

Tripp County, South Dakota  
July 8, 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 July 8, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Cody Jorgensen, Joyce Kartak, Daniel Forgey, Larry Wilcox, and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa, Chelsea Hutchison, Kathie Cole and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to change the agenda item to read “Declaring Tripp County a disaster area” and approve the agenda as amended.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, that the minutes of the meeting held on June 24, 2025, be approved as read.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, that the claims be approved as follows:

MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,338.31; AUDITOR’S OFFICE: \$6,404.51; TREASURER’S OFFICE: \$5,509.62; STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE: \$6,410.02, COURTHOUSE: \$1,650.26; ASSESSOR’S OFFICE: \$5,660.48; REGISTER OF DEED’S OFFICE: \$3,708.00; VETERAN’S SERVICE: \$527.36; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$2,090.12; SHERIFF’S OFFICE: \$8,366.70; WELFARE: \$746.15; AMBULANCE: \$7,303.88; LIBRARY: \$4,409.13; EXTENSION: \$2,869.75; WEED: \$2,699.35; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$24,726.41; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$396.15; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$512.57; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$301.52; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$69.60; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$59.15; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$18,145.63; GLOBE LIFE, INSURANCE, \$80.04; HEALTH EQUITY, HSA INSURANCE, \$1,750.00; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, VISION INSURANCE, \$229.22; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$31,709.17; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,514.04; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$1,288.59; DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT; \$45.00; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$823.17.  
COMMISSIONERS: JOYCE KARTAK, JUNE MEETING MILEAGE, \$75.04; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PAPER/SERVICE CONTRACT, \$406.00; ALTERNATIVE HRD, LLC, HR/JOB POST, \$1,080.75; HEALTHEQUITY HSA ADMIN FEES, \$29.25; AUDITOR: BARB DESERSA, SUPPLIES, \$55.35; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$41.10; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, 2X CHAIR MATS, \$115.62; TRIPP COUNTY IT, TRIPP POSTAGE, \$61.69; TREASURER: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$253.64; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, STAMPS, \$219.00; TODD COUNTY TREASURER, POSTAGE, \$219.00; TRIPP COUNTY IT, TRIPP/TODD POSTAGE, \$272.58; STATE’S ATTORNEY: TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$10.72; COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: AMY BARTLING-JACOBSEN, CAA FEES, \$1.00; SANDY STEFFEN, CAA FEES, \$979.76; COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, RUGS/MOPS/CLEANING, \$238.56; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$271.19; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, SUPPLIES, \$274.38; WELCH’S PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL, \$275.00; BUCHE ACE HARDWARE, SUPPLIES, \$282.83; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: JANIECE WEBER, SUPPLIES, \$212.39; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, ERASERS, \$4.98; PROVANTAGES LLC, SUPPLIES, \$117.06; SDAAO, ANNUAL ASSESSOR SCHOOL, \$500.00; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$103.71; BUCHE ACE HARDWARE, SUPPLIES, \$35.83; REGISTER OF DEEDS: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, ENVELOPES, \$68.52; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPPLIES, \$550.80; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$38.40; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SRVC, \$1,289.06; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$72.23; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC., POSTAGE METER REFILL, \$543.25; SHERIFF: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$199.94; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS INC, FUEL, \$635.38; WINNER LASER WASH, CAR WASH, \$42.00; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$37.37; JAIL: SD DEPT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS/UA’S, \$390.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTION, \$120.24; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE INSURANCE, \$235.80; RISING HOPE COUNSELING LLC, PSYCHIATRY INTAKE, \$275.00; AMBULANCE: CITY OF WINNER, 20% UTILITY SHARE, \$236.85; FRONTIER MOTORS FORD, INC, SERVICE, \$172.55; SHAWNA KAISER, EMT CLASS, \$350.00; STRYKER SALES CORPORATION, PROCARE SERVICES, \$1,550.40; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS INC, FUEL, \$266.90; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$21.39; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, AMBULANCE GRANT PREP, \$3,130.02; DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE – REDFIELD, \$60.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: AUDRA HILL CONSULTING, INC, MH HOLD, \$306.08; LIBRARY: DEMCO, SUPPLIES, \$127.17; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMM, PHONE SRVC, \$167.26; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, \$442.76; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., AD, \$75.00; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, \$164.25; WHITLEY’S CLEANING, JUNE CLEANING, \$950.00; EXTENSION: MAGGIE DEMERS, MILEAGE TO BURKE, \$42.21; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$14.99; CHELSEA HUTCHISON, DAIRY VIDEO/SHOWMANSHIP, \$164.82; WEED: RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$74.21; WW TIRE SERVICE INC, TIRE REPAIR, \$29.19; ROAD AND

BRIDGE: APPEARA, RUGS/LAUNDRY/SUPPLIES, \$330.74; AVERA WINNER MEDICAL CLINIC, DRUG TESTING, \$250.10; AUTOMATE PARTS & MACHINE SHOP INC, PARTS, \$31.24; ATTEBERRY CONSTRUCTION INC., HEESE PIT CRUSHING, \$114,750.00; BROSZ ENGINEERING INC., 317<sup>TH</sup> WELDING/BID LETTING, \$5,915.00; CHS, INC, FUEL/ ANTI-FREEZE, \$27,709.53; LEE B CONNELLY, JUNE GRAVEL ROYALTY, \$3,380.04; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARTS/OUTSIDE REPAIR, \$6,245.54; FLAT CREEK CONSTRUCTION, CUSTOM HAULING, \$93,420.35; STANLEY HANSON, GRAVEL ROYALTY, \$1,853.00, HIGH PLAINS TRUCK & TRAILER, REPAIR, \$370.88; M & J AUTO INC., PARTS, \$89.90; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$590.50; RUNNING SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$844.46; SD DOT, COST SHARE, \$5,535.30; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$443.04; WINNER TRUE VALUE, KEYS, \$11.45; MATHIS FARM EQUIP. LLC, ANTIFREEZE, \$133.98; DAVE B’S BLADING, OUTSIDE BLADING PROG, \$1,920.00; DAVID DUFFY CONSTRUCTION, OUTSIDE BLADING AND PATCHING, \$1,150.00; DEBT SERVICES: DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, SEMI PAYMENT, \$12,426.27; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$11,596.80; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: MIDWEST CARD AND ID SOLUTIONS, TRACK APPS RENEWAL, \$750.00; REGISTER OF DEEDS: TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC, DOC PRO, \$375.00.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

Chelsea Hutchison, 4-H Youth Advisor, appeared for public comment to discuss overtime for Marque Bachman, Extension Secretary, during the Mid-Dakota Fair. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve up to 30 hours of overtime for Extension Secretary Marque Bachman.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kathie Cole, Ambulance Director, came to the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.  
At 10:05 A.M. Novotny 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 ayes. Motion carried.  
Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during the executive session.  
At 10:16 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to return to regular session.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made a motion, seconded by Forgey, to adopt the following:  
RESOLUTION (32-2025):  
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Kim Nagel as a part-time employee in the Ambulance Billing Department effective July 8, 2025, and  
Further Be it Resolved Ms. Nagel shall be compensated at the rate of \$20.00 per hour.  
Dated at Winner, South Dakota on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

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ATTEST:

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County Auditor  
Roll call: Ayes: Jorgensen, Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.  
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to adopt the following:  
RESOLUTION (33-2025):  
Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby approve the following raise effective July 20, 2025 for Megan Fisher, EMT, for continuing education and  
Further Be it Resolved Ms. Fisher’s wage shall increase from \$5.00 to \$5.25 per hour.  
Dated at Winner, South Dakota on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

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ATTEST:

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County Auditor  
Roll call: Ayes: Jorgensen, Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.  
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Jon Burdette, Emergency Manager, came to the meeting to discuss his 2026 budget.

Discussion was held on declaring Tripp County as a disaster area due to drought. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (34-2025):

WHEREAS during the late spring and summer months, Tripp County has received substantially less than normal precipitation, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tripp County, especially those engaged in agriculture, are in need of assistance in coping with the hardships resulting from the continuing drought conditions, and infestations, and

NOW Therefore Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. Tripp County is hereby declared to be in a state of disaster and emergency arising from the lack of precipitation.
2. The Tripp County Board of Commissioners request that Tripp County be designated as a disaster area and eligible for emergency and disaster assistance, by the Governor of the State of South Dakota and the United States Government and that Tripp County residents be afforded an opportunity to participate in State and Federal disaster relief programs and benefits.
3. That the Tripp County Emergency Management Director is authorized and directed to communicate this declaration to the appropriate State and Federal authorities.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

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ATTEST:

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County Auditor  
Roll call: Ayes: Jorgensen, Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox and Novotny.  
Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Zach Pahlke, States Attorney, came to the meeting to discuss the 2026 budget.

Misti Burns, Librarian, came to the meeting to discuss the 2026 budget.

At 10:35 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to enter into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

At 11:09 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crews have bladed roads, hauled gravel, and pulled shoulders. Discussion was held on the hired trucks that are hauling gravel. The Commissioners decided to stop using the hired trucks.

Discussion was held on the 5-Year Highway and Bridge Plan and to decide which of the four Bridges to apply for the 2026 BIG funding. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to approve the four bridges when applying for the 2026 BIG funding, that are listed on the 2025 5-Year Highway and Bridge Plan.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Shawn Pettit, Sheriff, came to the meeting to discuss the 2026 budget.

Mr. Pettit asked to go into executive session for a personnel matter.  
At 11:39 A.M. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to enter into an Executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Barbara DeSersa, Auditor, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate, left during the executive session.  
At 11:51 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to return to regular session.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Register of Deed’s Statement of Fees collected during the month of June 2025 showed \$7,920.00.

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 June 30, 2025.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$7,099,626.48
Total amount of actual cash	1,323.20
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding three days	17,058.38
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	2,131.60
Postage, Freight, Exp.	219.00
Co. License &Title	
TOTAL	<u>\$7,120,445.06</u>

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025  
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 ayes. Motion carried

At 11:58 A.M. Novotny made the motion to adjourn until July 22, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Forgey.  
Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman, Cody Jorgensen

ATTEST:

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County Auditor