

Custer County Commission Meeting (Wednesday, January 22, 2020)

Members present:

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Jesse Sorenson, Mike Linde, and Deputy States Attorney Susan Anderson. Commissioner Hindle was absent from the meeting.

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 Linde and seconded by Hartman to add re-appointment of Ed Hoffman and Patti Lee to Planning Commission and to approve the agenda with the addition; vote, all aye; motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hartman to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 commission meeting and the following vouchers; vote, all aye; motion carried.

Vouchers approved as follows:

PAYROLL: Commissioners \$1,875 Auditor \$4,533.87; Treasurer \$6,480.78; IST \$2,318.40; States Attorney \$9,118.97; Courthouse Building \$4,507.01; Equalization \$7,509.70; Register of Deeds \$3,121.17; Veterans Service \$740.22; Human Resource \$1,181.67; Sheriff \$32,727.96; Coroner \$1,286.05; Nurse \$620.49; Library \$6,727.13; Extension \$611.16; Conservation \$428.74; Weed & Pest \$1,286.26; Planning \$4,678.86; Highway \$38,698.74; Emergency Management \$2885.16; 24/7 \$819.79; Communications \$13,395.16

GENERAL FUND: SD State Treasurer \$415.02

COMMISSIONERS: Pitney Bowes \$4,245.86; Verizon Connect \$34; Black Hills Regional Multiple \$100

AUDITOR: A & B Business \$649.07; Golden West Telecommunications \$172.93

TREASURER: McLeod's Printing \$357.14; A & B Business \$170; Golden West Telecommunications \$172.93

INFO SYSTEMS & TECH: Golden West Telecommunications \$69.17

STATE'S ATTORNEY: A & B Business \$170; Lexisnexi \$172.93; Culligan Water \$37; RC Police Department \$547

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Justin O'Neill \$1,100.27; Grey & Eisenbraun Law \$162.50

COURTHOUSE BUILDING: Verizon Connect \$35.95; Golden West Telecommunications \$34.59; G & R Controls \$9,681.68

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Lynn's Dakotamart \$4.90; A & B Business \$85; Verizon Connect \$18.95; Golden West Telecommunications \$207.52

REGISTER OF DEEDS: A & B Business \$85; US Bank \$119.70; Golden West Telecommunications \$138.34; State of South Dakota \$26.25

VETERANS SERVICES: A & B Business \$60; Golden West Telecommunications \$34.59

INFO TECHNOLOGY: Golden West Technologies \$4,625.25; Golden West Telecommunications \$10

HUMAN RESOURCE: Van Way Trophy \$154.05; Evergreen Office Products \$41.72

SHERIFF: Corner Station \$18.42; Black Hills Electric \$56.82; Lynn's Dakota Mart \$93.98; A & B Business \$170; Verizon Connect \$189.50; Children's Home Society \$300; Golden West Telecommunications \$349.86; L & A Welding \$402.95; Culligan Water \$72.50; SD Department of Public Safety \$1,420; A – Z Shredding \$20; CBH Cooperative \$1,861.34

PRISONER CARE: Pennington County Jail \$4,885; South Dakota Public Health Laboratory \$405; Satellite Tracking of People \$22.75; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory \$292.50; Linda Nohr \$75

SEARCH & RESCUE: Black Hills Energy \$453.93

AIRPORT: Golden West Telecommunications \$112.54

BLACK HILLS WORKSHOP: Black Hills Works \$6,000

MENTALLY ILL: Lewis & Clark \$356; Yankton County Sheriff \$50; Lacroix Law Office \$219.25; South Dakota Human Service \$19.73; Dean Schaefer Court Reporter \$42

MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Beesley Law Office \$1,447; Darcy Lockwood \$15; Mark Katterhagen \$15; Black Hills Fireside \$300; Lucy Lewno \$166.50

LIBRARY: Golden West Telecommunications \$146.93; Century Link \$17.04

SENIOR CITIZENS: Custer Senior Center \$20,000

EXTENSION: A & B Business \$170; Golden West Telecommunications \$222.65

WEED & PEST: Black Hills Electric \$206.90; SD Association of County Weed & Pest Supervisors \$50; Verizon Connect \$35.95; Weed & Pest Conference \$360

PLANNING: Lynn's Dakota Mart \$56.78; Verizon Connect \$17; Golden West Telecommunications \$138.34; Discovery Benefits \$20.83

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE: A & B Business \$138.18; Black Hills Electric \$2,294.82; Butler Machinery \$833.36; Diesel Machinery \$952.40; Floyd's Truck Center \$34.70; French Creek Supply \$309.59; Fastenal \$107.57; Godfrey Brake \$229.13; Golden West Technologies \$318; Inland Truck Parts \$465.78; Prairie Auto Parts \$70.14; Lynn's Dakota Mart \$15.36; Mt Rushmore Telephone \$117.06; Quill \$284.92; A & Business \$170; S & B Motor Parts \$134.95; Kiefer Sanitation \$172.50; Servall Towel & Linen \$106.42; Town of Buffalo Gap \$56; Snap on Tools \$353.25; First Interstate Bank Master Card \$101.37; Verizon

Connect \$617.55; Rittberger Trucking \$200; Freeman’s Electric \$2,706.78; Evans Repair \$146; Custer Ace Hardware \$99.57; Golden West Telecommunications \$271.69; MG Oil \$21,310.63; Diamond Diesel \$3,211.32; Great Western Tire \$25,109.77; Northern Truck Equipment \$2,943; CBH Cooperative \$11,540.58; Whisler Bearing Company \$115.20

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Verizon Connect \$18.95; Golden West Telecommunications \$103.76

24/7 SOBRIETY: Concordance Healthcare \$70.32

BUILDING: Black Hills Electric \$633.23; Black Hills Energy \$6,744.01; Adtech-Rapid Fire Protection \$755.10; Vector Design \$72.44; North Central Supply \$2,950; A – Z Shredding \$39.20

ROD MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION: Microfilm Imaging Systems \$822.25

EMERGENCY LINE: A & B Business \$170; Golden West Telecommunications \$1,376.33; Culligan Water \$59.50; Century Link \$541.34; SD Department of Public Safety \$1,420; Discovery Benefits \$20.83

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

E. Highway

1. Highway Superintendent, Jesse Doyle, presented a proposed 2020 Highway Department work schedule. Due to the work schedule of five eight-hour days during Holiday weeks, the highway employees will be short 2 hour and can use comp time or vacation for those two hours. Commissioner Hartman would like this proposal written up in a policy and be presented at the next commission meeting. Motion by Linde and seconded by Hartman to table the 2020 Highway Department work schedule until the next commission meeting on February 5, 2020; vote, all aye; motion carried.
2. Doyle presented to the commission information on the upcoming aggregate bid and mag chloride bid.
3. Discussion held on weight limits on county roads. Deputy States Attorney Anderson will review Resolution 2020-04 County Roads Weights and Speed Enforcement.
4. Doyle reported to the commission that he would like to be able to hire two part-time employees in the summer to mow. The Highway Department currently has a vacant Equipment Operator position in their budget that would fund these two proposed positions.

F. Planning

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to re-appoint Ed Hoffman and Patti Lee to the Custer County Planning Commission for a three-year term; vote, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to approve the appointment of Brandon Cullum as Alternative Planning Commissioner to the Custer County Planning Commission; vote, all aye; motion carried.

G. Veteran Service

1. Jana Virtue, Veteran Service Officer, presented her Fourth Quarter/End of Year report. In the fourth quarter for 2019, Virtue recorded over 122 veteran visits in office, filed 21 disability and /or pension claims, worked with Veterans to file over 23 Intent to File Forms (for future claims),

worked on 7 major Appeals to the Veterans Administration for denial of benefits and had a total of 90 new claims awarded in 2019.

H. Sheriff

1. Sheriff Mechaley presented to the commission regarding new communication equipment upgrades needed to complete the transition to the new Zuercher software. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Sorenson to approve the purchase of the needed communications equipment upgrades and to work with the Safety Committee to determine how to fund the expenditure; vote, all aye, motion carried.

I. Public Safety Committee

1. Sheriff Mechaley will work with Commissioners Hartman and Sorenson to set up a meeting for the Public Safety Committee.

J. 1881 Courthouse Museum

1. Museum Director, Gary Enright, and Museum Board member, Rick Wheeler, presented to the commission on repairs needed to the 1881 Courthouse Museum. Inspection of the roof indicates there is some flashing around the chimney that leaks, the widows walk needs repaired and the building needs painted. Deputy States Attorney Anderson will work with Enright and Wheeler to prepare a bid proposal for the needed repairs.

K. Crazy Horse Memorial

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Sorenson to approve the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation annual rifle raffle in 2020; vote, all aye; motion carried.

L. Custer Chronicle

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to approve the expenditure of \$975 for Custer County to have a full page colored ad in the 2020 Progress Edition; vote, all aye, motion carried.

M. Equalization

1. The commission acknowledged the resignation of Jill McNulty as an appraiser for the Equalization Office effective January 29, 2020.

N. Auditor

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Sorenson to approve any entity that presents an agreement to the Custer County Auditor to combine their 2020 election with Custer County with terms to reimburse Custer County for their cost share; vote, all aye; motion carried.

O. Fire Advisory Board

1. Jim Strain and Mike Carter presented to the commission regarding a Request for Proposal for the Custer County Fire Services study. Deputy States Attorney Anderson will work with Strain and Carter to present a proposal at the next commission meeting on February 5, 2020.
2. Auditor Cornelison stated Folsom and Custer Highlands Volunteer Fire Departments had submitted their financial reports as requested by the commission at the November 20, 2019 commission meeting.

P. Public Comment – Bob Schmitt stated the residents in the Custer Limestone area have not resolved their issues on road maintenance yet and would like to get that accomplished this year.

Q. Old Business

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Sorenson to approve the bid letting for Consult for Custer County Fire Services Study with approval of documentation from legal counsel; vote, all aye; motion carried.

R. Commission

1. Mail call – no mail presented.
2. Meeting Schedule – County breakfast January 30, 2020 at the County Highway Shop and there will be an open house in the afternoon for the new Weed & Pest building.
3. Meeting Reports –Lintz attended a Fair Board meeting, Linde attended Solid Waste Board and Conservation meeting; Hartman attended a Custer County Housing meeting.

S. Executive Session

1. Motion by Linde and seconded by Hartman to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and SDCL 28-13-42. Executive Session started at 9:33 a.m. to discuss personnel and an indigent request and concluded at 10:40 a.m.

T. Actions Taken by Commission Outside of Executive Session

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to untable the expenditure for the new communications equipment. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Sorenson to approve the expenditure of \$97,457 for the purchase of the Power Phone and Even Tide Nexlog equipment and to research avenues to fund the purchase; vote, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to approve the payment of one month’s rent from the indigent request; vote, all aye; motion carried.

U. Adjourn

Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. February 5, 2020 in the Commissioner’s Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest:

Terri Cornelison, Custer County Auditor

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