

Custer County Commission Meeting (Wednesday, December 4, 2019)

Members present:

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Jesse Sorenson, Mike Linde, Craig Hindle, States Attorney Tracy Kelley 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 Hartman and seconded by Linde to add a travel voucher for Jana Virtue and list dates of commission minutes (November 20th and November 25th Special Meeting) to the Consent Agenda and to approve the agenda with the changes; vote, all aye; motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hartman to approve minutes of the November 20th commission meeting and the November 25th Special commission meeting, the following travel requests and vouchers; vote, all aye; motion carried.

Travel requests approved: Caley Buckert to SD Association of Conservation Districts Conference in Pierre, SD, at no cost to the county and Jana Virtue to SDDVA Fall Mini Conference in Rapid City, SD, at a cost of \$29.75

Vouchers approved as follows:

PAYROLL: Commissioners \$1,875; Auditor \$5,936.87; Treasurer \$8,014.76; IST \$2,125; States Attorney \$9,239.14; Courthouse Building \$4,793.33; Equalization \$8,221.19; Register of Deeds \$3,020.96; Veterans Service \$1,120.50; Human Resource \$1,116.27; Sheriff \$26,677.345; Nurse \$769.08; Library \$6,874.41; Weed & Pest \$1,666.67; Planning \$3,733.70; Highway \$27,943.01; Emergency Management \$2,317.96; 24/7 \$319.47; Communications/911 \$11,280.61

GENERAL FUND: Custer County Treasurer \$154.26

COMMISSIONERS: Southern Hills Publishing \$464.12; Catastrophic Legal Expense \$1,783; Verizon Wireless \$82.18

ELECTION: First Interstate Bank Master Card \$41.54

COURT: Juror Fees \$80.32

AUDITOR: Hub International \$50; McLeod's Printing \$155.01; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$1,383.87

TREASURER: First Interstate Bank Master Card \$694.58

STATE'S ATTORNEY: Paul Bachand \$836; Luke Yellow Robe \$1,500; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$518.12

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Beesley Law Office \$5,954.06; Justin O’Neill \$1,876.17; Garland Goff \$1,003.20

COURTHOUSE BUILDING: First Interstate Bank Master Card \$799.69; Verizon Wireless \$44.61

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Southern Hills Publishing \$88; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$215.77

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Quill \$89.97; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$205.77; Innovative Office Solutions \$16.09

VETERANS SERVICES: First Interstate Bank Master Card \$126.34

INFO TECHNOLOGY: Golden West Technologies \$74,646.71

HUMAN RESCOURSE: SD Division of Criminal Investigation \$43.25; CJ Designs \$50; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$41.74; Verizon Wireless \$16.44

SHERIFF: Corner Station \$33.99; Black Hills Energy \$89.96; Southern Hills Publishing \$32.80; French Creek Supply \$313.98; S & B Motors Parts \$392.84; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$1,124.73; Lexisnexis \$85; Verizon Wireless \$406.49

CORONER: Clinical Lab of the Black Hills \$1,646

PRISONER CARE: Manlove Psychiatric Group \$168.39

SAFETY OFFICER: Kelley Inn \$109.50

SEARCH & RESCUE: Custer City \$77.11

SUPPORT OF POOR: Care Campus \$4,360.50

MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Beesley Law Office \$1,799.75; Black Hills Fireside \$740

LIBRARY: First Interstate Bank Master Card \$2,206.19

COURTHOUSE ART GALLERY: Southern Hills Publishing \$58.50

EXTENSION: First Interstate Bank Master Card \$381.82

WEED & PEST: First Interstate Bank Master Card \$186.30

PLANNING: Southern Hills Publishing \$23.50; Golden West Technologies \$258; A & B Business \$107.77; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$399.98; Verizon Wireless \$49.61

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE: Black Hills Energy \$76.52; Butler Machinery \$1,972.79; Southern Hills Publishing \$125.11; Floyd’s Truck Center \$6,090.57; French Creek Supply \$71.44; Fastenal Company \$120.73; Quill \$65.34; S & B Motor Parts \$216.10; Town of Buffalo Gap \$61; Rockmount Research &

Alloy \$339.46; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$365.14; Freeman’s Electric \$667.01; Black Hills Gravel \$16,125; Bills Heating & Cooling \$129.29; Nelson’s Oil & Gas \$1,152.40; Verizon Wireless \$26.73; Great Western Tire \$83

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Rushmore Communications \$21,312.72; Verizon Wireless \$44.61

24/7: SD Attorney General \$1,098

BUILDING: Custer City \$315.41; Greystone Construction \$76,771; Southern Hills Publishing \$40.46

EMERGENCY LINE: First Interstate Bank Master Card \$416.81; Powerphone \$129; RT Communications \$23.28

D. Conflict of Interest Declarations – there were no conflicts of interest declared.

E. Highway

1. Gary Woodford, Highway Superintendent, presented to the board a proposal from Butler Machinery to purchase a new 140-13A Motor Grader for \$218,800. The price includes the trade allowance of \$85,000 for a 140M AWD Caterpillar that the county currently owns. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Sorenson to table the proposal until after Executive Session; vote, all aye; motion carried.

F. Weed & Pest

1. Caley Buckert, Weed & Pest Supervisor, updated the commission on the work done this past summer. There were 110 letters sent to land owners regarding weed control and Buckert visited 15 landowners to assist with weed control. The chemical reimbursement program will be issuing checks to land owners for chemical reimbursement for a total of \$19,577.09. Buckert stated that with available funds she was able to reimburse landowners 75% of cost. Caley and her two seasonal sprayers were able to spray the county roads once and completed an agreement with the Forest Service.
2. Buckert reminded the commission that the Part-time Weed & Pest Coordinator position currently being held by Gary Woodford may need to be address in the coming year. The weed and pest and conservation boards may assist with direction for this role.

G. Custer County Standard Fee and Permit Policy

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hindle to table the Custer County Standard Fee and Permit Policy to the first commission meeting in January of 2020; vote, all aye; motion carried.

H. Proposed Crazy Horse Scenic Byway

1. Tonya Huber with Kadrmas Lee & Jackson Engineering presented to the commission on the proposed scenic byway application from the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The proposed route would be along existing SD Hwy 40, SD Hwy 36, and US Hwy 16A until it enters Pennington County and then back in Custer County on US Hwy 16/385 where it ends at Crazy Horse Memorial. Several residents of the county attended to express their opposition to the application because of potential impacts to their property that have not been addressed in the application. Also, potential costs to the County were not addressed. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by

Hindle for the county to not support the Oglala Sioux Tribe's application of the Proposed Crazy Horse Scenic Byway; vote, all aye; motion carried.

I. South Dakota Department of Health

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Sorenson to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the State of South Dakota Consultant Contract for Provision of Community Health Services between Custer County and South Dakota Department of Health; vote, all aye; motion carried.

J. Auditor

1. The commission acknowledged the resignation of Bobbie Johnson, Deputy Auditor, effective December 2, 2019.
2. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to adopt, approve and ratify the South Dakota School District Benefits Fund Participation Agreement as presented; vote, all aye; motion carried.
3. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to approve the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance 2020 Anniversary Rating Supplement with recommendations of eight highway vehicles to be removed from full coverage insurance and be insured for liability only and removal of a 1982 Kenworth W900 truck from the county's insurance; vote, all aye; motion carried.
4. Motion by Hindle and seconded by Linde to approve the new hire of Karen Hicks as Deputy Auditor starting December 16, 2019, at a wage of \$13.23 per hour; vote, all aye; motion carried.

K. Application for Isolated Tract Easement

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to table the Application for Isolated Tract Easement from Richard and Barbara Drew until the second commission meeting in January of 2020; vote, all aye; motion carried.

L. 9:00 a.m. Bid Opening

1. Doris Ann Mertz, Library Director, and Rose Kor, Library Board member, opened the sealed bids received for the "2020 Custer County Library Addition" project. Bids received included:
 - Rosebud Construction \$181,960
 - Dean Kurtz Construction \$220,000
 - C. Eagle Construction \$231,750
 - Complete Contracting Solutions \$234,900
 - First Dakota Enterprises, Inc. \$248,000
 - Warnke Bros. Construction \$266,700
 - MAC Construction \$268,000
 - Ainsworth Benning Construction \$341,186
2. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hindle to table until the December 18, 2019, commission meeting to allow the library committee the opportunity to review the bids to ensure they meet all the bid specifications and authorize the chairman to sign the construction agreement for the awarded bid; vote, all aye; motion carried.

M. Airport

1. The commission discussed with Brenden Hendrickson, current Airport Manager, about the proposed amendment to the current Airport Management contract. Hendrickson expressed

his desire to work long-term for the county. The commission took public comment from individuals in attendance to support keeping Hendrickson as the Airport Manager.

2. Motion by Hartman to rescind the motion passed at the October 23, 2019 commission meeting “that per the terms of the Custer County Airport Management Contract, the County will issue a notice of the county’s intent not to renew the contract for a renewal period of 5 years and to revise the duties of the position and re-advertise for the 2020 fiscal year”. Motion died for a lack of a second.

N. Public Comment – no comments from the public.

O. Commission

1. Mail call – A letter was received from SDACC regarding commission assignment to be a legislative contact. Jim Lintz will be the legislative contact for Custer County.
2. Meeting Schedule – Black Hills Association of County Commissioners and Officials December 13, 2019 in Sturgis, SD.
3. Meeting Reports – Hartman attended Custer County Housing meeting; Linde attended Custer County School Board meeting.

P. Executive Session

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hindle to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and SDCL 1-25-2 & SDCL 28-13-42. Executive Session started at 9:00 a.m. to discuss personnel and indigent requests and concluded at 11:06 a.m.

Q. Airport

1. The commission brought Brenden Hendrickson back into the meeting to discuss his current Airport Manager Contract. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hartman to rescind the motion passed at the October 23, 2019 commission meeting “that per the terms of the Custer County Airport Management Contract, the County will issue a notice of the county’s intent not to renew the contract for a renewal period of 5 years and to revise the duties of the position and re-advertise for the 2020 fiscal year”; vote, all aye; motion carried.

R. Actions Taken by Commission Outside of Executive Session

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Hindle to approve Indigent Request #1; vote, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Linde and seconded by Sorenson to approve Indigent Request #2; vote, all aye; motion carried.
3. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hindle to make the payroll training being held on December 9th, 10th and 11th mandatory for all county employees to attend one session; vote, all aye; motion carried.
4. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to go to 8 hour shifts during Holiday weeks for all county departments, excluding Sheriff and Dispatch, for all Holidays going forward; vote, all aye; motion carried.
5. Motion to table the purchase of the Motor Grader for the Highway Department until the second commission meeting in January 2020; vote, all aye; motion carried.

S. Adjourn

Motion by Hindle and seconded by Sorenson to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. December 18, 2019 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest:
Terri Cornelison, Custer County Auditor

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