

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
May 21, 2024

The meeting of the Mellette County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Krogman in the Commissioner Room in the Mellette County Courthouse at White River, SD on May 21, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Commission members present were Casey Krogman, Dan Valburg, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith and States Attorney Kirby Krogman.

All motions are to be considered unanimous unless otherwise stated.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Brandis, seconded by Valburg.

Visitors: Brandy Hodges, City of White River Mayor attended the meeting to share her concerns with the current state of the Sheriff's Office.

Road & Bridge: Auditor Galbraith presented a Golden West Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways for Gusty Ridge Road. Motion by Brandis, second by Valburg to approve and sign the application.

Sheriff: Sheriff Mike Blom and Secretary Shirley Bruning joined the meeting. Commission was informed of the resignation of Deputy Trevor Willcuts and Deputy Brandon Watson. Sheriff Blom presented his letter of resignation effective May 31, 2024 to the Commission. Motion by Valburg, second by Brandis to accept his letter of resignation.

Executive Session: Valburg requested that the Commission go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion by Valburg, seconded by Krogman to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 2:28 pm; at 3:23 pm Chairman Krogman declared executive session over.

Motion by Valburg, second by Brandis to offer the position of Sheriff to fulfill the term of Mike Blom to Dustin Baxter for \$70,000 per year salary. And upon his acceptance of the appointment Mellette County Commissioners will provide him an authorization to act on behalf of the Mellette County Sheriff's Office to try to get things in order before he actually starts his position.

At 3:46 pm Chairman Krogman declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

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Casey Krogman, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

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Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor