

Custer County Commission Meeting (Wednesday, March 11, 2020)

Members present:

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Jesse Sorenson, Mike Linde, Craig Hindle and Deputy States Attorney Susan Anderson.

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

B. Adopting of the agenda

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hindle to approve the agenda as presented; vote, all aye; motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Motion by Linde and seconded by Sorenson to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2020 commission meeting, the following vouchers and monthly reports; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

Vouchers approved as follows:

PAYROLL: Commissioners \$1,912.50 Auditor \$4,819.43; Treasurer \$6,963.83; IST \$2,167.50; States Attorney \$9,426.97; Courthouse Building \$5,094.55; Equalization \$10,751.11; Register of Deeds \$3,347.97; Veterans Service \$767.76; Human Resource \$1,181.66; Sheriff \$29,724.12; Coroner \$510.87; Nurse \$666.72; Library \$6,637.44; Extension \$611.16; Conservation \$425; Weed & Pest \$1,275; Planning \$3,338.10; Highway \$26,531.02; Emergency Management \$2,885.15; 24/7 \$874.32; Communications \$11,407.38

GENERAL FUND: United States of America \$3,176.57

COMMISSIONERS: Southern Hills Publishing \$318.18; Pitney Bowes \$373.94; Interstate Batteries \$121.95

COURT: Sarah Twiss \$91.24; Alyssa Bryan \$125; Andrea Twiss \$40

AUDITOR: A & B Business \$655.26; Southern Hills Publishing \$11.68; Golden West Telecommunications \$178.57

TREASURER: A & B Business \$662.42; Golden West Telecommunications \$178.57

INFO SYSTEMS & TECH: Golden West Telecommunications \$71.43

STATE'S ATTORNEY: Cheyenne County Sheriff \$45; A & B Business \$222.37; Lexisnexi \$337; Golden West Telecommunications \$178.57; Culligan Water \$30.50

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Beesley Law Office \$3,720.90; Justin O'Neill \$693.73; Skinner Law Office \$4,295.29; Garland Lee Goff \$2,144.50

COURTHOUSE BUILDING: Custer Ace Hardware \$27.98; Golden West Telecommunications \$35.71; G & R Controls \$827.91

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Southern Hills Publishing \$53.20; Interstate Batteries \$128.95; A & B Business \$251.17; Golden West Telecommunications \$214.29; SDAAO Treasurer \$150

REGISTER OF DEEDS: A & B Business \$251.16; Golden West Telecommunications \$142.86

VETERANS SERVICES: A & B Business \$63.58; Golden West Telecommunications \$35.71

INFO TECHNOLOGY: Golden West Technologies \$2,632; Golden West Telecommunications \$10; Schneider Geospatial \$2,715; Pitney Bowes \$462.57

HUMAN RESOURCE: Evergreen Office Products \$46.19

SHERIFF: Black Hills Energy \$97.15; French Creek Supply \$21.48; A & B Business \$209.16; Liberty Superstores \$619.97; Custer Ace Hardware \$7.99; Innovative Office Solutions \$78.90; Golden West Telecommunications \$367.34; Culligan Water \$46.50

PRISONER CARE: Mary Seifert \$75; Satellite Tracking of People LLC \$6.50

SEARCH & RESCUE: Black Hills Energy \$489.45

CIVIL AIR PATROL: Civil Air Patrol \$900

AIRPORT: French Creek Supply \$58.96; Custer Ace Hardware \$9.98; Golden West Telecommunications \$112.54

SUPPORT OF POOR: Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home \$2,000; Coupens Rentals \$450; Rapid City Emergency Services \$150.52

FOOD PANTRY: Custer Storehouse \$875

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION: Prairie Hills Transit \$5,000

CASA: Seventh Circuit CASA Program \$2,400

LIBRARY: Mt Rushmore Telephone \$231.62; Golden West Telecommunications \$146.63

SENIOR CITIZENS: Hermosa Senior Center \$1,550

ART GALLERY: Southern Hills Publishing \$45

EXTENSION: A & B Business \$198.35; SDSU Extension \$10,440.87; Golden West Telecommunications \$174.17

CONSERVATION: Custer Conservation District \$9,000

WEED & PEST: Best Western Ramkota \$551.94; Custer Ace Hardware \$77.98

PLANNING: A & B Business \$355.67; Golden West Telecommunications \$142.86; Quill \$111.81

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE: Butler Machinery \$399.14; Custer Do It Best \$102.87; Southern Hills Publishing \$283.04; Floyd's Truck Center \$122.28; French Creek Supply \$285.29; Fastenal \$78.97; Interstate Batteries \$479.80; Mt Rushmore Telephone \$119.06; A & B Business \$192.23; S & B Motor Parts \$1,000.02; SD Department of Transportation \$300.86; Brosz Engineering \$4,757.50; Servall Towel & Linen \$111.34; Snap On Tools \$449; Custer Ace Hardware \$163.92; Golden West Telecommunications \$332.28; Charles Wuestwald \$24.67; Culligan Water \$40; CBH Cooperative \$1,997.96

FIRE PROTECTION: Argyle Fire Department \$11,000; Buffalo Gap Fire Department \$5,000; Dewey Fire Department \$2,500; Folsom Fire Department \$5,750; Highlands Fire Department \$5,750; Pringle Fire Department \$12,169

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Midwest Card and Id Solutions \$500; Golden West Telecommunications \$107.14

24/7 SOBRIETY: Concordance Healthcare \$15.25

BUILDING: Custer City \$268.62; Black Hills Energy \$4,724.84; SD Public Assurance Alliance \$675.99; Adtech Rapid Fire Protection \$436.65

ROD MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION: Microfilm Imaging System \$1,202.25

EMERGENCY LINE: Rushmore Communications \$1,265; A & B Business \$201.20; Golden West Telecommunications \$1,396.34; Culligan Water \$46.50

TREASURER'S TRUST: SD Department of Revenue \$150

Monthly Reports approved:

- Register of Deeds February 2020 statement of fees with \$420 collected in state fees, \$10,004 in county fees, and \$282 for SDACO fees for a total of \$10,706.
- The Auditor's report with the Treasurer for February 2020 as follows: Cash \$3,200.72; Checks/Drafts \$50,755.85; Petty Cash \$1,050; SD Fit \$518,657.55; 1st Interstate Bank checking \$344,420.24; 1st Interstate Bank Savings \$1,151,640.94; ED Jones MM \$291,806.24; 1st Interstate Flex \$61,153.42; 1st Interstate Investments \$37,698.96; Sentinel CU Checking \$208.03; Sentinel CU TIIA \$105,134.01; Sentinel CU Savings \$10,099.03; Highmark Investment \$153,022.18; Highmark Savings \$10,192.86; Highmark Checking \$5,000; Dacotah Bank Checking \$12,677.50; Dacotah Investments \$705,433.37; Accrued Interest \$3,190.72; Ed Jones Investments \$2,613,072.44 for a total of \$6,078,414.06.
- Custer County Sheriff's February 2020 report: \$10 fingerprinting; \$24 accident/accruint reports; \$51 basic concealed weapon permits; \$150 enhanced concealed weapon permits; \$296.27 mileage; \$1,770 service fees; \$25 distress warrants; \$95 executions; \$86.84 commissions earned on executions; \$6.80 postage; \$40 CSO Ordered U/As fees; \$85 Misc/Other for a grand total of \$2,639.91.

D. Conflict of Interest Declarations – the commission declared no conflicts of interest.

E. Highway

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to approve Revised Resolution 2020-08 Custer County Bridge Re-Inspection Program; vote, all aye; motion carried.

REVISED Resolution 2020-08
Custer County Bridge Re-Inspection Program

WHEREAS, Title 23, Section 151, *United States Code* and Title 23, Part 650, Subpart C, *Code of Federal Regulations*, requires initial inspection of all bridges and re-inspection at intervals not to exceed two (2) years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are re-inspected at intervals not to exceed four (4) years.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County that Custer County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program using Bridge Replacement funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Custer County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering, Inc. (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill Custer County for twenty percent (20%) of the cost. Custer County will be responsible for the required twenty percent (20%) matching funds.

Dated this 11th day of March 2020, at Custer, South Dakota.

2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Hindle to approve the Application for Occupancy of the Right of Way from Golden West Telecommunications for a telecommunications facility on Lower French Creek Road in Section 3, T4S, R5E, Custer County, South Dakota; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
3. Motion by Linde and seconded by Hindle to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Road Project Agreement between the Custer County Commissioners and the USDA, Forest Service, Region 2, Black Hills National Forest for Cattle Guard Cleaning, Repair and Replacement 2020; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
4. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hartman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign Utilities Certificate Project Number BRO 8017(00)18-3 PCN 06VL and Right of Way Certificate Project Number BRO 8017(00)18-3; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
5. The bids for 3/8" chips that were opened at the February 26, 2020 Commission meeting have been reviewed for compliance. Motion by Hindle and seconded by Hartman to accept the lowest bid from Croell, Inc. at \$15 per ton for the Buffalo Gap area (FOB Streeter Pit) and the lowest bid from Black Hills Gravel at \$10.25 per ton for the Pringle area (FOB Black Hills Pit); vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

F. Weed & Pest

1. Caley Buckert, Weed & Pest/Conservation, gave an update to the commission. For Weed & Pest, Buckert attended the Black Hills Stock Show and the State Convention. Buckert will be advertising for part-time seasonal weed sprayers in the near future, will be sending letters out

to land owners regarding weed control and will be attending Spring Training in May. For the Conservation Office, Buckert attended the Custer Trade Show, is in the process of working with the Planning Office to revise a brochure for new land/home owners in Custer County, applying for a thinning grant, preparing a newsletter and will attend a Landowner Workshop in May.

G. Library

1. Doris Ann Mertz, Library Director, gave her 2019 annual report which included:
 - Provided resources and services to Custer County at a cost of \$30.12 per capita of county income. The state average was \$34.47. Provided a Return on Investment of \$4.21 for every county dollar spent on the library.
 - Spent \$15,488 in non-county funded expenses
 - Had \$15,449 in non-county income
 - Had 34,549 visits at the two library branches
 - Offers free public access to computers and 24/7 Wi-Fi in the county
 - Circulated 49,263 physical items, up 6% from 2018
 - Hosted 187 programs between the two library branches with attendance of 3,393 (10% increase over 2018)

The commission commended Mertz on a job well done.

H. Human Resource

1. With the absence of Human Resource Director, Tim Holland, motion was made by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to move the drug testing policy and cost to the next commission meeting on March 25, 2020; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

I. Equalization

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hindle to approve the new hires of Jill Burch as Appraiser starting March 17, 2020 at a wage of \$13.89 per hour and Alexis Rhew as Appraiser starting March 23, 2020 at a wage of \$13.89 per hour; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

J. Communications Center

1. The commission acknowledged the resignation of Steven Blume as 911 dispatch effective March 2, 2020.
2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Hindle to approve the promotion of Hapsie Nutley from part-time temporary 911 dispatcher to permanent full-time 911 dispatcher effective March 13, 2020 at a wage of \$16.08 per hour; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

K. Auditor

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to approve Abatement 2007A for \$250, Abatement 2008A for \$250 and Abatement 2009A for \$356.34; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
2. The commission acknowledged the Custer County Library 2020 Board Member List.
3. The commission acknowledged the updated Highlands Volunteer Fire Department member list.

L. Western SD Community Action Board

1. Jim Olson, Western SD Community Action Board member gave a report for the months of September through December 2019. Some of the statistics included:
 - Food Received by Family Unit/Group – 133 Sept, 125 Oct, 122 Nov and 144 Dec

- Food Received by Family members – 194 Sept, 180 Oct, 177 Nov and 208 Dec
- Food Received by Adults – 162 Sept, 155 Oct, 149 Nov and 176 Dec
- Food Received by Minors – 32 Sept, 25 Oct, 28 Nov and 32 Dec
- Food Received by Seniors – 60 Sept, 58 Oct, 63 Nov and 76 Dec
- LBS per Family – 67 Sept, 74 Oct, 73 Nov and 71 Dec
- Senior Box Only – 39 LBS Sept, 37 LBS Oct, 38 LBS Nov and 39 LBS Dec
- Volunteer Hours – 153.5 Sept, 223 Oct, 204 Nov and 240.5 Dec

M. 1881 Courthouse Museum

1. Gary Enright, Museum Director, and Rick Wheeler, Museum Board member, presented to the board on estimates for repairs to the museum. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hartman to approve the estimate for the “Widow’s Walk” repairs/replacement and approve expenditures up to \$10,000; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

N. Public Comment- Veronica Edoff inquired about relief on a tax bill for an abandoned church building on property owned by Folsom Community Club. The property had been tax exempt in previous years but was placed on the tax rolls for 2019. Director of Equalization, Leah Vissia, re-appraised the property for 2020.

O. Commission

1. Mail call – A thank letter was received from Custer Sr. Meals for the county support; A letter was received from DENR regarding a Free Abandoned Underground Tank Removal Program; A thank you letter was received from the Custer Senior Center for the county support and a letter was received from the Forest Service regarding a stakeholders meeting on April 10, 2020 in Rapid City.
2. Meeting Schedule – The Black Hills Association of County Commissioners and County Officials will hold their next meeting on March 13, 2020 in Rapid City.
3. Meeting Reports – Hindle, Sorenson, Mike Carter, Susan Anderson and Brenden Hendrickson attended the FAA meeting on March 10th; Linde will be attending a Solid Waste Board meeting and Conservation meeting later this week; Hartman will have a Custer County Housing meeting next week; Lintz attended a Weed & Pest Board meeting and a Fair Board meeting.

P. 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing for New Malt Beverage Application

1. At 9:30 a.m. the public hearing was opened for a new Malt Beverage Application from Boyds World Famous Antiques & Uniques (Mark Wenzlaff, owner) – Boyd Subdivision Lot 1R of HES #316 in SE4 of Section 33, T2S, R4E, Custer County, SD. No one appeared to support or oppose the application. Motion by Hindle and seconded by Linde to approve the new Malt Beverage License Application for Boyds World Famous Antiques & Uniques (Mark Wenzlaff, owner) – Boyd Subdivision Lot 1R of HES #316 in SE4 of Section 33, T2S, R4E, Custer County, SD; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

Q. Old Business

1. There was no old business presented to the commission.

R. Executive Session

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). Executive Session started at 9:33 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations and concluded at 10:10 a.m. with no action taken.

S. Adjourn

Motion by Linde and seconded by Hindle to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. March 25, 2020 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest:

Terri Cornelison, Custer County Auditor

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