

Tripp County, South Dakota
January 9, 2024

The meeting of the Tripp County Commissioners was called to order by the Chair in the Commissioner Room at the Court House at Winner on January 9, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen, Daniel Forgey, Joyce Kartak, and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to add 511 to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, that the minutes of the meeting held on December 28, 2023 be approved as read.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, that the claims be approved as follows:

MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,325.07; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,287.26; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,821.58; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,100.07; COURTHOUSE: \$1,564.81; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,818.67; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,723.45; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$276.04; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$2,150.12; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,637.80; WELFARE: \$475.38; AMBULANCE: \$7,496.47; LIBRARY: \$3,461.26; EXTENSION: \$1,639.00; WEED: \$1,508.54; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$23,749.94; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$396.15; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$698.76; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$345.92; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$56.30; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$17,411.76; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$23.75; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, VISION INSURANCE, \$71.99; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$826.34; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,753.46; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$813.51; TRIPP COUNTY AMBULANCE, AMBULANCE PAYMENT, \$20.00; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$787.50. COMMISSIONERS: JOYCE KARTAK, COMMISSIONER MEETING/CONFERENCE MILEAGE, \$89.76; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$35.00; WINNER ADVOCATE, MINUTES/BID FAIRGROUNDS MOWING/CLEANING, \$484.21; ALTERNATIVE HR, COMMISSIONER HR SUPPORT, \$2,021.25; COUNTY FAIR, CHRISTMAS IN THE COURTHOUSE SUPPLIES, \$70.52; AUDITOR: BARB DESERSA, TODD DECEMBER MEETING MILEAGE, \$91.80; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, DESK CALENDARS, \$19.74; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., 2 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION, \$87.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TODD POSTAGE, \$29.98/TRIPP POSTAGE, \$75.48; TREASURER: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, TAX BOOK/BINDERS/INK, \$407.21; WINNER ADVOCATE, DELIQUENT TAXES, \$834.08; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$107.20; STATE'S ATTORNEY: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES/SERVICE CONTRACT, \$159.65; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$4.68; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, RUGS/MOPS/ETC, \$221.78; CHS, INC., PROPANE, \$2,298.20; HILLYARD, LINERS/WIPES/PT/TP, \$576.64; RUNNINGS SUPPLIES, CLEANING SUPPLIES/SUPPLIES, \$98.96; WINNER TRUE VALUE, DOOR STOP, \$8.99; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, INDEX BINDER/DIVIDERS, \$30.12; PROVANTAGE, BLUE CARTRIDGE/INK, \$273.98; VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC., SERVICE FREE/CONTRACT COMMERICAL, \$3,900.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$44.10/TODD POSTAGE, \$1.89; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MCIROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TODD RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00/TRIPP RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$11.39; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE TRIPP, \$34.71; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$1,268.31; DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, DEC MONTHLY FEE 0365 LICENSES, \$453.00; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC., POSTAGE MACHINE REFILL, \$1,204.00; SHERIFF: JON BURDETTE, 24/7 PROGRAM NIGHTS, \$120.00; FLYING D CONVIENCE STORE, FUEL IE, \$62.74; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, FUEL, POSTAGE, UNIFORMS, \$717.88; CAROL MOORE, 24/7 PROGRAM DAYS/NIGHTS, \$200.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$197.89; SD SHERIFF ASSOCIATION, ANNUAL 2024 DUES, \$668.72; VOYAGER FLEET FUEL, FUEL, \$612.48; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$36.18; BENNY AUDISS, TRANSPORT MEALS, \$42.00; JAIL: BRULE COUNTY AUDITOR, INMATE ROOM AND BOARD, \$186.00; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$220.00; CORRECTIONAL RISK, INMATE INSURANCE, \$279.00/ INMATE MEDICAL PAYMENTS, \$4,741.50; FIRE PROTECTION: COLOME FIRE DEPARTMENT, 2024 ALLOCATIONS, \$15,000.00; COUNTY NURSE: 2023 4TH QTR ALLOCATIONS. \$9,100.00; AMBULANCE: PAUL SCHUETH, AMB GRANT HOURS, \$10,250.00; STRYKER SALES CORPORATION, AMBULANCE GRANT EQUIPMENT, \$8,936.40; SISSY OREL, AMB GRANT HOURS, \$1,000.00; VOYAGER FLEET FUEL, FUEL, \$356.52; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, 20% SHARE UTILITIES, \$533.65; SANFORD MEDICAL CENTER, AMBULANCE EMT 2023 COURSE, \$44,200.00; INFORMATIO TECHNOLOGIES, POSTAGE, \$27.72; COVIDEN SALES LLC., AMBULANCE GRANT EQUIPMENT, \$9,555.00;

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE – REDFIELD, \$60.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: FOX & YOUNGBERG, PC, MI HEARING, \$273.63; MARK C KATTERHAGEN, MI HEARINGS, \$21.00; LEWNO LAW, MI, \$166.63; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER, MI EVALUATIONS/HEARINGS, \$812.96; VAL LARSON, MI HEARINGS, \$21.00; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, PAPERS SERVED, \$50.00; DEAN SCHAEFER COURT REPORTING, MI COURT REPORTING, \$66.00; LIBRARY: CHS, INC., PROPANE, \$447.21; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$35.00; OVER DRIVE, MAINTENANCE FEE/DIGITAL CONSORTIUM, \$1,500.00; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$451.77; EXTENSION: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$200.14; WEED: K’S SIGNS AND GRAPHICS, SIGNS FOR PICK UP, \$100.00; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, DOOR DECORATIONS, \$29.94; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITES, \$30.02; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: ANNUAL WEB HOSTING, \$5,000.00; ROAD AND BRIDGE: APPEARA, LAUNDRY SERVICE/SUPPLIES, \$539.58; AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, REPAIR PARTS/SUPPLIES, \$483.74; AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, DRUG TEST, \$115.00; BROSZ ENGINEERING, PRELIM DESIGN GRANT WORK, \$27,030.00; CHS, INC., DIESEL/PROPANE, 26,300.83; DWARE INC., COMPUTER SOFTWARE, \$4,570.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, REPAIR TIRES, \$109.97; FLAT CREEK CONSTRUCTION, CUSTOM GRAVEL HAULING, \$20,835.05; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$213.48; HARRY K NAPA, REPAIRS/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$603.95; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$745.24; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES/PARTS, \$2,444.85; TRIPP CO WATER USER DISTRICT, RELOCATE WATER LINES WITTEN BRIDGE, \$96,328.30; WINNER WELDING, INC., REPAIR PARTS WELDING SUPPLIES, \$76.35; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, \$605.34; WINNER TRUE VALUE, OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$163.76; BUILDING AND STRUCTURES: WINNER PUMBING AND HEATING, WATER LEAK CRAWL SPACE, \$90.00; WINNER TRUE VALUE, PAINT FOR EXTENSION OFFICE, \$301.19; RIGISTER OF DEEDS M&P: TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, TODD DOC PRO LICENSE SOFTWARE, \$9,000.00/TRIPP LICENSE FEE DOC PRO, \$16,746.00; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, DECEMBER COLLECTIONS, \$160.00.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Jon Burdette, EM, joined the meeting. Mr. Wilcox asked if Tripp County is working with the 511 system to report which county roads may be closed due to the weather. Mr. Burdette said he and Sheriff Pettit are working on getting the county roads into the system.

The next order of business was to elect a chairman for 2024. Forgey nominated Wilcox as Chairman. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Wilcox as Chairman.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox assumed the Chairman duties.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman. Forgey nominated Jorgensen for Vice-Chairman. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jorgensen as Vice-Chairman.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, and Connie Christensen, Highway Secretary, Zach Pahlke, States Attorney, and Mason Juracek, Deputy States Attorney, entered the meeting.

Mr. Sund gave his report. The snowplows are all out, they cleaned snow at the courthouse and the fairgrounds, wings are on all the blades and the snow blower is ready to use. Mr. Sund would like to increase wages for Scott Hoffer and Craig Fiscus by \$1.00 per hour for their work performance. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (01-2024):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby approve the following raises effective January 7, 2024, for Scott Hoffer and Craig Fiscus, Highway Employees, and
Further Be it Resolved Mr. Hoffer and Mr. Fiscus shall increase from \$22.66 to \$23.66 per hour.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9^h day of January 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Wilcox, Jorgensen, Forgey, Kartak and Novotny.
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION (02-2024):
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to herby hire Zane Grisham as a full-time Highway Employee effective January 16, 2024, and
Further Be it Resolved Mr. Grisham shall be compensated at the rate of \$21.00 per hour with probation for up to six months.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9th day of January 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Wilcox, Jorgensen, Forgey, Kartak and Novotny.
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Connie Christensen, Highway Secretary, came to the meeting to discuss the personal time benefit. Currently all employees receive 16 hours per year. Mrs. Christensen would like to see the highway employees receive 20 hours per year since they work 10-hour days. Mrs. Christensen also asked if she could continue to send out their own vendor checks from the highway department as it would be easier for her, and the auditor’s office and the commissioners agreed. Personal time will change when changes are made to the Personnel Handbook.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, that the Commissioners serve on the following Boards for 2024:

<u>Commissioner Member</u>	<u>Board</u>
Forgey	Unified Economic Development
Wilcox and Forgey	Weed and Pest
Kartak and Jorgensen	Planning & Development District III
Kartak	Promotion & Expansion
Wilcox and Kartak	Fairboard
Novotny	Library
Jorgensen and Wilcox	Ambulance
Forgey	The South Dakota Health Pool
Novotny	Tri-County Landfill

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION (3-2024):
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby designate the Winner Advocate, Winner, South Dakota as the official newspaper for Tripp County for 2024.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9th day of January, 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Wilcox, Jorgensen, Forgey, Kartak and Novotny.
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION (4-2024):
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby designate the following depositories for Tripp County funds: Bank West, First Fidelity Bank, and Sentinel Federal Credit Union all in Winner, South Dakota and First Fidelity Bank in Colome, South Dakota, all located in Tripp County.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9th day of January, 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Wilcox, Jorgensen, Forgey, Kartak and Novotny.
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION (5-2024):
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby establish the rate of compensation for members serving on the Weed Board, Library Board, and Fairboard at \$20.00 per meeting attended, and
Further Be it Resolved members serving on various Boards shall receive mileage at the rate of \$.51 per mile.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9th day of January, 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Wilcox, Jorgensen, Forgey, Kartak and Novotny.
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to appoint Kristine Ringstmeyer and Roxie Hermsen to serve a three-year term on the Library Board.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Tripp County Library Board of Trustees, dates of their appointments and terminations are as follows:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Kristine Ringstmeyer	1-09-2024	1-12-2027
Roxie Hermsen	1-09-2024	1-12-2027
Melanie Levi	1-10-2023	1-13-2026
Courtney Brozik	1-10-2023	1-13-2026
Laura Welker	1-11-2022	1-14-2025
Marilyn Grossenburg	Honorary Member	

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to appoint Kevin Wagner and Dennis Bammerlin to the Weed Board for a three-year term.

The Weed Board members, dates of their appointments and terminations are as follows:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
1	Rick Bice	1-10-2023	1-13-2026
2			
3	Kevin Wagner	1-09-2024	1-12-2027
4	Richard Hartland	1-11-2022	1-14-2025
5	Dennis Bammerlin	1-09-2024	1-12-2027

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to decrease the number of Fairboard members from nine to seven members.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to appoint Barb Watzel to serve a three-year term on the Fairboard.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Fairboard members, dates of their appointments and terminations are as follows:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Rusty Heenan	1-11-2022	1-14-2025
Tara Parvin Fenenga	1-11-2022	1-14-2025
Jill Sell	1-11-2022	1-14-2025
Barb Watzel	1-09-2024	1-12-2027
Laura Welker	1-24-2023	1-10-2026
Deb Engel	1-24-2023	1-10-2026
Brad Watzel	1-24-2023	1-10-2026

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (6-2024):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners that the Superintendents, Deputies and Interpreters of each election shall be paid a fee of \$200.00 pursuant to SDCL 12-15-11, and

Further Be it Resolved that the person delivering the supplies and ballot boxes to the Auditor’s Office shall receive \$.51 per mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from making the delivery, and

Be it Resolved Further that all Superintendents, Deputies and Interpreters be allowed a fee of \$50.00 for attending an election school at a time and place fixed by the County Auditor.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9th day of January, 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Wilcox, Jorgensen, Forgey, Kartak and Novotny.
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (7-2024):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby establish the hourly equipment rental rates as follows:

Pickups 0346-0356	\$ 50.00
Trucks 0528-0530, 0554	\$ 65.00
Trucks 0558-0569	\$ 80.00
Tractors 5021-5024	\$ 50.00
Motor Graders 0922-0931	\$145.00
Seed 1306	\$ 40.00
Rollers 1310-1319	\$ 60.00
Sanders 1755-1760	\$ 45.00
Pumps 2208-2213	\$ 45.00
Loaders 2509, 2511	\$135.00
Drills 2805-2809	\$ 35.00
Scraper 3306	\$170.00
Skid Loader 2510	\$ 95.00
Small Trailers 3511-3514	\$ 50.00
Large Trailers 3515-3524	\$ 70.00
Tractor and Mower 5009-5012	\$130.00
Caterpillar Blade w/V Plow & Wings 0922-0931	\$170.00
Backhoe	\$110.00
Shoulder Disk	\$ 50.00 per day
Mulcher and Tractor 2812-2813	\$135.00
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9 th day of January, 2024.	

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Wilcox, Jorgensen, Forgey, Kartak and Novotny.
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Kartak, made a motion to extend the Joint Cooperative Agreement with District III Association of Local Governments for the program year January 1 through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$15,102.00.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to authorize the necessary expenses for Misti Burns, Librarian, to attend the following 2024 workshops and Conference. Jumpstart in Chamberlain, March 18, 2024, Regional Training April 3 in Mitchell, Library Institute June 2-7, 2024, in Aberdeen, and the SDLA Conference September 25-27, 2024 in Aberdeen, SD.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (8-2024):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby declare the following personal property (Weed) as surplus property for sale or disposal:

Inventory# 05-603	SCS 4000 Injector System	\$11,171.62
Inventory# 05-514	Piston Pump w/engine	\$ 200.00
Inventory# 05-527	Portable Strobe Light	\$ 119.00
Inventory# 05-534	DI-ISO Injector System	\$ 2,281.80
Inventory# 05-519	Spray mate sprayer	\$ 850.00
Inventory# 05-522	Kenwood Radio SS	\$ 570.00
Inventory# 05-522	Kenwood Radio SS	\$ 670.00
Inventory# 05-878	Kenwood Radio	\$ 422.00
Inventory# 05-580	6-gal Portable eye wash station	\$ 219.00
Inventory #05-587	GPS 315 Systems	\$ 199.99
Inventory #05-579	Kenwood Radio	\$ 422.00

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9th day of January, 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Wilcox, Jorgensen, Forgey, Kartak and Novotny.

Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

The Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer was presented for the approval of the Board as follows:

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners Tripp County:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County as of December 31, 2023.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$6,957,305.41
Total amount of actual cash	1,286.10
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days	22,895.87
Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer’s possession over three days	
Tamara Dahlvang	86.40
Credit Card	
Postage, Freight, Exp.	
Co. License &Title	
TOTAL	\$6,981,573.78

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2024.

Barbara DeSersa

County Auditor, Tripp Co.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, that the Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer be approved as presented.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Register of Deed’s Statement of Fees collected during the month of December 2023 showed \$5,444.50.

Jewell Bork, Program Manager for South Central RC&D, came to the meeting to invite the commissioners to a workshop for Ranchers to be held in Mission on January 10, 2024. The topic will be on how to reduce woody encroachment.

Discussion was held on Tripp County property improvements. All improvements need to be approved by the commissioners, including the fairgrounds, before projects are started.

Shawn Pettit, Sheriff, Candy Biggins, Treasurer and Randy Pajl entered the meeting. Discussion was held on a property that was recently taken by the county for delinquent taxes. The property is currently occupied by Mr. Pajl, as the previous owner is charging him rent. Mr. Pahlke gave the commissioners options on how to proceed with the situation. Ms. Biggins explained the property cannot be sold until February 8, 2024. The commissioners will allow Mr. Pajl to live there until the sale of the property.

Attorney Kasey Olivier, Ashley Miles Holtz and Meghan Calkins, Smokin Barrels, joined the meeting via zoom. They asked to talk to the commissioners about the Smokin Barrels liquor license that was denied at the previous commissioner meeting on December 28, 2023. Ms. Olivier would like to have a re-hearing to present the necessary documents proving that Smokin Barrels was open sixty days in 2022 and 2023. The hearing was set for the next commissioner meeting on January 23, 2024, at 11:00 A.M.

Zach Pahlke, SA, presented a Lease Agreement between Tripp County Fairgrounds and the American Legion. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to give the Chairman permission to sign and execute the lease agreement between the Tripp County Fairgrounds and the Clem Mortensen American Legion Post #169.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Synova Nicolaisen, Alternative HRD, entered the meeting.
At 11:40 A.M. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to enter into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.
The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, left during executive session and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left for the day.
At 12:25 P.M. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to return to regular session.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried

At 12:35 P.M. Jorgensen made the motion to adjourn until January 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Novotny.
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Larry Wilcox

ATTEST:

County Auditor