

Tripp County, South Dakota
May 27, 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 27, 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 and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to add Burn Ban and culvert discussion and approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, that the minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2025 be approved as read.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,338.31; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,482.64; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,637.95; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$4,847.45; COURTHOUSE: \$1,647.70; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,312.17; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,881.18; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$461.44; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$2,090.12; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,332.82; WELFARE: \$746.15; AMBULANCE: \$7,307.63; LIBRARY: \$4,477.14; EXTENSION: \$1,520.00; WEED: \$1,653.85; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$21,209.92; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$396.15; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$512.58; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$301.52; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$69.60; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$162.65; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$16,446.71; HEALTH EQUITY, HSA INSURANCE, \$1,750.00; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, VISION INSURANCE, \$229.22; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$1,415.26; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,197.62; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$1,288.59; DIVISON OF CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT; \$45.00; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$799.16. CIRCUIT COURT: THOMSEN RUETTERS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION/SOFTWARE, \$1,248.27; AUDITOR: BARB DESERSA, TODD MAY MEETING MILEAGE/MILEAGE TO PIERRE CONFERENCE, \$248.88; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, TRIPP CLAIM PADS, \$198.66; TREASURER: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, TRIPP SERVICE CONTRACT, \$76.12/TODD SERVICE CONTRACT, \$35.00; STATE'S ATTORNEY: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT/SUPPLIES, \$299.94; AMAZON CAPITOL, ELECTRIC STAPLER, \$42.06; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY'S: AMY BARTLING JACOBSEN, CAA FEES, \$553.44; GEORGE JOHNSON, CAA FEES, \$2,407.66; SANDY STEFFEN, CAA FEES, \$3,128.98; MEYER LAW, CAA FFES, \$552.00; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$109.98; WINNER PLUMBING AND HEATING, FIX TOLIET, \$90.00; JASON'S PLUMBING AND MORE, FIX LEAK IN BASEMENT, \$402.35; REGISTER OF DEEDS: KRISTIN ASSMAN, MILEAGE TO PIERRE MEETINGS, \$121.94; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, ENVELOPES, \$117.00; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: MILTON DOUGLAS, MILEAGE TO VSO MEETINGS, \$162.14; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: IMAGETREND, INC., BILLING BRIDGE ANNUAL FEE, \$6,456.84; PITNEY BOWES BANK, POSTAGE METER REFILL, \$967.44; SHERIFF: OMNIGO SOFTWARE, OMNIGO YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION, \$6,961.40; KYLE SWEDLUND, REIMBURSE POSTAGE, \$17.75; JAIL: PAUL SCHUETH, INMATE TRANSPORTS, \$191.00; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE MEDICAL PAYMENTS, \$2,484.67; COUNTY NURSE: WINNER REGIONAL H.C., 1ST AND ½ SECOND QUARTERS ALLOCATION, \$15,166.66; AMBULANCE: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, \$429.35; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$128.19; DAKOTA SENIOR MEALS: RURAL OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, 2025 ALLOCATION, \$5,719.00; MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: SDACC, 2ND QUARTER CLERP, \$3,751.00; MAINGATE COUNSELING: MAIN GATE COUNCELING, 2025 ALLOCATIONS, \$5,000.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: DAN MCMURTERY, MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORT, \$251.83; MARK KATTERHAGEN, MI BOARD HEARING, \$44.00, LEWN LAW, MI BOARD HEARING, \$407.96; VAL LARSON, MI BOARD HEARING, \$44.00; LIBRARY: GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET/FAX, \$86.96; MISTI BURNS, MILEAGE MPLA INSTITUTE, \$642.84, OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, UTILTIIES, \$66.15; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$571.09; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ZOOM/DOLLAR STORE/RDA AMAZON, \$221.94; VETERAN'S MEMORIAL: AMERICAN LEGION POST 169, 3 FLAGS 5X8, \$225.00; WINNER TRANSIT, ROCS, 2025 ALLOCATION, \$3,000.00; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2025 ALLOCATION, \$2,500.00; ROAD AND BRIDGE: ALL IN ONE SHOP, REPAIR PARTS, \$290.45; AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG TEST, \$90.00; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, REPAIRS ON 355, \$1,072.59; CHET BRYAN, REIMBURSE PARTS, \$19.50; KUCERA ELECTRIC, SHOP REPAIRS, \$236.87; LYLE SIGNS, INVENTORY SIGNS, \$1,788.75; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC CO., COLOME/CLEARFIELD SHOP UTILITIES, \$74.97.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

A proposal from H & O Electric was submitted for work to be done at the small animal building at the 4-H grounds in the amount of \$3,636.36. Discussion was held and the proposal was tabled until the next meeting on June 10, 2025.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, made a motion to extend the Joint Cooperative Agreement with District III Association of Local Governments for the program year January 1 through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$15,569.00.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION (25-2025):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby declare the following personal property (Weed) as surplus property for sale or disposal:

Inventory# 07-743	RCA TV/VCR	\$299.00
Inventory# 07-747	16-Juror Chairs	\$1,109.60

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 27th day of May, 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 list of Projects for the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the commissioners.
Forgey made a motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve the Projects for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Master Transportation Plan Status Summary.

Zach Pahlke, States Attorney, Emergency Manager, Jon Burdette, Fire Chiefs, Neil Shutt, Glenn Sealey and Jason Orel came to the meeting for the second reading of Ordinance #2025-01 entitled “An Ordinance for the Declaration of Fire Danger Emergencies and the Regulation of Open Burning during Fire Danger Emergencies within the County”. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, that Ordinance #2025-01 be adopted, and the County Auditor be authorized to cause the same to be published in the official newspaper of Tripp County.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Burn Permits for large burns in Tripp County. The Fire Chiefs will research other counties in South Dakota and their processes.

Wilcox made a motion, seconded by Forgey, to lift the Tripp County Burn Ban.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Zach Pahlke introduced Madison Dowling, the Summer Intern, for the States Attorney’s office.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crews are blading roads and hauling gravel. Several roads were discussed.

Blake Nielsen requested an approach with a culvert meeting County guideline. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to give Mr. Sund permission to put in a new approach and culvert for Mr. Nielsen.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to give the chairman permission to sign the Notice of Award for the Project on 317th Ave, Tripp County, to Morris, Inc. in the amount of \$905,710.00.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Sund left the meeting.

At 11:00 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to enter into Executive session to discuss marketing or pricing strategies pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (5).
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.
The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, left during the executive session and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left for the day.
At 11:21 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to return to regular session.
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 11:25 P.M. Forgey made the motion to adjourn until June 10, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Wilcox.
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Cody Jorgensen

ATTEST:

County Auditor