

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
June 6, 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 June 6, 2024 at 9:02 am. Commission members present were Casey Krogman, Dan Valburg and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith.

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 Valburg, seconded by Brandis.

Visitors: Mike Strain

Road & Bridge: Highway Superintendent Joe Bechtold and Highway Maintenance Justin Bouman joined the meeting. Commission again discussed the purchase of a Road Groom for maintaining roads. Quote received for \$25,118 plus delivery charge. Motion by Valburg, second by Brandis to purchase. Commission requested Bechtold check to see if DOT was going to have any crushed asphalt from the Highway 44 project for purchasing. The need for a bumper hitch trailer to haul culverts was also discussed, highway department will look around for one to possibly purchase.

Director of Equalization: Haley Gallant joined the meeting to discuss the use of her personal vehicle for assessing and stated that the condition of some of the places that she needs to reach are not reachable by her vehicle. Commission discussed making the Dodge pickup currently in use by the Sheriff's office a county vehicle as soon as a replacement vehicle is purchased for the Sheriff's office. Motion by Brandis, second by Valburg to change use of the Dodge pickup from Sheriff's office to county use. Gallant also requested attending the following assessor trainings: July 23-24 USPAP in Pierre for \$350 plus books \$150, August 7-8 Vangaard training in Chamberlian, September 16-20 Assessor School in Pierre. Motion by Valburg, second by Brandis to have Gallant attend all requested trainings.

PRIMARY ELECTION 2024 CANVASS: The Commissioners compared the Statewide Election results to the Mellette County electronic tabulation results and poll books for the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. All results were certified, and state canvass documents were signed and sent to the Secretary of State.

Auditor: Auditor Galbraith discussed the CSDED Joint Cooperative Agreement and Financial Commitment for 2024. After the Commission discussed it, it was decided to check with District III Planning & Development to see what our options and membership fees would be. Commission reviewed the renewal from Beam Benefits Dental & Vision Insurance, dental increased from \$38.95/mo. to \$40.51/mo. for employee only and vision increased from \$7.69/mo. to \$8.85/mo. For employee only. Motion by Valburg, second by Brandis to renew the 2 insurances. Auditor Galbraith discussed with Commission that all county employees begin using email addresses issued through the county website for security purposes and employees whose position requires cell phones be issued a county issue cell phone. Motion by Valburg, second by Brandis to that all county employees have a county issued email address and to have county issued cell phones and no longer reimburse for cell phone expenses. Auditor Galbraith informed the Commission that Governor has granted July 5<sup>th</sup> an administrative holiday.

Executive Session: Auditor Galbraith requested that the Commission go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion by Valburg, seconded by Brandis to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 10:57 am; at 10:21 am Chairman Krogman declared executive session over.

Sheriff: Commission discussed Anthony Bonilla the acting Sheriff, since he was the remaining deputy when Sheriff Blom resigned Bonilla was put into acting Sheriff position. Motion by Valburg, second by Brandis to increase Bonilla's wages from \$23.97 per hour to \$26.00 per hour until a Sheriff is appointed. Commission met with Lafe Gildemaster who was interested in the Sheriff position. After discussion and review of qualifications a motion was made by Brandis to offer Gildemaster the position of Sheriff with pay of \$65,000 per year, second by Valburg.

Register of Deeds: Stanley Krogman Sr. joined the meeting to update the commission on his office.

Treasurer: Hilary Nesheim joined the meeting and updated the commission on what has been going on with her office.

New Business: Commission reviewed an Alcohol License renewal for Sweet Structures. Motion by Brandis, second by Valburg to approve renewal. Commission reviewed an application for a Daily Alcohol License for the American Legion for July 6, 2024. Motion by Brandis, second by Valburg to approve the application. Commission reviewed the fire department rosters to be published for work comp insurance purposes. The following are fire fighters at the Wood, White River, and Norris volunteer fire departments and are covered by the county work comp insurance: Chuck Kierstead, Vernon Brown, Spencer Earll, Shayna Dillon, John Kocer, Bill Massingale, Duane Earll, David Collins, David Larson, Todd Kierstead, Alex Heim, Brett Galbraith, Kevin Kingsbury, Justin White, Brody Kocer, Clinton Osterbur, Dan Valburg, Tyler Harter, Arnie Hill, Ben Krogman, Bob Bouman, Brian Steffen, Casey Krogman, Cliff Bryan, Clinton Rasmusson, Dave Farley, Elliott Hight, Gene Hight, Gene Homan, George Ludvik, Henry Moran, Jason Fairbanks, Jerrod Schwarting, Jerry Schwarting, Jim Lolley, Joe Bechtold, John O'Bryan, Josh Krogman, Josh Gullickson, Josh Hicks, Julie Kelly, Justin Bouman, Kactus Bryan, Karen O'Brien, Kent Green, Kolby Krogman, Kyler Krogman, Landon Hossle, LeRoy Benedict, Matt Hight, Myles Fairbanks, Newlly O'Brien, Ross Koile, Talon Tucker, Tanner Lolley, Todd Gullickson, Troy Krogman, Tyrell Tucker, Whitney Fritz, Wesley Schimdt, Nancy Walkers Schmidt, Chris Heinert, Beau Heinert, Dawn Letellier, Chris Letellier, Jack Vander May, Cooper Letellier, Dan Taft, Susan Taft, Morgan Taft, Nathan Easley, Cheyenne Schmidt, Jace Schmidt, Brock Adrian, Torey Ring, Bruce Ring, Jessie Ring, Jerry Hicks, Brant Kary, Greg Hinnners, Howard Heinert, and Jason Burma.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2024; motion by Valburg, seconded by Brandis to approve the proceedings.

CLAIMS: Commission reviewed claims for presented and claims that were paid out of meeting.

Motion by Valburg, seconded by Brandis to approve the following claims:

GENERAL FUND: Commission: Mellette Co. News, 178.86, publishing; Reliance Standard, 24.44, life insurance premiums. Elections: ES&S, 1721.59, ballots/test deck/media/layout charge; Jenny Galbraith, 71.42, mileage; Precinct Workers, 4053.72, wages & mileage. Auditor: Amazon, 39.94, chair wheels; Connecting Point, 1476.50, software; Connecting Point, 1476.50, software; Connecting Point, server retention, 48.75; Jenny Galbraith, 157.08, mileage; Golden West, 147.73, phone/internet; Office Products, 28.56, copier; Quill, 13.59, markers; Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. Treasurer: Amazon, 15.25, calendar; Connection Point, server retention; Golden West, 55.64, phone/internet; Hilary Nesheim, 78.54, mileage; Office Products, 28.56, copier; Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. Fax Line: Golden West, 45.37, faxline. States Attorney: Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. Court Appointed Attorney: Kelsey Ruby, 1011.00, attorney fees. Courthouse: Amazon, mirrors/trash cans/signs; BH Chemical, 346.30, soap

& towels; Cherry Todd Electric, 590.55, electric service; CHS, 1000.12, drill bits/propane; City of White River, 271.02, water/sewer/garbage; Heart City Plumbing, 302.04, boiler repair; MARC, 481.12, floor cleaner/toilet clips; Oahe Glass, 377.86, front door repair; The Rug Rats, 5900.00, bathroom remodel; Runnings, 282.18, roundup/paint/plants/potting soil; Stromer's Plumbing, 1500.00, drain line repairs; Triple N Construction, 15,442.80, install cleanouts & new sewer line at clinic. Director of Equalization: Amazon, 24.68, envelopes; Connecting Point, 1476.50, software; Connecting Point, 48.75, server retention; Haley Gallant, 155.72, stamps & mileage; Golden West, 80.57, phone/internet; Office Products, 28.56, copier; Quill, 27.18, envelopes; Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. Register of Deeds: Register of Deeds, 55.61, phone/internet; Stanley Krogman, 170.34, mileage; Office Products, 60.30, copier/office supplies; Reliance Standard, 3.76, life insurance premium. Predatory Animal: SD State Treasurer, 1961.82, GFP. Sheriff: Amazon, 181.41, shelf/post it/folders/paper; Jose Bonilla, 21.40, cleaning supplies; Cenex Fleet Fueling, 26.30, fuel; CHS, 2042.88, fuel; SD Dept. of Health, 40.00, lab fees; City of White River, 8.00, water/sewer; Gillen's, 54.29, oil change; Golden West, 315.40, phone/internet; Keloland Employment Line, 109.00, job posting; Les Body Shop, 9466.88, vandalism & rust repair; Office Products, 46.09, copier; Redwood Lab, 82.02, lab fees; Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. Jail: Cherry Todd, 191.10, electric service; City of Winner, 5315.59, April inmate housing & transport; City of White River, 32.00, water/sewer; CRS, 372.00, May inmate insurance; CRS, 321.30, April inmate insurance; Golden West, 82.40, phone/internet; Hughes Co Finance Office, 750.00, juvenile housing; Wig Wam, 57.08, cleaning supplies. Coroner: Monument Health, 461.00, autopsy. Ambulance: A&B Welding, 30.60, med oxygen; CC Medical Billing, 43.92, ambulance billing; Cherry Todd, 73.90, electric service; City of White River, 8.00, water/sewer; Golden West, 25.13, phone/internet. Mentally Ill: Avera McKennan, 3320.00, mental health; Mark Katterhagen, 15.00, mental health hearing; Val Larson, 15.00, mental health hearing; Lucy Lewno, 166.64, mental health hearing. Historical Museum: MC Historical Society, 250.00, annual donation. Extension: Golden West, 55.62, phone/internet. E-911: City of Winner, 1670.40, February surcharge fees; City of Winner, 1639.68, March surcharge fees. Fire: Cherry Todd, 309.04, electric service; City of White River, 8.00, water/sewer; Golden West, 25.12, phone & internet. Emergency Management: Cherry Todd, 73.90, electric service; City of White River, 8.00, water/sewer; Golden West, 25.12, phone & internet. 24/7: SD Attorney General 24/7, 65.00, April participation. State Motor Vehicle Collection: SD State Treasurer, 34,028.93, monthly collection fees. 24/7: SD Attorney General, 62.00, May participation. M&P Fund: SDACC, 28.00, M&P relief fund.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Butler, 1000.00, snow wing; Cherry Todd, 137.55, electric service; CHS, 137.55, shop supplies; CHS, 3237.83, fuel; Connecting Point, 1476.50, software; Connecting Point, 48.75, server retention; Golden West, 132.27, shop internet; LaCreek Electric, 59.25, electric service; Reliance Standard, 18.80, life insurance premium; Runnings, 147.72, tire patches/hammer; Tripp Co. Water, 20.72, water Wood shop.

APRIL TAX & SPECIAL HIGHWAY APPORTIONMENT: Colome Consolidated School, 131,210.02; Jones Co. School, 4514.92; White River School, 273,159.07; City of Wood, 780.61; City of White River, 26,931.86; Badnation Township, 377.39; BlackPipe Township, 1003.04; Butte Township, 75.66; Cody Township, 1092.28; Fairview Township, 661.09; Mosher Township, 1444.86; New Surprise Valley Township, 408.40; Norris Township, 523.98; Prospect Township, 15.06; Redfish Township, 574.98; Rockyford Township, 83.38; Rosebud Township, 1643.86; Runningbird Township, 417.89; Surprise Valley, 819.93; West River Water Development, 2986.48.

APRIL PAYROLL: Commissioners 1,829.19; Auditor 6,160.70; Treasurer 5,061.00; States Attorney 5,647.44; Courthouse 4,531.88; Director of Equalization 5,243.74; Register of Deeds 4,758.13; VA Office 504.41; Sheriff 28,242.91; Coroner 323.34; Highway 14,261.51; Emergency Management 423.88.

Commission reviewed the following reports: Auditor's Account w/ Treasurer as of May 30, 2024 is as follows: Actual cash \$619.00; Checks \$10,768.64; Credit Card Payments \$1,827.46. First Fidelity Checking \$1,847,709.12; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total:

\$2,211,174.22. Register of Deeds collected \$3458.00 for the month of May 2024. Clerk of Courts collected \$1,547.07, for the month of April 2024.

Executive Session: Valburg requested that the Commission go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion by Valburg, seconded by Brandis to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 12:19 pm; at 12:39 pm Chairman Krogman declared executive session over..

At 12:40 pm Chairman Krogman declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2024.

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Casey Krogman, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

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Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor