

**Minutes of the Custer County Special Commission Meeting, Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

**Members present:**

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Craig Hindle, Travis Bies and Commission Legal Counsel Susan Anderson and Dawn McLaughlin, Finance Officer. Commissioner Linde was absent.

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

**B. Adopting of the agenda**

1. Motion to add Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-21(1) personnel after item "D" Conflict of Interest made by Bies; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. Executive Session entered into at 8:03 AM and concluded at 8:44 AM.

**C. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion to approve Agenda as amended made by Hindle; seconded by Bies; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

Vouchers approved as follows:

**PAYROLL:** 11-22-2022 Payroll: Commissioners \$8,165.86; Election \$3,028.98; Auditor \$4,674.20; Treasurer \$12,820.28; Info Systems & Technology \$3,005.27; State's Attorney \$13,189.12; Courthouse Building \$6,669.44; Director of Equalization \$17,603.98; Register of Deeds \$4,668.55; Veteran's Services \$3,050.27; Human Resources \$2,357.34; Sheriff \$46,254.99; Coroner \$657.45; Nurse \$848.12; Library \$8,765.19; Conservation \$505.56; Weed & Pest \$2,341.86; Planning \$6,176.65; County Road & Bridge \$40,271.98; Emergency Management \$2,651.57; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,388.21; Emergency Line F \$17,583.14.

**COMMISSIONERS:** Thomson Reuters \$132.90;

**COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY:** Garland Goff \$\$1,229.10; Southern Hills Law \$585.80; Husted Law \$3,271.52

**ELECTION:** Election Workers \$8,509.58; KNOWINK \$8,424.35

**STATE'S ATTORNEY:** Thomson Reuters \$132.90; State Bar of SD \$540.00

**COURT HOUSE BUILDING:** French Creek Supply \$195.99

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION:** McLeod's Printing \$498.90; Quill \$610.19; Baymont Oacoma \$1,273.00

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Thomson Reuters \$44.30

**INFO TECHNOLOGY:** GoldenWest Technologies \$7,754.01

**SHERIFF:** TriTech Software System \$1,200.00; L. N. Curtis & Sons \$320.56

**CORONER:** Clinical Lab of Black Hills \$1,610.00; Monument Health \$461.00

**MENTALLY ILL:** Audra Hill Consulting \$327.84

**MENTAL HEALTH CENTER:** Lewis and Clark BHS \$368.00; Audra Hill Consulting \$125.63

**WEED & PEST:** 2022 Chemical Reimbursement \$15,160.08

**COUNTY BUILDINGS:** Black Hills Energy \$1415.22

**AMERICAN RECOVERY FUND:** Town of Hermosa \$500,000.00

**LAW LIBRARY:** Thomson Reuters \$265.80

**D. Conflict of Interest Declarations – None**

**E. Executive Session**

1. Motion to enter into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-21(1) personnel made by Bies; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. Executive Session entered into at 8:03 AM and concluded at 8:44 AM.

**F. Commissioners**

1. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Hindle to approve the assignment of funds from the Unassigned Reserve Fund #101-277.00 \$439,073.64 and the LATCF Grant #101-332.90 in the amount of \$635,919.07 to the following for the 2023 budget year:

- \* Custer County Volunteer Fire Departments - \$690,000.00 - 101-276.06
- \* Elk Mountain Water Association well project - \$250,000.00 – 101-376.01
- \* Custer County Museum - \$11,000.00 – 101-276-05
- \* Computer Software Upgrade -\$65,000.00 – 101-276.07
- \* Hire of new Employee - \$50,000.00- 101-276.12

Motion carried, unanimous.

Motion by Hindle and seconded by Bies to have the funds for \$8,992.71 to be disbursed by end of year 2022 for the following bonuses:

- Teri Morgan - \$2,530.92

- Joseph Panza- \$2,500.00
- Marty Mechaley - \$3,961.79

Motion carried, unanimous.

2. Motion to table assignment of surplus funds until December 28, 2022 Custer County Commission meeting made by Hartman; seconded by Bies; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

3. Motion to amend previous motion and table assignment of surplus funds until December 14, 2022 Custer County Commission meeting made by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

4. Priority list funding approved as follows:

a) Motion to approve \$65K for Tyler/Incode software updates made by Bies; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

b) Motion to approve hiring of Auditor Administrative Assistant at a salary of \$50K made by Hindle; seconded by Bies; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

c) Motion to approve \$11K for repairs at 1881 Museum made by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

d) Motion to approve 5% bonus for Teri Morgan, Joseph Panza and Marty Mechaley made by Bies; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

e) Motion to approve \$250K for Elk Mt. Water Users Association made by Bies; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

#### **G. Public Comment –**

1. Dan Holsworth, Town of Hermsa, thanked the Commission for its support and reaffirmed the monies received will be used solely for the WRT project. Chairman Lintz inquired about the lagoon project and was told it was in the archaeological phase. Holsworth stated cost projections are being finalized. He said final approval, funding and grants will need to be secured. Hermosa will have three large cells once the project is completed. Letters regarding annexation have been sent out to residents, who have 30 days to reply.

2. Anine Rosse spoke on behalf of the Elk Mt. Water Users Association, Inc. and thanked the Commission for providing additional funding for the fire protection/community well project.

#### **A. Executive Session**

1. Motion to enter into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-21(1) personnel, made by Bies; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. Executive Session entered into at 9:07 AM and concluded at 10:15 AM. No action taken.

**B. Adjourn**

Motion by Hindle and seconded by Bies to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM. The next meeting will be at 8:00 AM, November 30, 2022 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

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Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Cox, Custer County Deputy Auditor

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