

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 6:00 P.M. on March 7th, 2023. The meeting was recorded. Commissioner's present were Harms, Ager, Walton, Herman, and Erk.

Motion by Walton Second by Erk to approve the meeting agenda with additions of GIS MOA between City of Belle Fourche/Butte County and contract for housing of prisoners and detainees in the Meade county jail under New Business and removal of Keynen Merrell. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton Second by Herman to approve minutes of 21February2023 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. Approval Sheet signed by all Commissioners and Auditor.

Motion by Erk Second by Herman 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

State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney presented the activity report with comparison between types of cases/court appearances in Jan and Feb, grand jury, current cases, number of inmates currently in jail, and intern offer of employment.

State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney led a discussion regarding Northern Hills Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and MOU. Group is attempting to reinvigorate team for sexual assault victim resources/services with a new MOU that has been signed by SA office.

Beginning at **6:15 P.M.** an opportunity for Public Comment was opened.

- Sue Broadhurst shared her research of commission minutes on certain topics and lack of information she has been able to find in minutes. Topics mentioned were sale of property by County and purchase of County Administration Building. Also mentioned were cell phones and lack of record of votes.
- Calvin Fickbohm wished to mention the cattle guard policy and the four cattle guards on Riley Road, the condition of guards and how they affect emergency responders.
- Katie Hoffmann wanted to point out the lack of consistency with votes, comments, and actions (used Commissioner Ager's votes on Cannabis ordinance as an example).
- Dale Simanton stated he was at the last meeting during the Planning Board Commissioner Appointment. Mr. Simanton was disappointed in the process and expressed his concern with Commissioner Ager in particular.

Beginning at **6:30 P.M.** a Public Hearing was held to Open Bids – Articulated Concrete Mattress (Highway Department).

- Fuel - MG Oil for Unleaded, Diesel 1 and 2 – bid on margin due to fluctuation, Unleaded \$.428, #2 Diesel \$.127, #1 Diesel \$.127. Changes will be communicated.

- Pressed Concrete Bridge Decks, Box Culverts, and Concrete Culverts - Rinker - bid by size.
- Mag water (2 bids) – Dust Busters \$1.33/Gallon and Rosane Construction \$1.154/Gallon
- Tires – West Tire - provided list by size.
- Treated Pine – Wheeler Lumber - bid by size 12-45'
- No bids received on metal culverts.

Motion Walton, Second Herman to accept all bids. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Highway Administrator Lori Johnston presented an activity report including snow removal, signs repaired, Superintendent Heidrich went to Western South Dakota Highway Superintendent Conference previous week and was able to meet four new superintendents.

Motion by Walton Second by Ager to approve the Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways...BHE converting overhead powerline to underground Garness & Palo Rd (west of Ed Baker). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ager Second by Erk to approve the Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways-Dale Sprague-Wilson Cemetery & Gammon Rd trenching for irrigation water line. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the 2024 Weed & Pest Conference to be held in Spearfish. W&P Board requested rooms during the event (three evenings) even though the distance does not meet the requirements. Motion Erk, Second Herman to deny the request for three rooms during the 2024 Weed & Pest Conference. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Sheriff's pickups to be transferred to Hwy Dept. Neither department has budgeted for these repairs.

Motion Walton, Second by Herman that the Sheriff and Highway Department split the cost of pickup repair. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Highway Administrator Lori Johnston mentioned that cattle guards are being inspected on Riley Road, one will be replaced, one will be pulled.

Motion Walton by Second by Ager to approve Final Plat - Owner: Doug Eichler- Lot 1 of Eichler Subdivision located in S2SW4 of Section 9 T8NR6E, B.H.M. Butte County, South Dakota. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Auditor Capp presented an activity report including correspondence, legislative bills activities in Pierre, updates on collection of liens, and Wells Fargo account - a resolution for the cancellation of checks and warrants two (2) years or more will be done in June to close account out.

Motion by Walton Second by Herman to approve wage adjustments for Equalization: Johnna Ramirez Skill Level 3 \$22.49. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports were given:

- Erk – Fair board to be rescheduled.
- Walton – EDC meeting 08Mar followed by housing, Weed and Pest meeting last week. Ambulance Board is reviewing existing contracts.
- Ager – Weed and Pest board decided to issue Escort (Hoary Crest) March 31 in Newell and Belle Fourche. Planning meeting 01Mar reviewed Subdivision Ordinance with plans to have for 04Apr2023 Commissioner Meeting.

Old Business

- Capp presented finance data spreadsheets not included in the 21Feb2023 meeting.

New Business

- Memorandum of Agreement was presented by Auditor Capp. Motion by Herman Second by Walton to allow Chairman Harms and Auditor Capp to sign Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Sharing of GIS Data between City of Belle Fourche and Butte County. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.
- Contract for Housing of Prisoners and Detainees in the Meade County Jail was presented by Auditor Capp on behalf of Sheriff Lamphere. No action was taken awaiting further clarification on paragraph 6 and pricing.
- Motion by Erk Second by Herman to adjourn the meeting at 7:23p.m. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Payments

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$9,745.66, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$8,561.51, BUILDING \$3,847.78, COMMISSIONERS \$4,308.92, DISPATCH \$14,672.11, ELECTION \$2,047.98, EM/911 \$913.21, EXTENSION \$1,828.00, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$23,699.21, JUDICIAL \$936.70, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$2,010.12, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,320.39, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$21,805.53, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$12,617.30, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,275.82, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$828.40.

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$9,035.75

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,109.07

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$33,764.21

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

SD ASS'N OF CO COMM \$552.00, MNUMNT HLTH \$1,174.77, RDWOOD TXCLGY LAB \$147.58, TRI-STATE CHRPRCTC \$35.00, BARNAUD LAW \$3,282.60, QUALFIED PRESORT \$4,511.35, ROYL SPRAYNG \$1,300.01, KTZN, JOSH \$102.25, DUBL STAR \$11,875.93, AMG - AVRA OCCP MDC \$70.36, KARN HNT \$1,250.00, YANKTN CO TREAS \$224.70, JUROR FEES \$597.52, ARCHTCTRL SPCLTS \$3,774.58, SMMT FIRE PROTCTN \$434.00, LSLIE TLLSCH \$171.50, SCTT SCHLLR \$40.00, WTNSS FEES \$111.50, O'DOG PRO SRVCS \$2,150.00, RILY WARD \$94.38, STEFNIE SMMNS \$62.92, THE SPCTCL SHP 0162659 \$156.00, RON FICKBHM \$102.25, KINNY LAW \$1,636.82, FBI-LEEDA \$50.00, A-Z SHRDDNG \$38.96, COUNTY DRG \$536.84, THOMPSN, VEN \$40.00

PUBLICATIONS

BH PIONEER \$236.62, LXSNSX \$342.93

RENT/LEASE

CLLGN \$19.00, THOMSN REUTRS-WEST \$293.38, A&B BSNSS \$247.59, CNTRY BSNSS PRDCTS \$638.68, DJ CNSTRCTN & DEV \$1,450.00

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

SCTT PETRSN MOTRS \$846.61, WST TIRE \$15.00, BICKLS TRCK & DIESEL \$150.55, CARL'S TRAILR SALES \$294.48, ALLSTATE PETRBLT \$573.10, NGNEERD CNCRETE PRDCTS \$4,300.00, ISC \$1,748.00

SUPPLIES

LNN'S DKOTAMART \$23.78, MCLEODS \$394.72, MCGS PROPANE \$1,819.86, BELL
FLOWRS \$105.49, OFFCE MPORM \$313.51, DAKOTA LUMBER \$29.48, SD DPT OF TRANS
\$8,343.82, PRNT MARK-ET \$442.06, NWLL SRVCE CNTR \$21.65, NWLL HARDWARE
\$15.98, O'REILLY AUTO PARTS \$174.38, NTL TEST SYSTMS \$2,099.20, BUCK STP
SPORTS \$5,852.86

TRAVEL/CONFERENCE

CRSSROADS HOTL \$836.91

UTILITIES

BH NRGY \$3,658.71, BLUPEAK \$87.45, RFUSE SLUTNS \$352.01, BUTTE MEAD SNTRY
DST \$55.00, AT&T \$37.56

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Stan Harms, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, BC Auditor