

**Custer County Commission Meeting (Wednesday, February 10, 2021) – Convened at 9 AM (MTN).**

**Members present:**

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Mike Linde, Travis Bies and Commission Legal Counsel Susan Anderson.

**A. Commission Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**B. Adopting of the agenda**

1. Motion by Linde and seconded by Bies to add Repeater on Elk Mountain under Old Business and New Hire under Emergency Management and to approve the agenda with the changes; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**C. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 Commission Meeting, the following vouchers and monthly reports; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

Vouchers approved as follows:

**PAYROLL:** Commissioners \$7,405.48; Auditor \$8,422.49 Treasurer \$11,969.35; Info Systems & Tech \$2,850.54; States Attorney \$13,101.86; Courthouse Building \$7,041.39; Director of Equalization \$13,082.50; Register of Deeds \$4,721.86; Veterans Service \$987.94; Human Resources \$2,164.80; Sheriff \$38,561.76; Coroner \$322.95; Nurse \$735.91; Library \$9,115.53; Conservation \$454.91; Weed & Pest Control \$1,819.64; Planning \$7,586.55; County Road & Bridge \$37,932.15; Emergency Management \$2,389.48; 911/Communications \$15,612.05

**COMMISSIONERS:** Southern Hills Publishing \$363.83; Golden West Telecommunications \$29.61; Newport Beach Alliant Insurance Services \$7,135.91; Black Hills Regional Multiple \$100

**AUDITOR:** Golden West Telecommunications \$108.04

**TREASURER:** Quill \$194.51; Golden West Telecommunications \$135.05

**INFO SYSTEMS & TECH:** Golden West Telecommunications \$54.02

**STATE'S ATTORNEY:** Pheasantland Industries \$46.91; Lexisnexis \$348; Golden West Telecommunications \$135.05; Culligan Water \$50

**COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY:** Beesley Law Office \$3,826.89; Garland Goff \$688.25

**COURTHOUSE BUILDING:** Golden West Telecommunications \$27.01

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION:** Golden West Telecommunications \$162.05

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Quill \$54.97; Golden West Telecommunications \$108.04

**VETERANS SERVICES:** Golden West Telecommunications \$27.01

**INFO TECHNOLOGY:** Golden West Technologies \$7,594.51; Golden West Telecommunications \$10

**HUMAN RESOURCE:** Golden West Telecommunications \$27.01

**SHERIFF:** Black Hills Energy \$99.27; Southern Hills Publishing \$351.60; Fedex \$15.73; Pennington County Sheriff \$787.94; S & B Motor Parts \$289.35; Pheasantland Industries \$353.42; Custer Ace Hardware \$23.57; Golden West Telecommunications \$454.47; Dale's Tire & Retreading \$700; Culligan Water \$59.50

**PRISONER CARE:** Bob Barker Company \$318.35; Satellite Tracking \$133.25; Regional Health Client \$63.57

**SEARCH & RESCUE:** Black Hills Energy \$436.29; Golden West Telecommunications \$99.95

**CIVIL AIR PATROL:** Civil Air Patrol/Crazy Horse Composit Squadron \$900

**AIRPORT:** Amerigas \$583; Brenden Hendrickson \$3,666.67; Golden West Telecommunications \$113.83

**NURSE:** Southern Hills Publishing \$78.60

**MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD:** Beesley Law Office \$495

**LIBRARY:** Mt Rushmore Telephone \$132.82; Golden West Telecommunications \$185.90; Overdrive Inc. \$1,500

**EXTENSION:** Golden West Telecommunications \$123.73; Fall River County \$1,712.58

**WEED & PEST:** Golden West Telecommunications \$27.01

**PLANNING:** Golden West Telecommunications \$209.08

**COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE:** A & B Welding \$11.16; Black Hills Energy \$78.20; Butler Machinery \$1,632.50; Floyd's Truck Center \$14,151.36; Fastenal Company \$45.95; Godfrey Brake \$552.55; Southern Hills Publishing \$657; Lynn's Dakotamart \$81.97; Mt Rushmore Telephone \$118.07; Rushmore Communications \$110; S & B Motor Parts \$245.36; Brosz Engineering \$240; Kieffer Sanitation \$177.96; Servall Towel & Linen \$111.34; Team Laboratory Chemical \$832.50; Custer Ace Hardware \$94.15; Golden West Telecommunications \$222.90; Stern \$1,696.05; Crossroads Trailer Sales \$186.08; Culligan Water \$40; Matco Tools \$139.95; MG Oil Company \$2,419.20; Forward Distributing \$11.65; Pacific Steel & Recycling \$101.77

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Southern Hills Publishing \$138.20; Golden West Telecommunications \$44.86

**BUILDING:** Black Hills Energy \$4,912.46; Golden West Technologies \$1,241.94; Sander Sanitation Service \$3,684.34; A-Z Shredding \$20

**EMERGENCY LINE:** Pheasantland Industries \$25.68; Golden West Telecommunications \$1,433.09; Culligan Water \$53; Mountain Plains Audiology \$35

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL:** Cody Hofer \$305.75

Monthly Reports approved:

- Register of Deeds January 2021 statement of fees with \$430 collected in state fees, \$13,128 in county fees, and \$446 for SDACO fees for a total of \$14,004.00.
- The Auditor's report with the Treasurer for January 2021 as follows: Cash \$3,930.43; Checks/Drafts \$15,166.92; Petty Cash \$1,050; SD Fit \$520,405.33; 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Bank checking \$313,601.49; 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Bank Savings \$1,349,018.94; ED Jones MM \$519,574.99; 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Flex \$61,766.63; 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate Investments \$37,981.70; Sentinel CU Checking \$208.03; Sentinel CU TIIA \$107,449.07; Sentinel CU Savings \$10,107.07; Highmark Investment \$154,214.03; Highmark Savings \$10,198.47; Highmark Checking \$5,000; Dacotah Bank Checking \$12,727.50; Dacotah Investments \$719,119.83; Ed Jones Investments \$2,453,874.85 for a total of \$6,295,395.28.
- Custer County Sheriff's January 2021 report: \$4 accident/accuring reports; \$60 basic concealed weapon permits; \$200 enhanced concealed weapon permits; \$60 gold concealed weapon permits; \$377.97 mileage; \$1,350 service fees; \$135 executions; \$6.80 postage; \$20 CSO ordered U/As; for a grand total of \$2,213.77.

**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 advertisement for seasonal workers to do mowing for the Highway Department and spray weeds for the Weed & Pest Department; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Linde and seconded by Bies to approve the Application For Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Black Hills Power Inc. for an overhead power line on Sidney Park Road in Section 36, T3S, R4E, Custer County, South Dakota; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
3. Motion by Bies and seconded by Linde to approve the Application For Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Golden West Telecommunications for a telecommunications facility on Argyle Road in Section 28 & 29, T6S, R5E, Custer County, South Dakota; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**F. Emergency Management**

1. Motion by Bies and seconded by Linde to change the Emergency Management position from an hourly paid position to a salaried paid position and to classify the position as exempt from qualifying for over-time wages; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Bies to approve the new hire of Steve Esser as a Full-Time Permanent Emergency Management Director starting March 1, 2021 at a salary of \$50,000; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

3. Motion by Bies and seconded by Hartman to place the Emergency Management Director position in Grade 3 of the Custer County Salaried Employees Pay Grade System; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**G. Public Relations**

1. Motion by Bies and seconded by Linde to table the Public Relations position to the next commission meeting on February 24, 2021; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**H. Argyle Volunteer Fire Department**

1. The commission acknowledged the updated roster for the Argyle Volunteer Fire Department.

**I. Commission**

1. Motion by Linde and seconded by Bies to Approve Resolution 2021-05 Resolution Designating a Custer County Commissioner as Designee to Request Fire Suppression Assistance from South Dakota Wildland Fire; and appointment of Commissioner Lintz; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**Resolution 2021 - 05**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER AS DESIGNEE TO REQUEST FIRE SUPPRESSION ASSISTANCE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA WILDLAND FIRE, A DIVISION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SDCL 41-20-11, a person designated by the board of county commissioners may request the state wildland fire coordinator to assist in the suppression of any range fire within the county; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SDCL 41-20-11, if any assistance provided by the wildland fire coordinator includes the use of more than six state employees and more than two vehicles, the county to which the assistance is given shall reimburse the coordinator for the reasonable expenses incurred; and

**WHEREAS**, the Custer County Commission desires to designate a Custer County commissioner with the requisite authority to request the state wildland fire coordinator to assist in the suppression of any range fire within Custer County if such assistance is needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Custer County Commission designee shall have the authority to obligate Custer County funds if such request requires resources over the wildland fire resources provided pursuant to SDCL 41-20-11.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Custer County that pursuant to SDCL 41-20-11, the Custer County Commission designates Commissioner Jim Linz as its designee to request the state wildland fire coordinator to assist in the suppression of any range fire within the county, if such assistance is needed in Custer County ; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Custer County designee shall have the authority to obligate Custer County funds if such requests requires resources over the wildland fire resources provided pursuant to SDCL 41-20-11; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that such designation will continue for the designee's current term of office as a commissioner for Custer County; and

This Resolution shall become effective on the twentieth day after its completed publication.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 at Custer, South Dakota.

2. Motion by Linde and seconded by Lintz to appoint Commissioners Bies and Hartman to participate in the building security assessment for the Custer County Courthouse by the United States Marshal's Service; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
3. Mail Call – A thank you card was received from the Custer Highlands Volunteer Fire Department; a letter was received from Kaylen Kieborz requesting permission to place a donation box in the Courthouse for items to be collected for the Cornerstone Mission to support her Senior Project.
4. Meeting Schedule – STAR Academy auction will be held on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. in the commission room; Black Hills Association of County Commissions and Officials meeting on March 5, 2021 in Pennington County; Commission Spring Workshop will be held in Pierre on March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
5. Meeting reports – Commissioner Linde attended a meeting regarding the need to purchase new radios for Custer County entities; Commissioner Hartman also attended that meeting as well as the Elk Mtn. School Board meeting; Commissioner Lintz attended a Fair Board meeting.

**J. Old Business**

1. Motion by Linde and seconded by Bies to open all outside access doors to the courthouse for public and employee access starting Monday, February 15, 2021; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to authorize the Chairman to sign the application for the installation of a VHF Repeater on the Elk Mtn. Communications Facility; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
3. Motion by Linde and seconded by Bies to authorize Commission Legal Counsel Anderson to draft an agreement for Southern Black Hills Water System for placement of a VHF Repeater on their water tower; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**K. 9:30 a.m. First Net**

1. Doug Penniston, First Net State Consultant SD/ND presented to the commission on the First Net communications network. First Net will provide testing of their system in order for the county to assess the capabilities of their network and determine if it meets the needs of the county better than their current cellular provider does.

**L. 10:00 Black Hills Works**

1. Black Hills Works client/artist, Hoksila Long, presented a canvas print to the commission in appreciation of the county's financial support of the organization.

**M. Adjourn**

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. February 24, 2021 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

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Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest:

Terri Cornelison, Custer County Auditor

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