

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
September 25, 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 September 25, 2024 at 9:01 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: Joyce Glynn

Commission reviewed the 2025 budget. Auditor Galbraith informed the Commission that there was a change to the means of finance; General Fund Property Tax levy increased from \$914,361 to \$916,812 and cash applied changed from \$531,381 to \$528,930. The Fire Fund Property Tax Levy increased from \$14,198 to \$14,648 and cash applied changed from \$1,052 to \$602. Motion by Valburg, seconded by Brandis to approve the 2025 budget with changes to the means of finance.

Road & Bridge: Highway Superintendent Joe Bechtold and Highway Maintenance Justin Bouman and Tre Lyotte joined the meeting. Auditor Galbraith informed the Commission and Highway Superintendent that a letter was sent from the States Attorney to Maurice Gustafson regarding the county's remaining gravel located at the gravel pit located on his property however he has not contacted anybody regarding allowing the highway department in to retrieve the gravel. Commission reviewed a quote from Butler Machinery for purchasing a tractor; will contact a couple other dealers and get quotes for comparison. Highway Superintendent Joe Bechtold requested that all highway department employees attend LTAP Local Roads Conference in Sioux Falls October 21-23, 2024. Motion by Valburg, seconded by Brandis to have all 3 highway employees attend the conference with 2 nights hotel.

Sheriff: Sheriff Gildemaster joined the meeting. The copy machine in the Sheriff's office is aging out and is in need of replacement; quote was received from Office Products but the Sheriff thinks it would be best if they continued to use the copier until it no longer works and replace with a small printer/fax machine. Sheriff requested to attend the Sheriff's Conference in Watertown October 1-2, 2024. Motion by Valburg, seconded by Brandis to attend the conference with 2 nights hotel.

Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-3: Shirley Bruning requested that the Commission go into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion by Brandis, seconded by Valburg to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 10:11 am; at 10:50 am Chairman Krogman declared executive session over.

New Business: Auditor Galbraith informed the Commission that Heart City Plumbing will be working on the sewer repair; they found that there is a backward Y under the floor of the Sheriff's office. Commission requested that they provide an approximate cost for repair. As per the request of Commissioner Brandis, Auditor Galbraith obtained quotes for installing camera's at the county highway shop. After discussion it was decided that we need to explore the options for cameras to be installed at the county highway shops in Wood and Norris. Auditor Galbraith will get quotes for those and present at future meeting.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from September 3, 2024; motion by Brandis to approve the proceedings, seconded by Krogman.

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

GENERAL FUND: Commission: Amazon, 941.50, iPad's & cases; Mellette Co. News, 674.43, publishing. Elections: Election Systems & Software, 1118.70, ballots & coding; Jenny Galbraith, 5.15, postage for media. Auditor: Amazon, 19.98, chair wheels; AT&T, 29.70, phone; Golden West, 98.35, phone/internet; TwoTrees, 48.75, server retention; Jenny Galbraith, 297.37, mileage; Office Products, 12.25, copier. Treasurer: Amazon, 41.96, keyboard & mouse; Golden West, 98.37, phone/internet; TwoTrees Technologies, 48.75, server retention; Rose Moran, 209.60, mileage; Hilary Nesheim, 209.60, mileage; Office Products, 12.26, copier. States Attorney: Jenny Galbraith, 19.36, certified mail. Fax Line: Golden West, 90.25, fax line. Court Appointed Attorney: Diana Boni, 240.10, attorney fees; Aisha Carr, 2601.34, attorney fees; Fischer Law Office, 694.75, attorney fees; Mason Juracek, 425.50, attorney fees; SDACC, 106.00, 3rd quarter CLERP. Courthouse: Black Hills Chemical, 19.98, mop heads; Cherry Todd, 701.01, electric service; CHS, 215.83, propane & misc. Golden West, 23.40, phone. Justin's Pest Control, 100.00, pest control; Runnings, 245.94, fertilizer & sprinklers. Director of Equalization: Golden West, 74.96, phone/internet; TwoTrees Technologies, 48.75, server retention; Haley Gallant, 250.00, vehicle deductible reimbursement; Office Products, 12.26, copier. Register of Deeds: Golden West, 98.35, phone/internet; Office Products, 35.00, copier. VA Office: Clinton Rasmusson, 288.76, veteran's office & membership dues. Sheriff: Amazon, 56.45, desk pad/paper/sticky notes/mouse pad; AT&T, 107.56, phone; Donte Charging Eagle, 66.20, fuel reimbursement; Cherry Todd, 39.11, electric service; CHS, 1790.06, fuel; Golden West, 80.55, phone/internet; Midwest Radar, 82.00, radar testing; Northern Safety Tech, 1286.88, Sheriff pickup equipment; Office Products, 35.00, copier; SD Dept. of Public Safety, 2340.00, teletype service; SD Property Management, 500.00, light bar. Jail: Cherry Todd, 158.10, electric service; City of Winner, 16,473.64, August inmate housing & transport; CRS, 258.23, inmate insurance; Golden West, phone/internet; Justin's Pest Control, 100.00, pest control; Pennington Co. Jail, 570.00, inmate housing; Winner Family Drug, 31.00, inmate prescriptions; Winner Pharmacy, 13.64, inmate prescriptions. Ambulance: A&B Welding, 31.62, med oxygen; Cherry Todd, 39.11, electric service; CHS, 133.66, fuel; Golden West, 25.4, phone/internet; Justin's Pest Control, 70.00, pest control. Mentally Ill: Audra Hill Consulting, 153.04, evaluation. Extension: Golden West, 50.01, phone/internet; Office Products, 12.26, copier. E-911: City of Winner, 1598.72, July E911 surcharge; Golden West, 52.35, phone line. Fire: Cherry Todd, 168.54, electric service; Golden West, 25.44, phone/internet; Justin's Pest Control, 70.00, pest control. Emergency Mgmt.: Cherry Todd, 39.11, electric service; Golden West, 25.44, phone/internet. 24/7: Carehealth America, 813.52, testing supplies; SD Attorney General, 48.00, August participation. State Motor Vehicle Collection: SD State Treasurer, 35,465.62, August fees. M&P: SDACO, 62.00, M&P relief fund August.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Assman Implement, 1339.24, bearing/seal/battery; AT&T, 29.70, phone; Best Welding, 686.28, mower PTO drive line repair; Cherry Todd, 121.72, electric service; CHS, 52.15, welding rod/tire/battery cleaner; CHS, 642.46, unleaded fuel; CHS, 4674.65, diesel fuel; CHS, 316.83, propane; Golden West, 66.32, internet; Tripp Co. Water, 16.00, water Wood shop; TwoTrees Technologies, 48.75, server retention; LaCreek Electric, 59.25, electric service; Office Products, 12.26, copier; Runnings, 319.35, RoundUp/fuel nozzle/ tank/wasp spray.

AUGUST TAX & SPECIAL HIGHWAY APPORTIONMENT: Colome Consolidated School, 47.74; White River School, 2,497.75; City of Wood, 356.56; City of White River, 895.04; Badnation Township, 186.41; BlackPipe Township, 310.28; Butte Township, 177.19; Cody Township, 292.64; Fairview Township, 177.19; Mosher Township, 186.41; New Surprise Valley Township, 35.28; Norris Township, 124.27; Prospect Township, 35.28; Redfish Township, 212.87; Rockyford Township, 195.23; Rosebud Township, 297.05; Runningbird Township, 131.40; Surprise Valley, 115.45; West River Water Development, 4.25.

SEPTEMBER PAYROLL: Commissioners 1,857.03; Auditor 5,802.92; Treasurer 6,205.72; States Attorney 5,649.85; Courthouse 3,689.22; Director of Equalization 5,234.68; Register of Deeds 5,007.05; VA Office 504.41; Sheriff 31,712.94; Ambulance, 301.42; Highway 19,990.86; Emergency Management 423.87.

Commission reviewed the following reports: Auditor's Account w/ Treasurer as of August 31, 2024 is as follows: Actual cash \$1038.90; Checks \$1470.60; Credit Card Payments \$1170.08. First Fidelity Checking \$1,653,016.59; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total: \$2,006,946.17. Clerk of Courts collected \$3010.51 for the month of August 2024.

At 12:20 pm Chairman Krogman declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved this 24th day of September 2024.

Casey Krogman, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor