

Tripp County, South Dakota
February 13, 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 February 13, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen, Joyce Kartak, and Michael Novotny. Absent was Daniel Forgey. Also present was Deputy Auditor Marcia Haukaas and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Dan Forgey entered the meeting at 10:05 AM.

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

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, that the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2024, be approved, with the correction added that Custodian Todd Bicek be at \$21.00/hour not \$20.00 hour as stated in the January 23, 2024 published minutes.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:10 AM State's Attorney Zach Pahlke, Deputy State's Attorney Mason Juracek, and Extension Secretary Nichole Richey, entered the meeting.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Kartak, that the claims be approved as follows:
MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,325.07; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$5,988.77; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$6,168.99; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,177.07; COURTHOUSE: \$1,687.88; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,834.04; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,656.50; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$510.88; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$2,050.12; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,450.60; WELFARE: \$475.38; AMBULANCE: \$8,449.97; LIBRARY: \$3,624.45; EXTENSION: \$1,565.60; WEED: \$1,508.54; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$20,022.85; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$396.15; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$698.77; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$345.92; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$56.30; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$16,483.93; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$24.87; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, VISION INSURANCE, \$71.99; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$828.44; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,213.98; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$900.84; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$787.50.
COMMISSIONERS: JOYCE KARTAK, COURT SECURITY/COMMUNITY MEETING MILEAGES, \$85.68; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$70.00; WINNER ADVOCATE, MINUTES/NOTICE OF DEADLINE, \$515.59; ALTERNATIVE HRD, COMMISSION HR SUPPORT/JOB POST, \$8,639.34; CIRCUIT COURT: THOMSEN RUETERS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION, \$1,200.26; AUDITOR: BARB DESERSA, WATER/JAN MEETING MILEAGE, \$67.14; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, TODD SUPPLIES, \$29.08/TRIPP SUPPLIES, \$27.00; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, TOWNSHIP PADS/LAW BOOK, \$1,576.20; SDACES, 2024 MEMBERSHIP, \$16.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, BINDER CLIPS, \$38.65; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TODD POSTAGE, \$34.65/TRIPP POSTAGE, \$92.51; TREASURER: QUALIFIED PRESORT SERVICE, TODD TAX STATEMENTS, \$1,026.79/TRIPP TAX STATEMENTS, \$150.53; SDACES, 2024 MEMBERSHIP, \$15.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE TODD, \$150.53/POSTAGE TRIPP, \$150.53; STATE'S ATTORNEY: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, DAILY JOURNALS NOTICE OF PUBLICATION, \$595.58; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES/PRINTER CONTRACT, \$158.85; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$1.27; SIOUX FALLS MENTAL HEATHL, PSYCHOSEXUAL EXAM, \$3,200.00; COURT APPOIINTED ATTORNEY: PIERRE PYSCHOLOGY, FORENSIC PYSCHOLGICAL SERVICE, \$5,000.00; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, RUGS/MOPS/SUPPLIES, \$416.76; CHS INC., PROPANE, \$4,073.82; HILLYARD, SUPPLIES, \$27.49; KONE INC., INVOICE 1158464033; \$27.49;RUNNINGS SUPPLY, NYLON ANCHOR/SUPPLIES/REPAIRS, 24.83; WINNER TRUE VALUE, AUTOMATIC FAUCET, \$91.00; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: PROVANTAGE, BROTHOR/HP CARTRIDGES, \$1,678.46; SDACES, 2024 MEMBERSHIP, \$16.00; VANGUARD APPRAISALS, TRIPP PCR ONLINE, \$1,200.00; TODD LICENSE ON LINE LIVE, \$2,700.00; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., PUBLIC NOTICE, \$41.58; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$216.98/TODD POSTAGE,\$38.43; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TRIPP RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00/TODD RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00; SDACES, 2024 MEMBERSHIP, \$15.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$20.03; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, HOSTCENTRIC, \$19.99; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATION, PHONE SERVICE, \$1,242.04; PROVANTAGE LLC, OPTIPLEX/THINKPAD/ADAPTERS; TELEPHONE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES, YEARLY PHONE SYSTEM SUPPORT, \$1,199.00; DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, YEARLY 365 KUCEBSEM \$5,436.00; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC., POSTAGE METER REFILL, \$513.96; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: JON BURDETTE, 15 24/7 PROGRAM SHIFTS, \$300.00; DARRYL SUESS, COURT ROOM SECURITY, \$75.00; DAN MCMURTREY, 1 HOUR SHERIFF HELP,

FIRST BANK AND TRUST, POSTAGE/FUEL, \$46.15; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$384.78; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, FUEL, \$463.28; WINNER LASER WASH, CAR WASHES, \$42.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$70.00; DILLON BATES, 2 DAYS ON CALL, \$70.00; CAROL MOORE, 27 24/7 SHIFTS, \$540.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$125.82; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM AND BOARD, \$14,586.00; HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, INMATE ROOM AND BOARD, \$292.50; SHAWN PETTIT, TRANSPORT INMATE MEAL, \$14.00; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$320.00; WINNER REGIONAL, BLOOD DRAWS, \$214.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTIONS, \$34.97; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE MEDICAL INSURANCE, \$217.00; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICE, INMATE MEDICAL PAYMENTS, \$1,794.66; KYLE SWEDLUND, TRANSPORT MEAL, \$20.00; CORONER: SANFORD HEALTH, 2 AUTOPSIES, \$4,509.00; JUVENILE DETENTION: HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, JUVENILE ROOM AND BOARD, \$3,375.00; KYLE SWEDLUND, JUVENILE TRANSPORT MEALS, \$34.00; AMBULANCE: FRONTIER MOTORS FORD, REPAIRS, \$107.43; FLYING D CONVENIENCE STORE, FUEL, \$45.83; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, STAPLER/SUPPLIES, \$217.67; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$187.72; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, FUEL, \$424.41; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, 20% COST SHARE UTILITIES, \$540.94; COUNTY FAIR, SUPPLIES, \$77.19; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$34.03; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, INVOICE 24X150-01 SALARY, \$1,467.73; DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE – REDFIELD, \$60.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: HARMELINK, ROX, RAVNSBORG, MI HEARING, \$213.00; LEWIS & CLARK, BMI, \$213.00; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER, MI HEARING, \$155.16; YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER, MI HEARING, \$507.20; LIBRARY: CHS, INC., PROPANE, \$558.56; FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, HOST SERVICE/SUPPORT, \$1,369.00; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$87.45; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$593.78; WINNER ADVOCATE, THANK YOU AD, \$72.50; WINNER TRUE VALUE, FAST MELT, \$20.99; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, AMAZON/ZOOM/BARNES NOBLE, \$1,360.20; WHITLEY’S CLEANING, JANUARY CLEANING, \$950.00; EXTENSION: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$35.00; STATE 4-H OFFICE, TAGS/VAND/DNA ENVELOPES, \$310.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$64.24; WEED: VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.93; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$32.00; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: SOUTH CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT, 2024 ALLOCATIONS, \$5,000.00; ROAD AND BRIDGE: APPEARA, LAUNDRY SERVICE/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$637.95; ALL IN ONE SHOP, REPAIRS, \$66.52; AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE, REPAIRS/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$1,013.83; AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, DRUG TEST, \$115.00; ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION, LOW BOY RENT, \$250.00; B&L COMMUNICATIONS, INSTALL RADIO/CM 300 RADIO, \$596.05; BAUM HYDROLOGICS, HYD FITTINGS, \$39.41; BUTLER MACHINERY, REPAIR PARTS, \$39.41; CHS RIVER PLAINS, OIL, \$78.18; CHS, INC., #1 DIESEL/GAS/PROPANE, \$21,537.45; COMMERCIAL ASPHALT, OMEGA MIX, \$6,774.40; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, REPAIR PARTS/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$8,338.12; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$214.07; HARRY K NAPA, REPAIR PARTS/FLOOR DRY, \$985.02; HIGH PLAINS TRUCK AND TRAILER, REPAIR PARTS, \$815.06; LAWSON PRODUCTS INC., SHOP SUPPLIES, \$1,483.55; OVERHEAD DOOR CO., FIX BAY DOOR, \$285.71; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC CO., UTILITIES, \$99.31; RUNNING SUPPLY, REPAIR PARTS/CLOTHING, \$772.59; SD DOT, PRELIM BRIDGE WORK 2023, 5571.68; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.93; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, OFFICE SHOP/YARD, \$657.90; WINNER ADVOCATE, LEGAL BID ADVERTISEMENT, \$139.85; WINNER TRUE VALUE, PARTS/SUPPLIES, \$64.82; WINNER WELDING, REPAIR PARTS/WELDING SUPPLIES, \$188.85; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$2.83; GENERATION FENCING, OSTERBUR PIT RUN, \$4,040.00; DEBT SERVICES: DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, \$12,426.27; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE/ANNUAL FEE, \$11,624.41; BUILDING AND STRUCTURES: RUNNINGS, SUPPLIES/REPAIR PARTS, \$5.58; REGISTER OF DEEDS: TYLER TECHNOLOGY, DOC PRO MANAGER, \$37.50; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ACCOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, JAN 2024 COLLECTIONS, \$86.00.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Nicole Richey, Extension Secretary, wants to advertise for a summer assistant and is asking for the starting wage to be \$15.00 per hour to compete with other businesses. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to advertise a summer assistant at \$15.00 per hour and to start with the schools, 4H leaders, Winner Advocate, and HR.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Joyce Kartak mentioned that closer to fair if the summer assistant is a 4-H member they can split the hours between two people and hire extra help for fair time.

At 10:15 A.M. State’s Attorney Pahlke and Deputy States Attorney Juracek left the meeting.

Mrs. Richey asked if she could attend the Spring Conference on April 12-14, 2024 and a 4-H online which is one day in Mitchell in April. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to authorize the necessary expenses for Nicole Richey, Extension Secretary, to attend both conferences in April, 2024. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Richey stated they no applicants for the cleaning of the 4-H building, but she is going to reach out to the 4-H leaders and have it in the next 4-H bulletin.

Discussion was held on Roger Sund, Hwy Superintendent, wages and if he needed a raise. There are concerns that with all the overtime the crew is getting they are exceeding Mr. Sunds wage as he is salary. It was a concern that the budget has already been approved and raises should be made before the approval of budgets, or they will exceed their budgeted amount.

At 10:22 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to enter Executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Deputy Auditor, Marcia Haukaas, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during executive session.

At 10:29 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION (12-2024):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby change the position of Highway Superintendent Roger Sund wage shall increase from \$57,952.00 yearly to \$62,952.00 yearly. This increase comes with stipulations.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 13th day of February 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

NAY
Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

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

Nays: Kartak. Resolution adopted.

At 10:30 A.M Doug Kinniburg with SSDOT joined the meeting via teleconference. Mr. Kinniburg discussed the counties options for loans or advancements from the state or federal government to help with the county share being \$1.2-million dollars and total cost for the project being \$5.8 million dollars on bridge work that is slated to be done in 2024.

1. Advancement in STP allocations, which we receive \$345,000 yearly. They could choose to do a couple year advancement in those payments. With matching funds, the county gets \$383,000 a year. If they decide to take advancement will not get the extra \$38,000 a year for the term of the advancement.
2. Federal infrastructure loans on any federal bridges are slated to be done in 2024.
3. Extended state highway loan which we would use the STP money as a promissory note.

Mr. Kinniburg stated that we are slated to start work on two replacement bridges and two federal bridge replacements. There are also a couple more slated to begin work in 2025. There is a possibility that we could push off the start date of the 2025 projects for 1 year depending on the type as Federal bridges only have 3 years to obligate funds. Along with that they would have to consult with the consulting firm on the possibility of these being pushed back.

Discussion was held on what the plan would be to produce the county share of the bridge work that is slated to begin this year. If necessary, a CD could be cashed in to help with the cost of the bridge work.

At 10:45 A.M. Roger Sunds, Highway Superintendent, entered the meeting.

Discussion was held on what the highway crew has been doing.
Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (13-2024):

WHEREAS, Title23, Section 151, United States Code and Title23, Part 650, Subpart C, Code of Federal Regulations, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Tripp County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program using Bridge Replacement funds.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering, Inc. (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 13th day of February, 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.

There have been complaints of bales too close to the road making the snow drift and roads impassable. Discussion of needing a resolution on how far the bales and fences can be from the road to help insure safer roadways.

Mr. Sund stated that there will be an MSHA meeting on February 15, 2024, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the firehall. The truck they were looking into purchasing after going to look at it in person the truck was rusted out and not worth purchasing, however, there is a truck in Wisconsin that would be worth looking into more. Commissioner Wilcox stated he would be willing to go and look at the Sterling truck. The asking price is \$47,600.00.

Mr. Sund stated that he is aware of some wrong signs that were put up by the state and they are to come down and go over all of them again and fix the ones that need to be fixed.

Discussion was held on CDL's and making it easier for employees to obtain them. They would come down and do the classes and test for the 2-day class. This runs \$130.00/hr. and would be 5 hours per day. If the county would pay for the testing and classes, the employee would have to agree to stay with the county for an extended period or repay the county for the classes and test.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Kartak to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (14-2024):

WHEREAS Tripp County recognizes that North County Road between Winner and Ideal is a highly traveled, critical component of the County's transportation system, and

WHEREAS Tripp County has identified the need to reconstruct North County Road due to its poor condition, and

WHEREAS Tripp County is eligible to apply for federal RAISE grant funds for the proposed reconstruction of North County Road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tripp County Commission authorizes the Chair of the Tripp County Commission to sign and submit application documents for the RAISE grant application requesting 100% reimbursement for eligible project costs.

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that Tripp County is committed to providing the balance of funds necessary to complete the project if there are any cost overruns.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 13th day of February 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.

Commissioners Jorgensen and Kartak discussed what the weekly team’s meetings with District III and Brosz Engineering have entailed. The discussion is about the grant for the North County Road redo. The commissioners state they have the support and signatures of the whole Ideal community and Tribal President Scott Hermen is sending a letter to show the tribes support of the redo of the road. The complete re-do will extend from the McDonalds/Gus Stop junction all the way into Ideal.

Discussion was held on the Sale Barn Road funding. The estimated counties portion is going to be \$680,000. The project needs to be completed, and the cost will just continue to rise if it is put off any longer.

Discussion was held on the increase for oil roads to keep them oil and not turn them to gravel.

The Deputy Auditor presented the following Application for the partial Abatement of Taxes for the approval of the Board, as the property is tax exempt:

1. Marilyn Olson, Parcel 48.04.64.07, Lot 7, Block 64, Park Addition, Winner City, 2023 RE, \$279.04.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to approve the application as presented.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on implementation of Funeral leave for employees. The leave would consist of 3 days and it can be used for immediate family only. The definition of immediate family includes parents, siblings, grandchildren, grandparents, in-laws, aunts, and uncles. This will be retro-active starting January 1, 2024.

Discussion was held on whether to buy a new floor cleaner for the 4-H Center or just purchase new batteries for the existing one. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to purchase new batteries for the floor cleaner at the 4-H Center.

Roll calls: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION (15-2024):
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby declare the following personal property (Extension, ROD, DOE) as surplus property for sale or disposal:

Inventory# 03-202 Ext.	File Cabinets	\$200.00 x 3
Inventory# 03-212 Ext.	File Cabinets	\$200.00 x 2
Inventory# 03-399.9 Ext.	Horse Learning Lab Kit	\$100.00
Inventory# 06-681 ROD	Exec Hi-Back Black Chair	\$199.00
Inventory# 06-675 ROD	Frididare AC	\$399.00
Inventory# 06-690 ROD	LG AC	\$479.96
Inventory# 04-469 DOE	Frididaire AC	\$150.00
Inventory# 04-470 DOE	Whirlpool AC	\$215.00

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 13th day of February 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.

Treasurer Candy Biggins, Assessor Janiece Weber, and Register of Deeds Kristin Assman entered the meeting. Discussion was held on the recommendation of redoing the handbook by Alternative HR. Job descriptions are too vague and need to be brought up to date. The commissioners decided to table the discussion on job descriptions and redoing handbooks. Mrs. Weber stated that she feels the heads of each office should be the ones to write the job descriptions for their offices as they know what is done or needs to be done better than someone outside the office. She also stated that it would be nice to have a starting wage listed so there is a set wage for each position. The commissioners felt that this would be a good idea for the heads to bring in a list of job duties and to reach out to other counties for a pay scale and come in with a starting wage for each position. After the commissioners review each job detail and starting wage, they will then either approve it, add to the duties, or deny it. Once all has been reviewed, they will start redoing the handbook.

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 January 31, 2024.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$7,391,575.18
Total amount of actual cash	2,199.40
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days	27,868.08
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	1,091.49
Postage, Freight, Exp.	
Co. License &Title	
TOTAL	<u>\$7,422,820.55</u>

Dated this 1st day of February, 2024.

Barbara DeSersa

County Auditor, Tripp Co.

Kartak 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 January 2024 showed \$6,380.50.

Candance Biggins, Treasurer, entered the meeting to discuss a property the county has taken for back taxes that is wanting to be purchased by an individual. The back taxes would have to be paid along with any other fees that come with purchasing a property the county has taken for back taxes. Ms. Biggins stated that one of the people that were allowed to make payments on back taxes have kept up with their monthly payments. The other person who allowed to make payments stopped making payments in November. According to the contract if payments were stopped the county would start the process to take the property again immediately.

Commissioners gave Commissioner Wilcox permission to go and look at the Sterling truck in Wisconsin and to pay for the expenses for the trip.

At 12:05 P.M. Novotny made the motion to recess until 2:00 P.M., seconded by Jorgensen.

Roll call: All ayes. Meeting in recess.

The meeting of the Tripp County Commissioners was called back to order by the Vice-Chair in the Community Room at the Court House at Winner at 2:00 P.M. Roll call showed Board members Cody Jorgensen, Joyce Kartak, Daniel Forgey and Michael Novotny. Absent was Larry Wilcox. Also present was Deputy Auditor Marcia Haukaas, Derek McTighe, Brosz Engineering, Katrina Buckhard, SDOT Planning Engineer, Jesse Poore, FHU transportation planning Lincoln Office, Troy Krueger, City of Winner, Jamie Van Zee, Bros Engineering, Steve Gramm, FHU Denver office via Zoom, and Lyle DeVries, FHU POE PTOE via Zoom.

At 2:30 P.M. Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, entered the meeting. Discussion was held on making a Master Transportation Plan. Which includes what the county, city, and SDOT see in the future of Tripp County roads. Discussion was held on the difference between township and county roads, the county roads the lead up to city roads and state roads. The distribution of tax dollars was also discussed. How new growth was reported in the county and whether building permits or penalties were implemented. Maintenance of county verses township roads was explained.

The discussion was also held about the efficiency and safety on certain roads through the county and how to fix the problems. The growth in the next 10-20 years and how this affects the roads that are being fixed today. How to make roads last with growth of a county and technology.

Discussion was held on all the entities that every county, city, and state roads endure daily and how a Master Transportation Plan will need to include everyone that utilizes the roads. Also, how to effectively prioritize the roads that needs work and the equability of the projects.

Discussion was held on a timeline that the Master Transportation Plan would be completed. The Master Transportation Plan is scheduled to be completed by December 2024 with many meetings in between to discuss progress, complications, or ideas for the end Master Transportation Plan to be the right fit for Tripp County.

At 4:00 P.M. Kartak made the motion to adjourn the meeting until February 27th, 2024, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Novotny.
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Larry Wilcox

ATTEST:

County Deputy Auditor