

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

Tuesday August 1, 2023

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on August 1, 2023. The meeting was recorded. Commissioners present were Harms, Ager, Walton, Herman, and Erk.

Motion by Herman, Second by Ager to approve the meeting agenda with removal of item 7 Joyce Bucholz and addition of Pivot Point West River Mental Health Facility under Sheriff Office. Vote Unanimous; Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton, Second by Ager to approve minutes of 18July2023 Regular Meeting Minutes with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ager, Second by Herman to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Auditor Annie Capp. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Claim # was pulled for review and determined it was coded incorrectly under E911 (should be highway). Approval Sheet signed by all Commissioners and Auditor.

Motion by Herman, Second by Ager 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.

Motion by Walton, Second by Herman to approve Travel Request as presented with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

- Treasurer and Auditor – Debbie Lensegrav, Kelly Keegan, Annie Capp, and Lisa Nelson, to attend 2023 SDACO fall Convention in Sioux Falls, SD from September 11-13, 2023.

There were no Abatements.

Beginning at 9: AM an opportunity for Public Comment was opened.

- Travis Ismay stated that the four of the commissioners violated his first amendment rights at the 25Jul2023 meeting. Mr. Ismay asked the commissioners to research what it allowed during public comments. Mr. Ismay said he was sorry he got angry at the last meeting. Mr. Ismay said that marijuana supporters considered marijuana their Savior and that is how he correlated being a Christian and supporting marijuana.
- Kellen Willert spoke about people saying they represent all people in the community when in fact misrepresenting people. Mr. Willert said that during one of the last meetings he attended there was someone was removed, and the commissioners were in the right to do that based on that person's behavior. Mr. Willert suggested that Public Comments be placed at the end of the so the Commissioners could conduct all business first and not hold up county employees' time. Mr. Willert encouraged the commissioners to broadcast meetings. Lastly, Mr. Willert urged the commissioners to listen to the Pivot Point information to be provided by Sheriff Lamphere, citing the mental health epidemic.

Veterans Service Officer, Jasen Saivong, presented an activity report including disability compensation claims, spousal death, discharge papers, home loan assistance, and DAV transportation numbers. Mr. Saivong said he will be meeting with the Treasurer's office regarding Veterans Exemption forms. Governor declared August 7, 2023, Purple Heart Recognition day. 1.8 million have received a purple heart since its inception.

Highway superintendent, Dwayne Heidrich, presented an activity report including mowing, fixing roads, hauling gravel. Mr. Heidrich said they also took care of some things at the fairgrounds prior to fair.

Heidrich presented the Butte County Structure Grant (BIG) information. Box Culverts installed and construction on next culvert.

Commissioner Herman asked if there was signage to post regarding semi-trucks going across bridges. Heidrich recommended notifying Sheriff's Office.

Deputy States Attorney Edward Tarbay presented an activity report including preparation for rally, Meade county court schedule is Sunday thru Sunday during Rally, increase in days for court trials, upcoming jury trials running from early August through October, increase in driving under the influences, and jail residents. Two Grand Jury dates are set during the rally.

Sheriff Lamphere provided an update on a joint facility between the City of Belle Fourche and Butte County. Sheriff Lamphere said the ShopKo building came up for sale and Elevatus has been asked to come look at the building and provide plans based on use of that building.

Sheriff Lamphere shared the agreement for Elevatus for Conceptual and Programming study for a Joint Facility and reasoning for the "good faith" agreement with Elevatus.

Motion by Ager, Second by Erk to approve signing of agreement between Butte County and Elevatus for \$6,000 to continue to work on plans for a joint facility. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Lamphere provided information on Pivot Point facility. The facility will have 16 beds for full committals and 8 additional short term for up to 24-hour stays at a rate of \$260.00 a day. There will be a Memorandum of Understanding with BMS Cares and counties using facilities in the future.

Auditor Capp presented an activity report including July building activities, last SOS regarding post-election audit meeting to be held 22Aug2023, and scheduled meeting Indigent Funding to be held 13Sep2023.

Motion Ager, Second Herman to enter Executive Session for Personnel 10:14 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Executive Session ended 10:20 AM. No Action taken

Committee Reports were given:

- Erk - Fair opened 31July2023, Pitchfork Fondue was mentioned and number of animal entries.
- Herman – Ambulance Meeting held 27Jul.
- Walton – Ambulance budget meeting will be held , Kone looking at elevator and issues with shaking.

Unfinished Business

- Audio/Video Commissioner Ager mentioned Brian Leslie as a potential resource – Auditor Capp to follow up with Mr. Leslie.
- Commissioner Ager will follow up regarding the roof – has inspection been done, follow up with quote and schedule work
- AC at Admin – second quote to be done Thursday August 3rd
- Commissioner Herman asked about upcoming rain and the potential of more leaking from the step – Commissioner Walton to follow up.

Motion by Erk, Second by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Payments

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$9,013.71, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$9,009.70, BUILDING \$3,862.00, COMMISSIONERS \$4,158.92, DISPATCH \$15,148.81, ELECTION \$2,113.19, EM/911 \$913.21, EXTENSION \$1,828.00, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$25,986.24, JUDICIAL \$916.75, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,914.41, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,525.99, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$19,690.77, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$13,685.86, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$8,740.78, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$828.40.

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$9,035.23

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$6,916.33

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$30,645.34

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

R BCHMN \$50.00, MPPNG & PLNNING SPCLS \$812.75, TYLR TCH \$32.50, SD DPT TRNS \$2,412.87, WSTRN SD JVNL SRVCS \$12,900.00, C BRLL \$288.00, MNMNT HLTH \$319.23, RDWOOD TXCLGY \$5.46, A HLL CNSLTNG \$344.19, BARNAUD LAW \$1,198.40, CITY RC \$200.00, CTRPLLR \$20,250.60, LANGUAGE LINE SRVCS \$40.95, KONE \$479.01, SD PBLC ASSRNC ALLNCE \$1,315.99, PRDCTVTY PLS \$182.75, K HNT \$1,250.00, K FUHR CNSTRCTN \$773.47, PNNINGTN CO SHRFF \$678.00, BELL BNK \$9,774.17, SCHLMGN LAW \$813.70, CPFRST \$41,044.63, ALPINE MPRSSNS \$90.00, TJ LFTS DNTL \$237.81, C FCKBHM \$38.90, CO DRG \$4,455.05, THE PLMBR \$973.00

PUBLICATIONS

BH PIONEER \$26.21

RENT/LEASE

DKOTA EQPMNT RNTL \$1,360.00, PWRPLN \$3,079.70, CLLGN \$33.00, LXSXNS \$238.28, THMSN REUTRS-WST \$1,535.15, PTNY BOWS \$267.06, CNTRY BSNSS PRDCTS \$752.89, DJ CNSTRCTN & DEV \$1,450.00

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

HRSRDS \$642.35, BG SKY CMM \$910.00, NWLL SRVCE CNTR \$142.84, ENRSN PLMBNG \$125.15, LNDSTD'S ALIGNMNT \$50.00, KONE \$479.01, QUNN'S PAINTNG \$57,579.00, DIESEL MCHNRY, ROSANE CNSTRCTN \$40,086.49, SND CREEK TREE SRVCS \$1,100.00, US RCRDS MDWST \$610.25, CRNTT CNSTRCTN \$479.86

SUPPLIES

BTLR MCHNRY \$22,923.00, OFFCE MPRM \$1,127.58, HLLS PRDCTS \$2,068.48, CBH \$3,902.36, M MAY \$381.24, O'REILLY AUTO PARTS \$110.07, GREAT WSTRN STATES SPPLY \$212.46, SIGN SLTNS \$7,272.77, MDWST CNTRCTNG \$5,000.00, MG OIL \$13,764.11

TRAVEL/CONFERENCE

UTILITIES

BF CITY \$863.28, BH NRGY \$330.56, BUTTE ELCTRC \$171.94, BLUPEAK \$299.51, AT&T \$36.67, CNTRYLNK \$29.38

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:
Stan Harms, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, BC Auditor