

Custer County Commission Meeting (Wednesday, June 9, 2021)

Members present:

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Mike Linde, Craig Hindle, Travis Bies and Commission Legal Counsel 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 acknowledgement of an updated Fairburn Volunteer Fire Department roster and add an Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Consult with Legal Counsel to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

C. Consent Agenda

1. Motion by Bies and seconded by Hindle to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 Custer County Commission Meeting, the following travel requests, monthly reports and vouchers; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

Travel requests approved: Steve Esser to EM 101 Class in Pierre, SD at a cost of \$274 and use of a county vehicle.

Vouchers approved as follows:

PAYROLL: Pay Period ending 6/05/2021; Commissioners \$6,405.47; Auditor \$7,169.60; Treasurer \$10,315.02; Info Systems & Tech \$2,850.54; States Attorney \$12,744.85; Courthouse Building \$6,722.05; Director of Equalization \$12,876.47; Register of Deeds \$4,574.85; Veterans Service \$1,101.13; Human Resources \$2,130.30; Sheriff \$44,475.71; Coroner \$322.95; Nurse \$613.25; Library \$8,247.39; Conservation \$454.91; Weed & Pest Control \$3,374.64; Planning \$6,509.22; County Road & Bridge \$35,364.33; Emergency Management \$2,781.03; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,226.65; 911/Communications \$15,284.53

COMMISSIONERS: Southern Hills Publishing \$558.54; Quill \$50.98; Golden West Telecommunications \$27.41; SD Association of County Commissioners \$1,338

AUDITOR: Southern Hills Publishing \$30.35; Quill \$242.75; Golden West Telecommunications \$109.66

TREASURER: Golden West Telecommunications \$137.82

INFO SYSTEMS & TECH: Golden West Telecommunications \$54.83

STATE'S ATTORNEY: Lexisnexis \$348; Golden West Telecommunications \$137.07

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Garland Goff \$436.35

COURTHOUSE BUILDING: Golden West Telecommunications \$27.41

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Quill \$158.49; Golden West Telecommunications \$164.49

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Golden West Telecommunications \$109.66;

VETERANS SERVICES: Quill \$20.45; Golden West Telecommunications \$27.41

INFO TECHNOLOGY: Golden West Technologies \$7,662.51; Golden West Telecommunications \$10;
Pitney Bowes \$462.57

HUMAN RESOURCE: Division of Criminal Investigation \$43.25; Golden West Telecommunications
\$27.42

SHERIFF: Black Hills Energy \$75.31; Southern Hills Publishing \$49.60; Pheasantland Industries \$179.42;
Golden West Telecommunications \$435

SEARCH & RESCUE: Custer City \$62.26; French Creek Supply \$118.15; Golden West Telecommunications
\$99.95

AIRPORT: Grimms Pump Service \$386.06; Power House \$162.95; Brenden Hendrickson \$3,766.67;
Golden West Telecommunications \$114.02

FOOD PANTRY: Custer Storehouse \$875

MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Beesley Law Office \$750

LIBRARY: Mt Rushmore Telephone \$132.97; Golden West Telecommunications \$185.90

MUSEUM: Rosebud Construction \$15,470

EXTENSION: Golden West Telecommunications \$123.92; Fall River County \$3,547.86

WEED & PEST: Golden West Telecommunications \$27.41; Lawrence McIntyre \$156.25

PLANNING: Golden West Technologies \$651.06; Golden West Telecommunications \$109.66

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE: A & B Welding \$11.40; Black Hills Energy \$73.54; French Creek Supply
\$108.49; Mt Rushmore Telephone \$118.22; Quill \$59.14; Servall Towel & Linen \$124.32; Rosane
Construction \$9,176.64; Snap On Tools \$101.70; Custer Ace Hardware \$54.55; Golden West
Telecommunications \$223.87; Acuity Specialty Products \$347.18; Pop's Grocery Shoppe \$21.67; Lyle
Signs \$2,081.33; Dale's Tire & Retreading \$758; Matco Tools \$6.90; Great Western Tire \$1,148.75

FIRE PROTECTION: Argyle Volunteer Fire Department \$11,000; Buffalo Gap Fire Department \$5,000;
Custer Volunteer Fire Department \$36,500; Dewey Fire Department \$2,500; Folsom Fire Department
\$5,750; Highlands Fire Department \$7,500; Pringle Fire Department \$8,000

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Quill \$400.34; Golden West Telecommunications \$45.07

BUILDING: Custer City \$100.06; A-Z Shredding \$10.80

ROD MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION: Tyler Technologies \$500

EMERGENCY LINE: Interstate Batteries \$49.95; Golden West Telecommunications \$1,637.59

NON-DEPARTMENTAL: SD Department of Revenue \$75

Monthly Reports approved:

- Register of Deeds May 2021 statement of fees with \$590 collected in state fees, \$27,689.25 in county fees, and \$482 for SDACO fees for a total of \$28,761.25.
- The Auditor's report with the Treasurer for May 2021 as follows: Cash \$4,078.48; Checks/Drafts \$35,144.57; Petty Cash \$1,050; SD Fit \$520,413.59; 1st Interstate Bank checking \$269,439.45; 1st Interstate Bank Savings \$4,199,079.11; ED Jones MM \$273,985.31; 1st Interstate Flex \$61,766.63; 1st Interstate Investments \$37,981.70; Sentinel CU Checking \$208.03; Sentinel CU TIIA \$107,483.75; Sentinel CU Savings \$10,107.89; Highmark Investment \$154,402.71; Highmark Savings \$10,199.31; Highmark Checking \$5,000; Dacotah Bank Checking \$12,727.50; Dacotah Investments \$719,119.83; Ed Jones Investments \$2,695,019.44 for a total of \$9,117,207.30.
- Custer County Sheriff's May 2021 report: \$24 accident/accruing reports; \$39 basic concealed weapon permits; \$200 enhanced concealed weapon permits; \$30 gold concealed weapon permits; \$135.02 mileage; \$760 basic paper service; \$190 executions; \$50 warrant processing; \$20 CSO Ordered U/As fees; for a total of \$1,448.02.

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

E. Custer Elementary School

1. Custer Elementary Principal, Barb Paulson, presented to the commission regarding the establishment of an early learning group in Custer. The group will be putting a community survey together and will be sending to members of the community as well as the Custer County Commissioners and Custer County Department Heads.

F. Highway

1. Highway Superintendent, Jesse Doyle, gave an update on the Custer State Park pavement project on Wildlife Loop starting in August 2021. LH Road and Lane Johnny Road will be used as hauling roads as well as Beaver Creek Road will be used intermittently. Doyle noted there will be an increase in traffic on those roads and is working with Simon Contractors on a haul route agreement.
2. Doyle recently purchased a new traffic counter and gave the commission some statistics that have been collected by the counter thus far. Traffic count is necessary to determine where to apply magnesium chloride.
3. Doyle reported that an accident had occurred on Old Sawmill Road recently and there was damage to the guardrail on the bridge. A claim has been submitted and the county should receive payment from the insurance company of the driver of the vehicle that was responsible for the damage.

4. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the 2021 Custer County North Fairburn Road Stabilization Project Agreement; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

G. Director of Equalization

1. Motion by Linde and seconded by Bies to approve Abatement 2120A in the amount of \$49.38 for 2020 taxes payable in 2021; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to approve Refund 2103R in the amount of \$192.84 for taxes paid in 2020; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
3. Motion by Bies and seconded by Hindle to approve Refund 2104R in the amount of \$192.84 for taxes paid in 2021; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
4. Motion by Hindle and seconded by Bies to approve Abatement 2121A in the amount of \$101.39 for 2020 taxes payable in 2021; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
5. Director of Equalization, Leah Vissia, requested that the commission define what principal and predominate agricultural use is. The commission will hold a work session meeting on Thursday, June 17th at 9:30 a.m. to address that.

H. Auditor

1. Motion by Bies and seconded by Hindle to approve the new hire of Dana Benjamin as a Permanent Full-time Deputy Auditor starting June 1, 2021 at a wage of \$14.17 per hour; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
2. A loss control survey was conducted for Custer County on May 4, 2021 and there were two recommendations made:
 - Recommended night firing be incorporated into your weapons qualifications program. Sheriff Mechaley reported this will be done in July 2021.
 - Recommended mutual aid agreements to be reviewed annually. Emergency Management Director Steve Esser will complete this by August 2021.
3. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Hindle to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the State of South Dakota Department of Health Division of Family and Community Health Sub-Recipient Agreement between Custer County and the South Dakota Department of Health Division of Family and Community Health Office of Child and Family Services for the period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

I. 1881 Courthouse Museum

1. Rick Wheeler, Museum Board member, reported on funds needed to finish roof repairs on the Carriage House located on the museum property. The county has actual cash value coverage and the depreciation is not recoverable. Motion by Bies and seconded by Linde to approve the payment of \$17,386.31 to Home Masters with \$1,005.16 funded with the remaining insurance money received and for the remainder of \$16,381.16 to be taken out of the building fund account #250-4-161-432.70; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

J. Custer County Senior Citizen's Center

1. Custer Senior Citizen's Center Director Roxanne Horkey appeared before the board to request that Custer County proclaim Friday, August 27, 2021 as Custer Senior Citizen Center Day. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Hindle to approve an Executive Proclamation to

designate Friday, August 27, 2021 as Custer Senior Citizen Center Day; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

K. Custer County Search & Rescue

1. The commission acknowledged an updated roster for the Custer County Search & Rescue.

L. US Forest Service

1. Deputy Forest Service Superintendent, Jerry Krueger and Natural Resource Staff Officer, John Worth, appeared before the board seeking support on a proposed project to salvage trees affected by a tornado and wind event that occurred east and south of the City of Custer, South Dakota. Two areas have been identified with a large amount of tree damage. The large number of damaged trees sets the stage for an insect infestation to occur and effect the remaining stands and adjacent stands of trees. This project proposes to salvage harvest the down, broken and leaning trees from these areas and therefore, reduce the likelihood of an insect infestation and reduce the fuel loading in the higher concentrated areas. Motion by Hindle and seconded by Hartman to support the US Forest Service project; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

M. Volunteer Fire Department

1. The commission acknowledged the updated Volunteer Fire Department Roster from Fairburn Volunteer Fire Department.

N. Public Comment – LeaAnne McWhorter reported on the taxation committee that had met Thursday, June 3rd; New Custer County resident Mark Sullivan inquired on who to contact regarding a proposed increase in his property taxes.

O. Commission

1. Mail call – The commission received a copy of a face book posting for a recent Amber Alert that was issued and the huge response from the community.
2. Meeting Schedule – The Commission will meet for a work session on Thursday, June 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Room in the Custer County Courthouse.
3. Meeting Reports – Commissioner Linde attended a portion of the taxation committee meeting on June 3, 2021.
4. Walter and Patricia Steele requested the commission to review a decision made at the 2021 Custer County Board of Equalization meeting on April 29, 2021. The Steele’s stated the motion made at the meeting and the value on their decision letter are not the same as well as the minutes of the Board of Equalization do not state the reason for the change in value as required per SDCL 10-11-15. The commission will have their Legal Counsel look into this.

P. Old Business

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Bies to approve Amendment Number 3 to the Custer County Employee Handbook (adopted July 1, 2020); vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Bies to approve the first reading of Custer County Ordinance No. 21 with the second reading to be held at the June 23, 2021 Commission Meeting; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

Q. Planning

1. Motion by Bies and seconded by Linde to go into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and SDCL 1-25-2(3). Executive Session started at 10:04 a.m. to discuss personnel and consult with legal counsel and concluded at 10:55 a.m.; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

R. Actions Taken By Commission Outside of Executive Session

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to approve the promotion of Laura Rosane to Deputy Planner (Pay Grade 5) at a wage of \$15.93 per hour effective June 6, 2021; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to approve the advertisement for a Permanent Full-Time Planning Technician (Pay Grade 4) at a wage of \$14.88 per hour as per the restructure of the Planning Office that was approved at the May 26, 2021 Commission Meeting; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

S. Adjourn

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Linde to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8 a.m. June 23, 2021 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse with a work session being held on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest:

Terri Cornelison, Custer County Auditor

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