

**Custer County Commission Meeting (Wednesday, July 25, 2018)**

**Members present:**

Commissioners Travis Bies, Phil Lampert, Jesse Sorenson, Jim Lintz, and States Attorney Tracy Kelley.

**A. Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**B. Adopting of the agenda**

Motion by Bies and seconded by Lintz to approve the agenda with the correction of item #2 under Highway to Public Comment instead of Public Hearing. Motion carried, unanimous.

**C. Consent Agenda**

Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Lintz to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 commission meeting minutes and the following vouchers. Motion carried, unanimous.

Vouchers approved as follows:

**PAYROLL:** Commission \$1,875; Auditor \$5,441.99; Treasurer \$5,604.70; IST \$1,818.82; States Attorney \$7,078.49; Courthouse Building \$2,888; Equalization \$6,167.42; Register of Deeds \$2,830.91; Veteran Service \$830.88; Human Resource \$1,094.38; Sheriff \$22,692.78; Nurse \$704.44; Library \$5,552.95; Extension \$1,217.04; Weed & Pest \$1,420.01; Planning \$3,927.54; Highway & Bridge \$23,309.08; Emergency Management \$2,272.51; 24/7 \$\$666.46; Communications/911 \$9,772.95

**COMMISSIONERS:** SDACO \$3,246; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$71.45; CAN Surety \$172; Verizon Wireless \$82.18

**ELECTION:** Lynn's Dakotamart \$56.80

**COURT:** Beesley Law Office \$1,627.80

**AUDITOR:** Quill \$39.46; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$3.34; Thomson Reuter \$345.38; Evergreen Office Products \$56.36

**TREASURER:** First Interstate Bank Master Card \$3.34; Thomson Reuters \$36.10

**STATE'S ATTORNEY:** SD Department of Revenue \$100; Thomson Reuters \$345.38

**COURTHOUSE BUILDING:** Servall Towel & Linen \$57.76; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$685.29; Verizon Wireless \$88.08

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION:** First Interstate Bank Master Card \$65.86; Networkfleet \$18.95; Hotel Alex Johnson \$599.22; Thomson Reuters \$36.10

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** First Interstate Bank Master Card \$3.34; Thomson Reuters \$54.15

**VETERANS SERVICES:** SDVSOA \$50

**INFO TECHNOLOGY:** Golden West Technologies \$5,880.94

**HUMAN RESOURCE:** Verizon Wireless \$16.44

**SHERIFF:** Black Hills Electric \$70.91; French Creek Loggers \$14.99; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$421.33; Liberty Superstores \$47,634; Networkfleet \$170.55; Innovative Office Solutions \$34.50; Lexisnexis \$85; Verizon Wireless \$399.92; Great Western Tire \$1,364.80

**PRISONER CARE:** City of Rapid City \$210; Pennington County Jail \$8,280; Department of Revenue \$70; Manlove Psychiatric \$119.80; Rapid City Regional Hospital \$45.81

**SEARCH & RESCUE:** Custer County Search & Rescue \$3,649.97

**AIRPORT:** Grimms Pump Service \$47,740.20; Western Communications \$903; MG Oil \$4,699.76

**LIBRARY:** First Interstate Bank Master Card \$1,205.75; Centurylink \$14.04

**EXTENSION:** Quill \$134.37; Discovery Benefits \$27.78

**CONSERVATION:** Quill \$93.75

**WEED & PEST:** Bob McLaren \$115.18; Margaret Kainz \$137.50; Elaine Studt \$37.50; Larry Vickers \$186.51; Rick Fox \$1,000; Dave Reyelts \$435.74; June Johnston \$34; Roger Dikoff \$985.12; Carl Hansen \$56.13; Troy Schmidt \$63.75; Amanda Dikoff \$359.11; Marvin Johnson \$168.38; Bret Morton \$46.20; Roger Sietsma \$50; Mitch Paulson \$298.51; Great Western Tire \$764.88

**PLANNING:** First Interstate Bank Master Card \$3.34; Discovery Benefits \$27.78; Verizon Wireless \$54.15

**COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE:** Black Hills Electric \$752.75; Diesel Machinery \$901.77; French Creek Loggers \$38.28; Fastenal \$9.87; Interstate Batteries \$353.85; Inland Truck Parts \$24.21; Servall Towel & Linen \$98.18; Rosane Construction \$14,162.02; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$258.19; Kevin Treloar \$1,000; Black Hills Gravel \$12,318.75; Custer Ace Hardware \$37.98; Gary Kester \$1,836; North Central International \$587.82; Croell Inc. \$23,953.42; Centurylink \$14.05; MG Oil Company \$303.86; Verizon Wireless \$33.93; CBH Cooperative \$2,533.60

**FIRE PROTECTION:** Folsom Fire Department \$2,256

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Networkfleet \$18.95; Teresa Obenauer \$50; Verizon Wireless \$54.15

**STATE GRANTS-GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Hills Material \$3,500; Kadmas Lee & Jackson \$2,846.90

**24/7 SOBRIETY:** Intoximeters Inc. \$320; SD Attorney General \$100

**BUILDING:** Black Hills Electric \$479.05; Black Hills Energy \$4,730.76; Thyssenkrupp Elevator \$375

**EMERGENCY LINE:** Innovative Office Solutions \$6.33; Centurylink \$533.15; Discovery Benefits \$27.76; RT Communications \$24.54

**LAW LIBRARY:** Thomson Reuters \$345.38

**D. Conflict of Interest Declarations** – none declared

**E. Highway**

1. Motion by Lintz and seconded by Bies to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant Program Resolution Authorizing Submission of Applications. Motion carried, unanimous.
2. The meeting was opened for public comment for application for preservation of bridge number 17-379-260 east of Buffalo Gap. Those in attendance included: Marty Mechaley, Teri Morgan, Tim Holland, Craig Hindle, Mike Linde, Harry Martinez, Kim Kerkvliet, Jana Virtue, Rex Harris, Jason Ferguson, Patty Caster and Gary Woodford. Motion by Bies and seconded by Lintz to approve the 2019 Application for Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) PE Funds for Bridge #17-379-260 located over Beaver Creek east of Buffalo Gap. Motion carried, unanimous.

**F. Sheriff**

1. Sheriff Mechaley reported that he had worked with the Custer School District to create a job description for the new School Resource Officer position. The Custer School District has approved funding of \$45,000 for the position and Custer County will provide the remaining wages and equipment. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Bies to approve the School Resource Agreement with Custer School District. Motion carried, unanimous.
2. Sheriff Mechaley informed the commission that the dispatcher position has been offered and accepted by John Hance and he will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> with a wage of \$14.93 per hour.

**G. Planning**

1. Motion by Lintz and seconded by Bies to approve the Plat of Loe Tract and Tolman Tract, formerly Lot 5RR and Lot 3RR of Coolidge Creek Subdivision located in the W2NE4 and the NW4SE4 of Section 1, T3S, R7E, BHM, Custer County, South Dakota. Motion carried, unanimous.
2. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Lintz to approve the Wireless Communication Tower Modification application from T-Mobile, USA, Inc. for tower located in SE4NE4 & S2, Section 2, T3S, R8E, Custer County, South Dakota. Motion carried, unanimous.
3. Rex Harris, Planning & Zoning Director, updated the commission on the relocation process of three mobile homes purchased from John and Peggy Evans and one privately owned mobile home in the Runway Protection Zone of the Custer County Airport. The South Dakota Department of Transportation Relocation Service is currently working on relocating the current tenants of the three mobile homes purchased and the one mobile home privately owned. Harris informed the commission that one of the tenants is requesting an extension of the relocation date until September 30, 2018. Motion by Lintz and seconded by Sorenson to authorize an extension until September 30, 2018. Motion carried, unanimous.
4. Harris gave an update on the courthouse drainage issue. Due to the amount of moisture received recently and upcoming events the project is on hold until after the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

**H. Safety Officer**

1. Kim Kerkvliet, Safety Officer, updated the commission on the new safety manual. Kerkvliet is working on getting ID badges for all county employees.

#### **I. Equalization**

1. Patty Caster, Director of Equalization, gave a summary of appeals that were heard at the Office of Hearing Examiners. Five taxpayers appealed seven different parcels. One of the appeals was settled by a stipulation that was reached between the taxpayer and the Equalization Office prior to the scheduled hearing. Two of the taxpayers did not appear at the hearings and those appeals were dismissed. The remaining two appeals were presented and a decision should be received by the end of the second week in August. Caster credited the two appraisers, Julie Jenniges and Amanda Pierce, on the preparation that was done prior to the hearing and how well they presented at the hearing.
2. Laura Rosane has been hired as a new appraiser and will begin on August 1, 2018 with a starting wage of \$13.23 per hour.
3. The Department of Revenue has issued the ag top dollars. The 2019 crop top value dollar will be \$1,135.97 and the 2019 non crop top value dollar will be \$504.41. Both of these values are up from 2018. The average agricultural value per acre in Custer County will be \$281.62.
4. The office is working on gathering data and sales for the non ag parcels and putting into spreadsheets in order to analyze and determine where adjustments will need to be made.
5. Caster gave the commission a copy of SDCL 11-7-3 Definition of "blighted area" and SDCL 11-7-2 Definition of "slum area". Suggestion was made to work with the cities and towns when developing the county's definition of blighted area and slum area.
6. The commission had requested an estimated value of all parcels located in Custer State Park at the July 11, 2018 Commission meeting. The office is working on getting those values together and has determined there are approximately 173 parcels that would need to be valued. There are currently 48 parcels that are owned by the State of South Dakota that are being taxed.
7. Caster reviewed her proposed 2019 department budget with the commissioners.

#### **J. States Attorney**

1. Tracy Kelley, States Attorney, reviewed the department's proposed 2019 budget with the commissioners.

#### **K. Auditor**

1. Auditor Terri Cornelison stated she is working on determining how much surplus is currently in the general fund.
2. The commission reviewed the proposed 2019 department budgets and will need to have the provisional budget done in August.

#### **L. Public Comment – none**

#### **M. Commission**

1. Mail call – none
2. Meeting Schedule – There will be a joint Republican Central Committee meeting on Friday, July 27, 2018, at the Pine Room in Custer to elect a replacement candidate for the State Senator position in District 30. All five of the Custer County Commissioners will be in attendance.
3. Meeting Reports – Lintz reported on the Black Hills Association of County Commissioners and County Officials meeting that was held in Hot Springs, SD, on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Three

resolutions were presented and discussed. Bies reported that he had been appointed to serve on the Black Hills Forest Service Board.

**N. Executive Session**

1. Motion by Lintz and seconded by Bies to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and SDCL 1-25-2 and 28-13-42. Executive Session began at 9:52 a.m. to discuss personnel and two indigent requests and concluded at 11:25 a.m.
2. Motion by Bies and seconded by Lintz to table the Indigent Request #1 until the next commission meeting and to request further information. Motion carried, unanimous.
3. Motion by Lintz and seconded by Sorenson to approve the Indigent Request #2. Motion carried, unanimous.
4. Motion by Bies and seconded by Lintz to authorize Troy Schmidt, GIS Director, to work remotely from his new home in Nebraska beginning August 6, 2018, at the recommended salary from the Payroll Committee of \$50,000. Motion carried, unanimous.

**O. Adjourn**

Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Bies to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. August 8, 2018, in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

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Phil Lampert, Chairman

Attest:

Terri Cornelison, Custer County Auditor

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