

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
July 2, 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 July 2, 2024 at 9:04 am. Commission members present were Casey Krogman 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 Brandis, seconded by Krogman.

Visitors: Chuck Kierstead

Road & Bridge: Highway Superintendent Joe Bechtold and Highway Maintenance Justin Bouman joined the meeting. Bechtold updated the Commission on what the highway department has been working on and discussed the need to crush gravel in 2025.

Executive Session: Brandis requested that the Commission go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion by Brandis, seconded by Krogman to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 10:07 am; at 10:35 am Chairman Krogman declared executive session over.

Auditor: Auditor Galbraith updated the Commission that email addresses have been created through the website for all employees & elected officials and it was explained that they are to use these emails instead of any other email address and that there are no exceptions to this. Galbraith has been working with AT&T FirstNet on county issued cell phones and should have everything set up and phones ordered within the next 2 weeks. Commission reviewed

Sheriff: Sheriff Gildemaster joined the meeting. Commission discussed the Sheriff vehicles and the need to replace at least 2 of them. The Sheriff found a deal on a 2024 Ford that was accidentally ordered when the city of Burke ordered a replacement vehicle. Motion by Brandis, second by Krogman to purchase the 2024 Ford pickup for \$49,995. The sheriff discussed with the Commission holiday pay for deputies and that they should be compensated in some way when they are scheduled to work on holidays. Motion by Brandis, second by Krogman to pay wages at time and a half on holidays worked by deputy sheriff's; Employee Manual policy will be updated.

Director of Equalization: Haley Gallant joined the meeting and updated the commission that the Vanguard estimating software has been installed and she is in the process of reassessing the entire county. Since Gallant was being paid to create the county website and is also being paid to keep the website updated the Commission discussed the wages of \$300 per month she is earning for this. It was discussed what is being done to keep it updated and approximately how many hours per month she is spending doing this. Will revisit this at the next meeting for 2025 budgeting purposes.

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

New Business: Commission reviewed noxious weed complaint; no action taken at this time. Commission reviewed a quote received to replace flooring in the training room at the EMS Building. Quote was received from Rug Rats Flooring for \$11,930.13, after discussing further it was decided that it should be advertised to see if any other quotes are received.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from June 6, 2024; motion by Brandis, seconded by Krogman to approve the proceedings.

CLAIMS: Commission reviewed claims presented and claims that were paid out of meeting. Motion by Brandis, seconded by Krogman to approve the following claims:

GENERAL FUND: Commission: Mellette Co. News, 142.56, publishing; Reliance Standard, 24.44, life insurance premiums. Elections: ES&S, 62.81, test ballots; Mellette Co. News, 13.14, post election audit notice; Post Election Audit Workers, 225.00, wages. Courts: Jurors, 110.00, jury duty; Forensic Behavior Health, 3250.00; psychosexual evaluation; Zilverberg Ent., 5449.69, private investigator services. Auditor: Badger State Recovery, 6.75, shredding; Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premiums. Treasurer: Badger State Recovery, 6.75, shredding; 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: Robert Overturf, 470.00, attorney fees; Sandy Steffen, 1844.60, attorney fees. Courthouse: BH Chemical, 211.87, trash bags/mop heads; Cherry Todd, 600.05, electric service; CHS, 82.49, plumbing parts & mowing fuel; City of White River, 318.88, water/sewer/garbage; Kent Green, 52.00, hose valve repair; Justin's Pest Control, 340.00, pest spraying. Director of Equalization: Badger State Recovery, 6.75, shredding; Haley Gallant, 131.89, assessing mileage & ON X Subscription; HCS LLC, 2784.67, computer; Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium; SDAAO, 400.00, IAAO training; Steinley Real Estate Appraisal, 350.00, USPAP course; Vanguard Appraisals, 8455.00, appraisal software. Register of Deeds: Badger State Recovery, 6.75, shredding; Reliance Standard, 3.76, life insurance premium. Predatory Animal: SD State Treasurer, 1961.82, GFP. Sheriff: Avera Medical Group, 75.00, deputy physical; Jose Bonilla, 40.27, fuel reimbursement; Cenex Fleet Fueling, 498.32, fuel; CHS, 1320.50, fuel; City of White River, 8.00, water/sewer; Gillen's Station, 62.59, oil change; Horizon Health Care, 132.00, deputy physical; Jensen Automotive, 49,995.00, 2024 Ford Pickup; Thomas Keller, 176.28, reimbursement tactical pants & ammo; Murdo Car Sales & Service, 1092.10, Ford pickup water pump; Reliance Standard, 18.80, life insurance premiums. Jail: Cherry Todd, 131.03, electric service; City of Winner, 5588.69, May inmate housing & transport; CRS, 568.05, inmate medical; CRS, 110.67, inmate medical insurance. Ambulance: CC Medical Billing, 62.31, ambulance billing; Cherry Todd, 57.82, electric service; City of White River, 8.00, water/sewer; Kent Green, 36.66, toilet repair. E-911: Golden West, 51.40, phone service; Mentally Ill: Audra Hill Consulting, 263.83, mental health eval. Fire: Cherry Todd, 310.71, electric service Wood & White River; City of White River, 8.00, water/sewer; Fischer Rounds & Associates, 6180.00, Norris fire insurance premium; Kent Green, 36.67, toilet repair. Emergency Management: Cherry Todd, 57.83, electric service; City of White River, 8.00, water/sewer; Kent Green, 36.67, toilet repair. 24/7: Intoximeters, 420.00, testing supplies. M&P Fund: SDACC, 54.00, M&P relief fund.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Cherry Todd, 139.49, electric service Wood & White River shops; CHS, 2290.19, battery/DEF/111.456 gallons unleaded/shop supplies; CHS, 4659.37, diesel fuel; Golden West, 67.31, phone service; LaCreek Electric, 59.23, Norris shop electric; Equipment Blades, 9616.50, blades; Jeff Iwan, 2500.00, Pine Creek crossing repair; Tina Jones, 14.28, mileage; Reliance Standard, 28.20, life insurance premiums; Tripp Co. Water, 16.00, Wood shop water.

MAY TAX & SPECIAL HIGHWAY APPORTIONMENT: Colome Consolidated School, 24,757.23; White River School, 42,649.68; City of Wood, 836.63; City of White River, 6338.81; Badnation Township, 831.76; BlackPipe Township, 1538.44; Butte Township, 750.92; Cody Township, 1474.67; Fairview Township, 806.02; Mosher Township, 1041.24; New Surprise Valley Township, 216.94; Norris Township, 533.84; Prospect Township, 149.50; Redfish Township, 904.79; Rockyford Township, 827.38; Rosebud Township, 1443.20; Runningbird Township, 491.98; Surprise Valley, 489.29; West River Water Development, 501.84.

JUNE PAYROLL: Commissioners 1,829.19; Auditor 5,884.53; Treasurer 5,048.04; States Attorney 5,647.44; Courthouse 3,666.09; Director of Equalization 4,279.49; Register of Deeds 4,684.42; VA Office 504.40; Sheriff 17,790.14; Coroner 107.78; Highway 15,945.66; Emergency Management 423.87.

Commission reviewed the following reports: Register of Deeds collected \$6480.00 for the month of June 2024. Clerk of Courts collected \$1,349.00, for the month of May 2024.

Executive Session: Auditor Galbraith requested that the Commission go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion by Brandis, seconded by Krogman to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 12:31 pm; at 1:01 pm Chairman Krogman declared executive session over.

At 1:05 pm Chairman Krogman declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved this 6th day of August 2024.

Casey Krogman, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor