

Tripp County, South Dakota
April 9, 2024

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 April 9, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen, Daniel Forgey, Joyce Kartak, and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

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

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Kartak, that the minutes of the meeting held on March 26, 2024, be approved as read.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

BI-MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,325.07; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,223.31; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,862.87; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,055.63; COURTHOUSE: \$1,782.38; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$5,818.67; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,858.00; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$523.24; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$2,050.12; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$8,696.44; WELFARE: \$461.54; AMBULANCE: \$7,792.97; LIBRARY: \$3,528.72; EXTENSION: \$1,565.61; WEED: \$1,508.54; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$23,445.80; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$396.15; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: AFLAC, CONTRIBUTION, \$698.77; AFLAC DENTAL, DENTAL INSURANCE, \$390.32; BEAM, VISION INSURANCE, \$56.30; DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT, \$45.00; FIRST FIDELITY BANK, WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$17,297.89; DELTA DENTAL, CONTRIBUTION, \$133.25; LEGAL SHIELD, CONTRIBUTION, \$12.95; OPTILEGRA, VISION INSURANCE, \$71.99; THE HEALTH POOL OF SD, INSURANCE, \$828.44; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,668.40; WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT, CHILD SUPPORT, \$221.53; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: COLONIAL LIFE, CONTRIBUTION, \$900.84; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$787.50. COMMISSIONERS: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACTS, \$70.00; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., MINUTES/MEETING NOTICE, \$548.10; ALTERNATIVE HRD, LLC., JOB POST/COMMISSIONER HR SUPPORT, \$607.00; CIRCUIT COURT: VARIOUS JURORS, GRAND JURY TRIAL, \$573.42; AUDITOR: TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE TRIPP, \$42.17/POSTAGE TODD, \$21.23; TREASURER: TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE TODD, \$93.60/TRIPP POSTAGE, \$143.83; STATE'S ATTORNEY: TODD COUNTY TRIBUNE, SUMMONS, \$53.29; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT/SUPPLIES, \$111.98, TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$2.59; BUILDING MAINTENANCE: APPEARA, RUGS/MOP/ETC., \$277.84; GROSSENBURG IMP. INC., WINDSHIELD REPAIR KIT, \$829.54; INDEPENDENT VIKING GLASS, FIX HANDICAP OPERATOR, \$2,444.96; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, \$334.67; WINNER TRUE VALUE, SUPPLIES, \$133.46; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, POSTCARD PAPER, \$91.29; WINNER ADVOCATE, MEETING NOTICE/TAX EXEMPT, \$295.88; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE TODD, \$8.96/POSTAGE TRIPP, \$80.64; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, TRIPP RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$353.00/TODD RENTAL SCANNING EQUIPMENT, \$123.00; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$32.52; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$1,299.97; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PRINTER FOR DOE, \$4,325.00; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC., POSTAGE METER REFILL, \$555.75; SHERIFF: B&L COMMUNICATIONS, MAINT AGREEMENT, \$97.00; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, FUEL/CONFERENCE, \$142.63; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$282.33; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS INC., FUEL, \$774.05; WINNER LASER WASH, CAR WASHES, \$56.00; RUSTY BLARE, DARE PROGRAM CLASS, \$900.00; BENNY AUDISS, TRANSPORT, \$76.50; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, INMATE ROOM/COURTESY HOLD, \$9,174.00; SD DEPT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$120.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE PRESCRIPTIONS, \$44.83; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INMATE MEDICAL INSURANCE, \$124.00; BENNY AUDISS, INMATE TRANSPORT, \$76.50; AMBULANCE: WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, 20% COST SHARE, \$556.91; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$20.48; MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE YANKTON, \$205.40; MENTAL ILLNESS: LEWIS AND CLARK, BMI INTAKE, \$213.00; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER, MI HEARING, \$195.00; DEAN SCHAFFER COURT REPORTING, MI HEARING REPORTING, \$48.00; LIBRARY: GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICES, \$87.90; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERVICE CONTRACT, \$35.00; WINNER PLUMBING AND HEATING, FIX EXCESSIVE WATER USE, \$145.81; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$562.56; WINNER TRUE VALUE, FAST MELT, \$20.99; WEED DEPT.: RUNNINGS SUPPLY, STEEL TO FIX TRAILER, \$37.99; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$442.00; ROAD AND BRIDGE: APPEARA, LAUNDRY/SUPPLIES, \$542.65; ALL IN ONE SHOP, REPAIR PARTS, \$128.64; BROSZ ENGINEERING, N COUNTY SURVEY/GRAN/ROAD WORK, \$4,247.50; BULTER MACHINERY INC.. REPAIR PARTS/CUTTING EDGES, \$7,964.03; CHS INC., OIL, \$127.20; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE SERVICE, \$216.11; HARRY K

NAPA, REPAIR PARTS, \$312.49; HIGH PLAINS TRUCK AND TRAILER, REPAIR PARTS, \$34.50; KUCERA ELECTRIC, WASTE OIL/BUILDING REPAIRS, \$740.06; MEAD LUMBER, SIDE BOARDS/REPAIRS, \$127.68; ROSEBUD ELECTRIC, UTILITIES, \$103.19; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, REPAIR PARTS RUNNINGS, SUPPLY/CLOTHES, \$533.57; SD DOT, BRIDGE WORK ENGINEERING/BRIDGE INSPECTIONS, \$4,030.35; SCHAEFFER AND COMPANY LLC., DIESEL FUEL, \$20,064.80; VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL SERVICE, \$41.91; WINNER WELDING, REPAIR PARTS/SUPPLIES, \$66.30; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$714.34; MATHIS FARM EQUIPMENT LLC., REPAIR PARTS, \$107.46; TRIPP COUNTY IT, POSTAGE, \$20.27; TRIPP DEBT SERVICES, DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL SERVICES, TRUCK PAYMENTS, \$12,426.27; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: B&L COMMUNICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, \$160.80; BUILDING & STRUCTURES: HONEYWELL, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, \$9,690.70; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, MARCH COLLECTIONS, \$178.00.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Duane Wetzel, Weed Supervisor, came to the meeting to discuss hiring help for the summer and the interview he had with Austin Pierce.

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

RESOLUTION (21-2024):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Austin Pierce as a seasonal employee for the Weed Department effective April 22, 2024 and

Further Be it Resolved Mr. Pierce shall be compensated at the rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9th day of April, 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

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

Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

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 March 31, 2024.

Total amount of deposits in banks	\$6,660,629.86
Total amount of actual cash	3,755.33
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days	73,578.32
Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days	
Tamara Dahlvang	86.40
Christopher Bolton	408.20
Christopher Bolton	393.13
Credit Card	1,143.60
Postage, Freight, Exp.	
Co. License & Title	
TOTAL	<u>\$6,739,994.84</u>

Dated this 2nd day of April 2024.

Barbara DeSersa

County Auditor, Tripp Co.

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

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Register of Deed's Statement of Fees collected during the month of March 2024 showed \$10,672.00.

Discussion was held on the public meeting that will be held on April 23, 2024.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), in coordination with Tripp County, will hold a public meeting open house on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. in the community room at the courthouse, to inform residents and business owners about the county's first master transportation plan.

Roger Sund, Highway Superintendent, came to the meeting to give his report. The crews have repaired equipment, plowing snow and blading roads. Discussion was held on the gravel at the Storms pit.

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

RESOLUTION (22-2024):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby approve the following raise effective April 14, 2024, for Samuel Lee, Highway employee, and

Further Be it Resolved Mr. Lee's wage shall increase from \$22.66 to \$23.69 per hour.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 9th day of April, 2024.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

Cody Jorgensen

Daniel Forgey

Joyce Kartak

Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

County Auditor

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

Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Due to rising construction costs, the SDDOT Commission approved a 15% increase in the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) award amount. Amendments need to be signed for each grant amount. Amendment number 1, for agreement 717911, the County's BIG award amount of \$1,231,900 is increased by 15% and the new BIG award amount is \$1,416,685.

Amendment number 1, for agreement 717912, the County's BIG award amount of \$1,378,200 is increased by 15% and the new BIG award amount is \$1,584,930.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to give the Chairman permission to sign both Amendments 1 on Agreements 717911 and 717912 from the SDDOT for the County's BIG award amounts increased by 15%.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 11:30 A.M. Forgey made the motion to adjourn to the community room for a County Initiative Petition, an Ordinance Defining the Use of the Automatic Tabulators within Tripp County, seconded by Kartak.

Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

The meeting of the Tripp County Board of Commissioners was reconvened and called to order by the Chairman in the Community Room in the Courthouse at Winner on April 9, 2024, at 11:45 A.M.

Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen, Daniel Forgey, Joyce Kartak, and Michael Novotny. Also, present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa, Deputy Auditor Heather Schroeder, Zachary Pahlke, States Attorney, Robert Tate, Wade Moser, John Harter, Cindy and Gregg Assman, Brad Assman, Trudy Woods, Brian Beck, Deb Kendrick, Brenda Hofeldt, Clint Woods, Keith and Judy Moody, Lon and Pam Dreyer, Steve McCance, Diane Glogner, and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

A County Initiative Petition an Ordinance Defining the Use of the Automatic Tabulators within Tripp County was given to the Tripp County Auditor on Wednesday April 3, 2024. The County Initiative Petition read as follows:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED qualified voters of Tripp County in the state of South Dakota, petition that the following ordinance be submitted to the voters of that county for their approval or rejection pursuant to law. The proposed ordinance in proper form is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE USE OF AUTOMATIC TABULATORS WITHIN TRIPP COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Tripp County that the following rules regarding elections in Tripp County, are hereby adopted:

From the effective date of this ordinance, Tripp County ordains that automatic tabulating machine(s)/system(s) are hereby abandoned and prohibited from counting or tabulating Tripp County ballots for any elections in Tripp County as per South Dakota Codified Law “12-17B-3. Authority of governing body to adopt, experiment with or abandon system; Any governing body having supervision of election within any political subdivision may adopt, experiment with, or abandon any automatic tabulating or electronic ballot marking system approved for use by the State Board of Elections. Any governing body may use the system in all or some of the precincts within its jurisdiction or in combination with any other type of voting system approved for use by the State Board of Elections.”

The petition was verified and filed in the auditor’s office.

Discussion was held on hand counting versus the machine counting. Those attending the meeting are concerned that the elections are not secure using the tabulating machine. Discussion was also held on the post-election audit in SDCL 12-17B-18.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to put the question of hand counting on the primary ballot.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Primary Election will be Tuesday June 4, 2024.

Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to adjourn to the commissioner room for the Board of Equalization meeting.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Tripp County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on April 9, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. Roll call showed Board members Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen, Daniel Forgey, Joyce Kartak, and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa and Janiece Weber, DOE.

The Board assumed the Oath of Office.

Mrs. Weber had thirty-eight qualifying applicants for the Elderly Tax Freeze and currently has seven vet exempt applicants.

The Board reviewed the assessment rolls for the Unorganized Township of Gassman, Pahapesto, Progressive and Wright Townships. Discussion was held on changes made in those townships. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to approve the changes made in the unorganized townships of Gassman, Pahapesto, Progressive and Wright.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the list of the changes made for Assessments and Stipulations made after Assessments by the Assessor.

Discussion was held on what is planned to accomplish for this Summer. Finishing up with the remainder of the Townships for reappraisal and to start on Colome Town reappraisal.

At 1:50 P.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to adjourn as a Board of Equalization. Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chair, Larry Wilcox

ATTEST:

County Auditor

The meeting of the Tripp County Board of Commissioners was reconvened and called to order by the Chair in the Commissioner’s Room in the Courthouse at Winner on April 9, 2024, at 1:45 P.M. Roll call showed Board members Larry Wilcox, Cody Jorgensen, Daniel Forgey, Joyce Kartak, and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Janiece Weber, Director of Equalization, asked for permission for her and Makaleigh Nilson, Deputy Clerk, to attend an Educational Meeting in Pierre, on April 18, 2024, District Meeting in Presho on May 2, 2024; Conference in Aberdeen on June 4-7, 2024, Workshop by Vanguard August 7-8, 2024 in Chamberlain, SDACES Workshop in Chamberlain on August 15, 2024, and School on September 16-20, 2024 in Chamberlain. Jorgensen made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to authorize the necessary expenses for Janiece Weber, Director of Equalization, and Deputy Clerk, Makaleigh Nilson, to attend a District Meeting in Presho on May 2, 2024, Conference in Aberdeen on June 4-7, 2024, Workshop by Vanguard August 7-8, 2024, in Chamberlain, and School on September 16-20, 2024, in Chamberlain. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Auditor Barb DeSersa asked to have overtime for Deputy Heather Schroeder. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to allow Heather Schroeder, Deputy Auditor, to have overtime if needed. Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 2:00 P.M. Forgey made the motion to adjourn until April 23, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Kartak. Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Larry Wilcox

ATTEST:

County Auditor