

Custer County Commission Meeting (Wednesday, October 7, 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 to amend the Agenda with the addition of Executive Session for Personnel States Attorney Office and to approve the agenda with the change; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Motion by Hindle and seconded by Linde to approve the minutes of the September 23 Commission Meeting and the September 30, 2020 Special Commission Meeting, the following vouchers and monthly reports; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

Vouchers approved as follows:

PAYROLL: Commissioners \$3,671.09; Auditor \$6,094.49; Treasurer \$7,090.80; Info Systems & Tech \$2,343.72; States Attorney \$9,785.64; Courthouse Building \$4,949.23; Director of Equalization \$7,639.55; Register of Deeds \$3,394.68; Veterans Service \$958.53; Human Resources \$1,291.82; Sheriff \$32,904.17; Coroner \$322.95; Nurse \$1,163.16; Library \$6,502.25; Extension \$387.53; Conservation \$461.26; Weed & Pest Control \$2,262.21; Planning \$5,587.92; County Road & Bridge \$26,664.63; Emergency Management \$5,121.08; Emergency Line F \$11,475.56

COMMISSIONERS: Southern Hills Publishing \$279.42; Jenny's Floral \$37.28; Pitney Bowes Supplies \$356.97; Catastrophic Legal Expense Relief Program \$4,054.00; Golden West Telecommunication \$29.29; Charles Wuestewald \$6.15; SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation Reemployment \$728.52

ELECTION: Election Systems & Soft \$2,337.39; Mcleod's Printing \$122.83; Quill \$63.00

AUDITOR: Golden West Telecommunication \$117.16

TREASURER: Southern Hills Publishing \$46.95; Golden West Telecommunication \$146.45

INFO SYSTEMS & TECH: Golden West Telecommunication \$58.58

STATE'S ATTORNEY: Golden West Telecommunication \$146.45

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Skinner Law Office \$473.80; Garland Lee Goff \$1,300.80; Grey & Eisenbraun Law \$2,382.30; Sword Law Office \$1,339.35; Randal Connelly \$1,575.30

COURTHOUSE BUILDING: Golden West Telecommunication \$29.29; G & R Controls, Inc \$382.50

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Southern Hills Publishing \$36.60; Golden West Telecommunication \$175.99; SDAAO Treasurer \$1,050.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Golden West Telecommunication \$117.16

VETERANS SERVICES: Golden West Telecommunication \$29.29

INFO TECHNOLOGY: Golden West Technologies \$14,770.50; Golden West Telecommunication \$10.00

HUMAN RESOURCES: Golden West Telecommunication \$245.95

SHERIFF: Black Hills Energy-6001 \$61.27; Southern Hills Publishing \$46.95; Fedex \$13.59; Rushmore Communications \$220.00; Golden West Telecommunication \$303.05; Battle Mt Humane Society \$2,000.00

PRISONER CARE: Kevin Kirschenmann MLS (ASCP) \$75.00; Amber Odegard \$75.00; Linda Nohr \$150.00

SEARCH & RESCUE: Black Hills Energy-6001 \$231.41; Custer City \$60.71; Golden West Telecommunication \$99.95

AIRPORT: Custer Do It Best \$133.05; Insurance Benefits Inc \$3,372.00; Golden West Telecommunication \$113.26

NURSE: SD Department of Health \$1,335.52

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: New Trails Ministry, Inc. \$300.00

LIBRARY: Mt Rushmore Telephone Company \$134.37; Bywater Solutions \$515.00; Golden West Telecommunication \$187.00; American Library Association \$175.00

EXTENSION: Golden West Telecommunication \$123.16

WEED & PEST: Custer Ace Hardware \$4.99; Golden West Telecommunication \$29.29

PLANNING: Quill \$70.97; Golden West Telecommunication \$117.16

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE: A&B Welding Inc. \$76.28; Black Hills Energy-6001 \$84.90; Southern Hills Publishing \$12.61; Chris Supply Company \$51.27; Floyd's Truck Center-Rapid City \$1,495.29; French Creek Supply Inc. \$93.44; Southern Hills Fire & Safety \$144.00; Interstate Batteries of Rapid City \$129.95; Mt Rushmore Telephone Company \$119.62; Pheasantland Industries \$90.00CR, \$1,068.88; Quill \$141.77; SD Dept. of Transportation \$2,848.95; Brosz Engineering, Inc. \$19,225.00; Summit Signs & Supply Inc. \$136.25; Snap on Tools \$189.00; Western Communications, Inc. \$289.00; Black Hills Gravel, LLC \$12,531.74; Custer Ace Hardware \$48.89; Golden West Telecommunication \$228.69; Pop's Grocery Shoppe \$30.03; Running's Supply, Inc. \$612.97; Matco Tools \$105.90; MG Oil Company \$151.93; Great Western Tire, Inc. \$1,002.15; Forward Distributing \$33.25; Pacific Steel \$ Recycling \$138.24

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Custom Carpet Cleaning \$30,000.00; Golden West Telecommunication \$44.33

BUILDING: Black Hills Energy-6001 \$3,760.66; Custer City \$2,709.02; Jenniges Masonry \$13,158.00

EMERGENCY LINE: Golden West Telecommunication \$1,990.30

Monthly Reports approved:

- Register of Deeds September 2020 statement of fees with \$450 collected in state fees, \$21,779.25 in county fees, and \$516 for SDACO fees for a total of \$22,745.25.
- The Auditor's report with the Treasurer for September 2020 as follows: Cash \$2,014.79; Checks/Drafts \$61,454.47 Petty Cash \$1,050; SD Fit \$520,388.17; 1st Interstate Bank checking \$69,857.35; 1st Interstate Bank Savings \$1,518,942.55; ED Jones MM \$202,686.31; 1st Interstate Flex \$61,766.63; 1st Interstate Investments \$37,981.70; Sentinel CU Checking \$208.03; Sentinel CU TIIA \$106,416.52; Sentinel CU Savings \$10,105.37; Highmark Investment \$153,844.39; Highmark Savings \$10,196.75; Highmark Checking \$5,000; Dacotah Bank Checking \$12,727.50; Dacotah Investments \$705,433.37; Ed Jones Investments \$2,768,322.40 for a total of \$6,248,396.30.
- Custer County Sheriff's September 2020 report: \$54 accident/accruint reports; \$42 basic concealed weapon permits; \$650 enhanced concealed weapon permits; \$30 gold concealed weapon permits; \$300.16 mileage; \$1,110 service fees; \$50 distress warrants; \$95 executions; \$6.80 postage fees; \$70 warrant processing; \$100 sheriff sale; for a grand total of \$2,507.96.

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

E. Highway

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to approve the Application For Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Fall River Water Users District for a waterline on Highway CS15 in Section 22, T4S, R7E, Custer County, South Dakota; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hindle to approve the Application For Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Golden West Telecommunications for a telecommunications facility on Harbach Lane in Section 30, T3S, R5E, Custer County, South Dakota; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

F. Emergency Management

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hartman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the 4th Quarter Report for the State of South Dakota Department of Public Safety Office of Emergency Management Local Emergency Management Performance Grant; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

G. Library

1. The Commission acknowledged the six-month employment probation completed by Sarah Myers as Library Assistant and the position to be Full Time Permanent with all full-time county employee benefits.

2. Doris Ann Mertz, Library Director, gave an update on the new addition at the Library.

H. Communications

1. The Commission acknowledged the resignation of Marshall Reece as Temporary Part-Time Dispatcher effective September 29, 2020.

I. Veteran Service Officer

1. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Hartman to approve the surplus of a HP Laser Printer HP Inkjet 6830 to be disposed of to the landfill; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

J. 8:30 a.m. Public Hearing

1. At 8:30 a.m., the public hearing was opened regarding the Custer County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan. The hearing was opened to the public for comment. Motion by Hindle and seconded by Linde to approve the Custer County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

K. County Christmas Party

1. Register of Deeds, Teri Morgan, presented to the commission on the planning of an employee Christmas Party for Custer County. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the commission will consider this and discuss at a future commission meeting.

L. Auditor

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Hindle to approve a cash transfer from the General Fund #101-277.00 to Emergency Management #226-371.00 in the amount of \$234,907.78, to Domestic Abuse #229-371.00 in the amount of \$4,951 and to Communications #255-371.00 in the amount of \$921,860.62 for a total cash transfer of \$1,161,719.40; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

2. Auditor Cornelison informed the board that the IRS issued Notice 2020-65, which allows employers to suspend withholding and paying to the IRS eligible employees' Social Security payroll taxes. Private and public sector employees that suspend collection of employees' payroll tax would collect additional amounts from worker's paychecks from January 1st through April 30th next year to repay the tax obligation unless legislation is enacted to forgive the uncollected taxes. Motion by Sorenson and seconded by Linde for the county to not participate in the tax deferral; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

M. Public Comment – Dave Thom, Custer County Conservation Board member, briefed the commission on the Conservation Board and the Weed & Pest/Conservation position approved to be advertised.

N. Commission

1. Mail call – There was no mail for the commission

2. Meeting Schedule – Commission Linde will attend a Museum Board meeting today and a Conservation Board Meeting on Friday, October 9th.

3. Meeting Reports – Commissioner Linde attended a BH Advisory meeting and Commissioner Hartman attended a Custer County Housing meeting.

O. Old Business

1. Susan Anderson, Commission Legal Counsel, shared a proposed employee survey regarding the conceal carry. Anderson will distribute the survey to all county employees and Commissioner Hartman will help tabulate the results. The results will be shared at the next commission meeting.
2. Auditor Cornelison reported that \$280,432.11 has been approved to be paid to Custer County by the Covid Relief Fund. Another submission will be made to receive the remaining funds available to Custer County.

P. Executive Session

1. Motion by Linde and seconded by Hindle to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and SDCL 1-25-2(4). Executive Session started at 9:10 a.m. to discuss personnel and contract negotiations and concluded at 9:45 a.m.; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. There was no action taken.

Q. Adjourn

Motion by Hindle and seconded by Hartman to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. October 22, 2020 in the Commissioner’s Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest:

Terri Cornelison, Custer County Auditor

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