

Tripp County, South Dakota
May 13, 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 May 13, 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.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to add Donna Lee and Rames Township and approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, that the minutes of the meeting held on April 22, 2025 be approved as read.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$4,676.62; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$13,099.20; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$11,420.35; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$12,040.20; COURTHOUSE: \$3,282.58; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$11,022.73; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$7,405.70; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$828.12; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$4,180.24; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$17,033.05; WELFARE: \$1,492.30; AMBULANCE: \$17,215.26; LIBRARY: \$8,818.26; EXTENSION: \$3,030.50; WEED: \$3,307.70; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$41,224.30; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$792.30; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$512.57; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$301.52; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$162.65; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$34,597.10; HEALTH EQUITY; HAS HEALTH INSURANCE, \$1,800.00; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$31,709.17; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$16,782.54; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$1,288.59; DIVISON OF CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT; \$90.00; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$1,581.49. COMMISSIONERS: JOYCE KARTAK, MEETING/CONFERENCE MILEAGE, \$209.04; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, SCAN MINUTE BOOK 26, \$300.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$84.89; ALTERNATIVE HRD, COMMISSIONER HR SUPPORT/JOB POSTING, \$1,518.00; THE STOCKMAN'S CAFÉ, SUPPLIES FOR ADM ASSIST. DAY, \$26.00; AUDITOR: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$35.00; THE INSURANCE CENTER, NOTARY RENEWAL, \$80.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE TRIPP, \$77.97/POSTAGE TODD, \$23.46; TREASURER: TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TODD POSTAGE, \$39.21/TRIPP POSTAGE, \$77.97; STATE'S ATTORNEY: TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$3.45; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, RUGS/MOPS, \$245.07; CHS INC., PROPANE, \$683.52; HILLYARD SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$265.99; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$336.09; WINNER PLUMBING AND HEATING, CHECK OUTSIDE FAUCETS, \$867.49; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$1,1128.89; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, \$37.95; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, HOOVER SHOULDER VAC/REPLACEMENT DECK WHEELS, \$331.90; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: TODD COUNTY TRIBUNE, DOE MEETING NOTICE, \$15.33; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PAPER CLIPS/COPIES/PAPER CUTTER, \$195.63; SDAAO, SDAAO CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, \$250.00; VANGUARD APPRAISALS, AG BUILDING/UPGRADE/NEW SEAT, \$3,175.00; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., REAPPRAISAL AD, \$99.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE TODD, \$2.07/TRIPP POSTAGE, \$141.45; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TODD RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00/TRIPP RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$48.08; INSURANCE: SDPAA, ANNUAL PREMUIM 2025; \$115,994.62; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SPEAKER/MONITOR/DOCKING/ADOBE, \$511.31; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$1,324.52; WORK PLACE IT, CYBER SECURITY/OFFICE 0365, \$4,378.71; SHERIFF: DARRYL SUESS, COURT ROOM SECURITY, \$171.00; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, CAMERA/POSTAGE/FUEL/MEALS, \$991.87; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, VEHICLE IA REPAIR, \$711.58; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$671.95; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$193.06; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS, FUEL, \$599.13; WINNER LASER WASH, CAR WASHES, \$42.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$23.74; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM AND BOARD/HOLDS, \$24,150.00; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$200.00; WINNER REGIONAL HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$749.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTIONS, \$83.21; WINNER FAMILY DRUG: INMATE PRESCRIPTION, \$74.00; CORRECTION RISK SERVICES, INMATE INSURANCE, \$428.40/INMATE MEDICAL BILLS, \$427.36; KYLE SWEDLUND, MEALS ON TRANSPORT, \$20.00; RISING HOPE COUNSELING, INMATE COUSELING, \$275.00; AMBULANCE: BRUNMEIER'S FIRE, SERVICE 10 EXTINGUISHERS, \$80.00; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, \$638.57; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, WELDING 609/TIRES/TRANS A/T, \$590.03; MATHESON TRI-GAS, OXYGEN, \$59.95; OFFICE PRODUCTS

CENTER, LOCK CORE KIT/COPIES/SUPPLIES, \$382.05; RUNNINGS, BLACK TOTE, \$79.96; VOYAGER FLEET FUEL, FUEL, \$757.67; WINNR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$550.95; WINNER TRUE VALUE, CLEANING SUPPLIES/SUPPLIES, \$1,407.41; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOTY, POSTAGE, \$22.08; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, EMS AMB GRANT CONSULTANT, \$3,656.36; HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT, MOUNTING BRACKETS, \$1,594.00; MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE – YANKTON, \$600.00; DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE -REDFIELD, \$120.00; MENTAL ILLNES: BLACKBURN AND STEVENS, CAA MENTAL HEALTH, \$228.73; GUNVORDAHLE, GUNVORDAHL, NORBER, MENTAL ILLNESS REVIEWS, \$948.50; BIRMINGHAM/CWACH, MENTAL HEALTH HEARING, \$281.73; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, PAPER SERVED, \$100.00; LIBRARY: WHITLEY CLEANING, APRIL CLEANING, \$950.00; EXTENSION: CHELSEA HUTCHISON, REIMBURSE MILEAGE TO MEETING, \$41.51; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, COPIES/SUPPLIES, \$162.62; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$33.26; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$81.57; WEED: B&J CYCLE, 4 WHEELER REPAIR, \$307.00; GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT, TIRE REPAIR, \$25.00; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, REPAIR KIT/TOOL BOX, \$91.98; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$159.24; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$35.55; WINNER ADVOCATE, NOTIFICATIONS, \$167.58; ROAD AND BRIDGE: APPEARA, LAUNDRY SERVICE, \$248.29, ALL IN ONE SHOP, PARTS, \$232.11; AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, PARTS, \$258.91; ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION, RICHEY PIT CRUSHING, \$34,882.50; BROSZ ENGINEERING, DESIGN/GRANT APP NORTH COUNTY, \$7,275.00; CHS, INC., FUEL/GREASE, \$29,579.12; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARTS, \$3,245.51; FLAT CREEK CONSTRUCTION, CUSTOM HAULING, \$200,284.31; FLOYD’S TRUCK CENTER, FENDERS/ PARTS, \$1,187.94; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE/INTERNET, \$214.25; HARRY K NAPA, PARTS, \$181.03; STANLEY HANSON, GRAVEL ROYALTY, \$1,358.78; HIGH PLAINS TRUCK AND TRAILER, PARTS, \$2,260.99; LYLE SIGNS INC., VALLEY TOWNSHIP SIGNS, \$217.42; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC, UTILITIES COLOME/ CLEARFIELD, \$74.87; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SHOP SUPPLIES, \$152.93; SD DOT, SCOUR ANALYSIS/BRIDGE, \$49,476.37; TRIPP COUNTY WATER USERS DISTRICT, WATER STUDY FEE, \$225.00; TRANSOURCE TRUCK AND TRAILER, REPAIRS, \$14,137.02; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$42.73; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$582.90; MATHIS FARM EQUIPMENT, PARTS/SHOP SUPPLIES, \$373.91; CROSSWORX SOLUTIONS, REPAIRS ON 929; \$3,198.48; WALK N’ ROLL, PARTS, \$1,851.71; DEBT SERVICES:DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL, SEMI TRUCK PAYMENT, \$12,426.27; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$11,713.92; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: JON BURDETTE, TRAINING MEAL/MILEAGE, \$88.36; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, GALLS AND EMS DUES, \$212.10; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, APRIL COLLECTIONS, \$162.00.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Todd Stiehl, Deputy Sheriff, came to the meeting to give a medical update.

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

Donna Lee, Highway Administrative Assistant, came to the meeting to give her resignation effective July 3, 2025. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to accept the resignation.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor presented the following Application for the Abatement of Taxes for the approval of the Board as they should not have been taxed, belonging to another landowner:

- 1. Chad Ekberg, Parcel 34.30.4500, 1.00 A in SE ¼ SW ¼ 30-102-74, 2024 RE \$7.14.

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

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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 April 30, 2025.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$9,320,694.93
Total amount of actual cash	1,792.28
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days	399,682.20
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	938.76

Postage, Freight, Exp.
Co. License &Title

TOTAL \$9,723,194.57

Dated this 1st day of May, 2025
County Auditor, Tripp Co.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, 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 April 2025 showed \$5,734.00.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to auto supplement \$39,497.98 to the Ambulance Budget, fund 100-424, for unanticipated revenue.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Th commissioners accepted the written responses for the 2021-22 audit from Candy Biggins, Treasurer, and Barb DeSersa, Auditor.

Commissioner Jorgensen gave an update on the Master Transportation Plan and gave a project delivery schedule for the upcoming events.
Bailliee Harter came to the meeting to discuss her gravel road. The commissioners explained this was a township road and gave her the contact information.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crews have bladed roads, hauled gravel, patched gravel roads 6470-6474, pulled shoulders and worked on a water pump. Several roads were discussed. The commissioners approved overtime for the highway employees if the conditions were right to blade the roads.
Richard Cole, Rames Township, came to the meeting to discuss various culverts that need fixed or cleaned out in Rames Township.

Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, Inc., came to the meeting to report the 2 bids received for the Full Depth Reclamation & Asphalt Surfacing Project on 317th Ave. The bids received are as follows:

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| 1. Morris, Inc, FT. Pierre, SD | \$905,710.00 |
| 2. Bituminous Paving, Inc. Ortonville, MN | N/A |

Mr. Van Zee reviewed the bids but only Morris’ bid included the required documentation and acknowledgement of addendum.
Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to accept the bid from Morris, Inc, in the amount of \$905,710.00, contingent upon the SDDOT LGA approval of the proposed contract award.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Van Zee brought a work orders/proposal for CA 024E, PCN 098Q, for Inspection and Materials Testing for Full Depth Reclamation and Asphalt Surfacing Project #2502xxx on 317th Ave, Winner, SD, not to exceed, \$80,000.00.
Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to give the Chairman permission to sign the work order for 317th Ave FDR & Asphalt Surfacing, PCN 098Q, in the amount not exceed \$80,000.00.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

With the Community Access Grant awarded in 2024 for \$334,340.00 and the engineering costs, the total for this project will be roughly \$651,370.00.

Fire Chiefs, Glenn Sealey, Neil Shutt and Jason Orel, EM Jon Burdette and Zach Pahlke, States Attorney, came to the meeting to discuss the Burn Ban process in Tripp County. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (24-2025):

Whereas, the Tripp County Commission is charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Tripp County including all property situated therein; and

Whereas, the Tripp County Commission has consulted with local fire officials and law enforcement concerning the threat posed by wildfires; and

Whereas, the Tripp County Commission has deemed it necessary to enact certain temporary controls to reduce the threat posed to the citizens and property of Tripp County by wildfires.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that pursuant to SDCL 7-8-20(18) the Tripp County Commission does hereby enact this resolution on an emergency basis effective immediately and impose a ban to prohibit or restrict open burning in order to protect the public health and safety; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the following exceptions are made to the restrictions:
Covered or enclosed trash burning containers surrounded by a 10-foot combustible free radius, Barbeque grills, Branding iron burners, fully enclosed outdoor fireplaces surrounded by a 10-foot combustible free radius, and;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that individuals who are burning under one of the exceptions use extreme caution and individuals who start a fire that crosses a property line, and or damages the property of another person are liable for the costs of suppressing and damages done by that fire, and;

It is Further Resolved, that the prohibited activity shall include any activity which could be reasonably calculated to lead to the ignition and/or spread of wildfire in Tripp County, and

Further Be it Resolved, that the area to which prohibitions referenced above shall be applicable shall include the entire area of Tripp County excepting those lands falling within the boundaries of any municipality or the land falling under the auspices of the United States; and

It is Further Resolved, that pursuant to SDCL 7-18A-2 the penalty for violating this resolution shall be a fine not to exceed the fine established by subdivision SDCL 22-6-2(2), which is thirty days imprisonment in the County jail or five hundred dollars fine, or both.

It is Further Resolved, that prohibition of certain activities provided for above shall remain in effect until such time the Tripp County Commission determines that the threat posed by wildfires has abated.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 13th day May, 2025.

Chairman, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Mike Novotny

ATTEST:

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

Discussion was held with the Tripp County Fire Chiefs and EM about any changes they may want in the Ordinance for the Declaration of Fire Danger Emergencies and the Regulation of Open Burning during Fire Danger Emergencies within the County. No changes were made. Mr. Pahlke confirmed that since it was on the agenda today, they could have their first reading of Ordinance 2025-01 entitled “Ordinance for the Declaration of Fire Danger Emergencies and the Regulation of Open Burning during Fire Danger Emergencies within the County”. The Board of Commissioners, Tripp County, South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL 7-7-41.2. The second reading will be at 10:30 A.M. on May 27, 2025.

At 11:50 A.M. Forgey made the motion to adjourn until May 27, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Novotny.
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Cody Jorgensen

ATTEST:

County Auditor