

ZIEBACH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 6, 2025

The Ziebach County Commissioners met in regular session at 1:00 PM with Shane Farlee, Bill Henderson, David Pesicka, Rick Farlee and Tucker Stocklin present. Chairman R. Farlee called the meeting to order.

The following monies were on deposit as of the end of December 2024:

Cash on Hand	\$ 200.00
In Transit	\$ 2,330.36
1 st Financial Bank, Dupree	3,000.00
Money Market, Dupree	1,889,588.28
CD – 12 Month	152,220.29
CD – 18 Month	<u>156,729.81</u>
 TOTAL	\$ 2,203,771.74

The following fees were reported for the month of December 2025:

Register of Deeds	\$ 1,696.00
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OLD BUSINESS: Commissioners were informed of the prairie dog complaint response from Bernie Anderson.

Commissioners will be sending a Thank You letter to Bernie for taking care of the complaint. They will also be sending a letter letting the surrounding neighbors of what action Bernie has taken.

Commissioners also discussed a possible new gravel pit to get gravel from.

NEW BUSINESS: AUDITOR – JESSICA DONOVAN: Requested to add Deputy Auditor Austin O’Connell to Money Market and Savings account. Comm. S. Farlee motioned to add Austin O. to money market and savings accounts, Comm. B. Henderson seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion carried

MINUTES: Comm. T. Stocklin moved to approve the December 29, 2025 minutes as presented, seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried.

REORGANIZATION: The Auditor called for reorganization meeting to come to order. Comm. T. Stocklin motioned to keep all position the same Chair Rick Farlee and Vice Chair Shane Farlee, Comm. S Farlee seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion carried. Rick Farlee will serve as Chairman for 2026. Shane Farlee will serve as Vice-Chairman for 2026.

MEETINGS: The Ziebach County Commissioners shall meet the 1st Wednesday of Each Month, unless otherwise noted.

BOARD POSITIONS: Chairman R. Farlee appointed the following board positions:

1. Planning & Zoning Board – Rick Farlee
2. Emergency Management Board – Shane Farlee
3. Nurse's Advisory Board – David Pesicka
4. 4-H Advisory Board – Tucker Stocklin
5. Weed & Pest Board – Bill Henderson

DESIGNATIONS: Comm. Henderson moved to leave the following designations as is, seconded by Comm.

Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried.

1. The Official Newspaper for Ziebach County will be the West River Eagle.
2. The Official Depository for Ziebach County will be the 1st Financial Bank, Dupree.
3. The Courthouse parking lot, the first floor of the Courthouse and the County Highway Department yards are places to hold chattel mortgage sales.

FUND INVESTMENT: Comm. T. Stocklin moved to authorize the County Treasurer to invest all idle funds to gain maximum interest for the benefit of Ziebach County, in accordance with SDCL 4-5-8. Seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried.

MILEAGE & PERDIEM: Comm. T. Stocklin moved to set mileage and per diem at the current state rates, except that actual costs for lodging will be allowed with board approval; and the mileage charged by the Sheriff for serving papers will be set at 6 cents over current state rates. Seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried.

ELECTION FEES: Comm. Stocklin moved to set the fee for election officials at \$18.00 per hour for hours worked, current state mileage for delivery of election supplies and results, and a \$40.00 attendance fee for election school. Seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried.

BURIAL FEES: Comm. Stocklin moved to set the indigent burial fee paid by the County at \$1600 plus mileage not to exceed a maximum of \$2000, seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried.

MACHINE HIRE RATES: Comm. T. Stocklin moved to set hourly machine hire rates as follows, seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried:

Patrol	\$100.00 per hour	Front-end Loader	\$100.00 per hour
Backhoe	\$100.00 per hour	Skid Steer Loader	\$50.00 per hour

(All to include an operator and a maximum hire of 6 hours, minimum of 1 hour, use depending on availability at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.)

GAS BIDS: The following gas quotes were received: E-10 Agtegra, \$2.20. Farmers Union Oil Co. – SNL Gas, \$2.429, NL Gas, 2.129. Comm. T. Stocklin moved to accept the quote from Farmer's Union Oil Co, seconded by Comm. B. Henderson, all voted aye, motion carried.

SALARIES & RAISES: Discussion was held on wage raises for 2026. Comm. Shane Farlee motioned to give a \$1.07 per hour raise or the equivalent thereto - \$2,503.80 per year for all courthouse & highway department employees; seconded by Comm. T. Stocklin, all voted 3 aye and 2 nays, roll call vote was asked T. Stocklin – yes, S. Farlee – yes, D. Pesicka – yes, B. Henderson – no, R. Farlee – no, with majority vote yes, motion carried. The fee for Emergency Manager, V.S.O., and Coroner will remain the same. The Commissioners will receive \$567.00 per month. Salaries will be set as follows:

Gary Cudmore, Sheriff	\$59,044 Annually
Michael Deneui, Chief Deputy Sheriff	\$52,114 Annually
Shane Penfield, States Attorney	\$53,984 Annually
Jessica Donovan, Treasurer	\$53,434 Annually
Auditor	\$53,434 Annually
Nannette Farlee, Register of Deeds	\$53,434 Annually
Misty Williams, Dir. Of Equalization	\$53,434 Annually
Dean Little Hawk, Custodian	\$21.44 per hour
Phoebe Lemke, CHN & WIC Secretary	\$21.44 per hour
Corinna Thompson, Extension Office PT	\$21.44 per hour
Erin Lemke, Extension Office (Part time)	\$21.44 per hour
Tasha Tibbs, Deputy Treasurer	\$21.44 per hour
Austin O'Connell, Deputy Auditor	\$21.44 per hour
Jeff Jensen, Highway Superintendent	\$26.91 per hour
Brian Alley, Equipment Operator	\$22.47 per hour
Shane Bad Warrior, Equipment Operator	\$21.47 per hour (Probation)
Mitchell Fielder, Equipment Operator	\$21.47 per hour (Probation)
Weed Spraying	\$ 2.50 per hour Additional
Emergency Manager	\$9,600 Annually
Veterans Service Officer	\$8,000 Annually
Michael Deneui, Coroner	\$75.00 per death
Rick Farlee, Commissioner	\$567.00 per month plus \$350.00 Insurance Bonus
Bill Henderson, Commissioner	\$567.00 per month plus \$350.00 Insurance Bonus
David Pesicka, Commissioner	\$567.00 per month plus \$350.00 Insurance Bonus
Shane Farlee, Commissioner	\$567.00 per month
Tucker Stocklin, Commissioner	\$567.00 per month

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT: The Board reviewed and signed the Statement of Equal Opportunity Employment along with the other elected officials.

HWY. DEPT. REPORT: Jeff Jensen, Highway Superintendent presented his written report to the Board. Jeff informed the commissioners there is a culvert on Carmichael's road that is going to need repair as it is all rusted out. Jeff has done some research into how to repair the culvert until the county can find a grant to replace the culvert. Jeff informed the commissioner he can repair the culvert with a concrete canvas that would roughly cost \$5,000. Comm. S. Farlee motioned to grant Jeff the permission to purchase the canvas until they can find a grant to replace the culvert, Comm. T. Stocklin seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORT: Gary Cudmore, Sheriff presented his monthly vehicle reports to the Board.

CLAIMS: The following claims were audited and ordered paid:

1ST FINANCIAL BANK USA	\$76,589.92	CAT GRADERS PAYMENT
AGTEGRA ENERGY	\$ 62.92	CUST# 8131455
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	\$185.24	INV# 06PS0722071
CITY OF MOBRIDGE	\$789.55	2026 NET MOTION MAINT
CONNECTING POINT	\$1,170.25	BACK UP AND SERVERS
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE, INC.	\$127.10	SHERIFF SUPPLIES
CRST TELEPHONE AUTHORITY	\$ 879.33	PHONE AND INTERNET
DAKOTA BUSINESS CENTER	\$ 453.90	INV# IN336013 TREASURER
RICK FARLEE	\$32.16	MILAGE TO MEETING
SHANE FARLEE	\$13.04	MILEAGE TO MEETING
FARMERS UNION OIL CO.	\$7,769.42	DEC 2025
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE	\$125.10	INV# 01P133750 02
BILL HENDERSON	\$8.04	MILAGE TO MEETING
MARCO, REF#QT2699834	\$149.34	INV# 40839295 TREASURER COPIER
MOREAU-GRAND ELECTRIC	\$3,203.03	COURTHOUSE & HWY DEPT ELE
SD ASSOC. OF COUNTY COMM	\$1,731.00	2026 SDACC & NACO DUES
TUCKER STOCKLIN	\$33.50	MILAGE TO MEETING
STURDEVANT'S AV	\$106.34	INV# 837058328 CHAINSAW CHAIN
WAR HAWK EMERGENCY MGT.	\$6,000.00	INV# 120 2026 DUES WARHAWK D
WEST RIVER EAGLE	\$1,485.17	AD# 4464 2025 INVOICES

NEXT MEETING: The Ziebach County Commissioners will meet on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, Comm. D. Pesicka moved to adjourn at 2:46 PM, seconded by Comm. T. Stocklin, all voted aye, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Jessica Donovan, Auditor

Rick Farlee, Chairman

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