

Minutes of the Custer County Commission Meeting Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

Members present:

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Craig Hindle, Travis Bies, Commission Legal Counsel Susan Anderson, and Dawn McLaughlin, Finance Officer. Commissioner Linde was not present.

A. Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Adopting of the agenda

1. Amend agenda to add Item No. 2 to Dept. of Equalization to acknowledge certified employee rate.
2. Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Hartman; seconded by Bies; vote taken, all aye;

C. Consent Agenda

1. Motion to approve Minutes of 10-12-2022 Commission meeting made by Bies; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

Vouchers approved as follows:

PAYROLL: 11/3/2022 Special Payroll: Commissioners \$3,100.32; Treasurer \$2,841.96; Info Systems & Technology \$1,033.44; State's Attorney \$7,492.44; Courthouse Building \$645.90; Director of Equalization \$3,229.50; Register of Deeds \$1,291.80; Human Resources \$755.08; Sheriff \$6,717.36; Library \$968.85; County Road & Bridge \$10,205.22; Emergency Line F \$4,779.66;

COMMISSIONERS: Verizon \$82.18; Fleet \$32.38; A&B Business \$159.23; Pitney Bowes \$4,000.20

COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Garland Goff \$1,382.35; Southern Hills Law \$1,507.54; Husted Law Office \$1,437.09

AUDITOR: A&B Business \$616.66; Amazon \$78.82; Tyler Technologies \$1,595;

TREASURER: A&B Business \$375.17;

STATE'S ATTORNEY: A&B Business \$170.76; Amazon \$88.17

MAINTENANCE: Verizon \$41.99; Fleet \$32.38; S&B Motor Parts 2.50; Sam's \$80.38; Amazon \$95.46

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Fleet \$16.19; A&B Business \$94.22; Custer Car Wash \$8.00; IAAO \$250; Amazon \$372.68; Quill \$774.82; Vanguard Appraisals \$1,750.

REGISTER OF DEEDS: A&B Business \$138.36; Ramkota \$109

VETERANS SERVICES: A&B Business \$144.11

HUMAN RESOURCES: Verizon \$16.44

INFO TECHNOLOGY: Golden West Technologies \$174.72; Quill \$799.60

SHERIFF: Verizon \$454.90; A&B \$209.57; TNVE \$21,820; LexisNexis \$89.00; Amazon \$47.64; USPS \$28.25; Rail Gun Rack \$294.99; BHEC \$68.75; Verizon \$178.09; Dale's Tire \$953.80; A&B Pure Water \$54.98; Applied Concepts \$10,092.50; Battle Mt. Humane \$1,000.

CORONER: Clinical Lab BH \$1,774; Monument Health \$922

PRISONER CARE: City of Rapid City \$120; Pennington Co. Jail \$16,700; Correct RX \$99.62

MENTALLY ILL: Yankton Co. Sheriff \$50; SD Human Services \$600.

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Audra Hill Consulting \$756.74

MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD: Garland Goff \$1,786.30

AIRPORT: Custer Do-it-Best \$13.40; Amerigas \$534.87; Grimms Pump \$615.31; Kissner Electric \$628.94; Custer Chamber of Commerce \$260.

LIBRARY: Amazon \$908.32; Library Association \$255; Library Journal \$157.99; Centurylink \$16.19

EXTENSION: A&B Business \$162.50; Erin McGlumphy \$1,213.75; Quality Inn \$591.36

WEED & PEST: Fleet \$32.38; A&B Business \$157.07; Ace \$49.93; BHEC \$59.56

PLANNING: Fleet \$16.19; A&B Business \$189.61; Sam's \$92.49; Family Dollar \$22.10; Safeway \$27.46; Lynn's \$79.01;

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE: Fleet \$372.37; A&B Business \$161.78; A&B Welding \$138.18; BHEC \$668.87; Floyd's Truck Center \$3,145.97; French Crk Supply \$251.32; Harvey's Lock \$59.58; Pheasantland Industries \$1,822; Kieffer Sanitation \$219.22; Servall Towel & Linen \$130.72; Town of Buffalo Gap \$61; BH Gravel \$12,780; Stern \$6,960.54; Running's \$145.96; Culligan \$19.50; Centurylink \$28.52; Great Western Tire \$13,693.20; CBH Cooperative \$12,653.19; Dakota Fluid Power \$185.66

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Verizon \$63.18; A&B Business \$214.25; SDEMA \$130.

SEARCH & RESCUE: Menards \$107.40; BHPS \$1,383.83; AutoZone \$47.97; Ace \$112.08; Advexure \$94; Custer Do-it-Best \$1.86; French Crk. Supply \$3.45; Lynn's Dakotamart \$101.07; Sam Smolnisky \$276.26; Elite Unmanned \$8,832; SVIA \$95.49

SAFETY OFFICER: Sam Smolnisky \$250.

COUNTY BUILDINGS: A&B Pure Water \$75.39; Amazon \$152.26; Sam's \$261.85; Menard's \$73.48; Hills Septic \$550; BHEC \$579.21; Cummins Sales & Service \$1,522.33

EMERGENCY LINE: A&B Business \$174.16; A&B Pure Water \$54.97

24/7 SOBRIETY: Dash Medical Gloves \$495.60

D. Conflict of Interest Declarations – none

E. Planning Department

1. Planning Director, Terri Kester, presented the Commission with US Department of Interior US Geological Survey Joint-Funding Agreement for signature. Kester noted that Custer County has participated in this study for several years. This agreement allows for the Dakota Water Science Center Water Resources Investigation to operate and maintain three crest-stage gauges at Ruby Creek, Laughing Water Creek and French Creek. Kester stated the amount of \$3,090 is budgeted annually from her department, with the US Geological Survey contributing \$2,250 for a total of \$5,340. Motion to approve made by Hindle; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

F. Highway Department

1. Highway Superintendent, Jesse Doyle, presented Resolution No. 10-03-22B Maintenance, Responsibility and Ownership of a Portion of Sidney Park Road. Doyle noted this is a Resolution from the City of Custer and requested the Chairman's signature. Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature made by Hindle; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

G. Department of Equalization

1. Director Leah Vissia presented a reappraisal update and stated her department has been working to reappraise Township 41 in the Custer Highlands area. She noted that most of the properties have been viewed, with a few exceptions. Vissia said one individual refused entry and she would like the Commission's guidance on how to proceed. She inquired if law enforcement could accompany appraisers, as it was noted that the County can access property to conduct an appraisal. Vissia stated she would continue to attempt to gain permission from the landowner. Vissia also said that letters advising landowners in the Pringle area would be going out soon to inform them of upcoming appraisals, although the information will not be on the books this year. She stated that once the Pringle area reappraisal is complete, the focus will be on Fairburn and Buffalo Gap.

2. Vissia shared that Lilliana Puente-Chavoyo has gained certified status and thus, received a wage increase to \$16.54/hour. The Commission so acknowledged.

H. Weed & Pest

1. Director Michael Baldwin requested an auto-supplement of \$11,700 for monies received from the US Department of Agriculture and USFS for noxious weed control on BHNH lands as follows: 101-4-615-426.00 supplies \$10,450; 101-4-615-426.5 gas, oil and tires \$1,250. Motion to approve by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. Baldwin stated he expects one more payment.

I. Emergency Management

1. Request for Chairman to sign State of SD LEMPG Quarterly Report 4th Quarter for EMS Director wage reimbursement. Motion to approve signature made by Bies; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

J. Airport

1. Airport Manager, Brenden Hendrickson presented Mead & Hunt Taxiway Extension Design Agreement for Commission approval and signature. He noted the agreement is solely for the design phase and not for any actual construction of said taxiway. Hendrickson stated this is a companion document to the federal agreement, which has already been signed. Hendrickson noted there are currently 21 aircraft based in Custer and 11 hangars. The expansion will allow for 4-6 new hangars to meet the high demand.

K. Public Comment

1. LeaAnne McWhorter presented the Commission with an updated report from the tax committee; including Draft Bills 100 and 111. McWhorter noted that Draft Bill 100 allows for a \$100k reduction in the assessed value of owner-occupied properties in the school funding taxation, while Draft Bill 111 increases the income-level eligibility for special programs for the disabled and for seniors. The tax committee believes both of these Draft Bills, with changes, will move forward. She also thanked the Commission for being good stewards of the county's tax dollars. McWhorter stated the Tax Committee will continue to monitor legislative changes regarding property tax laws. She reminded those in attendance that the public voice matters.

2. Todd Fish spoke regarding capital outlay and noted the rules have changed; monies may be used for other expenses rather than just buildings and urged voters to speak to school boards to effect change. Fish shared that commissioners cannot change capital outlay and that a large portion of tax dollars paid in Custer County are collected for the school district.

3. Dan Holsworth, Town of Hermosa, thanked the Commission for meeting with them regarding the library; discussed annexation & growth; discussed meeting with EMS Director, Steve Esser, regarding hazard mitigation and possible grant qualification. He also expressed interest in working together with the Weed & Pest department in the Hermosa area. Holsworth stated he appreciates discussion and representation from the Commission.

L. 9:00 AM Public Hearing

1. Supplemental Budget Hearing re: Search & Rescue \$18,164.17. Means of finance will come from General Fund Reserve; proceeds from 2022 equipment budget. Finance Officer, Dawn McLaughlin, noted as of the date of this meeting, Search & Rescue does not have its own checking account as previously requested by the Auditor's office; nor non-profit status established. It was noted that a meeting between Commission Legal Counsel, Susan Anderson; Finance Officer McLaughlin and Search & Rescue to discuss the matter is recommended. Motion to approve supplement after Search & Rescue establishes a checking account made by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

M. Town of Hermosa

1. Dan Holsworth and Leah Berg briefed the Commission regarding the WRT project and presented a table of Town of Hermosa requested projects, as well as SBHW cost comparisons. Holsworth stated that Hermosa's preferred option is the WRT project and noted this is a lifeline to the residents of Hermosa. He noted that without receipt of monies from Custer County's ARPA grant, water in Hermosa would not be affordable. Holsworth said they are looking at USDA monies, as well. He stated that WRT will keep the current system in place and the current well functioning. The WRT system is used to treat radium in the water source (which was stated to be common in this area) and provide clean water to residents. Holsworth stated Hermosa is committed to WRT and for that to be in effect, ARPA funds must be committed by Custer County. Motion to table until November 10, 2022 Commission meeting made by Hindle; seconded by Bies; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

N. Commission

1. Mail call –
 - a) Letter from Dept of Agriculture and Natural Resources re: public meeting to be held in Pierre, SD December 7, 2022 at 9:30 AM.
2. Meeting Schedule – none
3. Meeting Reports –
 - a) Bies attended USFS meeting; topics included USFS lands; BH Forest Plan re: OHV use; timber industry plan. Discussion was held regarding the drastic increase in the number of trail permits in the Custer area and the need for changes in licensing and permit use.

O. Old Business -- None

P. Executive Session

1. Motion by Hartman to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contract Negotiations; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. Executive Session entered into at 9:22 AM and concluded at 9:58 AM.

Q. Actions Taken By Commission Outside of Executive Session

R. Adjourn

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Bies to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 AM. The next meeting will be held **Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 8:00 AM** in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest: _____

Barbara Cox, Custer County Deputy Auditor

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