

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
April 8, 2025

The meeting of the Mellette County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Brown in the Commissioner Room in the Mellette County Courthouse at White River, SD on April 8, 2025 at 9:32 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown, Wesley Schmidt, and Jr. Brandis; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith and Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte.

Visitors: None present.

New Business: Mellette County Commission met with Jones County Commission via phone to discuss the position of 4H Educator. Grace was recently hired as the 4H Educator for Jones & Mellette counties with the original agreement being this position would spend 75% of their time in Jones County and 25% of their time in Mellette County. Grace requested to have this time split 50/50 since Mellette County was going to need more attention to get their 4H program up and going. Billing from SDSU has already been received and paid from both counties so would require Mellette County reimbursing Jones County for the difference. Jones County pro-rated and paid SDSU \$13,401.79 + Mellette County pro-rated and paid SDSU- \$4,465.97 = \$17,867.76 The pro-rated Total divided by 2 = \$8,933.88 for each county. \$8,933.88 - \$4,465.97 that Mellette County already paid SDSU = \$4,467.91 that Mellette County will pay Jones County. Motion by Schmidt to change the 4H Educator position to be split 50/50 between Jones and Mellette counties and reimburse Jones County the difference.

Road & Bridge: Commission discussed open Highway Maintenance position, and 3 interviews are scheduled.

Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(1) re. personnel: Schmidt declared executive session at 10:01 am to discuss personnel. At 11:48 am Schmidt motioned to declared executive session over second by Brown.

Regarding the Highway Maintenance position Schmidt motioned to hire Ray Driesbaugh at \$18.00 per hour for the six month probationary period and will reevaluate wages based off his performance evaluation. Tre will contact him to offer the position and starting date.

At 12:22 pm Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025

Approved this 6th day of May 2025.

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor