

FALL RIVER COUNTY UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2025

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 16, 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; 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 the addition of Tim Goodwin coming to talk to the Commission at 10:40 a.m. and Tony March presenting a Right-of-Way permit.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the Fall River County Commission meeting minutes from October 2nd, 2025

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Russell, to set a cash supplement hearing on November 6th, 2025, at 9:35 a.m.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to set the year end meeting on December 30th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Allen, to approve travel for Sue Ganje, County Auditor, to attend the Auditors Conference on November 18th-20th 2025, with lodging and per diem.

Motion made by Allen, seconded by Wahlert, to approve longevity increase for Rachel Hosterman, Sheriffs Administrative Assistant from \$25.00/month to \$50.00/month for 5 years of service, effective 10/26/2025; as per union contract.

Darren Russell, VSO, met with the Board to give updates and present the VSO 3rd Quarter report, noting awards to veterans in the amount of \$136,855.68.

Anderson Engineering met with the Board to present a plat for approval.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Russell, to approve the following plat:

FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-32

A Plat of Lot 1R and Lot 2 of Swett Subdivision, located in the S ½ Government Lot 4 of Section 19, and the N ½ Government Lot 1 of Section 30, T7S, R6E, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota

Formerly Lot 1 of Tract Swett, The Remainder of tract Swett, Tract Shop, Lot FR 11 and Lot FR 12

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County Commissioners of Fall River County, South Dakota, the within plat of the above described lands, and it appearing to this Board that the system of streets conforms to the system of streets of existing plats and section lines of the county; adequate provision is made for access to adjacent unplatted lands by public dedication or section line when physically accessible;

all provisions of the county subdivision regulations have been complied with; all taxes and special assessments upon the property have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been lawfully executed; now and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that said plat is hereby approved in all respects.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2025.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje, Auditor
Fall River County Auditor

A hearing was held on the Don Fish, Isolated Tract issue. Quenten Riggins, Attorney from GPNA representing Mr. Fish was present, along with Jane Farrell, representing the Kennedy family. Joe Falkenburg, Chair of the Commission, read a document on his thoughts for the commission to consider in relation to the on this Isolated Tract application. Many individuals came to the Board with concerns regarding the application.

Individuals spoke on the safety of the street in the winter, and do not feel the land is isolated. The cost of a road would be very expensive for the city. Other questions addressed the need to cross Hot Springs city property to access the Fish property. Current taxes were spoken of on agriculture vs non agriculture lands. It was noted of a new development being created which could offer another access. Another landowner had traffic running on an easement for the new development Aesthetic value and views were also brought up.

Quenten Riggins spoke on the fact that a road could not be built on the section line, along with comments from his engineer, noting that that location of a road does not meet state law.

Jane Farrell, Attorney for the Kennedy Trust advised that the Commission should reject the petition. She stated that the City of Hot Springs should be the governing body making the decision. She also stated that there are other access points to be considered, therefore believes that the Board should vote against it so as to not burden the neighboring properties.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to reject the Isolated Tract Application due to the question of jurisdiction, City or County, and all options have not been exhausted.

Lyle Norton, Sheriff, and Tanner Schiferl, Deputy Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss the 2026 SD Highway Safety Grant and Updates.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to participate in the 2026 SD Highway Safety Grant application for various needs for the Sheriff's Department.

Norton then provided the jail census. There are 8 males and 5 females in house with 1 male in Pennington County and 1 male in Meade County for a total of 15 inmates.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to present fuel bids for 8,000 gallons of dyed #2 diesel: Vollan Oil, \$2.62/gal; CBH, declined bid; Stern \$2.70/gal; Beguin Propane, no bid; MG

Oil, no bid; Nelsons Oil & Gas, declined to bid and provided updates.

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Allen, to approve the low bid from Vollan Oil in the amount of \$2.62/gal for 8,000 gallons of #2 dyed diesel.

Motion made by Cope, seconded by Allen, to approve the Application for Permit to Occupy County Right-of-Way from Golden West Telecommunications, located from an existing vault near approach to 11981 Rocky Ford Rd, Edgemont, SD.

The time being 10:00 a.m. Cash Supplements Hearing took place.

**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-33
Supplemental Budget 2025, #8**

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 October 16, 2025, be approved as follows:

\$57,481.59	10100X4262111	Comm other projects	Error on Specials
\$40.50	10100X4222130	Judicial Systems	Court Reporter
\$9,866.29	10100X4261154	Abuse & Neglect	Attorneys
\$923.94	10100X4228213	Coroner	Autopsies
\$310.00	10100X4272215	Juvenile Care	Juvenile Services
\$11,071.79	30100x4250161	Building Fund	BlackHills Exteriors
\$4,149.32	20700X4110225	Dispatch	Salaries
\$5,896.44	10100X4340615	Weed Control	Equipment
\$(10,786.41)	10100R3310210	HAVA Reimbursement	HAVA
\$(8,733.56)	10100R3660000	Redeposit Prior Year	Dividends
\$(264,058.90)	10100R3730200	Reimb Ins	Roofs
\$(5,250.00)	10100R3740100	Sale of Property	Online Auction
\$(25,600.00)	20100R3690200	Reimb Ins	
\$(8,003.73)	20100R3740100	Sale of Co Property	Online Auction
\$(1,548.13)	23400R3340100	LEPC	Grant

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 #8 for 2025.

Dated at Fall River County, South Dakota this 16TH day of October 2025.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje
Fall River County Auditor's Office

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve the resolution for Cash Supplement.

Tony March, Highway Superintendent, continued with more updates.

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

Motion made by Russell, seconded by Wahlert, to approve travel for Dar Coy, Emergency Manager, to include lodging and per diem in Pierre, SD for the G557 Rapid needs assessment On November 17th and 18th of November.

Break was taken at 10:14 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:22 a.m.

Public comments were heard. Tim Goodwin, District 30 Representative. Spoke regarding having a prison annex in West River. Sarah Peterson stated that she attended the meeting with a grateful heart to the County Commissioners for inviting the State Board of Minerals and Mining for Craven Canyon and is excited about Oglala Lakota County participating in it. Marla Cooley, resident of Hot Springs, intervener for Uranium exploration mining, has also come with a very grateful heart.

Lance Russell spoke about being impressed with road between US Highway 18 and Minnekahta, supporting the grant, Tanner from the Sheriff's office for the grant.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Sue Ganje, Auditor
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Fall River County