

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
October 1, 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 October 1, 2024 at 9:00 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 with the addition of deputy hours under Treasurer by Valburg, seconded by Brandis.

Visitors: Vernon Brown

Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-1: Shirley Bruning requested executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Valburg, second by Brandis to enter executive session at 9:10 am; at 9:39 am Chairman Krogman declared executive session over

Auditor: Auditor Galbraith updated the Commission on the cybersecurity analysis being performed by DSU Project Boundary Fence and CISA.

Director of Equalization: Haley Gallant joined the meeting and updated the county on attending assessor school in Chamberlain September 16-20. Gallant discussed with the state her reassessment and it was decided best to apply all the reassessment changes in 4 years once she has completed the entire county so that everything is equally increased.

Treasurer: Hilary Nesheim joined the meeting and requested that her deputy hours be increased from 20 hours per week to 32 hours per week in order to retain her employee. Motion by Valburg to increase Treasurer deputy wages to 32 hours per week seconded by Brandis.

2014 Ford Explorer Sealed Bids: It was advertised September 18 & 25, 2024; one sealed bid was received from Mike Rasmusson for \$1250. Motion by Valburg to accept the bid from Rasmusson, seconded by Brandis.

Road & Bridge: A petition was received at the September 3, 2024 meeting from Andrew & Jessica Fridley and Trinity Ranch to vacate a section line road. Notice of Public Hearing was advertised September 18 & 25, 2024, no public appeared. Motion by Valburg to approve Resolution 2-2024 to vacate the section line road, seconded by Brandis:

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2024

WHEREAS, a petition was filed with Mellette County ad a public hearing occurred pursuant to Chapter SDCL 31-3;

WHEREAS, the subject road is not improved or currently traveled or utilized, and the public interests are not adversely impacted and are better served by vacating the subject road;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Mellette County Commission of Mellette County that the section line beginning in the east common corner of the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 17 and the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 20 ending at the west common corner of the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 17 and the NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 20, Township 41 North, Range 28 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Mellette County, South Dakota is now VACATED.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.

/s/ Casey Krogman Chairman Mellette County Commission

Attest: /s/ Jenny Galbraith Mellette County Auditor

Commission discussed the Gustafson Gravel Pit; a letter that was sent certified on September 12, 2024 and return receipt hasn't been received yet; will have the Sheriff serve the letter when it's returned undelivered by the post office.

Unfinished Business: Auditor Galbraith informed the Commission that 2 applications were received for the janitor position; will contact both to interview. Commission discussed the cameras for the highway shops. Ron from HCS LLC recommended checking into Barn Owl cameras for the Wood and Norris shops, will put together pricing and discuss further at November meeting.

New Business: Auditor Galbraith discussed the courthouse floors with the Commission. The halls need to be stripped and waxed as it has not been done for several years. The chemical company recommended a couple of companies, will contact them and get pricing for the November meeting.

Commission reviewed the proceedings from September 25, 2024; motion by Brandis to approve the proceedings, seconded by Valburg.

CLAIMS: Commission reviewed claims presented. Motion by Brandis to approve the following claims, seconded by Valburg:

GENERAL FUND: Commission: Junior Brandis, 209.60, mileage; MGM Coalition, 5,000.00, opioid settlement funds; Reliance Standard, 15.04, life insurance premiums; SDACC, 400.00, convention. Elections: Election Systems & Software, 197.05, express vote ballots. Auditor: Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. Treasurer: Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. States Attorney: Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. Court Appointed Attorney: Kelsey Ruby, 874.68, attorney fees; Sandy Steffen, 1307.03, attorney fees. Courthouse: HCS LLC, 2140.00, network upgrade. Director of Equalization: Halery Gallant, 275.12, mileage & travel meals; Reliance Standard, 9.40, life insurance premium. Register of Deeds: Reliance Standard, 3.76, life insurance premium; SDACC, 200.00, county convention. Sheriff: Cenex, 479.08, fuel; HCS LLC, 1587.11, router & camera upgrade; Thomas Keller, 1587.11, mileage; Reliance Standard, 47.00, life insurance premiums; SD Sheriff's Association, 135.00, sheriff conference; WW Tire, 824.72, tires/dismount/balance. Jail: Pennington Co. Jail, 179.45, inmate housing. 24/7 Fund: Carehealth America, 552.44, testing supplies.

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Reliance Standard, 28.20, life insurance premiums.

At 10:45 am Chairman Krogman declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

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Casey Krogman, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

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Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor