

Tripp County, South Dakota
March 14, 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 March 14, 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, Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, Marti Kingsley and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to add an abatement and approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, that the minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2023 be approved as read.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,310.35; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,134.54; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,642.21; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,014.38; COURTHOUSE: \$1,480.77; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,635.34; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,534.25; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$388.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$1,990.38; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,486.32; SOLID WASTE: \$1,087.50; WELFARE: \$461.54; AMBULANCE: \$8,246.43; LIBRARY: \$3,359.27; EXTENSION: \$1,583.76; WEED: \$1,464.62; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$36,998.50; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$384.62; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, MARCH CONTRIBUTION, \$576.19; BEAM INSURANCE, VISION INSURANCE, \$54.65; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$20,944.08; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$104.10; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, CONTRIBUTION, \$52.93; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$761.44; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$9,938.40; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION MARCH \$1,167.01; 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: JOYCE KARTAK, FEBRUARY MEETING MILEAGE, \$85.68; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PAPER/SERVICE CONTRACT/LAMINATION OF MAPS, \$484.97; ALTERNATIVE HRD, HR SUPPORT/JOB POSTING FOR FEBRUARY, \$663.00; CIRCUIT COURT: VARIOUS JURORS, JURY DUTY, \$445.90; THOMSON REUTERS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION, \$1,154.10; AUDITOR: BARB DESERSA, FEBRUARY TODD MEETING MILEAGE/SUPPLIES, \$107.46; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, TONER ¾ TRIPP, \$205.07, ¼ TODD, \$68.35; SDACES, 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$15.00; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$2.70; TREASURER: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, ADDRESS LABELS, \$43.77; SDACES, 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$15.00; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE TODD, \$67.80, POSTAGE TRIPP, \$334.65; STATES ATTORNEY: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SUPPLIES, \$78.27; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, CONTRACT/SUPPLIES, \$113.93; IT, POSTAGE, \$1.80; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, MATS/MOP REPLACEMENTS, \$219.98; CHS, INC., PROPANE, \$5,986.89; KONE INC., MAINTENANCE 2/23-5/23, \$334.83; NORTHERN PLAINS CONSTRUCTION, SNOW REMOVAL PILES AT COURT HOUSE, \$1,180.00; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$1,173.94; WINNER TRUE VALUE, FASTNER/GLUE, \$3.89; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, IAAO CLASS, \$400.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, 2 X BINDERS, \$33.98; PROVANTAGE, PRINTER CARTRIDGE HP, \$371.25; QUALIFIED PRESORT, TODD ASSESSMENT NOTICES, \$728.23/TRIPP ASSESSMENT NOTICES, \$2,491.34; SDACES, MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$15.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.83; WINNER ADVOCATE INC, DISPLAY ADS, \$123.75; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$25.44; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEM, TODD COUNTY RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00; TRIPP COUNTY RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00; SDACO, 2023 NEW OFFICIALS REGISTRATION, \$110.00; SDACES, MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$15.00; IT: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, PITNEY BOWES/CLOUD/TV/KEYBOARD, \$814.81; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATION, PHONE SERVICE, \$1,298.55; PROVANTAGE, 3 OPTIPLEX/2 ACER/CARTRIDGE, \$2,730.61; TELEPHONE SYSTEMS & SERVICE, ANNUAL SOFTWARE ASSURANCE, \$1,199.00; DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, 365 MONTHLY LICENSE X 15, \$285.00; GEN DIGITAL INC., YEARLY ANTIVIRUS X 55 COMPUTERS, \$1,494.35; SHERIFF: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, CHAIR, \$500.00; SD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TELETYPE 1/23-6/23, \$2,340.00; VERIZON WIRELESS INC., CELL SERVICE, \$187.32; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS INC., \$508.49; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$33.84; KYLE SWEDLUND, LUNCH, \$14.00; BENNY AUDISS, INMATE TRANSPORTS, \$212.50; BECK MOTORS, INC., 2023 SILVERADO PICK UP, \$47,883.00; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM/BOARD, \$16,896.00; PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL, INMATE TRANSPORT, \$320.07; SD DEPT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$307.50; WINNER REGIONAL, INMATE MEDICAL

TREATMENT, \$307.50; WINNER FAMILY DRUG, INMATE PRESCRIPTION, \$68.00; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, JAN/FEB INMATE INSURANCE, \$563.35; JUVENILE DETENTION: HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, JUVENILE INMATE ROOM AND BOARD, \$9,440.00; SOLID WASTE: GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATION, PHONE SERVICE, \$45.43; KUCERA ELECTRIC, INC., FIX HEATER, \$1,542.45; TRIPP CO WATER USER DISTRICT, WATER, \$41.80; COUNTY NURSE: WINNER REGIONAL H.C., 1ST QUARTER ALLOCATIONS, \$9,100.00; AMBULANCE: MATHESON TRI-GAS, OXYGEN, \$35.99; ROCKY MOUNTAIN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, STRYKER POWER COT/LOAD, \$42,873.91; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, FUEL, \$426.53; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, \$16.99; COUNTY FAIR, SUPPLIES, \$154.20; MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE – YANKTON, \$1,065.42; DEVELOPEMENTALLY DISABLED: PATIENT CARE – REDFIELD, \$60.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: DARCY LOCKWOOD, MI HEARING, \$15.00; MARK C KATTERHAGEN, MI HEARING, \$15.00; LEWNO LAW, MI HEARING, \$207.50; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER, MI EVALUATIONS, \$73.34; AVERA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, MI HOLD, \$127.00; YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER, MI HEARING, \$135.00; LIBRARY: CHS, INC., PROPANE, \$438.77; DEMCO, LABEL PROTECTOR/ACRYLIC SEALS, \$356.25; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$94.28; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$42.60; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$498.59; WINNER TRUE VALUE, ICE MELT, \$20.99; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ZOOM/AMAZON/WALMART/NOVA, \$1,330.09; EXTENSION: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, MONTHLY COPIER/SUPPLIES, \$113.76; DEBBIE STEINKE, FAIR TOTES STRING, \$20.21; VERIZON, CELL SERVICE, \$47.03; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., SUMMER ASSISTANT, \$124.00; WINNER TRUE VALUE, GOO GONE, \$12.99; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$28.56; WEED: KUCERA ELECTRIC, LIGHTS FOR SHOP, \$588.08; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, NEW SAW/CLIPS, \$615.16; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.83; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$31.72; WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT, PARTS, \$51.68; ROAD & BRIDGE: APPEARA, LAUNDRY SERVICES/SUPPLIES, \$489.48; ALL IN ONE SHOP REPAIR PARTS, \$118.85; AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, REPAIR PARTS/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$497.54; ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION, GRAVEL CRUSHING BURTZ PIT, \$40,000.00; BROSZ ENGINEERING, DESIGN PLANS/PRP BRIDGES, \$25,297.50; BUTLER MACHINERY, REPAIR PARTS, \$4,387.81; CHS RIVER PLAINS, OIL/DIESEL TREAT, \$525.60; CHS, DIESEL/OIL /PROPANE, \$32,128.04; DWARE INC., SOFTWARE PROGRAM, \$250.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARTS/SUPPLIES, \$2,035.07; FLOYD’S TRUCK CENTER, FILTERS/MANUAL, \$3,149.20; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$219.20; HARRY K NAPA, REPAIR PARTS/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$1,145.24; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, REPAIR PARTS/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$485.51; SD DOT, BRIDGE WORK/STATE WIDE INSPECTION, \$14,648.99; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.83; WINNER WELDING, INC., REPAIR/PARTS/Q OXYGEN, \$681.20; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, OFFICE/SHOP/YARD UTILITIES, \$971.89; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., LEGAL AD, \$10.96; WW TIRE SERVICE INC., FLAT TIRE REPAIR, \$49.22; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$6,895.85; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF CO OFFICIALS, JANUARY & FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS, \$238.00.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, came to the meeting to give the commissioners and update on Damian Vacin. Mr. Vacin has worked the last two summers as an intern for the States Attorney’s office had been offered a position as a part-time deputy through the rural practice program after he graduates from law school. Mr. Vacin has contacted Mr. Pahlke and advised he will be pursuing an employment opportunity elsewhere.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to accept Mr. Vacin’s withdrawal from the rural practice program and employment with Tripp County.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Drew DeMers will be working as an intern in the States Attorney’s office this summer.

Jamie Wolf, 4-H Youth Advisor, came to the meeting to ask permission to attend a Spring Conference in Rapid City on March 28-30, 2023 and an attend an on-line training in Pierre on April 5, 2023. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to authorize the necessary expenses for Jamie Wolf, 4-H Youth Advisor, to attend a Spring Conference in Rapid City on March 28-30, 2023 and an attend an on-line training in Pierre on April 5, 2023, with Gregory County paying half of the expenses.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolf told the commissioners he has a Financial Record Keeping Workshop scheduled and an AI Program on April 22, 2023.

Don Vogt came to the meeting to discuss the road to Witten. Mr. Vogt said it hasn't been graveled in five years and is in rough shape. The commissioners discussed the gravel and the size will be larger this year as they see there are issues all over the county.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crews are blading roads, Patched gravel on Project 3, working on equipment, filled in a soft spot on Project 6139-N and moving snow drifts in Southern Tripp County. Mr. Sund said a plow will need to be replaced. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to give Mr. Sund to purchase a used plow/truck. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:30 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, 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 10:40 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to return to regular session. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION (17-2023):
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Margaret Koffskee as a full-time Highway Secretary effective March 13, 2023 and
Further Be it Resolved Ms. Koffskee shall be compensated at the rate of \$18.00 per hour with probation up to six months.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of March, 2023.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

Larry Wilcox

Daniel Forgey

Cody Jorgensen

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

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

Chandra Phillips, Winner City Finance Officer, came to the meeting to as the Commissioners to abate the following taxes on three parcels that Winner City has been gifted and explained that government entities are exempt from property tax.

1. City of Winner, Parcel 48.01.18.08, Lot 8, Block 18, Original Winner City, RE 2022 \$531.96.
2. City of Winner, Parcel 48.02.41.10, Lots 8-9-10, Block 41, First Addition Winner, City, RE 2022 \$342.70.
3. City of Winner, Parcel 48.07.01.14, Lot 14, A Subdiv. of Lot B, Block 1, North West Addn, Winner City, RE 2022 \$49.56.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to abate the three parcels owned by the Winner City. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Janiece Weber, DOE, came to the meeting to discuss a parcel owned by Tripp County near the White River. Discussion was also held on the Board of Equalization meeting.

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 28, 2023.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$7,337,987.94
Total amount of actual cash	2,999.61
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days	29,628.07

Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days

Tamara Dahlvang	86.40
Danny Mashek	130.00
Flying S Retrievers, LLC	590.22
Credit Card	1,192.78
Postage, Freight, Exp.	
Co. License &Title	
TOTAL	<u>\$7,372,615.02</u>

Dated this 1st day of March, 2023.
Barbara DeSersa
County Auditor, Tripp Co.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, 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 2023 showed \$9,801.00.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to give the Auditor permission to advertise the Director of Equalization meeting to be held April 11, 2023, at 12:00 P.M. in the Commissioners room.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor presented the following Applications for the Abatement of Taxes for the approval of the Board as the taxes did not have the elderly freeze applied:
1. Mary Ann Eveland, Parcel 48.03.43.02, Lot 2 less 5’, Block 43, Second Addn Winner City. RE 2022, partial \$197.98.
Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to approve the application as presented.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 12:00 P.M. Jody Brozik, Winner City Mayor, Troy Krueger, Public Works Director, Chandra Phillips, Winner City Finance Officer, Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, Marti Kingsley and Kent Mauck, Heartland Waste, entered the meeting.

Kent Mauck, Heartland Waste, came to the meeting to discuss the sale of the Recycling Center to the City of Winner. Mr. Mauck has serviced Tripp County residents for about 23 years. Heartland Waste services 34 smaller communities in the area and would hate to lose Tripp County as a customer. Mr. Mauck explained with the new weight limit of the trucks, they would double their trips to Pukwana to unload and this will be a cost increase to their customers. Mr. Mauck is also concerned that the new bid is for 2 years instead of 5 years and is concerned that in 2 years the city will then have their own garbage pickup.

Troy Krueger, Public Works Director, said the smaller trucks are a must to protect the streets in Winner. Mr. Krueger explained there will be three options to choose from in the bid specifications.

Jody Brozik, Winner City Mayor, explained the three bid options that will require the smaller trucks. The first is a similar service where the awardee will own their own totes, dumpsters, and they will transfer garbage to Pukwana. The second is that the awardee will collect the trash and take it to the Transfer Station at no cost. The third is the totes and dumpsters will be owned by the city.

At 12:26 P.M. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to enter into Executive session to discuss a legal issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3).
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.
The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, Jody Brozik, Winner City Mayor, Troy Krueger, Public Works Director, Chandra Phillips, Winner City Finance Officer, Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, Marti Kingsley and Kent Mauck, Heartland Waste and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during executive session.
At 12:30 P.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to return to regular session.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following:
RESOLUTION: (18-2023):
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby approve the Purchase Agreement to sell the Recycling Center/Transfer Station and the inventory located at the Recycling Center to the City of Winner and,
Further Be it Resolved that in this agreement the closing will be on or about April 1, 2023.
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of March, 2023.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

Larry Wilcox

Daniel Forgey

Cody Jorgensen

NAY
Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor
Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Wilcox, Forgey, and Jorgensen.
Nays: Novotny. Resolution adopted.

Shawn Pettit, Sheriff, came to the meeting to tell the commissioners one if the sheriff vehicles were totaled. Mr. Pettit would like permission to purchase a new pickup.
Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevy Silverado in the amount of \$47,883.00.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the CD interest rate at the various banks. Mr. Jorgensen talked to Bankwest and Federal Credit Union, and they did not match the 4.3% given at First Fidelity Bank. The interest earned will be earmarked for the highway department. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to move the CDs from Bankwest and Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$711,119.37 to First Fidelity Bank, and adding \$288,880.63 cash to the CD total.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 1:00 P.M. Wilcox made the motion to adjourn until March 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Jorgensen.
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

County Auditor