

Tripp County, South Dakota  
April 25, 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 April 25, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Joyce Kartak, Larry Wilcox, Daniel Forgey and Michael Novotny. Absent was Cody Jorgensen. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa, Jesse Keesis and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, that the minutes of the meeting held on April 11, 2023, be approved as read.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

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

BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,310.35; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,093.47; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,642.21; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,014.38; COURTHOUSE: \$1,480.77; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,436.49; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,534.25; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$380.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$1,990.38; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,411.22; SOLID WASTE: \$1,569.26; WELFARE: \$461.54; AMBULANCE: \$8,090.68; LIBRARY: \$3,419.83; EXTENSION: \$1,480.96; WEED: \$1,464.62; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$24,753.12; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$384.62; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, APRIL CONTRIBUTION, \$553.21; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$17,638.08; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$228.40; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$32,179.38; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,532.92; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION APRIL, \$1,144.16; 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; BARB DESERSA, RETIREMENT PARTY SUPPLIES, \$137.06; FARM AND HOME PUBLISHERS LTD., PLAT MAPS, \$435.00; CIRCUIT COURT: WITNESS, APPEARANCE, \$27.14; THOMSON RUETERS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION MAY, \$1,154.10; MONA G WEIGER, TRANSCRIPTS, \$573.30; AUDITOR: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SUPPLIES, \$12.60; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, BLUE TODD COUNTY CLAIMS, \$125.00; STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT/SUPPLIES, \$136.19; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: AMY BARTLING-JACOBSEN, CAA FEES, \$322.30; SANDY STEFFEN, CAA FEES, \$3,607.42; THE SCHREIBER LAW FIRM, CAA FEES, \$1,138.20; MEIERHENRY SARGENT LLP, CAA FEES, \$1,794.98; DAKOTA PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICE, MENTAL STATE ASSESSMENT, \$3,776.70; COUNTY MAINTENANCE: CHS, INC, PROPANE, \$4,497.01; COUNTRYSIDE REPAIR, OIL CHANGE/BELT REPLACE, \$639.51; H&O ELECTRIC, CHANGE BAD END ON LIGHT FIXTURE, \$60.00; WINNER PLUMBING AND HEATING, FIX LEAKY TOLIET, \$90.00; WINNER TRUE VALUE, FASTENERS, \$3.00; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, APPRAISAL PARCEL CARDS, \$175.00; PROVANTAGE, TONER X 2, \$385.51; STEINLEY REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS, ½ TRIPP REGISTRATION, \$162.50; ½ TODD REGISTRATION, \$162.50; SDAAO, TODD MEETING REGISTRATION, \$235.00/TRIPP REGISTRATION, \$235.00; VERIZON, CELL PHONE, \$41.83; WINNER ADVOACTE, TAX EXEMPT NOTICE, \$4108.84; GUS STOP 6, FUEL, \$35.90; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, \$45.00; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEM, RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT TRIPP, \$353.00/RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT TODD, \$123.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PAPER AND INK, \$90.99; IT: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, HOST CENTRIC/AVAST/AMAZON, \$2,674.78; PROVANTAGE LLC, WIRELESS MOUSE COMBO, \$61.80; DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, MICROSOFT 365 LICENSE X 22, \$330.00; PINEY BOWES BANK, POSTAGE METER REFILL, \$1,041.98; SHERIFF: HUGHES BROTHERS 2, OIL CHANGE WHITE CAR, \$50.99; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL PHONES, \$187.20; OMNIGO SOFTWARE, YEARLY RENTAL, \$7,318.08; KYLE SWEDLUND, LUNCH, \$14.00; DILLON BATES, ON CALL/CALL OUT, \$206.00; STOWE CARGO SYSTEM, TONNEAU COVER, \$1,950.00; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM AND BOARD, \$21,516.00; PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL, INMATE TRANSPORT, \$456.21; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$140.00; WINNER REGIONAL, INMATE MEDICAL CARE, \$307.50; WINNER FAMILY DRUG, INMATE PRESCRIPTIONS, \$57.00; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE INSURANCE, \$323.95; JUVENILE DETENTION: HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, JUVENILE INMATE ROOM AND BOARD, \$8,555.00; SOLID WASTE: AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, PARTS, \$21.37; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC, UTILITIES, \$162.40; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPER TAPE SICILONE SPRAY, \$28.98; AMBULANCE: B & L COMMUNICATIONS, BATTIERS FOR PAGER, \$103.85; CITY OF WINNER, 20% COST SHARE UTILITIES, \$550.55; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, TIRES/PARTS, \$1,018.67; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.,

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OXYGEN, \$37.28; ROCKY MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY, 2023 E40 LIFELINE VEHICLE, \$204,768.55; WINNER TRUE VALUE, BATTERIES, \$25.48; COUNTY FAIR, SUPPLIES, \$112.98; MENTAL ILLNESS: DARCY LOCKWOOD, MI HEARING, \$9.00; HARMELINK, FOX & RAVNSBORG, MI HEARING, \$119.17; LEWIS & CLARK, BMI, \$184.00; LEWNO LAW, MI HEARING, \$136.60; VAL LARSON, MI HEARING, \$9.00; YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER, MI HEARING, \$113.60; LIBRARY: CHS, INC., PROPANE, \$489.43; DEMCO, LABEL PROTECTORS/BOOKMARKERS/TAPE/LABEL PROTECTORS, \$319.09; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$88.69; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE/COPIER CONTRACT, \$38.32; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$486.65; WHITLEY’S CLEANING, APRIL CLEANING, \$950.00; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SCREW DRIVER, \$6.99; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, AMAZON/DOLLAR GENERAL/ZOOM, \$1,739.52; EXTENSION: VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$46.99; WEED: VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.80; ROAD & BRIDGE: ALL IN ONE SHOP, REPAIR PARTS, \$50.79; ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION, GRAVEL CRUSHING BURTZ PIT, \$40,000.00; BROSZ ENGINEERING INC., MATERIAL TESTING, \$950.00; CHS RIVER PLAINS, FUEL, \$455.15; EDWARD DOSTAL DBS, TREE REMOVAL, \$7,915.00; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, REPAIRS, \$53.99; HOMETOWN AUTOMOTIVE, REPAIR PARTS, \$31.00; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC, UTILITIES, \$199.31; S/D/ DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, STORM WATER IND FEE, \$200.00; TRANSOURCE TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT, REPAIR PARTS, \$51.71; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL PHONE, \$41.80; DEBT SERVICE: DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, TRUCK PAYMENTS, \$12,426.27; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$7,350.01; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, STOP THE BLEED/MEAL FOR TRAINING, \$1,341.00.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Jesse Keesis came to the meeting to discuss the condition of the road on 304<sup>th</sup> Ave and 278<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Keesis said the county is hauling gravel out of the Connelly Pit and asked if the county could put gravel on that mile stretch. The commissioners will ask Mr. Sund, Highway Superintendent, to pull the shoulders on the road as well.

Janiece Weber, DOE, came to the meeting to ask for a part-time summer employee to work 2-3 days a week. Discussion was held. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (22-2023):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Karissa Odenbach as a temporary part-time summer employee to assist in the DOE Office and

Further Be it Resolved Ms. Odenbach shall be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Chair, Joyce Kartak

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Larry Wilcox

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Daniel Forgey

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Absent  
Cody Jorgensen

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Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

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County Auditor

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

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

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

RESOLUTION (23-2023):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Craig Fiscus as a full-time Highway employee effective May 1, 2023 and  
Further Be it Resolved Mr. Fiscus shall be compensated at the rate of \$22.00 per hour.  
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Larry Wilcox

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Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

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County Auditor

Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, entered the meeting.  
Discussion was held on the MB License renewal for Smokin Barrels for 2023-2024. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to postpone the renewal until the next meeting on May 9, 2023.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Melanie Levi, IT and Shawn Pettit, Sheriff, came to the meeting to discuss a Homeland Security Grant for Firewall Equipment. The Grant is in the amount of \$46,000.00. Mrs. Levi brought a quote from Direct Technologies in the amount of \$44,094.98 and there will be a yearly fee of \$40,094.98.  
Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to accept the quote from Direct Technologies.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve the Quarterly Ambulance Write-offs in the amount of \$39,593.86.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to move \$252,883.00 cash from assigned Emergency Vehicles to unassigned fund balance in the General Fund to purchase a new ambulance and sheriff vehicle.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crews have bladed roads, fixed an approach at the Fairgrounds, bladed the rodeo arena and added sand, graveled the detour road, and discing shoulders. A house is being built in Wright Township and the crew will need to rebuild and gravel ¾ mile of the road. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to approve of the road work to be done in Wright Township.  
Roll call: All present 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 329<sup>th</sup> Ave for Project #24297. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to give the chair permission to sign the application.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Fuel quotes were requested for a transport of a #2 Dyed Diesel. Quotes were received as follows:

1. CHS	#2 Dyed Diesel	\$3.16 per gallon
2. Schaeffer & Company	#2 Dyed Diesel	\$3.21 per gallon

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to accept the quote from CHS.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Wade Iszler, RDO and Chance Jandel, Butler, came to the meeting to discuss options on a new grader to work with the new snowblower. Discussion was held and the two representatives will return to the next meeting with quotes.

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Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to authorize the necessary expenses for County Officials Kristen Assman, Register of Deeds and Commissioner Joyce Kartak to attend a Randall Reservoir District Meeting to be held in White River, SD on May 8, 2023.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to authorize the necessary expenses for Barbara DeSersa, Auditor, Candace Biggins, Treasurer and Kristen Assman, Register of Deeds, to attend a Spring Workshop in Pierre, SD on May 17 & 18, 2023.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to move \$3,344.00 from the General Fund to the Sheriff Budget, fund 100-4-211-425, for a reimbursement check from the Insurance Company.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

At 12:00 P.M. Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left the meeting.

At 12:50 P.M. Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, and Paul Jensen, Winner City Attorney entered the meeting. Mr. Jensen asked the Commission to transfer the transfer station to the City of Winner.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to give the Chair permission to sign the agreement to transfer the transfer station to the City of Winner.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

At 1:00 P.M. Wilcox made the motion to adjourn until May 9, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Novotny.

Roll call: All present ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Chair, Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

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County Auditor