

Tripp County, South Dakota  
April 14, 2026

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 14, 2026, 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 and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to add Kim Nagel, Welfare Director, and Milton Douglas, VSO and approve the agenda as amended.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, that the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2026, be approved as read.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, that the claims be approved as follows:  
MONTHLY PAYROLL: COMMISSIONERS: \$2,372.88; AUDITOR'S OFFICE: \$6,449.65; TREASURER'S OFFICE: \$5,945.39; STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: \$6,230.37; COURTHOUSE: \$1,720.00; ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: \$3,386.75; REGISTER OF DEED'S OFFICE: \$3,868.00; VETERAN'S SERVICE: \$527.36; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: \$2,090.12; SHERIFF'S OFFICE: \$7,980.91; WELFARE: \$555.77; AMBULANCE: \$5,510.50; LIBRARY: \$4,604.25; EXTENSION: \$1,580.00; WEED: \$1,733.85; ROAD & BRIDGE: \$24,228.14; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$396.15; VARIOUS DEDUCTIONS: WITHHOLDING, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE, \$18,041.99; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONTRIBUTION, \$8,790.24; GENERAL DEDUCTIONS: AAA COLLECTIONS; \$720.77; SD SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT, DEDUCTIONS, \$789.96.  
COMMISSIONERS: JOYCE KARTAK, MILEAGE, \$121.80; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, PAPER/SERV CONT, \$742.00; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., MEETING, \$62.93; ALTERNATIVE HRD, LLC, JOB POST/HR SUPPORT, \$239.25; HEALTHEQUITY WAGWORKS INC., HSA ADMIN FEE, \$69.75; ELECTION: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ELECTION POSTAGE, \$7.80.  
CIRCUIT COURT: ONE TIME VENDOR, JURY DUTY/WITNESS, \$620.20; MONA G WEIGER, TRANSCRIPTS, \$88.20; AUDITOR: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERV CONT, \$35.00; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, MARCH POSTAGE, \$65.36; TREASURER: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERV CONT, \$115.42; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, MARCH POSTAGE, \$244.21; STATE'S ATTORNEY: OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES/COPIES, \$121.00; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, MARCH POSTAGE, \$44.67; COUNTY BUILDING MAINT: CHS, INC, PROPANE, \$1,322.36; GROSSENBURG IMP. INC., REPAIRS ON MOWER, \$762.59; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$404.84; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$1,249.98; DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: TODD COUNTY TRIBUNE & MELLETTE COUNTY, TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY 26, \$101.38; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERV CONT, \$35.00; SDAAO, REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES, \$300.00; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, MARCH POSTAGE, \$56.42; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., ADS, \$346.50; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, SUPPLIES, \$6.79; G.F. BUCHE CO (GUS STOP 6), FUEL, \$18.34; REGISTER OF DEEDS: MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC, RENTAL, \$125.00; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, MARCH POSTAGE, \$49.95; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ADOBE;SUPPLIES; EQUIPMENT, \$653.11; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE / INTERNET, 1,275.61; PITNEY BOWES BANK INC PURCHASE POWER, POSTAGE ON MACHINE, \$622.36; WORKPLACE BY DIRECT, SERVICES, \$4,484.35; SHERIFF: DARRYL SUESS, COURT SECURITY, \$110.50; FRONTIER MOTORS INC., REPAIRS, \$34.52; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SUPPLIES/CAMERAS, \$1,262.05; MCLEOD'S OFFICE SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$139.88; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$97.11; SD DEPT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$70.00; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, MARCH POSTAGE, \$34.56; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS INC, FUEL, \$628.73; WINNER LASER WASH, CAR WASH, \$98.00; WW TIRE SERVICE INC., TIRES/OIL CHANGE, \$1,894.56; D.J. LIVESTOCK, REPAIRS, \$504.25; VERIZON WIRELESS INC., CELL PHONE, \$158.84; JAIL: CITY OF WINNER, ROOM & BOARD/ COURTESY HOL, \$20,022.00; PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL, INMATE TRANSPORT, \$46.90; SD DEPT OF HEALTH, BLOOD DRAWS, \$100.00; THE WINNER PHARMACY, INMATE MEDS, \$48.89; WINNER FAMILY DRUG, INMATE MEDS, \$296.75; CORRECTIONAL RISK SERVICES, INSURANCE, \$365.49; PUBLIC WELFARE: KIM NAGEL, SPRING WORKSHOP, \$150.50; AMBULANCE: CITY OF WINNER, 20% UTILITIES SHARE, \$655.48; FRONTIER MOTORS FORD, INC, REPAIRS, \$419.90; FIDELITY AGENCY, AMB INSURANCE, \$19,567.25; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, EDUCATION, \$925.97; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC., OXYGEN, \$57.55; KIM NAGEL, REIMB POSTAGE, \$11.95; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SUPPLIES, \$8.78; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, TOTES, \$33.27; STRYKER SALES CORPORATION, PEDS PADS/COT CONTRACT/SERIVES, \$12,309.15; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, CO LIC & TITLES/MARCH POSTAGE, \$46.04; VERIZON WIRELESS INC., CELL PHONE, \$119.13; VOYAGER FLEET SYSTEMS INC, FUEL, \$393.52; THE WINNER PHARMACY, METRIX, \$35.48; COUNTY FAIR, SUPPLIES, \$204.83; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA, GRANT PREP 3/1 TO 3/31/26,

\$3,095.68; SANFORD HEALTH CENTER ATTN: TRAVIS SPI, SPRING EMT CLASS/MONTHLY E, \$78,230.00; MENTALLY HANDICAPPED: STATE TREASURER, PATIENT CARE – REDFIELD, \$60.00; MENTAL ILLNESS: AVERA MCKENNAN HOSPITAL, MI HOLD, \$873.00; KENNEDY PIER LOFTUS REYNOLDS & BRANDT, MI HEARING, \$555.10; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER, BUSCH/BOARD/EVAL, \$276.40; YANKTON CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE, PAPERS SERVED, \$50.00; DEAN SCHAEFER COURT REPORTING, COURT REPORTING, \$81.00; LIBRARY: DEMCO, SUPPLIES, \$51.69; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET, \$93.39; MISTI BURNS, TRAINING, \$135.58; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, SERV CONT, \$104.53; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, ICE MELT, \$38.97; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$498.33; WINNER ADVOCATE INC., ADS, \$80.00; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, ZOOM/SUPPLIES, \$879.81; EXTENSION: KWYR, ADVERTISEMENTS, \$96.00; TRIPP COUNTY TREASURER, MARCH POSTAGE, \$161.32; AMAZON CAPITOL SERVICES, SUPPLIES, \$35.70; CHELSEA HUTCHISON, CONFERENCE, \$272.52; VERIZON WIRELESS INC., CELL PHONE, \$79.42; WEED: RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES, \$100.91; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$35.46; VERIZON WIRELESS INC., CELL PHONE, \$79.72; ROAD & BRIDGE: APPEARA, MONTHLY SERV, \$438.14; ALL IN ONE SHOP, PARTS, \$46.68; AUTOMATE PARTS & MACHINE SHOP INC., PARTS/INVENTORY, \$616.02; BUTLER MACHINERY INC, PARTS, \$186.53; CHS, INC, GASOLINE, \$3,245.00; DANR - FISCAL OFFICE, STATE STORM WATER FEE, \$800.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, INVENTORY FILTER SALE, \$5,522.52; FIRST BANK AND TRUST, CLEARINGHOUSE CDL, \$2.50; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, PARTS/INVENTORY, \$110.55; GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET, \$213.63; HARRY K NAPA, PARTS/INVENTORY, \$200.57; OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER, OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$7.26; PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES, DELINEATORS, \$87.00; RUNNINGS SUPPLY, SHOP SUPPLIES/ PARTS/CLOTH, \$602.92; SD DOT, COST SHARE, \$513.69; TRIPP CO WATER USER DISTRICT, CLEARFIELD WATER, \$36.90; TRUE NORTH STEEL, CULVERTS INVENTORY, \$32,640.00; TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC, PARTS, \$287.38; WINNER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, \$836.34; MATHIS FARM EQUIP. LLC, OUTSIDE REPAIRS – TRACTOR, \$509.51; VERIZON WIRELESS INC., CELL PHONE, \$39.71; FLEET PRIDE, PARTS/INVENTORY \$1,646.49; DEBT SERVICE: DAIMLER TRUCK FINANCIAL SERVICES USA L, MONTHLY SEMI PMT, \$12,426.27; 9-1-1: CITY OF WINNER, 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, \$11,564.16; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: FIRST BANK AND TRUST, SUPPLIES, \$108.21; TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC., REPAIRS/ SUPPLIES/LICENSE, \$1,728.98; BUILDING & STRUCTURES: COUNTY BUILDING, CYBERTEK SYSTEMS, EXCISE TAX FOR KEY FOB, \$44.94; NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD ASSOCIATION OF CO. OFFICIALS, MARCH COLLECTIONS, \$202.00.

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 tell the commissioners he would like to re-hire Kade Watson as his summer assistant.

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

RESOLUTION (16-2026):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Kade Watson as a part-time employee in the Weed Department effective May 2026, and

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

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Chair, Cody Jorgensen

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Joyce Kartak

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Daniel Forgey

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Larry Wilcox

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Michael Novotny  
ATTEST:

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County Auditor

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

Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Kim Nagel, Ambulance Billing, came to the meeting to discuss the outstanding claims and lack of needed information from the hospital to submit the claim. Nagel was advised that she should contact the CEO and DON for the information.

Candy Biggins, Treasurer, would like herself and both deputies to attend a Spring Workshop on May 7, 2026, in Pierre and close the office and Kristen Assman, ROD, May 6 and 7, 2026. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to authorize the necessary expenses for Candy Biggins, Treasurer and Deputies Baillee Harter and Katlyn Williams to attend a Spring Workshop on Thursday May 7, 2026, in Pierre and closing the office and Kristen Assman on May 6 and 7, 2026 in Pierre.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Milton Douglas, VSO, came to the meeting to ask permission to attend the SDVAA 2026 Spring Mini-Conference on April 15 in Pierre. Kartak made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to authorize the necessary expenses for Milton Douglas, VSO, to attend the SDVAA 2026 Spring Mini-Conference on April 15 in Pierre.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Douglas discussed increasing his wages. The Commissioners explained that this will be discussed when the budgets are prepared for 2027.

Chelsea Hutchison, 4-H Youth Advisor and Marque Bachmann, Extension Secretary, came to the meeting to give an update and newsletter on 4-H, to discuss the new summer hire and the Mid-Dakota and States Fair. Hutchison would like to hire Kendal Bachmann as the summer assistant. Marque Bachmann will attend the State Fair in Hutchison's place. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to authorize the necessary expenses for Marque Bachmann, Extension Secretary, to attend the State Fair on September 3 and 6, 2026 in Huron.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carries.

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

RESOLUTION (17-2026):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Kendal Bachmann as a temporary part-time employee to assist with 4-H and Youth Programs, and

Further Be it Resolved Ms. Bachmann shall be compensated at the rate of \$18.50 per hour and work 560 hours from May 2026 through August 2026.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Chair, Cody Jorgensen

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Joyce Kartak

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Daniel Forgey

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Larry Wilcox

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Michael Novotny

ATTEST:

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County Auditor

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

Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Melanie Levi, I.T., came to the meeting to discuss the cameras at the fairgrounds. Discussion was held.

Kevin Osborne, Hwy Superintendent Asst, and Donna Lee, Admin Assistant, entered the meeting to give their report. The crew bladed various roads; completed culvert replacement project; installed the school bus sign; graveled part of project 10 to Vern Collin's and Mick Rowe's and pulled curbs on multiple projects. Discussion was held on re-bidding the culvert project with new specs. Brosz Engineering will be contacted for specs.

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

RESOLUTION (18-2026):

Be it Resolved by the Tripp County Board of Commissioners to hereby hire Jordan Roubideaux as a full-time Highway employee effective March 24, 2026, and

Further Be it Resolved Mr. Roubideaux shall be compensated at the rate of \$21.00 per hour with probation up to six months.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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County Auditor

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

Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

At 10:52 A.M. Kartak 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 ayes. Motion carried.

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

At 11:07 A.M. Chairman Jorgensen declared returning to regular session and no action was taken.

Discussion was held on the Viaduct Road project.

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

RESOLUTION (19-2026):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2020-2 FOR THE IMPOSITION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A WHEEL TAX IN TRIPP COUNTY. PURSUANT to SDCL 32-5A-1 et seq. and consistent with legislative intent permitting Counties to impose and administer a wheel tax.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TRIPP COUNTY COMMISSION: That the wheel tax currently imposed in and for Tripp County be amended as set forth herein.

Section 1: All motor vehicles as defined in SDCL 32-3-1, registered in the County shall have a wheel tax imposed upon each vehicle at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle wheel.

Section 2: The wheel tax shall be collected and administered by the County. The per vehicle wheel rate shall be the same for all types of motor vehicles and the total vehicle tax may not exceed sixty dollars (\$60.00) per vehicle, based on a maximum of twelve (12) wheels per vehicle.

Section 3: The proceeds from the tax created by this Ordinance shall be retained by the county, deposited in the county road and bridge fund, and the revenue may be used only for highway and bridge maintenance and construction. The Board of County Commissioners shall, by resolution, establish a means of distributing the revenue generated by this chapter among the county, the townships, and the municipalities located within the County.

Section 4: The wheel tax provided for in this Ordinance shall be collected at each annual renewal of the registration of every vehicle registered in the County.

Section 5: Upon purchasing a vehicle from a dealer, the purchaser shall pay the appropriate tax at the time of title transfer. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent an automobile dealer from licensing the vehicles in the dealer's lot without paying any taxes created by this Ordinance.

Section 6: This Ordinance is intended to replace, and therefore it does hereby repeal, Tripp County Ordinance #2004-1, Tripp County Ordinance #2020-2, and any other ordinance or portion of any ordinance which provided for a county wheel tax under the provisions of SDCL Chapter 32-5A.

Section 7: If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, it shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and for this purpose, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. In all other respects, Wheel Tax Ordinance #2004-01 and #2020-2 shall remain unchanged.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Chair, Cody Jorgensen

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Joyce Kartak

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Michael Novotny  
ATTEST:

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

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to make a motion to hold a special commissioner meeting on Wednesday April 22, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to approve the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant application for the Tripp County Fairgrounds.  
Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

A Plat by the owners of the land herein platted as Lot 8, Atteberry Addition to the City of Colome, located in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 98 North, Range 75 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Tripp County, SD was presented for the approval of the Board of Commissioners.  
Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Kartak, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION (20-2026):

WHEREAS, the owners of land herein platted as Lot 8, Atteberry Addition to the City of Colome, located in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 33, Township 98 North, Range 75 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Tripp County, SD have presented to the Tripp County Board of Commissioners the described plat conforms to all requirements of SDCL 11-3-8,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the plat is hereby approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

Dated at Winner, South Dakota this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Chair, Cody Jorgensen

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Michael Novotny  
ATTEST:

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County Auditor  
Roll call: Ayes: Jorgensen, Kartak, Forgey, Wilcox 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, 2026.  
Total amount of deposits in banks \$5,562,127.99

Total amount of actual cash	600.97
Total amount of checks and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days	55,910.36
Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days	
Myron McKenzie	76.40
Credit Card	1,718.88
Postage, Freight, Exp.	
Co. License & Title	<u>12.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,620,446.60

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026  
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.

The Register of Deed's Statement of Fees collected during the month of March 2026 showed \$10,223.50.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to approve the Quarterly Ambulance Write-offs in the amount of \$22,318.55.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Kartak made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve the 2026-2027 Application for the RB License submitted by the Red Hills Last Chance Saloon, LLC, for Package (on-off-sale) Malt Beverage and (on-off sale) South Dakota farm wines.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to increase the Ambulance Fund \$130,460.92 due to unanticipated grant money received.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 11:50 P.M. Forgey made the motion to adjourn until April 22, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Wilcox.

Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

The Tripp County Board of Commissioners convened as a Board of Equalization on April 14, 2026, 12:00 P.M. Roll call showed Board members Cody Jorgensen, Joyce Kartak, Daniel Forgey, Larry Wilcox and Michael Novotny. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa Janiece Weber, DOE and Dan Bechtold, Winner Advocate.

The Board assumed the Oath of Office.

The board reviewed the list of the changes made on Assessments after Assessment Notices were mailed by the Assessor.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to approve the stipulated adjustments.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Reviewed the exemptions in the County, including Discretionary, Elderly Tax Freeze and Veterans Exemptions.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to approve the Tax-Exempt applications.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

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.

Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to approve the changes made in the unorganized townships of Gassman, Pahapesto, Progressive and Wright.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

There were 1,233 + parcels done in 2025. Discussion was held on what is planned to accomplish for this Summer. Work on Winner City Commercial for reappraisal and finish misc. Township improvements/follow ups and look at Winner and Colome building permits.

Weber will be hosting an Equalization Commercial Workshop in Winner on May 17 and 18. There will be 19 counties participating and the commissioners are encouraged to attend.

A list of workshops, school and conferences were submitted to the commissioners. Novotny made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to authorize the necessary expenses for Janiece Weber, Director of Equalization, to attend a SDAAO Conference June 2-5 in Sioux Falls, Tax Policies Class June 22-26 in

Pierre, Vanguard Workshop September 9-10 in Chamberlain and any District Meeting that may be scheduled in 2026.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 12:30 P.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adjourn as a Board of Equalization.

Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman, Cody Jorgensen

ATTEST:

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County Auditor

Tripp County, South Dakota

April 22, 2026

The special 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 22, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. Roll call showed Board members Cody Jorgensen, Daniel Forgey, Larry Wilcox, and Michael Novotny. Joyce Kartak joined via zoom. Also present was Auditor Barbara DeSersa, Roger and Tammy Sund and States Attorney Zach Pahlke.

Novotny made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest was reported.

No one appeared for public comment.

Roger and Tammy Sund spoke about several incidents that have happened in the last few weeks between the highway department and county commissioners. Discussion was held.

At 10:31 A.M. Mr. and Mrs. Sund left the meeting.

At 10:32 A.M. Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to enter into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor, Barbara DeSersa, left during executive session.

At 10:41 A.M. Chairman Jorgensen declared returning to regular session.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Novotny, to terminate Highway Superintendent Roger Sund effective April 22, 2026, with paid administrative leave and suspended for 30 days.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

Wilcox made the motion, seconded by Forgey, to appoint Kevin Osborne as Interim Highway Superintendent until the position is filled.

Roll call: All ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:45 A.M. Forgey made the motion, seconded by Wilcox, to adjourn until April 28, 2026.

Roll call: All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman, Cody Jorgensen

ATTEST:

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County Auditor