

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 August 22, 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, Jon Burdette, EM, Rochele Norberg and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to add an interview at 10:45 and to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, that the minutes of the meeting held on August 8, 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: \$6,006.69; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,597.09; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,713.88; COURTHOUSE: \$1,480.77; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,648.74; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,607.50; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$512.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$1,990.38; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,333.46; WELFARE: \$461.54; AMBULANCE: \$7,197.43; LIBRARY: \$3,500.02; EXTENSION: \$3,849.38 WEED: \$1,464.62; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$23,001.75; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$384.62; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, AUGUST CONTRIBUTION, \$575.42; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$54.65; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$17,501.20; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$142.50; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, AUGUST CONTRIBUION, \$74.95; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$763.52; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,528.48; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION AUGUST, \$1,173.62; TRIPP COUNTY AMBULANCE, AMBULANCE PAYMENT, \$20.00; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$787.50. COMMISSIONERS: SDACC, CONVENTION REGISTRATION, \$1,000.00; CIRCUIT COURT: THOMSON REUTERS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION, \$1,154.10; AUDITOR: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SUPPLIES, \$50.65; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, TODD CLAIM VOUCHERS, \$122.33; SDACC, CONVENTION REGISTRATION, \$200.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TODD POSTAGE, \$20.82/TRIPP POSTAGE, \$39.96; STATE'S ATTORNEY: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES/CONTRACT, \$179.95; SCOVEL PSYCHOLOGICAL, PYSHCIATRIC EVALUATION, \$3,000.00; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: AMY BARTLING JACOBSEN, CAA FEES, \$2,242.61; GEORGE F JOHNSON, CAA FEES, \$1,028.98; SANDY STEFFEN, CAA FEES, \$8,024.97; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: HONEYWELL, MAINT/ELECTRICAL 9/23-2/24, \$9,099.23; H&O ELECTRIC, WASH OUT AC UNITS, \$617.50; HILLYARD, PAPER TOWELS, \$89.32; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: FRONTIER MOTORS, REPAIR HUB AND WHEEL BEARING, \$691.21; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, REAPPRAISAL E ½ TODD COUNTY, \$173.40; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.81; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$8.46; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, LIEN SHEETS, \$92.33; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TODD SCAN RENTAL EQUIPMENT, \$123.00/TRIPP SCAN RENTAL EQUIPMENT, \$353.00; SDACC, CONVENTION REGISTRATION, \$200.00; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, MINI LEDGERS, \$462.70; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, BATTERIES, \$76.49; GOLDEN

WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$1,270.76; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, ANNUAL INCODE ERP MAINTENANCE, \$34,490.40; DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, FIREWALL MAINT/LICENSES, \$7,250.10; PITNEY BOWES, POSTAGE METER REFILL, \$634.37; SHERIFF: DARRYL SUESS, COURT SECURITY 3 HOURS, \$45.00; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, MAINTENANCE REPAIR IE, \$149.60; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$187.24; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$18.06; BENNY AUDISS, COURT SECURITY, \$38.25; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM/BOARD/HOLDING, \$29,700.00; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$120.00; WINNER REGIONAL, BLOOD DRAWS, \$535.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTION, \$9.86; WINNER DENTAL CLINIC, INMATE TOOTH EXTRACTIONS, \$534.00; RISING HOPE COUNSELING, INMATE MEDS/CHECK UP, \$130.00; CORONER: HOCH FUNERAL HOME, OUT OF AREA CORONER CALL, \$505.00; JUVENILE DETENTION: HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE, JUV. INMATE ROOM/BOARD, \$9,145.00; SOLID WASTE: GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, SUPPLIES FROM 9/30/22, \$27.68; CARE OF POOR: MASON FUNERAL HOME, INDIGENT BURIAL,

\$2,500.00; PUBLIC WELFARE: PROVANTAGE, INK CARTRIDGES, \$496.04; AMBULANCE: FRONTIER MOTORS FORD, 609 1CFA, \$429.64; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SUPPLIES, \$233.40; MATHESON TRI-GAS, OXYGEN, \$39.14; NAGEL BODY SHOP, WINDSHIELD 609; \$517.69; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$317.86; THE WINNER PHARMACY, ASA/ GLUCOSE, \$42.15; COUNTY FAIR, SUPPLIES, \$47.67; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$28.20; USD, AMB GRANT CONSULTING, \$20,000.00; LIBRARY: MISTI BURNS, MILEAGE TO CONFERENCE, \$95.37; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, AMAZON/ TARGET/ZOOM/CONF., \$1,552.68; WELCH'S PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL, \$88.00; EXTENSION: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$267.86; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$47.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$119.28; SDSU STATE 4H OFFICE, PRINT FLYERS, \$136.00; WEED: VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$83.62; ROAD AND BRIDGE: ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION INC., BURTZ PIT GRAVEL CRUSHING, \$45,800.00; BAUM HYDRAULICS INC., REPAIRS/SUPPLIES, \$126.18; CHS, INC., FUEL/DEF, \$21,594.00; CONNEY SAFETY, SAFETY SIGNS, \$668.00; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, REPAIRS/SUPPLIES, \$395.96; SCHWEIGERT CONSTRUCTION INC., BURTZ PIT RUN, \$53,993.30; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.81; WINNER REGIONAL, DRUG TEST, \$60.00; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: COLOME FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PREMIUM ALLOCATIONS, \$6,130.48; DALLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PREMIUM ALLOCATIONS, \$1,056.89; WINNER FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PREMIUM ALLOCATIONS, \$29,411.04; WITTEN FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE PREMIUM ALLOCATIONS, \$4,338.53, SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, JULY COLLECTIONS, \$170.00.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

Rochelle Norberg, Attorney, spoke during public comment about mental illness, as she serves on the Mental Illness Board for this area. The commissioners were questioning the mental illness claims and how they can collect from other counties that the inmate originated from. Ms. Norberg did confirm that the county the resident was brought to jail from can be billed for these charges. Ms. Norberg will get the information to the Auditor's Office.

Jon Burdette, Emergency Manager, came to the meeting to discuss his wage for filling in as the custodian. Discussion was held. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to compensate Mr. Burdette \$50 a day for extra custodial duties until someone is hired.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:18 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, 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 10:25 A.M. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Rochelle Norberg, Gregory Abstract Company, came to the meeting to discuss possibly opening a Title company in Winner. The South Dakota Law states a Title company must maintain all records in the county within their company. Ms. Norberg asked if the commissioners would be willing to set an amount for her to receive all the records in the Register of Deeds Office. Ms. Norberg will do all the work necessary to obtain the records. The Commissioners gave Ms. Norberg permission to obtain the records with the agreement that Ms. Norberg will pay for any hours the ROD helps with in this process.

Misti Burns, Librarian, came to the meeting to ask for travel permission to Deadwood, SD on September 22-23, 2023. Mrs. Burns has been awarded The Distinguished Award in Humanities for Librarians. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to authorize the necessary expenses for Misti Burns, Librarian, to attend the award presentation in Deadwood, SD on September 22-23, 2023.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

James O'Connor, Winner Fire Department, and Neal Shutt and Lee Davis, Witten Fire Department, came to the meeting to ask the commissioners if they would consider raising the yearly allocation the county gives the Fire Departments. The commissioners told them they would discuss it during their budget discussions later in the meeting.

At 10:51 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to enter into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for an interview.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during executive session.  
At 11:02 A.M. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to return to regular session.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to adopt the following:  
RESOLUTION (42-2023):  
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to herby hire Todd Bicek as a full-time Maintenance Supervisor, effective August 23, 2023, and  
Further Be it Resolved Mr. Bicek shall be compensated at the rate of \$39,500 per year with probation up to six months.  
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Chair, Joyce Kartak

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Larry Wilcox

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Daniel Forgey

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Cody Jorgensen

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Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

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

Shawn Pettit, Sheriff, Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney and Mason Juracek, Deputy States Attorney, entered the meeting.  
At 11:07 A.M. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to enter into Executive session to discuss contract negotiation issues pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (4).  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.  
The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during executive session.  
At 11:38 A.M. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to return to regular session.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, Derek McTighe and Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, entered the meeting. Derek McTighe and Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, came to the meeting to give the commissioners and update on the 5-year Road and Bridge Plan. Bridges were discussed that are listed on the plan. Witten Bridge has not been completed yet and they are working on the Industrial Road Grant. Mr. McTighe discussed the Raise Grant that District III is working on for North County Road. Mr. McTighe would like to start the preliminary plans for this project, so they are ready when the grant is received. The commissioners agreed to pay Brosz Engineering to start on the preliminary plans for the North County Road project. Brosz Engineering works with District III on the writing of the grants.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, gave his report. The crews are blading and mowing roads, pulled shoulders in and reshaped the road on Project 24, graveled 1 mile on project 58, and repairing road signs. A new approach with a culvert has been requested on Project 24 for a new house and a new approach on Project 55 for field access, both meeting county guidelines.  
Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve both approaches.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

A demonstration will be held on a Bonnell 3-way pull behind drag. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to give Kevin Osborne permission to purchase the pull behind drag if needed.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 12:55 P.M. Novotny made the motion to adjourn the regular commissioner meeting to attend the 5-year Highway and Bridge Plan Meeting in the community room, seconded by Jorgensen.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

County Auditor

At 1:00 P.M. the 2024 5-year Highway and Bridge Plan Meeting was held as advertised. The meeting of the 5-Year Highway and Bridge Plan was called to order by the Chairman in the Community Room at the Court House at Winner on August 22, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. Roll call showed Board members Joyce Kartak, Larry Wilcox, Daniel Forgey, Cody Jorgensen and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa, Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, Derek McTighe and Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, Inc, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

There was no public comment for the 2024 5-year Highway and Bridge Plan.

At 1:20 P.M. Novotny made the motion to return back to the regular Commissioner meeting in the Commissioner room, seconded by Forgey.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

County Auditor

The meeting of the Tripp County Commissioners was called to order by the Chairman in the Commissioner Room at the Court House at Winner on August 22, 2023, at 1:25 P.M. Roll call showed Board members Joyce Kartak, Larry Wilcox, Daniel Forgey, Cody Jorgensen, and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa.

Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left for the day.

Discussion was held on the 2024 budget and changes were made.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to accept the resignation of Scott Rank, Maintenance.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Jorgensen made a motion, seconded by Wilcox, to accept the Leave of Absence of Makaleigh Nilson, Deputy Assessor, until January 2024.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 3:52 P.M. Wilcox made the motion to adjourn until September 5, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Kartak.  
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

County Auditor