

Regular Meeting Minutes
Butte County Courthouse
Commission Meeting Room
839 5th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
July 15, 2025

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:31 A.M. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. Commissioners present were Ager, Erk, Batterman, and Brunner. Absent Walton.

Chair Ager called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman, to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of two resolutions for BIG grants (3.5, 3.75) and removal of official signer(7d). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Ager asked for a moment of prayer.

Beginning at 9:34 AM, the opportunity for public comments was opened with Dale Simanton speaking about running the county as a business, customer service (telephone), and budget planning.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration.

- a. Approval of regular meeting minutes – 01Jul2025
- b. Approval of special meeting minutes – 09Jul2025
- c. County Lien Report

**LIEN REPORT
BUTTE COUNTY**

	EXPENSES	EXPENSES	RECOVERED	RECOVERED
	JUNE 2025	YTD	JUNE 2025	YTD
CAA/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 20,066.39	\$ 199,244.37	\$ 2,689.32	\$ 28,213.13
JAIL	\$ 22,250.00	\$ 267,124.34	\$ 2,148.52	\$ 17,387.50
POOR LIEN	\$ 95.20	\$ 8,174.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,493.00
REG JUV DETENTION	\$ 0.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 1,777.65	\$ 51,042.03

- a. Bills per Printout
- b. Apportioning and Other Payments
- c. Register of Deeds Report
- d. Travel Request
 - i. Sheriff: Sheriff Lamphere to attend Law Enforcement Leadership & Administrative Training in Colorado August 13-14, 2025.
 - ii. Planning: Final; Owner: Jane Thimmesch; Lots F-2A and F-2B, a Subdivision of Tract F-2 being a Portion of the SW4 of Section 25, T8N, R2E, BHM, Butte County, South Dakota

Motion Erk, Second by Brunner to authorize Chairman Ager and Auditor Capp to sign 2026 Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Resolution for structure 10-164-240. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion Erk, Second by Brunner to authorize Chairman Ager and Auditor Capp to sign 2026 Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Resolution for structure 10-326-340. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

9:45 AM – Opening of Bids: BUTTE COUNTY COURTROOM SECURITY REMODEL

- True Builders - \$492,943.75
- Ainsworth Benning - \$156,006.00
- Scull Construction - \$509,000.00

Motion Brunner, Second by Batterman to table decision on acceptance of bids until 05Aug2025 regular meeting . More information is needed on scope of bid from Ainsworth Benning. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Auditor Capp presented an activity report provided by Treasurer Debbie Lensegrav including Butte County Delinquent Tax List, year to date motor vehicle fees collected, 605Motor Vehicle System, Assessment Freeze for Elderly & Disabled, and Mobile Home distress warrants (payable 2024).

Sheriff Lamphere provided a monthly activity report, including types and numbers of calls. Pistol Permits and Civil Process was discussed in more detail.

Sheriff Lamphere presented a proposal for a 14x22 Dog Kennel building. This would be used for keeping animals warm during cold weather. Additional discussion included storage unit that will need to be moved, concrete pad already exists, flooring, and cleaning.

Motion Erk, Second by Batterman to accept for Kennel Building not to exceed \$13,500.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

A short recess was called at 10:23 AM. Meeting reconvened at 10:30 AM.

Auditor Capp provided an Activity Report on June building activities, job openings, and audit progress. A discussion was held regarding building maintenance options.

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner, to approve the 2026 Longevity Wage Scale (3% increase). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Walton entered the meeting at 10:49 AM

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk, to approve the 2026 Provisional Budget. Update Gov't Buildings to \$664,282, Fire to \$151,101, and Ambulance to \$114,776. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Erk, to remove Lisa Nelson (former Chief Deputy Auditor) from all signature cards. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

State's Attorney Tim Barnaud gave an activity report that included the number of new cases and gave an update on the mitigation of mold in the courthouse.

Motion by Brunner, Second by Batterman, to approve the Annual Renewal of Butte Valley Farm Cultivation License. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman, to go into Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2(1) at 11:20 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Exited Executive Session at 11:48 AM. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Committee Reports

- Brunner – Butte County GOP will be serving ice cream at the Butte/Lawrence Fair
- Walton/Ager – Ambulance meeting entered into a new agreement for accounting.

Old/Unfinished Business - Capp working with the Historical Registry to determine what to do with old jail.

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to adjourn the meeting at 11:520 A.M. Vote Unanimous.
Motion Carried.

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$9,092.61, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$17,124.26, BUILDING- \$0, COMMISSIONERS \$4,158.92, DISPATCH \$17,072.71, ELECTION- \$0, EM/911 \$989.72, EXTENSION \$1,936.80, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$28,971.21, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,213.92, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,794.19, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$24,202.24, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$11,092.83, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,519.00, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$878.85

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$9,829.69

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,478.60

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$29,774.38

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

A PRUITT \$537.89, A-Z SHRD \$131.10, BH PRO HM INSPEC \$23,595.00, C KILEY \$160.80, DBL STR \$6,748.99, ECO LB \$741.25, J SCHREINER \$75.00, J HILPERT \$280.50, KNNY LW \$3,289.13, MAPS \$10,886.00, MEADE CO AUD \$21,470.00, NLSN LW \$1,286.13, PTNY BWS \$267.06, RYL SPRY \$814.00, SD DPT TRNSP \$13,198.25, SD ST TRSR \$76.11, WCKRLE LW \$11,821.88,

PUBLICATIONS

RENT/LEASE

CNTRY BUS PRDT \$443.85. CLLGN \$161.50, THMS R-WST \$1,012.71,

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

ARCH SPEC \$443.80, BCKL TRK DSL SRVC \$573.87, BTLR MCHN \$10,499.07, CRNTT CNSTR \$137.70, WST TR ALGN \$24.50,

SUPPLIES

AUTO VLU BF \$934.29, DDKTA LMBR \$48.92, MSTR CRD \$5,220.74, PR AUTO PRTS \$8.69, ROSNE CNSTR \$49,585.54, RNDUP BLD CNTR \$4.80, RNNGS \$1,682.69, VFW \$40.00, W D LRSN \$468.64, WLLS PLMB \$254.62, WSTRN CNSTR \$374,821.93

TRAVEL/CONFERENCE

CONVENE \$10.00, SDAAO \$1,500.00,

UTILITIES

AT&T \$1,042.07, BH ENRGY \$2,906.29, BUTTE ELEC \$130.21, CNTRY LNK \$1,714.61, RFS SLTNS \$393.55, TWN NSLND \$82.38,

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

James Ager, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County
Auditor