

Tripp County, South Dakota  
July 25, 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 July 25, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Joyce Kartak, Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen and Michael Novotny. Absent was Daniel Forgey. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa, Jesse Supik and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, that the minutes of the meeting held on July 11, 2023 be approved as read.  
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, that the claims be approved as follows:  
BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,310.35; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,099.26; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,627.17; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,788.38; COURTHOUSE: \$1,480.77; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,648.76; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,600.00; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$536.00; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$1,990.38; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$7,750.09; WELFARE: \$461.54; AMBULANCE: \$8,147.43; LIBRARY: \$3,365.70; EXTENSION: \$2,221.26; WEED: \$1,464.62; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$22,724.12; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$384.62; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, JULY CONTRIBUTION, \$575.42; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$54.65; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$17,048.51; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$142.50; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, JULY CONTRIBUTION, \$74.95; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$763.52; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,361.30; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION JULY, \$1,173.62; MESSE/KRAMER; WAGE GARNISHMENT; \$320.80; 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. CIRCUIT COURT: THOMSON REUTERS, ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION, \$1,154.10; TREASURER: WINNER ADVOCATE, TAX DEEDS; \$222.26 STATE'S ATTORNEY: PROVANTAGE LLC., INK CARTRIDGE, \$71.63; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS: SANDY STEFFEN, CAA FEES, \$5,529.16; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: H & O ELECTRIC, SHED WORK, \$2,205.50; WINNER PLUMBING AND HEATING, FAUCET/AERATOR, \$1,494.96; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: JANIECE WEBER, REIMBURSE MILEAGE/CARWASH/SUPPLIES, \$51.15; RAMKOTA HOTEL, USPAP CLASS STAY, \$113.00; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, REAPPRAISAL EAST ½ TODD CO., \$229.50; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TODD RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00/TRIPP RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$135.24; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: PROVANTAGE LLC, FHD MONITORS, \$225.24; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, EXCUETIME, \$5,646.00; DIRECT TECHNOLOGIES, MICROSOFT 365 LICENSE, \$460.00; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC., POSTAGE METER REFILL, \$649.99; SHERIFF: B & L COMMUNICATIONS, PARTS INSTALLATION IB, \$11,295.27; BENNY AUDISS, COURT ROOM SECURITY, \$75.00; JAIL: WINNER FAMILY DRUG, INMATE PRESCRIPTION, \$5.00; BENNY AUDISS, JUV/ADULT TRANSPORT \$159.00; JUVENILE DETENTION: HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, JUVENILE INMATE ROOM/BOARD, \$2,950.00; AMBULANCE: CITY OF WINNER, 20% UTILITY SHARE, \$261.66; FRONTIER MOTORS FORD, 609A WORK, \$499.45; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, FUEL, \$50.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC., OXYGEN, \$36.85; MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL, MASK/RESUSICTATOR/PENLIGHT, \$305.63; VERIZON WIRELESS INC., CELL SERVICE, \$250.83; THE WINNER PHARMACY, EPI, \$1,379.57; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, \$39.26; COUNTY FAIR, SUPPLIES, \$99.43; MENTAL ILLNESS: MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR, MI RECOVERIES, \$100.00; LIBRARY: GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$166.45; KUCERA ELECTRIC, FIX LIGHT SWITCHES, \$71.68; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, \$467.55; WINNER ADVOCATE, ADS, \$189.00; FRIST BANK AND TRUST, SCHOLASTIC/ZOOM/AMAZON/DOLLAR STORE, \$923.84; WHITLEY'S CLEANING, JULY CLEANING, \$950.00; ROAD AND BRIDGE: BRUNMEIER'S FIRE, INSPECT INSTIGUSHERS, \$295.50; BROSZ ENGINEERING, PREP OF PLANS, \$2,955.00; BAUM HYDROLOGICS, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$858.12; COMMERICAL ASPHALT, PATCH MIX, \$5,836.80; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, OIL SAMPLE POSTAGE, \$5.65; HIGH PLAINS TRUCK AND TRAILER, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$438.68; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INVENTORY PARTS, \$1,499.94; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$178.43, ROSEBUD ELECTRIC, UTILITIES, \$61.51; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SMALL TOOLS, \$1,379.88; SD DOT, BRIDGE WORK, \$7,237.20; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.81; MATHIS FARM EQUIPMENT, PARTS/REPAIRS, \$613.65; DEBT SERVICES: DEERE CREDIT INC., PAYMENT 2 MOTORGRADER, \$130,455.27; DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL, TRUCK PAYMENT, \$12,426.27; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$7,382.40; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: MIDWEST CARD AND ID SOLUTION, TRACK APP RENEWAL, \$750.00; NON-

DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, JUNE COLLECTIONS, \$100.00.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Jesse Supik came to the meeting to ask the commissioners if he could make payments on back taxes that are owed on a property he is trying to purchase in the City of Colome. Discussion was held with the Treasurer Canace Biggins.

At 10:10 A.M. Commissioner Forgey and Jon Burdette, EM, entered the meeting.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to allow Jesse Supik to make payments on back taxes.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Jon Burdette, EM, was asked to come to the meeting to discuss security in the courtroom.

At 10:11 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 10:22 A.M. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Nicole Richey, Extension Secretary, came to the meeting to request overtime for the upcoming Mid-Dakota Fair and travel expenses to take the exhibits to the State Fair in Huron.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to allow Nicole Richey, Extension Secretary, to work up to 20 hours overtime during the Mid-Dakota Fair and to authorize the necessary expenses to attend the State Fair on August 31, 2023.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Janiece Weber, Director of Equalization, came to the meeting to discuss her 2024 budget.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to authorize the necessary expenses for the elected officials to attend a Randall Reservoir District Meeting to be held in Murdo, SD on August 14, 2023.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to change the Commissioner meeting in September from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>, the day established in Statute to consider the 2024 Provisional Budget.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The 2023 SDACO Convention for all elected officials is in Sioux Falls on September 12-13, 2023.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to authorize the necessary expenses for the elected officials to attend the 2023 SDACO Convention in Sioux Falls, SD on September 12-13, 2023.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Joyce Kartak and Cody Jorgensen would like to attend the District III Meeting to be held in Mitchell on August 30, 2023. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to authorize the necessary expenses for Commissioners Joyce Kartak and Cody Jorgensen, to attend the District III Committee Meeting in Mitchell, SD on August 30, 2023.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor's, Treasurer's and Assessor's Office would like to attend a SDACES Workshop held by Tyler Technologies in Chamberlain, SD on August 17, 2023. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to authorize the necessary expenses for Barbara DeSersa, Auditor, Heather Schroeder and Marcia Haukaas, Deputy Auditors and Janiece Weber, DOE, to attend a Workshop in Chamberlain, SD on August 17, 2023.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Misti Burns, Librarian, came to the meeting to discuss her 2024 budget.

Lindsey McCarthy, Southern Plains Behavior Health Director, came to the meeting to ask the commissioners if they have allocated the funds the county has received from the National Opioid Settlement. The funds are to be used for opioid addiction and Southern Plains would be able to use them to help pay for these programs they offer. The Commissioners will discuss this with the States Attorney and get back to her.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crews have mowed, bladed roads, pulled shoulders, put in an approach and patched gravel on Project 55 and 6139N.

Mr. Sund held a TS&L meeting on bridges 62-214-2701 and 62-220-177.  
Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following Resolution:  
RESOLUTION (37-2023):  
WHEREAS, the Board of Tripp County Commission wishes to submit applications for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs: Structure number 62-220-177, located 3 miles East and 9.3 miles North of Winner, SD over Old Lodge Creek;  
AND WHEREAS, Tripp County certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county’s Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan;  
AND WHEREAS, Tripp County agrees to pay the 20% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds, and/or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge funds;  
AND WHEREAS, Tripp County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge applications and any required funding commitments,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is authorized and requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge application.  
Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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

Mr. Sund brought two ROW Acquisition Certifications to be signed. The first is for BIG Project BRF-B 6139(12), PCN 086R and second for BIG Project BRO-B 8062(09), PCN 086T. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to give the Chair permission to sign the Utilities Certificate and Right-Of-Way Certificates for BIG Project No. BRF-B 6139(12); PCN 086R in Tripp County and BIG Project No. BRO-B 8062(09); PCN 086T in Tripp County.  
Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Golden West Tele-communications would like the chairman to sign an Application for Occupancy on the right of way of County Highway 288<sup>th</sup> St and 297<sup>th</sup> Ave for Project WO#25401. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to give the chair permission to sign the application.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:  
RESOLUTION (38-2023):  
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Nathan Mueller as a full-time employee in the Highway Department effective August 7, 2023, and  
Further Be it Resolved Mr. Mueller shall be compensated at the rate of \$20.00 per hour and serve a probationary period, up to 6 months, at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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County Auditor

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

Wade Isler, RDO, came to the meeting to bring a proposal on a 2023 JD 644P Loader in the amount of \$339,624.87, using the MN State Contract price, and will include the hooks for the snow blower. Discussion was held. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to give the chair permission to sign a purchase agreement for the 2023 JD 664P Loader in the amount of \$339,624.87 and finance through John Deere Financial for 5 years.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Commissioner set August 22, 2023, for the Five-Year County Highway & Bridge Improvement Plan for 2024. It will be held at 1:00 P.M. in the Community room. The Public is invited to attend.

Kathie Cole, Ambulance Director, came to the meeting to discuss the 2024 budget.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to approve the Quarterly Ambulance Write-offs in the amount of \$47,598.98.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 1:00 P.M. Wilcox made the motion to adjourn until August 8, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Jorgensen.  
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Chair, Joyce Kartak

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