

Tripp County, South Dakota
February 25, 2025

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 25, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Cody Jorgensen, Joyce Kartak, Daniel Forgey, Larry Wilcox, and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to delete Tony Berg and add Janiece Weber, DOE, to the agenda and to 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 11, 2025 be approved as read.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, that the claims be approved as follows:
MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,338.31; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,602.59; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$6,089.56; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,114.87; COURTHOUSE: \$1,652.83; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,646.55; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,702.85; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$539.72; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$2,090.12; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,644.08; WELFARE: \$746.15; AMBULANCE: \$9,137.88; LIBRARY: \$4,362.39; EXTENSION: \$1,604.00; WEED: \$1,653.85; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$20,422.93; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$396.15; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$509.59; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$301.52; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$162.65; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$17,227.88; HEALTH EQUITY, HSA INSURANCE, \$1,700.00; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$32,172.00; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,505.62; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$1,288.59; DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT; \$45.00; WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT, \$221.53; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$787.28. ELECTION: AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, HEAVY DUTY CART, \$219.99; CIRCUIT COURT: THOMSEN REUTERS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION, \$1,248.27; AUDITOR; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, LASER CHECKS, \$225.90; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY'S; AMY BARTLING-JACOBSEN, CAA FEES, \$2,587.53; GEORGE F JOHNSON, CAA FEES, \$2,847.45; SANDY STEFFEN, CAA FEES, \$709.42; REGISTER OF DEEDS: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, CD DISKS, \$54.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: PITNEY BOWES, POSTAGE MACHINE REFILL, \$322.23; WORK PLACE IT, CYBER SECURITY/OFFICE 365 LICENSE, \$4,530.17; SHERIFF: DARRYL SUESS, COURT ROOM SECURITY, \$76.00; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, IE VEHICLE SERVICE, \$100.71; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, LOG SHEETS, \$62.54; PAUL SCHUETH, INMATE TRANSPORT/MEALS, \$74.00; JAIL: DAN FURNESS, INMATE TRANSPORT, \$143.50; AMBULANCE: FRONTIER MOTORS, 609 REPAIRS, \$406.01; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, BOUND TREE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, \$893.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS, OXYGEN, \$58.05; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PRINTER SUPPLIES/POST ITS/BATTERIES, \$680.16; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$128.28; VOYAGER FLEET FUEL, FUEL, \$17.16; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES 20% COST SHARE, \$532.01; COUNTY FAIR, SUPPLIES, \$107.04; MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: SDACC, 1ST QUARTER CLERP, \$3,751.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: FOX & YOUNGBERG, MI HEARING, \$194.47; MARK KATTERHAGEN, MI HEARING, \$20.00; BILL SCHAEFFER, MH HEARING, \$20.00; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF, PAPERS SERVED, \$50.00; LIBRARY: FOLLETTE SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, HOST SERVICE/SUPPORT, \$1,375.00; WHITLEY CLEANING, FEBRUARY CLEANING, \$950.00; EXTENSION: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$35.00; ROAD AND BRIDGE: AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, DRUG TESTING, \$36.60; BAUM HYDROLOGICS, SHOP SUPPLIES, \$185.61; FRONTIER MOTORS FORD, INSTALL GLASS 931; \$170.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, WORK ON 3522/PARTS/INVENTORY, \$8,046.37; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$6,907.57; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, WORK ON 354, \$2,693.21; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INVENTORY SUPPLIES, \$1,295.35; LYLE SIGNS, FLAGGING MATERIAL, \$1,248.48; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC, UTILITIES, \$209.52; SD DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STORM WATER CONSTRUCTION X 2, \$500.00; WINNER WELDING, REPAIRS ON OIL TOTE, \$16.00; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, CERAMIC HEATER, \$48.95; PRO CONTRACTING, CDL TESTING, \$198.24; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$11,642.88; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, JANUARY 25 AND NOVEMBER 24 DUES, \$898.00.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Todd Stiehl, Deputy Sheriff, entered the meeting.

At 10:03 A.M. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, 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, left during executive session.

At 10:12 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:12 A.M. Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, joined the meeting.

Janiece Weber, DOE, came to the meeting to give different suggestions for employee recognition and boosting the morale of the courthouse employees. Mrs. Weber suggested an Employee Recognition Board. The commissioners agreed to putting up the Employee Recognition Board and they will look into the other suggestions.

Discussion was held on changing the street name to a portion of 320th Ave and 299th Street. It leads to one house and cannot be found on the GIS system. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to changing the name to a portion of 299th Street and 320th Ave to Zink Road.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Alva Wiley, Malon Burtz, Diana Glogner, Fred Weidner, Lonnie Dreyer, Marlene Sloan and John Harter came to the meeting to discuss the mandatory EID livestock ear tags. Mr. Harter asked the commissioners for their support in adopting a Resolution in Opposition to the USDA's memo regarding Mandatory EID Livestock Tags for animals crossing state lines. Branding and ear tags are already in place to track the livestock, and South Dakota has traceability laws in place. Discussion was held. The commissioners would like to talk to the States Attorney before making a decision.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crew repaired equipment, blading roads, drags out and hauling gravel to town. Mr. Sund reported the hydraulic issues on the blade are not as severe as they first thought and would like to keep it instead of selling. Mr. Sund would like to purchase a mulcher and packer for the new blade. The commissioners asked Mr. Sund to bring the prices to the next meeting.

Chet Bryan has passed his CDL test. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (15-2025):

WHEREAS, Chet Bryan, a Highway employee has satisfactorily completed his CDL test,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to increase Mr. Bryan's salary to \$21.00 per hour effective February 16, 2025.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 26th day of February, 2025.

Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

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

Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

A quote was received from KD Contractors for window replacement in the Courthouse. On the first floor 37 windows replaced will cost \$51,147.03, the second floor 20 windows replaced, \$31,205.16 and the third floor 27 windows replaced, \$38,654.15. The commissioners asked Micah Cook, Custodian, to discuss the windows. A discussion was held, and Mr. Cook was asked to replace 20 of the worst windows and they will budget more for the coming years. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to replace 20 of the worst windows in the amount of \$31,205.16 from KD Contractors. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Jamie Hofeldt entered the meeting. Mr. Hofeldt asked how to go about purchasing South County Road and Rahn Lake road, a total of 29 miles. Mr. Hofeldt would like to form a Coop of landowners. Mr. Hofeldt would like to purchase the roads and replace them with concrete roads and make them Toll Roads. The coop of landowners would be exempt from the Toll. The commissioners directed Mr. Hofeldt to the States Attorney.

Wilcox made a motion, seconded by Novotny, to table the Wheel Tax discussion until the next meeting. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Judge Rank came to the meeting to hear the discussion on the change in courthouse hours. The hours will affect the county offices only. Judge Rank does not have the consensus of the third floor yet but there is a process with the state if they decide to change the third-floor hours to coincide with the courthouse hours. The outer doors will remain open until 5:00 for the court service offices.

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

RESOLUTION (16-2025):

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby change the operation hours for the county offices only, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., starting March 31, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby amend the newly revised Tripp County Personnel Handbook, Under 501 WORKDAY AND WORK WEEK, to read;

A. The standard workday for county employees is presented in the following table.

Courthouse Employees	Start Time	End Time	Lunch	Breaks
	7:30 AM	4:00 PM	Flexible	15 min. AM/PM

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby adopt the newly revised 2025 Tripp County Personnel Handbook, and

Further Be it Resolved that the effective date of this Resolution is February 25, 2025, and that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be hereby repealed.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 26th day of February, 2025.

Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

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

Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

At 12:30 P.M. Forgey made the motion to adjourn until March 11, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Wilcox.

Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Cody Jorgensen

ATTEST:

County Auditor