

Tripp County, South Dakota
March 28, 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 28, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Joyce Kartak, Larry Wilcox, Daniel Forgey, and Cody Jorgensen. Absent was Michael Novotny. Also present was Deputy Auditor Marcia Haukaas, Zachary Pahlke and Mason Juracek, States Attorney, Kathie Cole, Ambulance Director, Jon Burdette, Emergency Manager, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to add Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, fuel bid, Marty Petersen, and approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Kartak, that the minutes of the meeting held on March 14, 2023 be approved as read.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to deny the claim submitted by Avera Behavior Health, \$6,536.57, the Tripp County Board of Mental Health did not refer this patient.

Roll Call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

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

BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,310.35; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,098.67; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,597.12; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$5,956.88; COURTHOUSE: \$1,480.77; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,396.28; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,515.25; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$524.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$1,990.38; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$7,531.18; SOLID WASTE: \$960.00; WELFARE: \$461.54; AMBULANCE: \$8,148.93; LIBRARY: \$3,476.84; EXTENSION: \$1,715.03; WEED: \$1,464.62; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$26,010.52; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$384.62; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, MARCH CONTRIBUTION, \$576.16; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$17,610.23; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$127.85; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$33,080.53; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,533.64; 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: SDACC, 2023 SPRING WORKSHOP, \$110.00; AUDITOR: MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, ½ WINDOW ENVELOPES TODD, \$96.96, ½ WINDOW ENVELOPES TRIPP, \$96.96; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, BINDER LEGAL SHEETS ½ TODD, \$46.21 1/2 TRIPP, \$46.21; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: AMY BARTLING-JACOBSEN, CAA FEES, \$1,053.53; GEORGE F JOHNSON, CAA FEES, \$3,248.50; SANDY STEFFEN, CAA FEES, \$2,642.61; MEIERHENRY SARGENT LLP, CAA FEES, \$20,741.73; COUNTY MAINTENANCE: HILLYARD, TOWELS/TOLIET TISSUE/TRASH LINERS, \$516.80; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: JANIECE WEBER, MATS/FILES/BINDERS, \$228.84; REGISTER OF DEEDS: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, RECIEPT BOOK, \$236.20; IT: DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, AVIGILON CAMERA UPGRADE, \$51,288.56; USERFUL CORPORATION, 1 YR SUBSCRIPTION PUBLIC LIBRARY COMPUTER, \$3,290.00; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC, POSTAGE, \$320.99; SHERIFF: HUGHES BROTHERS 2, IE VEHICLE REPAIR, \$502.55; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS INC, FUEL, \$708.21; DILLON BATES, ON CALL/CALL OUT 4 HOURS, \$103.00; JAIL: CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, MEDICAL TREATMENT INMATES, \$505.57; SOLID WASTE: AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, SUPPLIES, \$53.86; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC COMPANY, UTILITIES, \$228.00; AMBULANCE: BENTCO SAFETY EDUCATION, CPR CLASSES, \$1,160.00; FIDELITY AGENCY, RENEW COMMERCIAL PACKAGE, \$12,869.00; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ROOMS FOR CONFERENCE, \$934.52; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, JACK, \$269.98; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$614.24; THE WINNER PHARMACY, NITRO, \$22.18; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$24.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: YOUNGBERG LAW PROF, MI HEARING, \$214.00; ; LIBRARY: MISTI BURNS, MILEAGE/MEALS TO CONF, \$69.86; WHITLEY'S CLEANING, MARCH CLEANING, \$950.00; ROAD & BRIDGE: ALL IN ONE SHOP, REPAIR PARTS, \$748.30, ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION INC., GRAVEL CRUSHING BURTZ PIT, \$40,000.00; CONNEY SAFETY, SHOP SUPPLIES, \$57.92; FRONTIER MOTORS FORD, REPAIR PARTS, \$552.56; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, REPAIR PARTS, \$83.85; GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE, REPAIR PARTS, \$165.95; INDLAND TRUCK PARTS COMPANY, REPAIR PARTS, \$1,295.55; NORTHERN PLAINS CONSTRUCTION, LOAD RENT, \$10,141.00; NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP., REPAIR PARTS, \$2,345.28; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC, UTILITIES, \$249.33; TEAM LAB, ROAD PATCH, \$1,030.50; WINNER REGIONAL, DRUG TEST, \$56.50; DEBT SERVICE: DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, TRUCK PAYMENTS, \$12,426.27.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

Jon Burdette, Emergency Manager, appeared for public comment to ask the commissioners to consider purchasing a Stop the Bleed kit for \$1,200.00. The kit will include 20 tourniquets as well as instructions on how to apply them. There are no grants available for the kit. Zane Hamiel will do training for anyone needing it and the kit will be kept at the Ambulance shop.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to have Mr. Burdette purchase a Stop the Bleed Kit in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Kathie Cole, Ambulance Director, explained to the commissioners that the go live date for the SD EMS Telemedicine will be April 11, 2023, at 6 P.M. and invites everyone to attend. The program is through the Department of Health not through Sanford.

At 10:10 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to enter into Executive session to discuss Emergency management response issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (6) (c).

Roll Call: All present ayes. Motioned carried.

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

At 10:24 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Brad Norrid, Doug Sherman, and Jordan Nelson, SD DOT came to discuss reconstruction on Highway 18 and the local over width vehicle detour. Commissioner Wilcox approached the DOT with a possible detour solution for the local over width vehicles and Mr. Sherman looked through the plan and for the Federal highway fund to approve a detour, three things must be considered. In Commissioner Wilcox's plan 2 out of the 3 considerations are applicable. 1. Necessity and 2. Applicable benefit but not 3. Reasonable, which they cannot consider because they would have to put more money into this detour suggestion to make the road acceptable for federal highway fund to approve for travel. The new reasonable set detour agreement will be at Gus Stop, North 6 miles then West 2 miles then South past Frontier Motors. The SD DOT will put signs up as well as patch the asphalt up to the detour road and keep the county roads upkeep for the duration of the construction. After the construction they will make sure the road is back to its original form. This detour will not be put out to the truck ports but only to the local truckers. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Norrid stated that they are aware that the cemetery road will probably be used. They will get together with Mr. Sund, Highway Superintendent and survey the road and possibly work on this road if it gets damaged or they will put up road closure signs.

Bev Vaughn, Care of Poor/Welfare director, entered the meeting.

At 10:42 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox to enter into Executive session for Legal Consultation issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3).

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

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

At 10:50 A.M. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to enter back into regular session.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to deny the care of poor claim presented by Mrs. Vaughn.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor presented the following Applications for the partial Abatement of Taxes for the approval of the Board:

1. Winner Retirement Center, LLC, Parcel 48.35.08.08, Lots 1-9, Blk 6, Lots 8-21 Blk 8 and all of Blk 9, East Hospital Addition, 2022 RE \$537.54, for miscalculation of property width.
2. David Sharkey, Parcel 48.75.01.10, E 13.5' of Lot 9 & Lot 10 Block 1, Mathis & Hafffield Addn, Winner City, 2022 RE, \$936.66. qualified for veterans' exemption that was not given.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to approve the applications as presented.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Debbie Steinke, Extension Secretary, came to the meeting to discuss the Facility Agreement for the Tripp County 4-H Center. Jamie Farmen, SD Community Foundation, would like to hold a meeting at the 4-H Center. Mr. Farmen sent back the Facility Agreement with changes they will need in the agreement to hold their meeting here. Mr. Pahlke and Mrs. Steinke are going to work together and add some of the changes in the Facility Agreement for the SD Community Foundation.

At 11:02 A.M. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen to entered into executive session for Personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1 (2).

Roll call: All present Ayes. Motion carried.

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

At 11:08 A.M. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to enter back into regular session.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen to accept Debbie Steinke, Extension Secretary, resignation to be effective April 28, 2023.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Steinke will help train the new secretary until Mid-Dakota Fair in August as needed.

At 11:10 A.M. Jody Brozik, Winner City Mayor, Troy Krueger, Public Works Director, Chandra Phillips, Winner City Finance Officer, and Paul Jensen, Winner City Attorney, entered the meeting to ask the commissioners if they would consider leasing the Recycling Center to the City of Winner until August 1, 2023, with full payment on that date. The reason they need to lease the building for 4 months is because they have applied for a grant, and they will not hear if they receive the grant until mid-June, with payment if award in mid-July. The city will have to work under the county's license for recycling until the purchase of the building as only one permit is allowed for each entity. The City of Winner will be leasing the Tripp County Recycling Center for \$3,000.00 per month for 4 months and will take over the bills for running the recycling center effective April 1, 2023. Tripp County will pay the Recycling Center employees through the month of April and then taken over by the City of Winner. Tripp County will receive the profit from selling anything collected prior to April 1, 2023, and the City of Winner will receive profit of anything sold after April 1, 2023. Commissioner Wilcox will be talking to Charles York about the inventory that is on hand at the Recycling Center. Mrs. Phillips stated that if the grant was not received the payment of \$450,000.00 will be paid as soon as the grant is denied. The remaining \$200,000.00 will be paid over the next 10 years, \$20,000.00 per year. Attorney Jensen will have a revised contract or lease agreement sent to States Attorney Pahlke to be signed at the next commissioner meeting April 11, 2023.

Jorgensen made motion, seconded by Forgey, to lease the Tripp County Recycling Center to the City of Winner for \$3,000.00 a month, plus expenditures, for a 4-months.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

David Boyer came to the meeting to discuss back taxes. Mr. Boyer stated that he recently found out that parcel 50-23-23-06 and parcel 50-33-33-04 were going to be auctioned off for back taxes for no payment. The total amount of taxes owed is \$2,487.89. Mr. Boyer wants to set up a payment agreement with the county to pay the taxes and not have the properties be auctioned off. Mr. Boyer stated he could pay \$50.00 this month and more in the months to come. The commissioners agreed to give Mr. Boyer 12 months to pay the taxes with a \$50.00 minimum a month payment. If there is a missed payment or less than minimum payment received, the property will go to auction.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to accept Mr. Boyer's agreement to pay a minimum of \$50.00 a month for 12 months or the property will go to auction.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to approve the 2023-2024 Application for the RB License submitted by the Red Hills Last Chance Saloon, LLC, for Package (on-off-sale) Malt Beverage and (on-off sale) South Dakota farm wines.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, entered the meeting.

At 11:46 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to enter into executive session for employee interview pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1).

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Deputy Auditor Marcia Haukaas left during executive session. Zachary Pahlke, State's Attorney, and Dan Bechtold Winner Advocate, left for the day.

At 11:58 A.M. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to enter back into regular session.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

At 11:58 A.M. Mr. Dave Borszich entered the meeting. Mr. Borszich wanted to inform the commissioners that he owns his own road grader, and he has over 20 years of experience in road construction. He wants to stay closer to home and wants to do work for townships and the county if there are roads that they cannot get to. Mr. Borszich charges \$150.00 per hour and will get together with Mr. Sund, Highway Superintendent, to give him his information and insurance information. The commissioners state that there are plenty of townships that need road work done and that his information will be passed on.

Commissioner Michael Novotny entered the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

Commissioner Wilcox set up a zoom meeting with Stephen from Verizon Connect on the GPS equipment they sell and the benefit it would have for the county.

The commissioner's main objective with the GPS technology is that the highway superintendent knows in real time where all of his equipment is in case of an emergency, so the nearest equipment can get to the location if help is needed. This is very important during the winter and roads that need plowed to get to an emergency. Many different options were shown from GPS real time, cameras, battery app trackers

for trailers or less used equipment, and monitoring GPS with reports. The commissioners will discuss all the options and decide if and what product is right for our operation.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crews have plowed snow, blading roads as the weather permits, patching gravel where needed and working with Ed Dostal cutting trees and removing the trees by Bridge No. 62-220-512. They have looked over the priority maps and marked the roads. Mr. Sund would like the commissioners to look over his map as well to make sure no priority roads were missed. Mr. Sund made a graveling road map for the summer of 2023 for new projects and for projects that need to be finished.

Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering Inc, came to the meeting to get authorization for Invitation to Bid forms on Clearfield Bridge BRF6581 (00) 22-1 PCN 08XG and Richie Bridge BRO8062(00)22-2 PCN 08XH. Advertising would be done the month of April with bids to be opened on May 9, 2023, at 1:00P.M. and 1:10 P.M. respectively. Completion of work is estimated for November 2024. Once a bid is accepted the county will have to hire a Contractor or Construction Manager if acceptable for the duration of the project.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to give authorization for Invitation to Bid on Clearfield Bridge BRF6581 (00) 22-1 PCN 08XG and Richie Bridge BRO8062(00)22-2 PCN 08XH with bids being opened on May 9th, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. and 1:10 P.M. respectively.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Van Zee also wanted to let the commissioners know that they are putting together a draft for hydraulics on 3 mi east and 9.3 miles north of 318th Ave on North County road structure 62-220-177. The draft will include cast in place 100-year culvert and box 69-year culvert for TSNL. He will get the draft to the commissioners to look over as soon as it is finished.

Discussion was held on the hole in the road by DeJong's. It was looked at by Tripp County Rural Water and determined not to be a water break but a spring that has shown up in the road and is seeping from the top 3 layers. To fix this problem, they will have to dig it out and place big rocks into the hole and cover it with gravel. The Water User District is going to be removing trees by Kemp's.

Commissioner Jorgensen received a phone call from Mardi Pedersen and during the first snowstorm she gave the highway department permission to go through their driveway to get to a motorist in labor stranded in the snow. When the highway department opened the driveway, they dug down 5-6 inches into her grass. She is wanting the highway department to bring her some dirt to fill in for grass replacement that she will plant herself. Mr. Sund said they will get a load of dirt over to the driveway to correct the problem.

Commission Jorgensen talked to CHS and they will do fuel bids and asked Mr. Sund if they have ever bid fuel. Mr. Sund stated that they have not, only went on a month-to-month program. Commissioner Jorgensen feels we should be contracting in both dyed fuel and gasoline and will be advertising for dyed fuel and gasoline from May 2023- December 2023. Then bid 2024 at the beginning of the new year. Fuel and gasoline bids will be opened on May 9, 2023, at 1:20 P.M.

Commissioner Jorgensen has also been doing research on Bonelle Finishing Plates and talking to other counties who have used them, and it has saved them up to 20% of their gravel budgets. The plate runs on a 120 HP tractor, it is inexpensive, has carbine tips, 4 sets of blades and is less invasive. Mr. Sund stated that they had one demonstrated to them a while back and with magnesium it broke but is willing to have the company out of Minnesota come and demonstrate their plate.

Dean Watzel was under the impression that his road would be completely done with the 3" gravel not just part of it to see how it held up. Mr. Sund stated that they will finish the whole road with the 3" gravel.

Mr. Sund stated that this was Craig Fiskus' last week of employment as he has taken a different job. He has not given his letter of resignation yet and Mr. Sund has asked him to please get one to the commissioners.

Commissioner Jorgensen went to Sentinel Federal Credit Union and discussed increasing our interest on the CD to 4% and they will not charge any penalties for early withdrawal. Auditor Barb DeSersa and Treasurer Candy Biggins will go in and sign the transfer of CD to the higher interest rate.

State's attorney Zach Pahlke and Deputy State's Attorney Mason Juracek would like permission to attend the State's Attorney Conference in Deadwood May 3-5, 2023.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to authorize the necessary expenses for Zachary Pahlke, State's Attorney and Mason Juracek, Deputy State's Attorney to attend the State's Attorney Conference in Deadwood May 3-5, 2023.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 2:03 P.M. Wilcox made the motion to adjourn until April 11, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Jorgensen.
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chair, Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

County Auditor