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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 27, 2025
To: Deadwood City Commission
From: Kevin Kuchenbecker, Historic Preservation Officer
Re: 2025 City of Deadwood Ledger Indexing Project

The City Archives is requesting permission to enter into a contract with Donald Toms of Lead, South Dakota to index the Lawrence County Tax Records (1913 – 1920) as part of the 2025 ledger indexing project. In 2025, the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission allocated \$8,000.00 from the City Archives budget to index the next installment of the Lawrence County ledgers that have been microfilmed and digitized in 2022.

These tax ledgers provide a tremendous amount of insight into the families that once lived in Deadwood and Lawrence County. If approved, the City Attorney will develop a contract for this project.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed this request at their January 21, 2025 meeting and recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

Move to enter into a contract with Donald Toms, independent contractor, to index the Lawrence County Tax Records (1913 – 1920) as part of the 2025 ledger indexing project. The cost for this project will not exceed the amount of \$8,000.00. This is a 2025 City Archives budgeted project.