

Tripp County, South Dakota
November 14, 2023

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 November 14, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Joyce Kartak, Larry Wilcox, Daniel Forgey, Cody Jorgensen and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to add the National Center for Public Lands and approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, that the minutes of the meeting held on October 24, 2023 be approved as read.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,310.35; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$5,985.40; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,652.23; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,066.13; COURTHOUSE: \$1,557.69; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$4,027.08; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,615.00; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$524.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$1,990.38; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,502.62; WELFARE: \$461.54; AMBULANCE: \$8,747.43; LIBRARY: \$3,380.65; EXTENSION: \$1,368.50; WEED: \$1,464.62; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$24,456.38; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$384.62; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$786.26; AFLCA DENTAL; DENTAL INSURANCE; \$257.80; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$54.65; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$16,888.50; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$166.25; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, CONTRIBUTION, \$101.00; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$763.54; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,090.02; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$981.05; TRIPP COUNTY AMBULANCE, AMBULANCE PAYMENT, \$20.00; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$787.50.
COMMISSIONERS: HOBBY SHOPPE, GREEN PAINT FOR OUTSIDE LIGHTS, \$2.99; JOYCE KARTAK, COMM MEETING MILEAGE/COURT SECURITY MEETING MILEAGE, \$85.68; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$77.51; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., MINUTES/NOTICE OF SALE, \$220.20; ALTERNATIVE HRD, JOB POSTING, \$99.00; CIRCUIT COURT: LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION, \$435.29; AUDITOR: BARB DESERSA, TODD MEETING OCT MILEAGE, \$45.90; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ½ TRIPP ELECTION SCHOOL MILEAGE/SUPPLIES, \$87.69; ½ TODD MILEAGE ELECTION SCHOOL, \$79.22; RAMKOTA HOTEL, ½ TRIPP ROOMS ELECTION SCHOOL, \$246.00; ½ TODD ROOMS ELECTION SCHOOL, \$246.00; SDACO, MEMBERSHIP DUES TODD 2024, \$311.39/ TRIPP MEMBERSHIP DUES 2024; \$225.17; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, COMMAND HOOKS, \$28.54; TREASURER: SDACO, TRIPP MEMBERSHIP DUES 2024; \$225.17/TODD MEMBERSHIP DUES 2024, \$311.39; STATE'S ATTORNEY: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT/SUPPLIES, \$112.84; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: PHOENIX INVESTIGATION, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, \$1,055.66; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, MOPS/RUGS, \$133.99; HILLYARD, SUPPLIES, \$496.28; NAGEL CONSTRUCTION, TOP SOIL, \$212.40; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$107.40; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$899.50; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, \$29.97; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: JANIECE WEBER, PICK UP WASH/SUPPLIES, \$39.59; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, PHOTO PAPER, \$25.99; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, GLUE STICKS/REINFORCEMENTS, \$5.28; PROVANTAGE, COLOR CARTRIDGES, \$254.97; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, FINISH APPRAISAL TODD CO, \$57.20; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.92; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TODD RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00/TRIPP RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00; SDACO, TRIPP 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$225.17/TODD 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$311.38; INSURANCE-WORK COMP: SDML, 2024 RENEWAL BILLING, \$45,838.00; SDPAA, ADD ON JD 644P LOADER, \$297.21; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, WEB CAM EXT. OFFICE, \$40.98; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$1,266.24; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, 2024 DESK CALENDAR, \$6.58; DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, NEW SWITCH, \$2,023.86; SHERIFF: B&L COMMUNICATIONS, NEW VEHICLE SETUP, \$14,237.53; DARRYL SUESS, COURT ROOM SECURITY, \$67.50; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, FUEL/MEALS TRANSPORT, \$226.90; GALLS INC., CLOTHES, \$349.84; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, IB VEHICLE OIL CHANGE, \$66.93; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$330.60; THE RADAR SHOP, RECERTIFY RADAR UNIT, \$192.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$187.68; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, FUEL, \$694.09; WINNER LASER WASH, CAR WASHES, \$28.00; WINNER BAKERY, ROLLS FOR TRAINING, \$84.00; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM/BOARD, \$26,202.00; HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, INMATE HOLD, \$190.00; CHASE FRANK, TRANSPORT, \$110.50; SD DEPT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$515.00; WINNER REGIONAL, BLOOD DRAWS, \$321.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTION, \$76.23; WINNER DENTAL CLINIC, INMATE

TEETH PULLING, \$641.00; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE INSURANCE, \$403.00; BENNY AUDISS, TRANSPORT/MEALS, \$79.50; RISING HOPE COUNSELING, INMATE COUNSELING, \$130.00; JUVENILE DETENTION: HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, JUVENILE INMATE ROOM/BOARD, \$9,735.00; SHANE'S PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTION, \$27.52; BENNY AUDISS, JUVENILE TRANSPORT X 2, \$221.00; COUNTY NURSE: WINNER REGIONAL H.C., 3RD QTR ALLOCATIONS, \$9,100.00; AMBULANCE: DEBBY ENGEL, EMT CONFERENCE, \$54.00; HARRY K NAPA, WINDSHIELD WIPERS, \$31.48; JOHN HOFELDT, EMT CONFERENCE, \$281.46; ZANE HAMIEL, EMT CONFERENCE, \$270.24; ALEX SCHAEFFER, EMT CONFERENCE, \$229.46; MARTI KINGSLEY, EMT CONFERENCE, \$296.22; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$6.58; PAUL SCHUETH, EMT CONFERENCE, \$270.24; GLENN SEALEY, EMT CONFERENCE, \$281.46; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$125.76; VOYAGER, FUEL, \$760.76; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, 20% UTILITY SHARE, \$218.63; THE WINNER PHARMACY, BS STRIPS, \$29.58; WENDY NAGEL, EMT CONFERENCE, \$459.24; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, \$18.27; LISA KOSKAN, EMT CONFERENCE, \$500.56; MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE – YANKTON, \$611.63; DEVELOPEMENTALLY HANDICAPPED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE – REDFIELD, \$60.00; LIBRARY: BRUNMEIER'S FIRE, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SERVICE, \$40.00; DEMCO, RECORD/STICKERS, \$95.85; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$85.78; MISTI BURNS, MILEAGE FOR TRAINING, \$127.50; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, \$440.23; WINNER ADVOCATE, OPEN HOUSE ADS, \$210.00; WINNER TRUE VALUE, FASTENERS, \$3.00; EXTENSION: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, CONTRACT/SUPPLIES, \$239.49; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, \$18.07; WEED: GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, TIRES, \$370.00; RUNNINGS, SUPPLY, STA BIL/ANTIFREEZE/BLADE, \$113.78; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$1.98; DUANE WETZEL, MEALS/MILEAGE, \$120.45; ROAD AND BRIDGE: APPEARA, LAUNDRY/SUPPLIES, \$617.23; AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$816.05; AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, NEW EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING, \$230.00; BROSZ ENGINEERING, MATERIALS TESTING, \$570.00; CHS, INC., DEF, \$526.00; LEE B. CONNELLY, GRAVEL ROYALTY, \$990.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCING, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$1,010.90; FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$63.06; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$210.55; HARRY K NAPA, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$996.00; HIGH PLAINS TRUCK AND TRAILER, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$87.13; HIGH PLAINS TRUCK AND TRAILER, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$1,729.12; NAGEL CONSTRUCTION, INC., GRAVEL/BLADING, \$1,428.30; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SHOP SUPPLIES/PARTS, \$501.58; SD DOT, BRIDGE INSPECTIONS, \$1,280.65; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, POSTAGE, \$132.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$42.12; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$515.94; WINNER WELDING, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$221.80; WINNER TRUE VALUE, OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$30.84; WW TIRE SERVICE, TIRE REPAIR, \$2,112.83; MATHIS FARM EQUIPMENT LLC., PARTS/REPAIRS, \$1,296.43; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$7,312.80; BUILDING AND STRUCTURES: RG SPRINKLERS, INSTALL ZONE SE CORNER/WINTERIZE, \$770.30; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, OCTOBER COLLECTIONS, \$132.00; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, LICENSE/ANNUAL FEE DOC PRO, \$7,977.50/25% LICENSE FEE TODD, \$3,750.00/DOC PRO TODD, \$225.00.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Discussion was held about the Fair board meeting.

The National Center for Public Lands is requesting a \$1,000.00 contribution from each of the counties. This will help pay for lobbying on the county commissioners' behalf. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to contribute \$1,000.00 to the National Center for Public Lands.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve the 2024 Application for the Alcoholic Beverage License submitted by Jorgensen Land and Cattle, dba as Lazy J Grand Lodge, for Retail (on-sale) Liquor with Sunday sales.

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

Nayes: None. Abstain: Jorgensen. Motion carried.

Bob Thimjon, Financial Action Network, joined the meeting by zoom. Mr. Thimjon was asked to join the meeting to discuss a financial action plan as a whole and by department. The FAN is comprised of 5-7 business and accounting professionals to provide analysis and recommendations about future steps the county should take to ensure that future needs are met in Tripp County. Mr. Thimjon is willing to provide guidance.

Shawn Pettit, Sheriff, entered the meeting. Mr. Pettit brought the Hughes County 2024 Contract for Jail Services to the Commissioners for approval. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to give the Chairman permission to sign the contract.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:11:08 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to enter into Executive session to discuss a legal issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3).
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.
The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during executive session.
At 11:30 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to return to regular session.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor presented the following Applications for the Abatement of Taxes for the approval of the Board as they were taken for tax deed:

- 1. Thomas and Consuela Trombetta, Parcel 48.01.21.22, Lots 21-22, Block 21, Original Town, Winner City, 2012 RE \$86.90; 2014 RE \$93.66; 2015 RE 84.98; 2016 RE 89.80; 2017 RE 80.74; 2018 RE \$85.98; 2019 RE 99.92; 2020 RE 99.80; 2021 RE 96.32; 2022 RE \$86.72.
- 2. Michael Finley, Parcel 48.02.37.08, E67’ of Lots 7-8, Blk37, First Addn., Winner City, 2016 RE 281.16; 2017 RE \$289.12; 2018 RE \$308.58; 2019 RE \$324.82; 2020 RE \$400.02; 2021 RE \$390.72; 2022 RE \$378.08.
- 3. Hospital Credit Services Co., Parcel 48.02.37.08.1, E38’ of W73’ of Lots 7-8, Block 37, First Addn., Winner City, 2014 RE \$59.94; 2015 RE \$54.40; 2016 RE \$57.50; 2017 RE 51.70; 2018 RE \$55.04; 2019 RE \$63.98; 2020 RE \$63.90; 2021 RE \$61.66; 2022 RE \$57.98.
- 4. Adam Hosford, Parcel 48.03.46.07, Lot 7, Blk 46, 2nd Addn., Winner City, 2017 RE 90.30; 2018 RE \$96.38; 2019 RE \$133.58; 2020 RE \$133.40; 2021 RE \$113.26; 2022 RE \$103.24.
- 5. Sean Kilbourn, Parcel 48.26.02.07, Lot 7, Blk 2, Lenker’s Addn., Winner City, 2017 RE \$104.58; 2019 RE \$152.64; 2020 RE \$152.44; 2021 RE \$96.32; 2022 RE \$86.72.
- 6. Thomas & Sherry Southam, Parcel 48.37.01.08, All of Lot 7, W 3’ of Lot 8, Blk 1, Luedeman addn., Winner City, 2014 RE \$444.84; 2015 RE \$403.68; 2016 RE \$385.80; 2017 RE \$346.90; 2018 RE \$369.34; 2019 RE \$389.82; 2020 RE \$389.36; 2021 RE \$605.26; 2022 RE \$610.78.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to approve the applications as presented and to take over the delinquent taxes for Tax Deed.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION (47-2023):
WHEREAS, Nicole Richey, has satisfactorily completed her probationary period,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to increase Mrs. Richey’s salary to \$19.00 per hour effective November 12, 2023.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of November, 2023.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

Larry Wilcox

Daniel Forgey

Cody Jorgensen

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

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

Richard Cole, Rames Township, came to the meeting to discuss a culvert that had washed out. The commissioners advised Mr. Cole to talk to Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, as the culvert is over 4 foot long, therefore the county’s responsibility.

Zach Wilsey, Brosz Engineering, LLC, came to the meeting to discuss the bridge inspection findings on the structures that were done recently. Mr. Wilsey reported 36 of the 63 structures are nearing or exceeding their expected design life. Mr. Wilsey suggested updating the load limit signs on the bridges. Discussion was held.

Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, LLC, brought two applications to the SD Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Notice of Intent for the Chair to sign. The first application is for Project PCN 08XH, Structure replacement # 62-220-512, Wewela and the second application is for Project PCN 08XG, Structure replacement # 62-100-463, Clearfield. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to give the Chair permission to sign both Notice of Intent.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, gave his report. The crew pulled shoulders and graveled on Project 55, graveled three miles on Project 55 and put in an approach on Project 62.
Dean Watzel is requesting an approach on Project 6139-S. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to approve the approach on Project 6139-S.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Golden West Tele-communications would like the chairman to sign an Application for Occupancy on the right of way of County Highway 296th St for Project #25996. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to give the chairman permission to sign the application.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left for the day.

Carlotta York, Wellmark Representative and Lisa Nold, Health pool of SD Representative, gave a presentation on the variations between the plans offered by Wellmark.
Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to authorize the Chairman to sign the renewal for The Health Pool of South Dakota, Plan D.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to deny three claims. Avera McKennan Hospital in the amount of \$7,892.49, AMG Hospital, in the amount of \$8.08, and AMG Psychiatry, in the amount of \$168.27, as they should have been submitted to the Mental Health Board.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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 October 31, 2023.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$8,607,480.88
Total amount of actual cash	3,860.24
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days	397,392.62
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	2,339.72
Postage, Freight, Exp.	234.00
Co. License &Title	
TOTAL	\$9,011,393.86

Dated this 1st day of November, 2023.
Barbara DeSersa
County Auditor, Tripp Co.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, 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 October 2023 showed \$6,343.50.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION (48-2023):
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to herby hire Larry Cahoy as a part- time Highway employee effective November, 2023 and
Further Be it Resolved Mr. Cahoy shall be compensated at the rate of \$22.00 per hour.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of November, 2023.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

Larry Wilcox

Daniel Forgey

Cody Jorgensen

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

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

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to give the Chairman permission to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between SDSU Extension and Tripp County for the year 2024 at the cost of \$11,200.00.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 2:55 P.M. Wilcox made the motion to adjourn until November 28, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Jorgensen.
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

County Auditor