00020, '25 pay '26 in the amount of \$556.68 for Selah Mission; parcel# 75500-01700-00600, '25 pay '26 in the amount of \$1,716.31 for Hofer, Tommy & Judith; parcel# 75410-01100-01200, '25 pay '26 in the amount of \$1,202.40 for Muheim, Danney; parcel# 72190-00100-00700, '25 pay '26 in

the amount of \$295.43 for Graham, Norman Jr; parcel# 72100-01100-01200, '25 pay '26 in the amount of \$584.00 for Peters, Joe & Cheryl; parcel# 78100-03500-00100 and 78100-03500-00200, '25 pay '26 for the total amount of \$261.26 for the Town of Oelrichs; parcel# 78100-05800-00100 and 78100-05800-00500, '25 pay '26 for the total amount of \$558.54 for the Oelrichs Volunteer Fire Dept.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:19 a.m.

Chairman Falkenburg declared the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

/s/ Joe Falkenburg

Joe Falkenburg, Chairman  
Board of Fall River County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Auditor  
Fall River County

**Office of the Fall River County Auditor**  
Sue Ganje, Auditor  
Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor  
906 North River Street  
Hot Springs SD 57747  
Phone 605-745-5130 email: sue.ganje@state.sd.us

**January-26**

**DATE: February 18, 2026**

TO: Fall River County Board of Commissioners

From: Stacy Schmidt, Deputy Auditor

Auditor's Account of the Treasurer

Per SDCL 7-10-3 Monthly verification of treasurer's accounts - Report to county commissioners

To the Fall River Board of Commissioners; I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer as of **January 31, 2026**

Total Balances of Checking/Savings Accounts	1,075,458.14
Total Outstanding Deposits	61,658.07
Schwab Treasury	9,041,163.40
NSF Checks:	
Thomas, Hannah	426.01
Suter, Debbie	729.45
Waite Investments	2,534.38
Lauing, tom & Ashley	9,819.73
Total Treasurer's Change Fund	900.00
Register of Deeds Change Fund	500.00
Election Petty Cash	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,193,204.18</b>

Audited By: Stacy Schmidt

**Fall River Co Auditors Office**



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE  
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

***COUNTY 4-H EDUCATOR SALARY BILLING***

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

INVOICE # 0126-1

COUNTY: Fall River

Amount Due From County

\$ 43,220.00

Due Date: March 31, 2026

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
SDSU EXTENSION  
BOX 2218B  
BROOKINGS SD 57007

**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-**

**ORDER FOR ORGANIZATION AND INCORPORATION  
OF THE SHEPS CANYON ESTATES DISTRICT  
FALL RIVER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

WHEREAS, all voting property owners that are within the proposed district have agreed to and petitioned for the organization of the Sheps Canyon Estates Road District, and

WHEREAS, an Election was held on February 17, 2026, asking the voters to accept or reject the formation of the Sheps Canyon Estates Road District, with 8 voters accepting and 0 voters rejecting the formation of the Sheps Canyon Estates Road District, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Fall River County Commissioners shall declare Sheps Canyon Estates Road District to be organized and established as a governmental subdivision of the State of South Dakota and a public body, corporate and political, effective as of today's date, with taxing authority for the 2025 tax year payable in 2026 and after, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Sheps Canyon Estates Road District be described as follows:

Sheps Canyon Estates Subdivision: Includes 39 Total Lots in Sections 22 & 27, Township Eight South (T8S), Range Five East (R5E), Black Hills Meridian (BHM) in Fall River County, South Dakota. Lots are numbered as follows: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13A, 13B, 14, Shagla Tract, 16A, 16B, 16C, 19A, 19B, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, the unplatted portion of the NW 4 NE 1/4 less lots platted to Sheps Canyon Estates Subdivision, 30, 31, 32, 33 & 34.

Dated this 19th day of February 2026

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Deborah Russell, Vice-Chairman  
Fall River County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Sue Ganje  
Fall River County Auditor



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## SO Agenda Items for 2/19/26 Commission Agenda

1 message

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**Rachel Hosterman** <so@frcounty.org>

Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM

To: Jessica Dossey <agenda@frcounty.org>

Jessica,

Can you please add the following items to the 2/19/26 Commission Agenda for Sheriff Norton? Thank you!

- 1) Request approval for Deputy Tanner Schiferl to attend Overdose Investigation training in Mitchell, SD March 9-10, 2026. No fee for class, per diem and lodging at \$109 for two nights requested.
- 2) Request approval to surplus-to-sale 9 used Sheriff's Office duty firearms (4 rifles, 5 shotguns). Values estimated by KSK Antiques & Pawn, [138 S. Chicago St, Hot Springs](#). Law enforcement standard protocol requested (right of first refusal by law enforcement at KSK estimated value, no discount); sale of all unpurchased items to KSK at estimated value
- 3) Training update from Deputy Mike Close.

Thank you!

Rachel Hosterman  
Administrative Assistant/Civil Deputy  
Fall River County Sheriff's Office  
[906 N River Street](#)  
[Hot Springs SD 57747](#)  
[Office \(605\)745-4444](#)  
[so@frcounty.org](mailto:so@frcounty.org)

**Fall River County**  
**RESOLUTION #2026-**

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator is authorized to assist in fighting range fires through the State; and

WHEREAS, a county must formally request his assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11; and

WHEREAS, because there is insufficient time to hold a meeting and adopt a resolution during a fire, Fall River County can designate a person (s) with authority to request assistance under this law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fall River County Commissioners hereby designate the following person (s) with the authority to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in fighting range fires:

Darwin Coy  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR  
605 890-7245 (CELL) or 605 745-7562 (OFFICE)

Lyle Norton  
FALL RIVER COUNTY SHERIFF  
605 890-1931 (CELL) or 605 745-4444 (OFFICE)

Joe Falkenberg  
COMMISSIONER  
307 259-2583 (CELL) or 605 745-4244 (HOME)

Deb Russell  
COMMISSIONER  
605 890-9796 (CELL) or 605 424-2135 (HOME)

Joe Allen  
COMMISSIONER  
605 745-1890 (HOME)

Sandra Wahlert  
COMMISSIONER  
605 891-3949 (CELL)

Les Cope  
COMMISSIONER  
605 441-4960 (CELL) or 605 535-6910 (HOME)

Dated this 19th day of February, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Falkenburg, Chairman  
Fall River Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sue Ganje  
Fall River County Auditor's Office



*Emergency Management  
Fall River County*

*Dar Coy  
906 N. River St.  
Hot Springs, SD 57747*

605 745-7562 605 890-7245 em@frcounty.org



Date: February 19, 2026

Subj: Commission Update

1. Everbridge quote signed and implementation to begin shortly
2. Homeland Security Grant zoom meeting with 2026 updates, 2025 money just sitting there waiting for the notice of funding.
3. Mass casualty training with HS ambulance on 2/20/2026
4. Wildfire simulation training in April
5. EPSPS event on 2/17/2026

Action Items for agenda: Request for travel and meals for required training in Pierre on March 18-19  
Resolution to expend resources for Fall River County on Wildfires

Emergency response: Edgemont VFD fire under the locomotive on BNSF, Hot Springs VFD dryer fire at 405 S. 15<sup>th</sup> street

*Dar Coy  
Emergency Manager  
Fall River County  
906 N. River Street  
Hot Springs, SD 57747*

**DMC Wear Parts**  
 3183 Humboldt Ave S  
 Minneapolis, MN 55408-  
 2559



**Invoice**

**BILL TO**  
 Fall River County HWY Dept  
 PO Box 939  
 Hot Springs, SD 57747

**SHIP TO**  
 Fall River County HWY Dept  
 PO Box 939  
 Hot Springs, SD 57747

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
5580	01/02/2026	\$12,500.10	02/01/2026	Net 30	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
CR:Road Rage Scarifier Front Mounted Scarifier System	1	9,000.00	9,000.00
GTR:G87KCSBSR-CO G87KCSBSR Carbide bit w/Gator Skin Carbide Overlay	60	18.335	1,100.10
DMC60C Heavy Duty Bit Board - 1.25x6x60 Delivered by DMC Wear Parts	2	1,200.00	2,400.00

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 DMC WEAR PARTS IS YOUR SOURCE FOR  
 ALL HEAVY EQUIPMENT CUTTING EDGES,  
 UNDERCARRIAGE PARTS, and FASTENERS.  
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**BALANCE DUE \$12,500.10**

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DP 26

\*Product can be returned only with approved written authorization from DMC Wear Parts. All returns are subject to a 25% restocking fee.

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**(no subject)**

1 message

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**Highway Department** <hwy@frcounty.org>  
To: Auditor Office <agenda@frcounty.org>

Wed, Feb 11, 2026 at 11:11 AM

Attached are the bids for the dyed 50/50 winter blend oil. Vollan was awarded the bid at \$2.775 per gallon. They are scheduled to deliver it tomorrow.

I hope you all are having a great day!

**Julie Silvernail- Office Manager**  
**Fall River County Hwy Dept.**  
**605-745-5137**



**VOLLAN AWARDED.pdf**  
3978K

**E-MAILED BID: Ian.grassel@stern.co**

**TO: FALL RIVER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. FAX # 745-5912**  
**E-MAIL Hwy@frcounty.org**  
**PHONE # 745-5137**

**DATE: 2/11/2026**

**FROM: STERN**

**E-MAIL ian.grassel@stern.co**

**BID FOR: Approx. 8,000 GALLONS DYED DSL (50/50 WINTER BLEND)**

**AMOUNT OF  
BID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$2.83/gallon**

(This bid includes all appropriate taxes and fees)

**Signed By: Ian Grassel** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: all bids must be received in the Fall River County Highway Dept. office at the above information before 10:00 A.M. to be considered, unless otherwise stated by the caller for bids.**

**If declining to bid, please write the words: "Decline today's bid." On the line designated for the Bid Amount.**

**Thank You**

EMAIL BID: [jwimmer@westco.coop](mailto:jwimmer@westco.coop)

[khooper@westco.coop](mailto:khooper@westco.coop)

TO: FALL RIVER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. FAX # 745-5912

PHONE # 745-5137

DATE: 2/11/2026

FROM: WESTCO PHONE: 308-762-3112

BID FOR: Approx. 8,000 Gallons DYED DSL (50/50 WINTER BLEND)

AMOUNT OF BID: ~~7800~~ gallon (5400 #2, 5400 #1) @ \$2.899/gal

~~\$22,712.00~~  
(This bid includes all appropriate taxes and fees)

Signed By: Jess Wimmer

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Thank You

FAXED BID: 6057454188

TO: FALL RIVER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. FAX # 745-5912  
PHONE # 745-5137

DATE: 2/11/2026

FROM: NELSONS OIL & GAS PHONE:605-745-4189

BID FOR: Approx. 8,000 Gallons DYED DSL (50/50 WINTER BLEND)

AMOUNT OF BID: #1 Dyed : \$3.05/gal , #2 Dyed: \$2.671 gal  
(This bid includes all appropriate taxes and fees)

Signed By: *Angela Nelson*

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12,200 (3.05 x 4000)  
+ 10,684 (2.671 x 4000)  
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22,884 ÷ 8,000  
= \$2.86

Thank You

EMAIL BID: patrons@midconetwork.com  
TO: FALL RIVER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. FAX # 745-5912  
PHONE # 745-5137

DATE: 2/11/2026

FROM: PATRONS PHONE: 605-342-0721

BID FOR: Approx. 8,000 Gallons DYED DSL (50/50 WINTER  
BLEND)

AMOUNT OF BID: \_\_\_\_\_

*Decline today's bid*  
(This bid includes all appropriate taxes and fees)

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Dept. office at the above number before 10 A.M. to be considered,  
unless otherwise stated by the caller for bids.

If declining to bid, please write the words: "Decline today's bid." On  
the line designated for the Bid Amount.

Thank You

*10 Am*

*hwy@frcountry.org*

**EMAIL BID:**

[mfazio@cbhcoop.com](mailto:mfazio@cbhcoop.com)  
[chershey@cbhcoop.com](mailto:chershey@cbhcoop.com)  
[hsdriver@cbhcoop.com](mailto:hsdriver@cbhcoop.com)  
[FRobbins@cbhcoop.com](mailto:FRobbins@cbhcoop.com)

**TO: FALL RIVER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. FAX # 745-5912**  
**PHONE # 745-5137**  
**EMAIL [hwy@frcounty.org](mailto:hwy@frcounty.org)**

**DATE: 2/11/2026**

**FROM: CBH PHONE: 605-431-3757**

**BID FOR: Approx. 8,000 Gallons DYED DSL (50/50 WINTER BLEND)**

**AMOUNT OF BID:** NO Bid  
(This bid includes all appropriate taxes and fees)

**Signed By:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank You**

**FAX: 605-341-1899**

**EMAIL:**

[orderdeskrc@mgoil.com](mailto:orderdeskrc@mgoil.com)

[mkulish@mgoil.com](mailto:mkulish@mgoil.com)

[toddm@mgoil.com](mailto:toddm@mgoil.com)

**TO: FALL RIVER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. FAX # 745-5912  
HWY@FRCOUNTY.ORG PHONE # 745-5137**

**DATE: 2/11/2026**

**FROM: MG OIL**

**PHONE: 605-343-5984**

**BID FOR: Approx. 8,000 Gallons DYED DSL (50/50 WINTER BLEND)**

**AMOUNT OF BID:**

(This bid includes all appropriate taxes and fees)

**Signed By:**

*No Bid*

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**If declining to bid, please write the words: "Decline today's bid." On the line designated for the Bid Amount.**

**Thank You**

EMAIL BID: BRUCE@VOLLANOIL.COM

TO: FALL RIVER COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. FAX # 745-5912  
PHONE # 745-5137

EMAIL hwy@frcounty.org

DATE: 2/11/2026

FROM: VOLLAN OIL PHONE: 605-529-5458

BID FOR: Approx. 8,000 Gallons DYED DSL (50/50 WINTER BLEND)

AMOUNT OF BID: \$22,200 (\$2.775/gallon)  
(This bid includes all appropriate taxes and fees)

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank You

awarded  
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**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-  
Supplemental Budget 2026, #1**

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 February 19, 2026, be approved as follows:

**FALL RIVER SUPPLEMENT HEARING #1** **2/19/2026**  
Expenditures

DATE	AMOUNT	EXPENSES TO SUPPLEMENT	ACCOUNT	GRANT Y-N	Description
2/19/2026	\$ 600.00	20100X4293310	Hwy Admin Clothing Allowance	N	Went up from 300 to 600 a year
2/19/2026	\$ 3,300.00	20100X4293311	Hwy Clothing Allowance	N	Went up from 300 to 600 a year
2/19/2026	\$ 350.00	20700X4293225	Dispatch Clothing Allowance	N	Went up from 300 to 350 a year
2/19/2026	\$ 350.00	10100X4293212	Jailer Clothing Allowance	N	Went up from 500 to 550 a year
2/19/2026	\$ 800.00	10100X4293211	Sheriff Clothing Allowance	N	Went up from 600 to 700 a year

\$ 5,400.00

Means of finance to be cash, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the Supplemental Budget #1.

Dated at Fall River County, South Dakota this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deb Russell  
Fall River County Board of Commissioners

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Sue Ganje  
Fall River County Auditor's Office

**FALL RIVER SUPPLEMENT HEARING # 1**

**2/19/2026**

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	\$ 5,400.00				

## Commissioner Meeting

message

Everett Dossey <doe.dossey@frcounty.org>  
: agenda@frcounty.org, "Ganje, Sue" <sue.ganje@state.sd.us>

Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 2:07 P

Please add me to the agenda per Joe Falkenburg to discuss assessments



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**Fwd: Tablets**

1 message

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**Everett Dossey** <doe.dossey@frcounty.org>  
To: agenda@frcounty.org

Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 10:28 AM

Please see below email and add me to the agenda



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Everett Dossey** <doe.dossey@frcounty.org>  
Date: Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 9:53 AM  
Subject: Tablets  
To: Ganje, Sue <sue.ganje@state.sd.us>

Below is what I sent the Commissioners

Good Morning,

I will be presenting at the commissioner meeting about purchasing 2 new tablets. We have 3 for field work. On one the screen is broken on another the battery is no good and it does not operate. Below is a picture of what we would like to order.

I also have to order a new desktop for the office as my computer is going out. I am waiting on a quote from Dave.



Microsoft Surface Pro 8 Tablet, 13" Touchscreen, Intel i5 Evo Platform, 8GB RAM, 128GB SSD, Windows 11 Surface Laptop - Device Only - Platinum (Latest Model) (Renewed)

Options: 4 capacities

4.6 ★★★★★ (102)

\$544<sup>00</sup> New Price: ~~\$624<sup>00</sup>~~

Display Size  
13.3 inches

Disk Size  
128 GB

RAM  
8 GB

Operating System  
Windows 11

FREE delivery Thu, Feb 19

Only 10 left in stock - order soon.

See options



Microsoft Surface Pro 8 13" Tablet 256GB WiFi 2.4GHz, Platinum (Renewed)

\$549<sup>00</sup>

Display Size  
13 inches

Disk Size  
-

Connectivity  
Wi-Fi

Brand  
Microsoft

FREE delivery Thu, Feb 19

Only 5 left in stock - order soon.

See options



Microsoft Surface Pro 8 13" Tablet 256GB WiFi 2.4GHz, Graphite (Renewed)

\$578<sup>00</sup>

Display Size  
13 inches

Disk Size  
256 GB

Connectivity  
Wi-Fi, Bluetooth

Brand  
Microsoft

FREE delivery Thu, Feb 19

Only 5 left in stock - order soon.

See options



**Everett Dossey**  
 Director  
 Director of Equalization  
 Fall River & Oglala Lakota Counties

1029 N River, Hot Springs, SD 57747  
 Phone: (605)745-5136  
[doe.director@frcounty.org](mailto:doe.director@frcounty.org)

Website: [fallriver.sdcounties.org](http://fallriver.sdcounties.org)  
 & [oglalalakota.sdcounties.org](http://oglalalakota.sdcounties.org)

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**Fwd: HP Elite 800 G9 Desktop Min from Golden West Technologies - Q75786**

1 message

**Everett Dossey** <doe.dossey@frcounty.org>

Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 10:35 AM

To: "Ganje, Sue" &lt;sue.ganje@state.sd.us&gt;, agenda@frcounty.org

Good Morning,

Below is the quote from Dave for the new Desktop computer.



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Dave Weishaupl** <dave.w@frcounty.org>

Date: Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 10:34 AM

Subject: Fwd: HP Elite 800 G9 Desktop Min from Golden West Technologies - Q75786

To: Everett Dossey &lt;doe.dossey@frcounty.org&gt;

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Chris Bernard** <ChrisBernard@goldenwest.com>

Date: Tue, Feb 17, 2026 at 10:29 AM

Subject: HP Elite 800 G9 Desktop Min from Golden West Technologies - Q75786

To: &lt;dave.w@frcounty.org&gt;



Hi Dave,

The quote for that PC can be found at the link below.

You can accept the quote, ask a question, or print the quote for your records.

[View Quote](#)

Thanks,  
Chris Bernard  
Golden West Technologies

\$1,069.00

Product	Quantity	Price	Amount
HP Elite 800 G9 Desktop Mini - Intel i7 12th Gen i7-12700T - 16GB RAM - 512GB SSD - Win11 Pro - 1x HDMI / 2x Display Port - 3yr. Warranty	1	\$1,069.00	\$1,069.00

PC Configuration \$540.00

Subtotal	\$1,609.00
Shipping	\$30.00
Tax	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,639.00</b>





## **FALL RIVER COUNTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Fall River County Courthouse  
906 North River Street  
Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747  
Phone: (605) 745-5130, Fax: (605) 745-6835

February 19, 2026

Dear President Trump, Governor Rhoden, State and National Legislators,

The Ag industry, both farmers and ranchers are some of the greatest supporters of the Trump Administration. It is extremely disheartening to see the recent decision by the Trump Administration to increase imports of Argentine beef by 80,000 metric tons.

Due to the catastrophic drought which involves a huge area of ranching and cattle country in the West, many of our most prolific producers may be faced with cutting their herds even more drastically than they already have. With increased imports, cattle prices will be drastically reduced.

Allowing large imports has historically had disastrous results. One important portion of the beef industry is the hamburger market. This will be in direct competition with imports. This is not a good idea. Due to the ongoing drought and the need to keep cattle prices at present levels we must consider the prices of all the aspects of cattle production, such as feed, livestock vaccinations, fuel, new equipment, parts, fencing supplies and labor costs.

The continual influence on cattle prices is also dictated by major feedlot operators, a huge conglomerate of a few packing plant owners. This conglomerate can choose to utilize only their captive supplies which can have foreign origin.

Because of the length of time it takes to produce a market ready animal, any changes on the pricing can have deleterious effects on producers who are leveraged and at the mercy of the market.

We remain firmly opposed to imports of foreign beef competing with American raised, quality beef.

Please redirect your thinking on the importation of Argentine beef. It will affect cattle prices and result in even lower beef production in America.

Sincerely,

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Joe Falkenburg, Chairman  
Fall River County Board of  
Commissioners

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Deb Russell, Vice-Chairman  
Fall River County Board of  
Commissioners

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Joe Allen, Fall River County  
Board of Commissioners

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Les Cope, Fall River County  
Board of Commissioners

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Sandra Wahlert, Fall River County  
Board of Commissioners

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Fall River County Board of Commissioners  
906 N. River Street  
Hot Springs, SD 57747

**FALL RIVER COUNTY POLICY & PROCEDURE**  
**Public Comment Periods Resolution**

***SDCL 1-25-1. Official meetings open to public--Exceptions--Public comment***

*The public body shall reserve at every official meeting a period for public comment, limited at the public body's discretion as to the time allowed for each topic and the total time allowed for public comment, but not so limited as to provide for no public comment.*

*Public comment is not required at an official meeting held solely for the purpose of meeting in executive session, an inauguration, presentation of an annual report to the public body, or swearing in of a newly elected official, regardless of whether the activity takes place at the time and place usually reserved for an official meeting.*

The Fall River County Commission appreciates the public's input and finds these comments valuable and necessary in making decisions that affect the County government and its functions.

All public comments become part of the Commission's public records. The public record includes the recording of the meeting and the public meeting packet. Public comments shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting by listing the name of the speaker and their area of interest. The speaker's narrative and/or opinion shall not be included. Any documents submitted during the public comment period shall not be added to the public meeting packet.

To ensure a professional, civil, and orderly dialogue, the Commission hereby resolves that public comment rules are as follows:

1. The Commission Chair will invite each speaker to the podium and the speaker must state his/her name for the record.
2. Comments must be directed to the County Commission and not to individual board members, staff, other speakers, or any audience member.
3. Comments must be presented in a professional manner and not in a threatening, profane, vulgar, or abusive manner.
4. Comments shall concern matters within the scope of the jurisdiction of the County.
5. Individuals who engage in repetitive, threatening, or abusive comments will be required by the Commission Chair to yield the floor.
6. Commission members are not required to respond to comments or questions and will decide if it is appropriate to do so.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Falkenburg, Chair  
Fall River County Board of Commissioners