

Tripp County, South Dakota
January 14, 2025

The meeting of the Tripp County Commissioners was called to order by the Chair in the Commissioner Room at the Court House at Winner on January 14, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Larry Wilcox, Joyce Kartak, Daniel Forgey, and Michael Novotny. Absent was Cody Jorgensen. Also present were Auditor Barbara DeSersa, Judd Kaier, Ken and Susan Engel, Janiece Weber, DOE and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, that the minutes of the meeting held on December 30, 2024, be approved as read.
Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, that the claims be approved as follows:
MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$4,680.86; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$13,165.84; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$11,219.12; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$12,274.95; COURTHOUSE: \$3,336.38; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$11,297.83; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$7,503.55; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$1,083.56; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$4,460.24; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$16,959.56; WELFARE: \$1,492.30; AMBULANCE: \$14,798.51; LIBRARY: \$8,240.67; EXTENSION: \$2,884.50; WEED: \$3,017.08; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$46,024.73; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$792.30; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$1,031.10; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$603.04; BEAM, VISION ISURANCE, \$67.56; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$375.80; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$34,680.61; HEALTHEQUITY; HAS HEALTH INSURANCE, \$12,600.00; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$25.90; OPTILEGRA, VISION INSURANCE, \$229.22; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$33,261.02; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$16,994.02; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$2,581.18; DIVISON OF CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT; \$90.00; WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT, \$443.06; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$1,575.00.
COMMISSIONERS: JOYCE KARTAK, MEETING MILEAGE/RANDALL RESEVIOR MILEAGE, \$201.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$85.16; ALTERNATIVE HRD, COMMISSIONER HR/JOB POST, \$387.75; AUDITOR: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, DOOR SUPPLIES, \$50.14; MCLEOD'S OFFICE PRODUCTS, TOWNSHIP LAW BOOKS/PAD, \$1,577.16; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PENS, \$25.20; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, DOOR SUPPLY, \$37.15; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$28.98; TREASURER: TODD COUNTY TRIBUNE, DELIQUENT TAX LIST, \$227.64; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$108.28/TODD POSTAGE, \$28.98; STATE'S ATTORNEY: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT/SUPPLIES, \$76.91; SD STATES ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION, 2025 MEMBERSHIP, \$833.72; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$1.38; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, RUGS/MOPS/ETC., \$416.76; CHS, INC., PROPANE, \$3,251.84; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$528.93; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$1,881.73; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, BACK PACK VAC, \$159.98; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, IAAO STUDY BOOK, \$125.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT/LABELS, \$95.19; PROVANTAGE LLC, BLACK CARTRIDGES, \$156.50; SDAAO, MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$150.00; VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC., SERVICE FEE YEARLY, \$1,250.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$170.92; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TRIPP RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00/TODD RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, STAMP/SUPPLIES, \$196.65; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$41.78; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ADOBE LICENSE, WIRELESS KEYBOARD, \$330.87; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/FAX/INTERNET, \$1,229.86; WORKPLACE IT, CYBER SECURITY/OFFICE 365, \$4,693.86; SHERIFF: B & L COMMUNICATION, 10/24-11/24 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, \$97.00; DARRYL SUESS, COURTROOM SECURITY, \$52.50; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, POSTAGE/FUEL/MEMBERSHIP, \$290.29; HUGHES BROTHERS 2, REPAIR IA VEHICLE, \$2,030.74; NAGEL BODY SHOP, REPAIR IE HIT DEER, \$4,926.08; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$359.45; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$190.96; WINNER REGIONAL, BLOOD DRAW, \$214.00; WINNER LASER WASH, CAR WASHES, \$14.00; MID-STATE ORGANIZED CRIME, MEMBERSHIP, \$100.00; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$24.06; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM/BOARD, \$19,008.00; PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL, INMATE TRANSFERS, \$149.60; SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$140.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTION, \$212.05; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE DR. VISITS, \$951.85; RISING HOPE COUNSELING LLC, INMATE

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COUNSELING, \$275.00; JUVENILE DETENTION: HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE, JUVENILE INMATE ROOM/BOARD, \$1,125.00; FIRE PROTECTION: COLOME FIRE DEPARTMENT, 2025 ALLOCATION, \$15,000.00; AMBULANCE: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, FLOWERS/SDAA CONFERENCE/SUPPLIES, \$548.11; MATHESON TRI-GAS, OXYGEN, \$115.00; STRYKER, EKG PADS, \$396.00, WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, \$502.48; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$22.77; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, CONSULT FEE AMBULANCE GRANT, \$2,750.17; LOCAL INTERAGENCY LOCAL INTERAGENCY, 2025 ALLOCATIONS, \$400.00; DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE REDFIELD, \$60.00; MENTAL HEALTH: SOUTHERN PLAINS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, 2025 ALLOCATIONS, \$7,500.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: LEWIS AND CLARK, BMI, \$225.00; LINCOLN COUNTY AUDITOR, QMHP, \$57.50; MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR, MH HOLD 2015, \$346.17; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, PAPERS SERVED, \$50.00; DEAN SCHAEFER COURT REPORTING, MH HEARING X 2 REPORTING, \$60.00; LIBRARY: CHS, INC., UTILITIES, \$369.15; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$145.48; OVER DRIVE, PARTICIPATION/CONTENT PURCHASE, \$1,500.00; WINNER MUNICIPAL, UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$501.20; WINNER ADVOCATE, 2 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION/BOOK SIGNING AD, \$147.00; ARGUS LEADER, ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, \$988.94; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, AMAZON/ZOOM/DOLLAR STORES, \$204.04; HISTORICAL SOCIETY: TRIPP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 2025 ALLOCATION, \$1,000.00; FAIRGROUNDS: TRIPP COUNTY FAIR BOARD, 2025 ALLOCATIONS, \$15,000.00; EXTENSION: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$179.74; SDSU EXTENSION, COUNTY 4H EDUCATOR SALARY, \$11,525.00; SDSU EXTENSION, CELL SERVICE/PHONE, \$371.37; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, #10 A6 ENVELOPES, \$70.68; TRIPP COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, POSTAGE, \$1.77; WEED: RUNNINGS SUPPLY, ICE MELT SPREADER, \$179.99; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$85.48; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$34.60; PLAN/DEVELOPMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, ANNUAL WEBSITE HOSTING, \$5,000.00; PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, 2025 MEMBERSHIP, \$15,334.00; ROAD AND BRIDGE: APPEARA, WEEKLY SERVICE, \$753.52; ALL IN ONE SHOP, PARTS, \$328.83; AUTOMATE PARTS AND MACHINE SHOP, PARTS/SHOP TOOLS/SUPPLIES, \$3,244.32; BROZ ENGINEERING, 317TH DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT, \$16,465.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARTS/SUPPLIES, \$5,331.29; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, PARTS, \$1,731.50; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICES, \$222.33; HARRY K NAPA, PARTS, \$121.25; HIGH PLAINS TRUCK AND TRAILER, PARTS, \$646.92; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC, CLEARFIELD/COLOME UTILITIES, \$130.15; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, PARTS/CLOTHING/SUPPLIES, \$618.49; TRI-STATE WINDSHIELD, WINDSHIELD REPLACED X 3, \$3,661.00; WINNER WELDING, OUTSIDE LABOR/IRON, \$530.20; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$629.81; WINNER TRUE VALUE, PARTS, \$7.58; WW TIRE SERVICE, TIRES, \$19,485.60; MATHIS FARM EQUIPMENT, PARTS, \$322.91; WHITE CAP, ROAD REPAIR MASTIC, \$25,564.40; DEBT SERVICES: JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, NEW GRADER PAYMENT, \$88,654.68; DAILMER TRUCK FINANCIAL, TRUCK PAYMENT, \$12,426.27; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, ANNUAL FEE, \$4,426.00; CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$11,575.68; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: B & L COMMUNICATIONS, 10/24-12/24 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, \$160.80; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ASSOCIATION DUES, \$30.00; KONEXUS, ALERT SENSE, \$1,668.00; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, DECEMBER COLLECTIONS, \$168.00.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

Barbara DeSersa, Auditor, Administrated the Oath to Commissioners Kartak and Forgey as they start their new 4-year term.

Janiece Weber appeared for public comment. Mrs. Weber reported she had received a call from Butch Rolfe, Chairman of the Predatory Animal Control in Gregory County about the meeting the 2nd Tuesday in September. Mr. Rolfe would like to invite the commissioners to attend.

Ken Engel spoke during public comment about his road on 320th Ave and the concerns he had with the lack of maintenance. The commissioners said they would discuss it with the Highway Superintendent.

Judd Kaiser thanked the commissioners for the job they do. Mr. Kaiser said there are roads that need attention and understands there are limited funds available.

At 10:15 A.M. Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, joined the meeting.

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The next order of business was to elect a chairman for 2025. Kartak nominated Cody Jorgensen as Chairman. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jorgensen as Chairman.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman. Forgey nominated Joyce Kartak for Vice-Chairman. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot cast for Kartak as Vice-Chairman.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak assumed the Vice-Chairman duties as the new Chairman was absent.

Chelsea Hutchison, 4-H Youth Advisor, came to the meeting to give an update on the Mid-Dakota Fair. Mrs. Hutchison also reported there are 133 youth enrolled in the 4-H program so far. Mrs. Hutchison asked permission to attend a conference in Mitchell on March 4-6, 2025. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to authorize the necessary expenses for Chelsea Hutchison, 4-H Youth Advisor, to attend a Conference in Mitchell, SD on March 4-6, 2025, with Gregory County paying half of the expenses.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hutchison also wants to advertise for a summer assistant and is asking for the starting wage to be \$18.00 per hour to compete with other businesses. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to advertise a summer assistant at \$18.00 per hour and to start with the previous summer help.

Roll Call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Wednesday January 22, 2025, is 4-H Recognition Day at the Capitol in Pierre. Mrs. Hutchison asked permission to have Marque Bachmann take a few 4-H youth and to close the office for the day. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to authorize the necessary expenses for Marque Bachmann, 4-H Secretary, to attend 4-H Recognition Day at the Capitol in Pierre, SD on Wednesday January 22, 2025, and to close the office for the day.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (01-2025):

WHEREAS, Marque Bachmann has satisfactorily completed her probationary period,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to increase Mrs. Bachmann’s salary to \$19.00 per hour effective January 19, 2025.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of January 2025.

ABSENT
Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

Zach Pahlke, States Attorney, asked for an executive session for personnel.

At 10:33 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to enter into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during executive session.

At 11:00 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to return to regular session.

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Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Kathie Cole, Ambulance Director, came to the meeting to ask the commissioners if they could give holiday pay to those that volunteer to be on-call. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve a \$50.00 holiday pay to the EMT's on call for major holidays.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on increasing the wheel tax. Judd Kaiser would like to see a Road and Bridge levy instead of the wheel tax due to the large farm equipment that travel the roads. Mr. Kaiser understands that the infrastructure can't handle the larger equipment, and something should be done to create the revenue to fix the roads.

Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, Kevin Osborne, Asst Superintendent and Ryan and Carol Cook entered the meeting and Kerri Cook Huber, Attorney, joined by telephone.

Discussion was held on the Steffen Enterprise, LLC Easement Project 62-318-350 located in Irwin Township. Mr. Van Zee explained the replacement structure design and process and the easement needed from Steffen Enterprise, LLC Easement to proceed with this project. The SDDOT will administer this project replacing the bridge with a box culvert. Ryan and Carol Cook, and Kerri Cook Huber, Attorney, all voiced their concerns about the cattle on their land. They also asked if the bridge would be closed and for how long. Discussion was held.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (2-2025):

WHEREAS Title23, Section 151, United States Code and Title23, Part 650, Subpart C, Code of Federal Regulations, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Tripp County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program using Bridge Replacement funds.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering, Inc. (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of January 2025.

ABSENT
Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, gave his report. The crews have worked on equipment and removed snow from the shelter belts. Discussion was held on the mandatory Class A CDL and how long does the employee have to obtain the CDL. The commissioners said within 60 days to update the Handbook with his information added. Mr. Sund also reported that the new blade is here from RDO.

A Plat of Lots S-1, S-2 and the Access Easement, a subdivision of Outlot S, Nunmaker Outlots, located in the N 1/2 of Section 24, Township 99 North, Range 77 West of the 5th P.M. of Tripp County was

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presented for the approval of the board. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (3-2025):

WHEREAS the owners of the land herein platted as Lots S-1, S-2 and the Access Easement, a subdivision of Outlot S, Nunmaker Outlots, located in the N ½ of Section 24, Township 99 North, Range 77 West of the 5th P.M. of Tripp County have presented said plat for the consideration and approval of the Tripp County Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS it appears that the land is within the platting jurisdiction of the City of Winner and conforms to all requirements thereof,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the plat be approved this 12th day of January 2025.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of January 2025.

ABSENT
Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, made a motion to extend the Joint Cooperative Agreement with District III Association of Local Governments for the program year January 1 through December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$15,334.00.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (4-2025):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby designate the Winner Advocate, Winner, South Dakota as the official newspaper for Tripp County for 2025.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of January 2025.

ABSENT
Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

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Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (5-2025):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby designate the following depositories for Tripp County funds: Bank West, First Fidelity Bank, and Sentinel Federal Credit Union all in Winner, South Dakota and First Fidelity Bank in Colome, South Dakota, all located in Tripp County.

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ABSENT

Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to appoint Laura Welker serve a three-year term on the Library Board.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

The Tripp County Library Board of Trustees, dates of their appointments and terminations are as follows:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Kristine Ringstmeyer	1-09-2024	1-12-2027
Roxie Hermsen	1-09-2024	1-12-2027
Melanie Levi	1-10-2023	1-13-2026
Zachary Pahlke	8-27-2024	1-13-2026
Laura Welker	1-14-2025	1-11-2028
Marilyn Grossenburg	Honorary Member	

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to appoint Richard Hartland to the Weed Board for a three-year term.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

The Weed Board members, dates of their appointments and terminations are as follows:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
1	Rick Bice	1-10-2023	1-13-2026
2			
3	Kevin Wagner	1-09-2024	1-12-2027
4	Richard Hartland	1-14-2025	1-11-2028
5	Dennis Bammerlin	1-09-2024	1-12-2027

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to appoint Rusty Heenan, Tara Parvin Fenenga and Kirby Kartak to serve a three-year term on the Fairboard.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

The Fairboard members, dates of their appointments and terminations are as follows:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Rusty Heenan	1-14-2025	1-14-2028
Tara Parvin Fenenga	1-14-2025	1-11-2028
Kirby Kartak	1-14-2025	1-11-2028
Barb Watzel	1-09-2024	1-12-2027
Laura Welker	1-24-2023	1-13-2026
Deb Engel	1-24-2023	1-13-2026
Brad Watzel	1-24-2023	1-13-2026

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At 1:00 P.M. the Public Meeting was held for the Intent to Apply for a Grant/Loan. Zane Hamiel was in attendance for the meeting. Mr. Hamiel came to the meeting on behalf of the Winner Fire Department in case the public had any questions about the need to replace the Rural Fire Equipment.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (6-2025):

A Resolution of Tripp County agreeing to apply for financial assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to finance the acquisition of a road grader for the Tripp County Highway Department and a grass rig for the Tripp County Rural Fire Department, and

Be it Further Resolved that the Tripp County authorizes the county chairman to sign all documents relating to the USDA Development loan and/or grant for this project.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of January 2025.

ABSENT
Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (7-2025):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby establish the rate of compensation for members serving on the Weed Board, Library Board, and Fairboard at \$20.00 per meeting attended, and

Further Be it Resolved members serving on various Boards shall receive mileage at the rate of \$.67 per mile.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of January 2025.

ABSENT
Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (8-2025):

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Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners that the Superintendents, Deputies and Interpreters of each election shall be paid a fee of \$200.00 pursuant to SDCL 12-15-11, and

Further Be it Resolved that the person delivering the supplies and ballot boxes to the Auditor’s Office shall receive \$.67 per mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from making the delivery, and

Be it Resolved Further that all Superintendents, Deputies and Interpreters be allowed a fee of \$50.00 for attending an election school at a time and place fixed by the County Auditor.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14th day of January 2025.

ABSENT
Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (9-2025):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby establish the hourly equipment rental rates as follows:

Pickups 0346-0356	\$ 50.00
Trucks 0528-0530, 0554	\$ 65.00
Trucks 0558-0569	\$ 80.00
Tractors 5021-5024	\$ 50.00
Motor Graders 0922-0931	\$145.00
Seed 1306	\$ 40.00
Rollers 1310-1319	\$ 60.00
Sanders 1755-1760	\$ 45.00
Pumps 2208-2213	\$ 45.00
Loaders 2509, 2511	\$135.00
Drills 2805-2809	\$ 35.00
Scraper 3306	\$170.00
Skid Loader 2510	\$ 95.00
Small Trailers 3511-3514	\$ 50.00
Large Trailers 3515-3524	\$ 70.00
Tractor and Mower 5009-5012	\$130.00
Caterpillar Blade w/V Plow & Wings 0922-0931	\$170.00
Backhoe	\$110.00
Shoulder Disk	\$ 50.00 per day
Mulcher and Tractor 2812-2813	\$135.00

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ABSENT
Chair, Cody Jorgensen

Joyce Kartak

Daniel Forgey

Larry Wilcox

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Roll call: Ayes: Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.

Nays: None. Absent: Jorgensen. Resolution adopted.

Marcia Haukaas, Deputy Auditor, came to the meeting to express her concerns. Ms. Haukaas wanted to know why those that signed up for the new HSA plan received \$1,000 to put into the HSA, plus the county will match their contribution up to \$250 per pay period. Ms. Haukaas stated not everyone can afford to take that plan as the medical costs need to be paid up front. Mr. Forgey stated that it was an incentive for the employee to sign up for that plan. Other concerns were why only ten employees received raises for 2025 and how they determined who would receive them; why is there a lack of HR for the county employees as the employees come to the auditor’s office to have them bring their concerns to the commissioners. Ms. Haukaas would like to see more respect for those employees that have been here for a number of years.

The Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer was presented for the approval of the Board as follows:

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners Tripp County:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of this County as of December 31, 2024.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$5,912,177.62
Total amount of actual cash	1,117.00
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days	2,526.13
Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer’s possession over three days	
Tamara Dahlvang	86.40
Credit Card	120.58
Postage, Freight, Exp.	
Co. License & Title	
TOTAL	<u>\$5,916,027.73</u>

Dated this 1st day of December 2024

County Auditor, Tripp Co.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, that the Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer be approved as presented.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

The Register of Deed’s Statement of Fees collected during the month of December 2024 showed \$7,329.00.

The 2025 Annual SDACC Spring Workshop for Commissioners will be held in Pierre on April 9-10, 2025. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to authorize the necessary expenses for the elected commissioners to attend the 2025 Annual SDACC Spring Workshop in Pierre, SD on April 9-10, 2025.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

At 1:30 P.M. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to enter into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, left during the executive session and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left for the day.

At 1:45 P.M. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All present ayes. Motion carried.

At 1:50 P.M. Wilcox made the motion to adjourn until January 28, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Forgey.

Roll call: All present ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Vice-Chairman, Joyce Kartak

ATTEST:

County Auditor

