

Tripp County, South Dakota
February 28, 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 February 28, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Joyce Kartak, Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen, and Michael Novotny. Absent was Daniel Forgey. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to add Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, LLC, to the agenda and approve as amended.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, that the minutes of the meeting held on February 14, 2023, be approved as read.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, that the claims be approved as follows:

BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,795.89; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,106.28; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,313.66; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$5,965.50; COURTHOUSE: \$1,480.77; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$4,024.60; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,515.25; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$512.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$1,990.38; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,112.60; SOLID WASTE: \$1,080.00; WELFARE: \$461.54; AMBULANCE: \$7,049.43; LIBRARY: \$3,483.46; EXTENSION: \$1,719.40; WEED: \$1,464.62; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$23,373.99; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$384.62; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTION, \$724.03; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$16,392.29; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$142.50; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$33,076.33; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,148.84; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION FEBRUARY, \$1,079.17; TRIPP COUNTY AMBULANCE, AMBULANCE PAYMENT, \$25.00; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, AMBULANCE BILL, \$25.00; DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT, CONTRIBUTION, \$360.00; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$712.50. COMMISSIONERS: MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, CLAIM PADS, \$163.18; ELECTION: VARIOUS ELECTION WORKERS, HAND COUNTING PAY, \$4,625.00; WINNER ADVOCATE, NOTICE OF ELECTION, \$48.38; CIRCUIT COURT: VARIOUS JURORS, JURY DUTY, \$4,548.06; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INTERPRETOR FOR HEARING, \$93.84; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: AMY BARTLING-JACOBSEN, CAA FEES, \$1,269.26; GEORGE F JOHNSON, CAA FEES, \$1,254.28; SANDY STEFFEN, CAA FEES, \$10,211.31; TIMOTHY R WHALEN, CAA FEES, \$1,936.60; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: JANIECE WEBER, BROWN ENVELOPES, \$30.86; REGISTER OF DEEDS: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PENCIL SHARPENER/DISC, \$85.95; IT: TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, BIOMETRIC MAINTENANCE 4/23-6/23, \$119.75; DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, 0365 LICENSE X 19, \$285.00; PINEY BOWES BANK INC., REFILL POSTAGE METER, \$509.13; SHERIFF: THE INSURANCE CENTER, KYLE'S NOTARY STAMP, \$115.00; KYLE SWEDLUND, LUNCH FOR JUVENILE TRANSPORT TO JDC, \$14.00; DILLON BATES, ON CALL AND HOURLY CALL, \$312.50; SOLID WASTE: AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, SUPPLIES, \$253.77; BRUNMEIER FIRE, INSPECT 6 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, \$48.00; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COMPANY, UTILITIES, \$260.80; CARE OF POOR: MASON FUNERAL HOME, INDIGENT BURIAL D.E.G., \$2,500.00; AMBULANCE: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SDAA CONFERENCE, \$296.12; MATHESON TRI-GAS, OXYGEN, \$37.28; STRYKER SALES CORPORATION, LUCAS, \$13,656.75; THE WINNER PHARMACY, TRUE MATREX STRIPS, \$9.79; MENTAL HEALTH: SOUTHERN PLAINS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, 2023 ALLOCATION, \$9,500.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF, CIVIL PAPERS SERVED, \$50.00; LIBRARY: CHS, INC., PROPANE, \$555.22; DEMCO, STICKERS/BOOK MARKERS, \$81.35; FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, SINGLE SITE HOTS/SUPPORT, \$1,369.00; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$87.90; HILLYARD, GARBAGE LINER/PAPER TOWELS, \$115.28; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE/COPIER CONTRACT, \$78.09; SCHAEFFER & COMPANY LLC, THERMOSTAT, \$186.85; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$398.50; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, DOLLAR STORE/AMAZON/ZOOM, \$2,988.19; WELCH'S PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL, \$88.00; WHITLEY'S CLEANING, FEBRUARY CLEANING, \$950.00; WEED: OVERHEAD DOOR CO., REPLACEMENT RUBBER/EXCISE TAX, \$378.28; WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT, HANDGUN/ADAPTER, \$51.68; DUANE WETZEL, REIMBURSE FUEL/MEALS, \$135.87; LARRY WILCOX, MEAL REIMBURSEMENT, \$20.82; ROAD & BRIDGE: AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, DRUG TEST, \$110.50; ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION INC., GRAVEL CRUSHING, \$284,000.00; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, MAIL OIL SAMPLES, \$16.95; GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE, CHAINS, \$1,156.87; LAWSON PRODUCTS INC., SHOP SUPPLIES, \$60.01; MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL, SHOP SUPPLIES, \$362.12; NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT, REPAIR PARTS, \$494.00; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COMPANY, UTILITIES, \$260.81; COUNTY FAIR, REFRESHMENTS/MSHA MEETING, \$60.59; C&S TRUCK SALES, FUEL TANK,

\$500.00; SNOW REMOVAL: NAGEL CONSTRUCTION, INC., SNOW REMOVAL DEAN WATZEL, \$225.00; DEBT SERVICE: DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, TRUCK PAYMENTS, \$12,426.27; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ASSOCIATION DUES, \$30.00; BUILDING AND STRUCTURES: WINNER PLUMBING AND HEATING, SUMP PUMPS, \$1,049.57.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

Melanie Levi, IT, spoke during public comment. Mrs. Levi came to the meeting to tell the commissioners that on March 16 the server will transition to cloud base. The offices this will affect are the Auditors, Treasurer, Register of Deed, Welfare and Director of Equalization. Mrs. Levi would like to move these offices emails to a private domain that day as well and suggested closing these five offices all day. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to approve closing the Auditor, Treasurer, Register of Deed, Welfare and Director of Equalization office for server and email changes.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:15 A.M. Daniel Forgey entered the meeting.

Duane Wetzel, Weed Supervisor, came to the meeting to discuss spraying trees in the Right of Ways. Discussion was held on the removal of the trees when they are dead. Mr. Wetzel said he can remove the smaller ones with a trailer and chainsaw and the commissioners gave Mr. Wetzel permission to purchase a chainsaw. The commissioners thanked Mr. Wetzel for helping remove snow around the courthouse and library.

Connie Christensen, Highway Secretary, and Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, LLC, entered the meeting. Mr. Van Zee presented three agreements for voluntary right of way donations to be signed by the chair. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to give the Chair permission to sign three Agreements for Voluntary Right of Way Donations due to Project No. BRO 8062(00)22-2 and BRF 6581(00)22-1.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Van Zee also brought two ROW Acquisition Certifications and Utility Certifications to be signed. The first is for BIG Project BRF 6581(00)22-1 and second for BIG Project BRO 8062(00)22-2. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to give the Chair permission to sign the Utilities Certificate and Right-Of-Way Certificates for BIG Project No. BRO 8062(00)22-2; PCN 08XH in Tripp County and BIG Project No. BRF 6581(00)22-1; PCN 08XG in Tripp County.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to submit the application for the SPR funded Transportation Study.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on various roads.

Connie Christensen, Highway Secretary, brought two resignations to the commissioners. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to accept the resignations of both highway department employees Larry Kutz effective February 13, 2023 and Kristi Donahue effective March 2, 2023.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, entered the meeting. Mr. Pahlke brought the laws on executive session, as the newly appointed commissioners have not attended workshops/training.

Connie Christensen, Highway Secretary, asked to go into executive session.

At 10:40 A.M. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, 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, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during executive session.

At 12:02 P.M. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Jody Brozik, Winner City Mayor, Troy Krueger, Public Works Director, Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, Bob Benson, Donna Howland and Louise Flisram entered the meeting.

Mr. Brozik and Mr. Krueger came to the meeting to present a Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$650,000.00 for the Tripp County Transfer Station/ Recycling Center.

The Commissioners stated that the Purchase Agreement was to include that Winner City will keep the Recycling Center open and it was not in the agreement. Mr. Brozik said he will have Mr. Jensen include that in the Agreement and return to the next meeting on March 14, 2023.

Commissioner Novotny is not in favor of selling the Transfer Station/ Recycling Center. Mr. Novotny feels that the public has not been made aware of this transaction. There are concerns that Heartland Waste will leave the area and City of Colome, New Witten Town and rural customers will lose their service. Mr. Novotny feels that the purchase price is too low, and that county could use the building to store highway equipment.

Heartland Waste was contacted by Larry Wilcox and Jody Brozik, and they were both assured that they are not leaving the area. Commissioner Wilcox is in favor of selling the Recycling Center to the city.

Donna Howland asked how binding the contract would be as the City may remove the Recycling part out of the agreement later. Ms. Howland also had concerns about her dumpster and asked if there will be items the city won't take that Hartland Waste takes for garbage now. Ms. Howland asked about the other heavy delivery trucks that travel the city streets. Mr. Brozik said the city will take whatever items Heartland Waste takes now as it will be transported to Pukwana. Mr. Brozik also stated that the city will stand by their word and keep the Recycling Center open. There will be a deposit fee for other counties that bring recycling.

Bob Benson asked about the cost of purchasing the smaller garbage trucks, how many and will the garbage pick-up fees increase. Mr. Brozik said the city will have to bid the garbage pickup like they do now but with new regulations and stipulations. Mr. Brozik also stated they will be holding the garbage at the Transfer Station until it is transported to Pukwana, this will keep the prices down as there will be less transports made.

Troy Krueger said it is imperative that the larger trucks are removed to save the city streets from any more damage.

Commissioner Jorgensen is in favor of selling the Recycling Center and working with the city. Mr. Jorgensen would also like the money earmarked for the highway building.

Commissioner Kartak would like to see the money made from this agreement put towards a building on the highway grounds.

Louise Flisram said the city and rural residents should know about this purchase agreement.

Mr. Brozik said the Purchase Agreement is available at the Winner City office.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to table the purchase agreement until the next meeting on March 14, 2023, to include, keeping the Recycling Center open.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Larry Wilcox inquired about exit interviews. Mr. Wilcox said it's a good idea to find out what improvements can possibly be made within that department.

Discussion was held on the increase in CD interest as the interest rate has increased. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to approve transferring \$4 million dollars into CDs to gain the new interest.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 1:30 P.M. Wilcox made the motion to adjourn until March 14, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Jorgensen.
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

County Auditor