

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MELLETTTE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
October 7, 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 October 7, 2025 at 9:00 am. Commission members present were Vernon Brown and Wesley Schmidt; also present was Auditor Jenny Galbraith.

Visitors: Brandi Hodges

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 Schmidt, second by Brown.

Road & Bridge: Highway Superintendent Tre Iyotte and highway maintenance worker Ray Driesbaugh joined the meeting. Iyotte provided the Commission with a written update on work that has been completed over the last month and work that they are planning for next month. Commission completed a six-month evaluation on Ray Driesbaugh. Motion by Schmidt to increase Driesbaugh's wages from \$18.50 per hour to \$21.50 per hour. Iyotte requested that Driesbaugh attend SDLTAP Local Roads conference in Sioux Falls on October 20 - 22, 2025; motion by Schmidt to approve the travel, second by Brown. Commission revisited the MOU from Rosebud Sioux Tribe for the purchase of gravel from the Two Kettle gravel pit and decided to hold off on purchasing until spring 2026.

Register of Deeds: ROD Stanley Krogman Sr. requested to attend driver's license training in Sious Falls on September 10-11, 2025; motion by Schmidt to approve travel, second by Brown.

Unfinished Business: Commission discussed positions of Emergency Manager, E-911 Address Coordinator, and Ambulance Coordinator.

Executive Session in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(1) re. personnel: Brown requested executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Schmidt to enter executive session at 11:43 am, second by Brown. At 11:59 am Chairman Brown declared executive session over.

Motion by Schmidt to send a letter to current Emergency Manager and E-911 Coordinator officially terminating employment and requesting all county property be returned.

New Business: Brent Kolstad with SD OEM joined the meeting to discuss the Emergency Management position with the Commission. Kolstad provided information on requirements and state laws of the position.

Approval Of Proceedings: Motion by Schmidt to approve the proceedings September 2 and September 22, 2025, seconded by Brown.

Claims: Commission reviewed claims presented and claims paid out of meeting. Motion by Schmidt to approve the following claims, seconded by Brown:

COMMISSIONERS

VERNON BROWN	MILEAGE 154 @ \$.61	103.18
FIRST BANK & TRUST	CONVENTION HOTEL	421.40
MELLETTTE COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	292.62
RELANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	20.68
WESLEY SCHMIDT	MILEAGE 154 @ \$.67	103.18
MELLETTTE COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	604.42
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	OCTOBER HEALTH INS	159.48

AUDITOR

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	337.59
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AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE	45.93
JENNY GALBRAITH	MILEAGE 270 @ \$.67	180.90
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.70
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	9.40
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	ANTI VIRUS RENEWAL	99.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	ANTIVIRUS LABOR	44.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	130.97
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	16.23
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	OCTOBER HEALTH INS	79.74
TREASURER		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	71.88
HILARY NESHEIM	MILEAGE 154 @ \$.67	103.18
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.70
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	9.40
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	ANTIVIRUS RENEWAL	74.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	ANTIVIRUS LABOR	33.00
MCLEOD'S	TAX BILL NOTICES	418.44
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	16.24
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	OCTOBER HEALTH INS	79.74
STATE'S ATTORNEY		
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	9.40
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	OCTOBER HEALTH INS	79.74
COURT APPOINTED ATTY		
AISHA CARR	FILE 47CRI21-046	760.99
AISHA CARR	FILE 47MAG24-002	255.81
FISCHER LAW OFFICE LLC	FILE 47CRI25-21	1448.25
FISCHER LAW OFFICE LLC	FILE 47CRI25-31	323.31
KELSEY RUBY	FILE 47MAG25-39	574.50
SDACC	4TH QUARTER CLERP	761.00
SANDY STEFFEN	FILE JUV25-10	1520.62
SANDY STEFFEN	FILE 47CRI25-16	633.00
AISHA CARR	FILE 47JUV25-10	216.00
COURTHOUSE		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE	355.90
JENNY GALBRAITH	MILEAGE 154 @ \$.67	103.18
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	9.40
RUNNINGS	PAINT & SUPPLIES FOR COURTROOM	502.80
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	T84109083 COURTHOUSE	809.18
STROMER'S PLUMBING	REPAIR STOOL IN RESTROOM	30.00
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	OCTOBER HEALTH INS	79.74
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	INVOICE 19VY-XPJJ-3DMN	13.34
FIRST BANK & TRUST	CONFERENCE HOTEL	794.90
HALEY GALLANT	MILEAGE PIERRE 155 @ \$.67	103.85
HALEY GALLANT	MILEAGE SIOUX FALLS 466 @ \$.67	312.22
HALEY GALLANT	PER DIEM MEALS SEPT 14-19	200.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.70
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	9.40

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	ANTIVIRUS RENEWAL	24.75
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	ANTIVIRUS LABOR	11.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	16.23
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	OCTOBER HEALTH INS	79.74
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
FIRST BANK & TRUST	CONVENTION HOTEL	138.47
STANLEY KROGMAN SR	MILEAGE 154 @ \$.67	103.18
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	35.00
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INAURANCE PREMIUM	1.88
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	35.00
PREDATORY ANIMAL		
SD STATE TREASURER	PRETATORY ANIMAL CONTROL FUND	1982.19
PHONE/INTERNET		
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT. #00061477-3	616.41
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT. 61477-3	605.62
IT & WEBSITE		
FIRST BANK & TRUST	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE - 2 MONTHS	53.08
SHERIFF		
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES & RADIOS	311.64
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	TASER MAGAZINES & TRAINING	259.75
CHANDLERS INC	19 FORD EXPLORER WINDSHIELD	518.00
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	TIRE REPAIR	35.00
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	INSTALL TIRES & WASHER FLUID	86.38
FIRST BANK & TRUST	MICROSOFT RENEWAL	138.05
GILLEN'S STATION	FUEL	242.00
NORTHERN SAFETY TECH INC	25 CHEVY EQUIPMENT	1217.19
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	35.00
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	37.60
SD DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY	TELETYPE 7/1/25 - 12/31/25	2340.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	LAB FEES - SEPTEMBER 2025	200.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	1629.76
FIRST BANK & TRUST	TASER SUPPLIES	34.00
FIRST BANK & TRUST	VEST - GILBERTSON	694.65
GILLEN'S STATION	UNLEADED FUEL	169.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS	CENTER COPIER	35.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	AUGUST 2025 LAB FEES	435.00
VERIZON	TRACKING SUBSCRIPTION	10.41
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	OCTOBER HEALTH INS	318.96
JAIL		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER	32.00
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00061477-3	104.61
WINNER PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS NTE	21.14
WINNER PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS JCD	35.59
WINNER PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDS MB	10.57
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	TD55113902 JAIL	124.97
CITY OF WINNER	AUGUST PRISONER HOUSING	5254.00
CITY OF WINNER	AUGUST PRISONER TRANSPORT	218.05
CRS	PRISONER MEDICAL	571.42
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT. 61477-3	104.41
HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE	AUGUST 2025 - 10 DAYS	4200.00

WINNER FAMILY DRUG	PRISONER MEDICATION	6.00
AMBULANCE		
A & B WELDING SUPPLY	MED OXY	85.44
CC MEDICAL BILLING	SEPTEMBER BILLING	45.00
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	21.70
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00006912-5	24.21
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	T68586628 EMS BLDG	52.81
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 6912-5	24.14
MENTALLY ILL		
AUDRA HILL CONSULTING	MENTAL HEALTH REVIEWS	853.66
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER		
SD STATE TREASURER	HUMAN SERVICES CENTER	600.00
COUNTY EXTENSION		
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.70
SDSU EXTENSION NITRATE	QUIKTEST	25.00
JONES CO. TREASURER	STATE FAIR TRAVEL EXPENSES	713.44
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	16.23
ROAD & BRIDGE		
ASSMAN IMPLEMENT, INC.	MOWER PARTS	699.20
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE	45.93
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	GARBAGE	74.34
CORKYS AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	TOOLS	21.22
RAYMOND DRIESBAUGH	MILEAGE 276 @ \$.67	184.92
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	DODGE PICKUP REPAIRS	185.69
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	PRESTONE	25.98
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	SHOP SUPPLIES	22.21
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	QWIKLIFT HTB	239.96
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	SHOVEL	13.99
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	QWIKLIFT HTB	119.98
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	MAXTRON GL74W-90	94.99
FIREWATCH OUTPOST LLC	GEAR LUBE 80W-90	115.98
GILLEN'S STATION	2 TIRES	302.00
MAURICE GUSTAFSON	GRAVEL - 148 LOADS @ \$130 EACH	19240.00
HARRY K NAPA	CHEVY BRAKES	80.70
HARRY K NAPA	LAMP	12.71
HARRY K NAPA	LAMP	42.37
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	COPIER	11.70
RELIANCE STANDARD	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	24.91
RUNNINGS	SHOP SUPPLIES	149.19
SD LTAP CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION	125.00
ALVIN STROMER	MILEAGE 461 @ \$.67	308.87
TRIPP CO. WATER	WATER WOOD SHOP	16.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	ANTIVIRUS RENEWAL	24.75
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	ANTIVIRUS LABOR	11.00
RANDY VRBKA	MILEAGE 603.5 @ \$.67	404.35
WEX BANK	FUEL	546.46
ASSMAN IMPLEMENT, INC.	MOWER PARTS	1899.73
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	TD55143448 WR SHOP	71.75
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	TD55143441 WOOD	51.42
CHS	994.7 GALLONS DIESEL WOOD	3076.48
CHS	305 GALLONS DIESEL WR	918.05

GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 136048-3	66.32
HARRY K NAPA	2001 CHEVY LIGHT	20.17
LACREEK ELECTRIC	NORRIS SHOP	68.53
TRIPLE N CONSTRUCTION	HAUL LOADER TO WHIPPLE PIT	357.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	SERVER RETENTION	48.75
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	OCTOBER HEALTH INS	388.58
E-911 SERVICES		
CITY OF WINNER	JULY 2025 911 SURCHARGE	2384.64
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00077890-7	52.80
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 77890-7	52.54
FIRE PROTECTION		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	21.71
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00006912-5	24.21
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	TD55115492 WOOD FIRE HALL	132.62
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	T68586628 EMS BLDG	52.82
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 6912-5	24.14
EMERG/DISASTER SERV		
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	WATER/SEWER EMS BLDG	21.71
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 00006912-5	24.21
CHERRY-TODD ELECTRIC	T68586628 EMS BLDG	52.81
GOLDEN WEST COMPANIES	ACCT 6912-5	24.15
STATE MOTOR VEH.COLL		
SD STATE TREASURER	TREAS MOTOR VEH FEES	20376.47
SD STATE TREASURER	ROD VITAL REC TO VITAL REC FUND	355.00
SD STATE TREASURER	ROD VITAL REC FEES TO GF	219.00
SD STATE TREASURER	BIRTH FEE CHILD TRUST \$2 ADD	106.00
SD STATE TREASURER	DRIVER LICENSING	2544.00
SD ASSOC. OF CO OFFICIALS	SEPTEMBER M&P	36.00
SD STATE TREASURER	MOTOR VEH FEES	29495.70
SD STATE TREASURER	ROD VITAL RED TO VITAL REC FUND	514.00
SD STATE TREASURER	ROD FEES TO GF	320.00
SD STATE TREASURER	BIRTH FEE-\$2 CHILD TRUST ADD	136.00
SD STATE TREASURER	DRIVERS LICENSING	2864.00
SDACC	AUGUST M&P	24.00
CLEARING ACCOUNT		
NORRIS FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIRE PREMIUM REFUND	3492.51
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	SCHMIDT SPOUSE HEALT INS	2515.98
WOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIRE PREMIUM REFUND	3219.05
WHITE RIVER FIRE DEPT.	FIRE PREMIUM REFUND	6825.26
AUGUST 2025 TRANSMITTALS		
SCHOOL DISTRICTS		
WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DIST.	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	19441.61
CITIES		
CITY OF WOOD	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	402.14
CITY OF WHITE RIVER	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	969.27
TOWNSHIPS		
BADNATION TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	210.27
BLACKPIPE TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	350.16
BUTTE TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	199.96
CODY TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	330.25
FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	199.96

MOSHER TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	210.37
NEW SURPRISE VALLEY TWP.	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	39.81
NORRIS TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	140.24
PROSPECT TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	39.81
REDFISH TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	240.22
ROCKYFORD TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	220.32
ROSEBUD TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	335.23
RUNNINGBIRD TOWNSHIP	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	119.89
SURPRISE VALLEY TWP.	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	130.29
WATER DEV. DIST.		
WEST RIVER WATER	AUGUST 2025 APPORTIONMENT	119.03

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 PAYROLL

Commission	2255.17
Auditor	2611.37
Treasurer	3271.29
States Attorney	3081.00
Courthouse	2008.92
Dir. of Equalization	2466.46
Register of Deeds	2254.83
Sheriff	12975.70
Highway	6517.84
Emergency Mgmt.	190.75

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 PAYROLL

Commission	871.98
Auditor	2054.22
Treasurer	2956.43
States Attorney	2523.88
Courthouse	1788.19
Dir. of Equalization	1909.32
Register of Deeds	2072.66
Sheriff	10669.99
Highway	6287.41
Emergency Mgmt.	190.75

Commission reviewed the following reports: Auditor's Account with Treasurer as of September 30, 2025 is as follows: Actual cash \$656.33; Checks \$24,059.54. First Fidelity Checking \$1,475,772.57; First Fidelity CD's \$350,000.00; ROD Account \$250.00 Total: \$1,850,738.11. Clerk of Courts collected \$3200.59 for the month of August 2025. Register of Deeds collected \$5005.00 for the month of September 2025.

At 12:32 pm Chairman Brown declared the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Approved this 4th day of November 2025.

Vernon Brown, Chairman, Mellette County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jenny Galbraith, County Auditor