

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: June 6, 2024

Present: Commissioners Carmichael, Foster, Campbell, Schweitzer, Henderson and Finance Officer Stadler

Others Present: Lexy Kindsvogel, Shauna Kopren, Kallie Kronberg, Robert Parker, Lynn Frey, Ethan Thom, Ralph Gaffaney, Nancy Johnson, Daniel Cichosz, Kelly Serr and Cody Green

Call to Order

Chairman Carmichael called the Regular Commissioner Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Conflict of Interest

Commissioner Henderson said he might have a Conflict of Interest with the item of Spraying on County Roads.

Approval of the Agenda

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to approve the Agenda, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Campbell moved, Henderson seconded to approve the Minutes for the May 14, 2024 Regular meeting, motion carried.

Monthly Reports

- Finance Officer's Account with the Deputy Finance Officer - To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners Perkins County: I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the Deputy Finance Officer of this County as of May 31, 2024, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$3,568,322.61, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$106,239.28; Certificates of Deposit \$405,258.66; Total \$4,080,020.55. The total represents state, county, schools, cities and township funds, which will be transferred to each entity of government after being apportioned.
- Sheriff's Fees in the amount of \$702.76 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of May 2024 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$2,947.00 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: W. Johnson 6-1, G. Karels 6-1, B. Kari 6-28, B. Escott 6-27.

Correspondence – none

Inflatables & Tent – Commercial Club – Lexy Kindsvogel was present on behalf of the Commercial Club to request use of the Courthouse lawn on June 14-16 for the Bison Gala Days celebration. Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to grant the Commercial Club access to the Courthouse lawn and electrical outlets on June 14-16, 2024, contingent upon them obtaining the necessary liability insurance, motion carried.

Western Dakota Regional Water Study – Lynn Frey was present to inform the Commissioners of the current water situation within Perkins County. He is on the Perkins County Rural Water Board, and they have intentions of getting additional water to the southern part of Perkins County, which currently does not have access to rural water. Perkins County Rural Water has signed an agreement with Tri-County with intentions of getting water to the rest of Perkins County in the next few years. Perkins County Rural Water has also been contacted by the Western Dakota Regional Water System to join their cause. Western Dakota Regional Water System is interested in piping water from the Missouri River to the Black Hills. They were wondering if Perkins County Rural would be interested in joining as an associate member at a cost of \$375/year. Frey said Perkins County Rural Water is not interested in joining at this time but wanted to allow the Commissioners to join if interested.

Budget Requests

- Bison Education Enrichment Foundation (BEEF) – Kallie Kronberg and Shauna Kopren were present on behalf of the newly formed Bison Education Enrichment Foundation to request assistance in paying a potential teacher through the county's payroll and to request funding in 2025 for \$10,000.
- Perkins County Conservation District – Shauna Kopren was present to request \$28,000 for 2025.
- Lemmon EMT Association – Ethan Thom was present to request a lump sum of \$10,000 or \$60 flat fee plus \$1 per loaded mile per patient for Perkins County Resident for 2025.

Award Bids for Foster Bridge – Henderson moved, Foster seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to open the bids received for the Foster Bridge project, motion carried. The following bids were received:

Midwest Contracting, LLC	\$1,281,804.15
Central Specialties Inc.	\$1,304,918.00
A-G-E Corporation	\$1,484,594.42
Young Gun Construction, LLC	\$1,171,543.73
BL Contracting	\$1,382,037.00

Henderson moved, Foster seconded to accept the lowest bid from Young Gun Construction, LLC for \$1,171,543.73 for the Foster Road Structure Replacement Project, BRO 8053(00)24-1 PCN 09RJ, contingent upon the South Dakota Department of Transportation approval, motion carried.

Highway Department

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report for the month of May. He reported on continuing with maintenance and repairs. Green reported on patching asphalt roads and chip sealing will start on the Bixby Road on the 17th. The crew continues to work on pulling shoulders and blading roads. Green reported culverts will start to be replaced on Arrowhead Road next week and then the crew will just continue going north. Green reported mowing asphalt roads will begin at the end of the month and that LTAP will be here next week to visit about the Prairie City Road. There has been talk about the road being slimy after receiving some rain, possibly coming from the tree sap that was put on years ago.

- Cody Olson Termination – no action taken
- Advertise for Hire – no action taken
- Spraying on County Roads – no action taken

Executive Session

Carmichael moved, Foster seconded to declare Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 11:45 a.m. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 12:15 p.m.

Colonial Life – Request to Quote – Mike McCroden was present to request the Commissioners allow him to quote employees for Colonial Life Policies. He sells disability, including short term, life insurance, accidental death & disbursement, and dental. Commissioners took no action.

Executive Session

Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to declare Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 12:36 p.m. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 12:56 p.m.

Shapefile User Agreements – tabled until next month

Courthouse Building Corners – Sheriff Serr wanted to inform the Commissioners that the south corners of the Courthouse building are cracking and crumbling in some spots. The concrete tables, benches and bollards will need to be sealed to avoid deterioration.

Plat - Bison Public Library – Town of Bison will be paying the Plat cost from Brosz Engineering to Plat the Bison Public Library.

Resolution 2024-08

Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to introduce and approve Resolution 2024-08 “Replat of Lot 1 of the Storm Addition now known as Lot 1R of the Storm Addition” to Perkins County, SD as located in the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 15 East of the B.H.M, Roll Call: Henderson aye, Campbell aye, Foster aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-08

Replat of Lot 1 of the Storm Addition now known as Lot 1R of the Storm Addition to Perkins County, SD – as located in the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 15 East of the B.H.M.

Be it resolved by the County Commissioner of Perkins County, South Dakota that the Replat of Lot 1 of the Storm Addition now known as Lot 1R of the Storm Addition to Perkins County, SD – as located in the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 15 East of the B.H.M. Perkins County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of South Dakota Compiled Law, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof.

First Reading – Ordinance 2024-02 Wheel Tax Increase -Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-02 “An Ordinance to Amend the Imposition, Collection, and Enforcement of a Wheel Tax in Perkins County” roll call: Schweitzer aye, Foster nay, Campbell aye, Henderson aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE IMPOSITION, COLLECTION
AND ENFORCEMENT OF A WHEEL TAX IN PERKINS COUNTY**

Pursuant to SDCL 21-5A-1, et seq., and consistent with Legislative intent permitting counties to impose and administer a wheel tax,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PERKINS COUNTY COMMISSION, that a wheel tax be imposed in and for Perkins County as set forth herein.

Section 1: All motor vehicles as defined by SDCL 32-3-1, registered in Perkins County, South Dakota, shall have a wheel tax imposed upon each such vehicle at a rate not to exceed ~~\$2.00~~ \$5.00 per vehicle wheel and not to exceed ~~\$8.00~~ \$50.00 per vehicle. The tax shall be administered and collected by the County. The per vehicle wheel rate shall be the same for all types of motor vehicles. The increase in wheel tax shall take place on January 1, 2025.

Section 2: The proceeds from the tax created by this ordinance shall be retained by the County, deposited into a special highway fund and the revenue may be used only for highway and bridge maintenance and construction. The Board of County Commissioners shall, by resolution, establish a means of distributing the revenue generated by this ordinance among the county, municipalities and townships located within Perkins County.

Section 3: Upon purchasing a vehicle from a dealer, the purchaser shall pay the appropriate tax at the time of title transfer. Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent an automobile dealer from licensing the vehicles on his lot without paying any taxes created by this ordinance.

Section 4: This ordinance shall cover and impose the wheel tax for all motor vehicles eligible for license registration or license renewal for January 1994 and all subsequent months. This ordinance shall impose a wheel tax upon all motor vehicles, even though license registration or renewal takes place prior to January 1, 1994.

Section 5: If any provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, it shall be held invalid and shall not effect any other provision of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and for this purpose, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Deputy Coroner – Loyson Carda – Coroner Matthew Barnes wanted to let the Commissioners know that he has appointed Loyson Carda as the Deputy Coroner.

Sheriff – Kelly Serr

- Corson County Hold Over Agreement – Sheriff Serr wanted to let the Commissioners know that he executed an agreement with the Corson County Sheriff to pay for holdover cost at \$18.00/hour. Corson County had a trial last week and needed holdover services for their inmate during the trial. The purpose of this agreement is for limited circumstances.
- New Hires – Sheriff Serr has 2 potential employees and wanted to let Commissioners know that he hopes to have both employees start soon. Serr also wanted to inform Commissioners that Deputy Johnson is planning on retiring in September of 2024.
- Set Wage – Sheriff Serr would like to encourage the Commissioners to increase the hourly wage for all deputies, as all surrounding counties are paying their deputies a much higher wage.

Finance Office – Sara Stadler

- Canvass 2024 Primary Election- The Canvass of the 2024 Primary Election was conducted. The Certificate of Election for the 2024 Primary Election was signed by the Commissioners and attested by the Finance Officer.
- Surplus 2 Desks & 1 Dymo Label Printer – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to surplus 2 office desks from the Finance Office and 1 Dymo Label Printer due to no value in any of the 3 items, and to dispose of them, motion carried.
- Donna Smith Abatement #15184 – Tabled until next month
- Per Diem Rate – Finance Officer Stadler wanted to inform the board that the State will increase their mileage rate on July 1, 2024. The current rate is .51/mile and that will increase to .65/mile.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment: May payroll: 73,963.67; IRS, FICA, 7,306.77; SD Retirement, 6,018.42; Delta Dental, ins, 1,143.75; Medico Life, ins, 138.24; Wellmark, ins, 22,815.12; Sun Life, ins, 95.76 HRA, reimb, 5,060.00; A&B, maint, 54.34; A. Larson, supplies, 34.04; A&B, supplies; 115.34; Beckman Memorial, rent, 50.00; Bierschbach, supplies, 2,579.71; Bison Courier, publishing, 807.84; Bison Food, supplies, 214.07; Bison Grain, supplies, 23,032.04; Bison Imp, supplies/labor, 1,484.81; Boss Cowman Rodeo, subsidy, 1,000.00; Butler, repair, 240.00; L. Carda, prof fees, 253.75; CASA, subsidy, 1,500.00; Chapman's Electronics, equip/repair, 6,719.10; Contractors Supply, supplies, 535.20; County Drug, med fees, 48.46; Current Connection, repairs/maint, 963.22; Dakota Feed, supplies, 24.05; Dakota Herald, publishing, 74.97; Evanson Jensen, ind. burial, 1,860.00; Firstnet, utilities, 286.76; Five Counties, prof. serv, 200.00; G&O paper, supplies, 206.70; Grand, utilities, 2,212.59; Indian Creek, rent, 75.00; Intab, supplies, 123.24; John Deere, repairs/labor, 3,352.94; LACED, subsidy, 15,000.00; Lemmon EMT, travel, 3,625.06; Lodgepole Hall, rent, 50.00; Matheson, supplies, 611.85; McLeod's, supplies, 182.63; My Place, travel, 109.14; NW Farm, supplies, 26.99; Penfield, rent, 400.00; PC Fair Board, subsidy, 15,000.00; Pharmchem, testing, 31.95; Prairie Home Church, rent, 50.00; Runnings, supplies, 1,016.97; SD Dev. Center, subsidy, 120.00; SD Health Lab, prof serv, 40.00; Servall, supplies, 93.89; Simon, supplies, 2,977.50; Sorum Fire Dept, subsidy, 4,000.00; Stelter, repairs, 4,477.87; Swanston, repairs, 480.95; Tennant's, maint, 339.90; Town of Bison, utilities, 319.68; Tri-County Conservation, subsidy, 2,850.00; Universal, prof fees, supplies, 12.12; USPS, supplies, 508.00; J. Vanvactor, contract serv, 1,160.00; Verizon, utilities, 80.02; Visa, supplies/utilities/repairs, 2,349.75; West Group, law books, 393.96; WRCTC, utilities, 1,240.75; Primary Election Wages 6,050.00; Election Travel, 1,005.71.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

 Kyle Carmichael, Chairman