

Regular Meeting Minutes
Butte County Courthouse
Commission Meeting Room
839 5th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
Phone: 605-892-4485

Monday July 10, 2023

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 10:00 A.M. on July 10th, 2023. The meeting was recorded. Commissioner's present were Ager, Walton, Herman, and Erk. Absent: Harms

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to approve the meeting agenda with removal of executive session and move Public Comments to 6.5. Commissioner Erk requested that the public comments be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Vote Unanimous; Motion Carried.

Motion by Herman, Second by Walton to approve minutes of 20Jun2023 Regular Meeting Minutes with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Herman, Second by Erk to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Auditor Annie Capp. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Approval Sheet signed by all Commissioners and Auditor.

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to approve payment of Apportioning and Other payments per Printout as presented by Auditor Annie Capp with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Approval Sheet signed by all Commissioners.

There were no Travel Requests or Abatements

Beginning at 10:50 AM an opportunity for Public Comment was opened.

- Travis Ismay thanked the commissioners for moving the public comments to the beginning of the meeting and said he was looking forward to what Sheriff Lamphere had to say regarding medical cannabis facility inspections. Mr. Ismay then spoke on the renewal of Butte Valley Farms and noted Section 4 Subsection 2 of Ordinance 2021-02. Mr. Ismay suggested that the commissioners were in violation of the ordinance based on the subsection.

SDSU Extension Advisor, Michelle May provided an activity report including building renovations, fair activities, status of grant received for horse arena, youth leadership, teen leadership conference, and professional development activities. Commissioners thanked Michelle and Cindy for all of their hard work developing and maintain a strong 4-H program.

Veterans Service Officer, Jasen Saivong, presented an activity report for May and June including disability compensation claims, spousal death, discharge papers, home loan assistance, and DAV transportation numbers. Mr. Saivong provided some details on when he is gone for National Guard activities.

Highway superintendent, Dwayne Heidrich, presented an activity report with focus on repairing roads due to recent flooding.

Heidrich informed commissioners of upcoming retirement of mechanic and plans for filling his position with an internal employee.

Motion by Walton, Second by Herman to promote Sean Stegelman to mechanic at wage of \$24.74 and to advertise for open blade operator position after realignment of personnel. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Herman Second by Erk to approve the Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highway – Butte Electric Coop – Upper Redwater Rd –boring an underground powerline. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Discussion between commissioners and Heidrich was held on repair of flooded roads, bridges, culverts, and mag water activities. A member of the public thanked the highway department for the quick work on repair of the road near his home.

Deputy States Attorney Edward Tarbay presented an activity report including preparation for rally, increase in days for court trials, upcoming jury trials running from early August through October, and jail residents. Grand Jury dates were discussed during the rally.

Sheriff Lamphere provided an update on medical cannabis operation visits that have been made. Butte and Meade County Sheriff departments met to inspect medical cannabis facilities. The group was able to inspect three operations. Some things noted were size of operations, security measures, requirements for purchasing products at dispensary, amount of product, and willingness of facilities to open doors and provide inspection results from DOH. Sheriff Lamphere would like to work with the State to train his staff in what his department should be looking for and aware of during any inspections or establishment visits. Travis Ismay asked how product is tracked when using cash. Sheriff Lamphere explained the process of tracking product from seed to purchase by card holder.

Sheriff Lamphere also mentioned an opening in his department due to a resignation and leaking due to recent rains.

Auditor Capp presented an activity report including June building activities, meetings regarding election changes due to recent legislation, summer study by SOS regarding post-election audit, and status of 2024 budget.

Discussion held regarding application of Branding Iron Steakhouse Special Event Retail (On-Sale) Liquor License for wedding to be held July 15, 2023. No action taken.

Committee Reports were given:

- Herman and Walton – Ambulance meeting held
- Ager – Joint facility meeting held 10Jul2023 with representatives from Butte County, Belle Fourche City and Court Services. All discussions are currently preliminary, and more information will be presented to commissioners as details occur.
- Capp – mentioned the BHACCO meeting held in Haakon County Friday, July 14, 2023. Commissioner Herman will attend.

New Business

- Commissioner Ager spoke with Shawn Sorenson with Court Services about need for additional space to ensure privacy and potential for moving into available space in same building. Discussion was held regarding options and potential lease renegotiation.
- Commissioner Ager wanted to reiterate the importance of medical establishments to be good neighbors and install air purification systems to mitigate smells emanating from medical cannabis facilities.
- Travis Ismay asked if the Public Comments be consistent, and public be notified ahead of time.

Motion by Erk Second by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Payments

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$9,011.02, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$8,852.35, BUILDING \$3,931.64, COMMISSIONERS \$4,158.92, DISPATCH \$16,885.74, ELECTION \$2,113.18, EM/911 \$913.21, EXTENSION \$1,828.00, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$25,768.32, JUDICIAL \$915.95, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,914.40, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,423.58, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$20,152.20, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$13,718.86, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$8,863.05, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$828.40.

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$9,154.07

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,061.87

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$36,188.32

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

TYLR TECH \$32.50, WSTRN SD JVNLE SRVCS \$11,100.00, CHRS BRLL \$135.00, MNMNT HLTH \$504.29, A HLL CNSLTNG \$994.94, BARNAUD LAW \$3,439.60, BUTTE CO AMBLNCE \$25.00, K DLAHOYD \$55.25, THMSN REUTRS-WST \$293.38, HLPRT & HALE \$110.20, LANGUAGE LINE SRVCS \$63.00, DUBL STAR \$2,094.22, K HUNT \$1,250.00, PNNINGTN CO SHRF \$226.00, NLSN LAW \$1,122.93, C MCKNZIE \$435.69, WTNS FEES \$20.00, NTL MDCL RSOURCS \$825.00, WRK RGS \$484.99, XCTVE MGMT FNANCE \$218.80, M SEIFRT \$200.00, KNNY LAW \$11,855.71, ESRI \$1,250.00

PUBLICATIONS**RENT/LEASE**

A&B BSNSS \$260.15, CNTRY BSNSS PRDCTS \$953.73

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

SCTT PETRSN MOTRS \$1,235.35, WST TIRE \$1,103.49, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION \$6,984.05, ENRSN PLMBNG & HEATNG \$1,792.88, RSHMORE COMM \$10,735.04, GRSSNBERG MPLMNT \$347.97, GGT LAWN SRVCS \$213.14, ATLS XTRORS \$37,048.63, A & J SPPLY \$1,963.00

SUPPLIES

FDEX \$38.14, BELL FLWRS \$50.00, DKOTA LMBR \$143.60, VFW POST 3312 \$35.00, CARL'S TRAILR \$7.81, SBWAY \$123.41, O'REILLY \$109.24, ALPINE MPRSSNS \$352.02, OFFCEFURNTRE2GO.COM \$2,665.00, RNDY'S DSCNT TIRES \$1,160.00

TRAVEL/CONFERENCE

RMKOTA \$308.00, SDSU XTNSN \$149.45, DJ CNSTRCTN & DEV \$1,450.00

UTILITIES

CITY OF BF \$548.85, BH NRGY \$3,798.29, RFUSE SLTNS \$328.39, AT&T \$36.62

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Stan Harms, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, BC Auditor