

Tripp County, South Dakota  
March 12, 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 March 12, 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.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to delete ExecuTime and Roger Sund and approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, that the minutes of the meeting held on February 27, 2024 be approved as read.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,325.07; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,174.23; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,834.48; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,209.62; COURTHOUSE: \$1,711.50; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,818.65; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,708.00; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$531.48; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$2,050.12; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,731.71; WELFARE: \$475.38; AMBULANCE: \$8,074.47; LIBRARY: \$3,608.77; EXTENSION: \$1,587.63; WEED: \$1,508.54; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$22,392.09; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$396.15; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$698.77; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$390.32; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$57.95; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$16,983.86; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$250.26; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, VISION INSURANCE, \$71.99; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$828.44; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,431.32; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$900.84; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$787.50.

COMMISSIONERS: JOYCE KARTAK, FEBRUARY MEETING MILEAGE, \$57.12; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PAPER/SERVICE CONTRACT, \$707.71; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., MINUTES/ANNUAL REPORT, \$451.89; ALTERNATIVE HRD, COMMISSIONER HR AND JOB POST, \$176.50; ELECTION: BARB DESERSA, MILEAGE TO ELECTION SCHOOL, \$94.86; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, MEALS AT ELECTION SCHOOL, \$75.95; CIRCUIT COURT: THOMSEN REUTERS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION, \$1,200.26; AUDITOR: BARB DESERSA, FEBRUARY MEETING MILEAGE/JAN TODD, \$136.70; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, IRS MAILING, \$26.52; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PEN/TONER, \$320.89; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$44.27/TODD POSTAGE, \$24.96; TREASURER: TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, POSTAGE, \$340.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$173.18/TODD POSTAGE, \$181.58; STATE'S ATTORNEY: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$111.66; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$3.74; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, RUGS/MOPS/ETC., \$277.84; CHS, INC., \$3,186.75; HILLYARD, LINER/PT/TP, \$437.54; KONE INC., MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 3/1-5/31, \$381.72; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES/DRILL/SIGN, \$326.58; WINNER PLUMBING AND HEATING, FIX PLUGGED URINAL, \$120.00; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$87.25; BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL, BATTERIES FLOOR CLEANER 4H BLDG, \$1,117.97; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL PHONE, \$41.93; JANIECE WEBER, COVERS FOR BOOKS/MILEAGE TO ADD VALUE, \$99.57; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$55.91; QUALIFIED PRESORT SERVICE, TODD ASSESSMENTS MAILED OUT, \$662.49/TRIPP ASSESSMENTS MAILED OUT, \$2,389.34; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, POSTAGE, \$212.00; WINNER ADVOCATE, ADVERTISING, \$153.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$21.12; REGISTER OF DEEDS: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, WINDOW BLINDS, \$73.27; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TODD RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00/TRIPP RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE TRIPP, \$29.45; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SPEAKERS FOR SHERIFF OFFICE, \$20.15; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$1,298.61; MELANIE LEVI, MILEAGE TO PIERRE FOR PHONES, \$94.86; SHERIFF: DARRYL SUESS, COURT ROOM SECURITY, \$59.50; DAN MCMURTERY, ON CALL PAY, \$103.00; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, FUEL/SUPPLIES, \$126.34; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, JUMP DRIVES, \$181.04; GALLS LLC, DUTY SUPPLIES/CLOTHING, \$518.91; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE IB VEHICLE, \$1,289.21; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$199.36; OFFICE PRODUCT CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$99.44; SD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TELETYPE 1/24-6/24, \$2,340.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$187.72; WINNER LASER WASH, CAR WASHES, \$56.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$36.44; DILLON BATES, ON CALL PAY, \$137.00; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM AND BOARD, \$11,286.00; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$635.00; WINNER

REGIONAL HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$214.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTIONS, \$85.28; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE MEDICAL INSURANCE, \$203.00; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE MEDICAL TREATMENT, \$2,468.31; KYLE SWEDLUND, LUNCH ON INMATE TRANSPORT, \$14.00; JUVENILE DETENTION: HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, JUVENILE INMATE ROOM AND BOARD, \$10,125.00; CARE OF POOR: MASON FUNERAL HOME, INDIGENT BURIAL WAS, \$2,500.00; AMBULANCE: VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, \$984.85; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, 20% UTILITY SHARE, \$650.19; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$31.20; DEVELOPEMENTALLY DISABLED: PATIENT CARE – REDFIELD, \$60.00; LIBRARY: DEMCO, BOOK TAPE, \$75.21; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICES, \$85.10; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES/SERVICE CONTRACT, \$40.80; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$920.89; WINNER TRUE VALUE, KEY/WATCH BATTERIES, \$11.87; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, AMAZON/ETSY/ZOOM/QUILL, \$2,870.80; WELCH'S PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL, \$88.00; EXTENSION: TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$1.28; WEED: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, FUEL/MEALS FOR CONFERENCE, \$282.44; HOLIDAY INN HOTEL SPEARFISH, ROOMS FOR WEED MEETING, \$459.95; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, \$33.69; ROAD AND BRIDGE: APPEARA, LAUNDRY SERVICE/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$471.85; ALL IN ONE SHOP, SHOP SUPPLIES, \$108.44; AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, REPAIR PARTS/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$2,506.67; AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, DRUG TESTING, \$230.00; ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION, CRUSHING HEESE PIT, \$75,000.00; BROSZ ENGINEERING, N COUNTY ROAD GRANT APPLICATION, \$28,352.00; BUTLER MACHINERY, REPAIR PARTS/CUTTING EDGES, \$10,923.05; CHS RIVER PLAINS, OIL, \$331.10; CHS, DEF/OIL/PROPANE, \$8,042.10; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, REPAIR PARTS, \$2,482.20; FLAT CREEK CONSTRUCTION, CRUSHING PAULSON PIT, \$137,000.00; GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE, FREIGHT CHARGE, \$65.00; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$222.59; HARRY K NAPA, REPAIR PARTS, \$411.88; HOMETOWN AUTOMOTIVE, GREASE, \$93.00; HIGH PLAINS TRUCK AND TRAILER, AIR BAGS, \$425.56; KUCERA ELECTRIC, REPAIR WASTE OIL BURNER, \$501.84; MEYERINK FARM SERVICES, INC., FORKS FOR LOADER, \$10,350.00; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, REPAIRS/SUPPLIES/TOOLS, \$1,966.15; SD DOT, BRIDGE WORK PRELIM AND INSPECTION, \$1,4376.42; SCHAEFFER AND COMPANY, DIESEL/GAS, \$4,018.34; TRANSOURCE TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT, REPAIR PARTS, \$26.13; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL PHONE, 191.91; WINNER REGIONAL, DRUG TESTING, \$120.00; WINNER WELDING, WELDING WIRE, \$359.58; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, SHOP/YARD/OFFICE, UTILITIES, \$909.43; WW TIRE SERVICE, TIRE AND TUBE REPAIR, \$528.40; DEAN STORMS, GRAVEL ROYALTY, \$12,841.92; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$27.52; TROY DUFEK, REPAIRS ON COLOME SHOP, \$940.00; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$7,868.17; BUILDING AND STRUCTURES: BURKE BUILDING CENTER, COLOME SHOP REPAIR PARTS, \$1,207.77; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS, \$158.00. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Janiece Weber, DOE, and Zach Pahlke, SA, came to the meeting to discuss a letter from the U.S. Department of Interior with a Notice of Non-gaming Land Acquisition Application from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, for 157.460 acres. The commissioners asked Mr. Pahlke to write a letter objecting to the request as this will take tax dollars away from the Colome School, Township and Tripp County.

Mrs. Weber reminded the commissioners about the Township Clerk Meeting this evening.

Heather Schroeder and Marcia Haukaas, Deputy Auditors and Barbara DeSersa, Auditor, came to the meeting to discuss Elections, hand counting and the tabulating machine. The auditor's office started discussion with the last hand count experience in November of 2022, and that the tabulating machine caught human error. Discussion was held on the election laws and processes.

Lori Cowman, District III Director, and ABC Administrator came to the meeting to give the Planning & Development District III 2023 Performance Report.

Doug Sherman, SDDOT, came to the meeting to propose six options to the Commissioners on reconstruction of SD Highway 44, from the Tripp County Line East to US Highway 183 that is scheduled for 2028. The six options were discussed. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to support option four as presented with negotiations.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Golden West Telecommunications would like the chairman to sign an Application for Occupancy on the right of way of County Highway 277<sup>th</sup> St and 314<sup>th</sup> Ave for Project 23355. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to give the chairman permission to sign the application.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Payment Applications were sent for Bridge BRF 6581(00)22-1; PCN 08XG in the amount of \$36,450.00 and Bridge BRO 8062(00)22-2; PCN 08XH in the amount of \$44,550.00. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to give the chairman permission to sign both Payment Applications.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to give the chairman permission to sign an Agreement for Tripp County to Participate in the Annual Payout of Pavement Marking Funds.  
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 February 29, 2024.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$7,115,096.98
Total amount of actual cash	3,163.22
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days	29,355.02
Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer’s possession over three days	
Tamara Dahlvang	86.40
Christopher Bolton	408.20
Christopher Bolton	393.13
Credit Card	1,050.12
Postage, Freight, Exp.	552.00
Co. License &Title	
TOTAL	\$7,150,105.07

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2024.  
Barbara DeSersa  
County Auditor, Tripp Co.  
Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, 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 February 2024 showed \$10,393.00.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to adopt the following:  
RESOLUTION (18-2024):  
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby classify Ambulance EMT’s as volunteers and EM volunteers for Workmen’s Comp coverage.  
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 roster for EMT and EM volunteers for 2024 is as follows:  
Kim Nagel, Paul Schueth, Kathie Cole, Sissy Orel, Wendy Nagel, John Hofeldt, Angela Murphy, Zane Hamiel, Darin Nelson, Deb Engel, Marla Jean Waters, Glenn Sealey, Lisa Koskan, Christine Dvorak, Kathy Mach, Lori Kalenda, Christal Assman, Tiffany Dougherty, Megan Fisher, Renae Kaiser, Kayla Olson, Kirby Kartak, Dan McMurtrey, Alicia Nelson, Kaela Novotny, Brittany Orel, Laurie Osborn, Zane Rhode, Alex Schaeffer, Stacy Tarrell, Bev Vaughn, Scott Ernest, Marti Kingsley, Blake Nielson,

Heidi O’Bryan, Klaycie Olson, Jessica Calhoon, Chelsea Groom, Macie Ferwerda, Alyssa Williams, Darryl Suess and Lynelle Anderson.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to authorize the necessary expenses for Barbara DeSersa, Auditor, Candace Biggins, Treasurer and Kristin Assman, Register of Deeds, to attend a Spring Workshop in Pierre, SD on May 15-16, 2024.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 11:50 A.M. Forgey made the motion to adjourn to the community room for hand count discussion, seconded by Jorgensen.  
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

The meeting of the Tripp County Board of Commissioners was reconvened and called to order by the Chairman in the Community Room in the Courthouse at Winner on March 12, 2024, at 12:00 P.M. Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen, Daniel Forgey, Joyce Kartak, and Michael Novotny. Also, present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa, Deputy Auditor Heather Schroeder, Deputy Auditor Marcia Haukaas, Burdena and Fred Weidner, Robert Tate, Brad Assman, Trudi Woods, Deb Hinman, Brenda Hofeldt, Betty Farnsworth, Cindy Assman, Jane Assman, Malon Burtz, Loren Mayes, Brenda Bruckner, Deb Kendrick, Nicole Bertram, Bev Vaughn, Melanie Levi, IT, Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, Mason Juracek, Deputy States Attorney and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Fred Weidner gave a presentation as to why the commissioners should hand count the elections instead of using the tabulator. Mr. Weidner presented to the commissioners a proposed ordinance defining the conduct of elections within Tripp County.

Robert Tate asked if the commissioners would accept the proposed ordinance today if this meeting could count as the first reading of this ordinance. Mr. Pahlke, States Attorney, said this would not be the first reading of this ordinance as it was not on the agenda that was advertised.

Number 3 on the ordinance presented, states electronic voting devices of any kind, are prohibited.

Commissioner Jorgensen stated removing the Express Vote from the polling places may cause a potential lawsuit from the ACLU and Tripp County would not be able to afford the lawsuit.

South Dakota Election Laws are very defined and some of the requests cannot be made because of them. Marcia Haukaas, Deputy Auditor, explained the process of the night of the election when the ballot boxes are returned. The tabulator only tallies the votes. Those totals are printed and then manually entered into Total Vote on the computer, which can only be accessed by a secure login. Those totals can be checked at anytime on the Secretary of State’s website.

Mr. Wilcox said the commissioners would discuss it and no decision was made.

At 1:30 P.M. Jorgensen made the motion to adjourn until March 26, 2024, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Forgey.

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Chairman, Larry Wilcox

ATTEST:

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County Auditor