

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: March 7, 2023

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

Others Present: Brian Mitchell, Mel Utter, Cody Green, Kelly Serr, Corina Kocer, Beth Hulm, press

Absent: Commissioner Campbell & Commissioner Henderson

Call to Order

Chairman Carmichael called the regular March Commission Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Approval of the Agenda

Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Agenda with the removal of the 1st adjournment, motion carried.

Minutes

Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 7th meeting as presented, 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 February 28, 2023, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$2,077,185.10, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$104,240.11; Certificates of Deposit \$400,000.00; Total \$2,581,660.54. 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 \$171.00 were reviewed.
- ✓ Motor Vehicle fees for the month of February 2023 were reviewed.
- ✓ Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$5,744.00 were reviewed.
- ✓ Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: S Stadler 3-16, W McCall 3-31

Correspondence

- ✓ A records request letter was received from Jeremy Dunn requesting financial information from Perkins County.

Predator Board Update

- ✓ Mel Utter was present to give an update to the Commissioners on the predator control numbers for 2022.

Highway Superintendent

- ✓ Highway Superintendent Green presented the Monthly Project and Maintenance Report for the month of February. On the 2001 Cat there is a hydraulic control box that is leaking. The Mack plow truck is having electrical issues and is in Rapid City for repairs. Weather permitting, the crew continues to work on snowplowing, bridge maintenance, tree trimming and signage. Superintendent Green reported that Bailey Escott and Cody Gruwell both passed their CDL test. Superintendent Green also reported that load limits were put up 3-6-2023. They usually put them up the 1st part of March through the end of April.
- ✓ Hwy Dept Wage – Tabled till April meeting since there was not the full 5-member board present.
- ✓ Isaac Jones – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to hire Isaac Jones at \$19.23 per hour effective his start date of 2-15-2023, motion carried.

- ✓ Summerville Rd – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to let bids out for the Summerville Rd Project, motion carried. Brosz Engineering is planning a public meeting on April 6th at the courthouse to open the received bids.
- ✓ TrueNorth Steel – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to piggyback off of Beadle County for culvert pricing, motion carried.
- ✓ Foster Bridge – Superintendent Green stated that SD Department of Transportation (SD DOT) is concerned that we have not completed the Foster Bridge project. The original funding from FEMA stated the funding received was to return it to its original state. The State of SD had a rehabilitation grant that Perkins County received which is now changed over to a replacement grant. Currently Perkins County was planning to replace the bridge entirely but have pushed the project off until had additional funding. Green was advised from FEMA that Perkins County could possibly request to change the money that was received from FEMA and possibly be able to change from putting it to its original state to a replacement and if approved could then request another extension. The original FEMA amount was approximately \$37,000. We have an 80/20 planning and designing agreement with Brosz on the Foster Bridge. Total cost to cover the planning and designing is \$92,800 and Perkins County's share is \$18,560. The 80% will be covered by the replacement grant that was awarded to Perkins County from the State. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Superintendent Cody Green as signatory on the Brosz Engineering Agreement, motion carried.

Bids for County Secondary Roads

- ✓ Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to open bids for Secondary Roads, motion carried. No bids were received for blading Secondary Roads for the county. Commissioners decided against advertising again.

Executive Session – Carmichael moved, Foster seconded to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SD 1-25-2(3) for legal matters at 10:47 am, motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared out of Executive Session at 11:05 am.

Bids for Gravel Crushing & Stockpiling

- ✓ Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to open the bids for gravel crushing, motion carried.
- ✓ Commissioners received the following 4 bids for crushing a total of 60,000 Ton of gravel – 30,000 Ton at the Tank Pit and 30,000 Ton at the Brockel Pit:
 - Western Communications – \$7.90/Ton = grand total of \$474,000
 - Aggregate Construction - \$4.48/Ton = grand total of \$268,800
 - Morris Inc - \$5.91/Ton = grand total of \$354,600
 - Fisher Sand & Gravel - \$6.72/Ton = grand total of \$403,200
- ✓ Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to accept the low bid with Aggregate Construction of \$4.48/Ton, motion carried.

Foreclosure Action

Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to authorize Kyle Carmichael as signatory on the Foreclosure Action, motion carried. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Kyle Carmichael as signatory on the Quiet Title, motion carried.

Audit Review

Commissioners called Bruce Hintz, auditor with Legislative Audit. Hintz recently completed his 2020 and 2021 audit for Perkins County. Hintz commented that there was no written comment and in his oral findings he would just note that he would like the Perkins County Fair to work on cleaning the cash collections process, which he has noted in previous audits.

Finance Office

- ✓ Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Finance Officer Stadler as signatory on the newest National Opioid Settlement documentation, motion carried.
- ✓ Added Taxes
 - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to have added taxes in the amount of \$256.42 for Record # 13582, legal description of Lemmon 3rd Addn. Blk 1 S 50' of N 103' of Lots 10, 11, & 12, City of Lemmon, motion carried.

- Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to have added taxes in the amount of \$1,151.84 for Record # 13779 – legal description of Engebretsons Addn Blk 5 Lot 8, City of Lemmon, motion carried.
- Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to have added taxes in the amount of \$81.00 for Record # 13876, legal description of NW Townsite Co, 2nd Addn, Blk 4 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, City of Lemmon, motion carried.
- Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to have added taxes in the amount of \$82.92 for Record # 13174, legal description of Lemmon Original Blk 13 Lot 12, City of Lemmon, motion carried.
- ✓ Mental Health Board Appointee – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to appoint Lacy Hoff and Patty Benson to the Mental Health Board, motion carried.
- ✓ Abatements
 - Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to abate partial taxes in the amount of \$304.90 on record #13945 due to a house fire, legal description of Tower Hill Addn Tract Two Blk 8 Lot 2, motion carried. This property was abated by the City of Lemmon on February 6, 2023.
 - Schweitzer moved, Carmichael seconded to abate the taxes on Record #14025 for the Prairie West Apartments Inc, legal description of Wheeler Addn Lot 31, City of Lemmon, in the amount of \$12,675.10, motion carried. This property was abated by the City of Lemmon on March 6, 2023.
 - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to abate the following 4 parcels for the Meadow Fire Dept:

Record	Legal Description	Amount Abating
#17496	Easter Twp, NW 21-17-16, Bldg only	21.42
#17498	Clark Twp, SW- Bldg only	15.10
#17721	Foster Twp, SENE, NESW, NSE – Bldg	20.55
#17497	Grand Central NW 9-18-16- Bldg only	17.96
 - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to abate the taxes on Record # 17762 for the Sorum Reva Fire Dept, legal description of Jones Twp, Bldg only, in the amount of \$192.72, motion carried.
 - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to abate the taxes on Record # 17052 for the SD School & Public Lands, legal description of Sheffield Twp, WSESE, NESESE, in the amount of \$8.60, motion carried.
 - Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to abate the taxes on Record # 17650 for the Church of Christ, legal description of Antelope Twp, SESE 18-16-11, Bldg only, in the amount of \$110.12, motion carried.
 - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to abate the taxes on Record # 17649 for the Cedar Canyon Bible Camp, legal description of Mildrew Twp, SE 31-13-12, Bldg only, in the amount of \$195.46, motion carried.
 - Record #15184, owned by Donna Smith, legal description of Lincoln Twp, Lot 1 Outlot A of SW (cont 11.05 AC), had a house fire 1-1-2023, so will not need to abate taxes until next year.
- ✓ Review Annual Report – Finance Officer Stadler wanted to inform the Board she is working on the Annual Report and will report on its completion at the April Meeting.
- ✓ April Meeting Dates – The Board of Equalization will be opened following the regular commission meeting scheduled for April 11, 2023 at 10 am. Carmichael moved, Schweitzer seconded to hold the County Board of Equalization meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 10 am, motion carried.

Resolution 2023-04 Fire Protection

Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve Resolution 2023-04 Fire Protection, roll call vote: Schweitzer aye, Foster aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2023 -04

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator is authorized to assist in fighting range fires through the State, and
 WHEREAS, a county must formally request his assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20-8.1;
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perkins County Commissioners do hereby designate the following persons with the authority to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in fighting range fires:

Douglas Jerde, Wade Henderson, Arlen Hatle, Joshua Beckman, David Kopren, Allen Palmer, Brent Dirk and Chad Baumgarten.

Sheriff Kelly Serr

- ✓ Homeland Security Grant – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to authorize Sheriff Serr to apply for a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$16,996.93 to receive PT25 compliant radios, motion carried.
- ✓ Meade County Jail Fees – Sheriff Serr informed the Commissioners that there will be a new jail contract with Meade County effective April 1st, 2023. Fees will increase from \$80/day to \$95/day. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Sheriff Serr to sign the contract with Meade County as he sees fit, motion carried.
- ✓ New Hire – Sheriff Serr informed the Board he has hired a new deputy who was a former K-9 handler and still has his K-9. Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve the hire of Peter Schmeling effective 03-20-2023 at an hourly rate of \$20.59, motion carried.
- ✓ Boiler Update – Sheriff Serr gave a brief update on the continued repairs on the boilers for the courthouse. One of the boilers is having issues when trying to ignite. Johnson Control has been called to come make some repairs.

Director of Equalization

- ✓ Corina Kocer was present to go over the annual assessment presentation.
- ✓ Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to authorize the advertisement for a DOE Deputy Appraiser, motion carried.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, Feb payroll: 76,550.16; IRS, fica, 7,575.55; SD Retirement, 5,926.27; Delta Dental, ins, 1,235.25; Medico Life, insurance, 130.00; Wellmark, ins, 22,394.62; SDPEF, ins, 93.00; A&B, maint; 68.92; Agpro, equip/repair, 429.77; Am. Sol. For Bus, supplies, 19.20; Avera, prof. fees, 206.00; B&C Plumb, repair/maint, 605.00; Bison Courier, pub, 323.04; Bison Grain, supplies, 29,409.70; Bison Imp, equip/supplies, 1,594.73; Black Hills Psy, prof. fees, 450.00; Black Strap, supplies/maint, 2,474.75; Brosz Eng, prof. fees, 15,525.00; Butler Machinery, repair, 1,618.43; L. Carda, mileage, 287.64; County Drug, jail meds, 118.77; Crossroads Hotel, travel, 654.93; Current Conn, supplies/maint/equip, 10,515.76; Dacotah Ins, ins, 346.00; Dakota Fluid, repair, 491.00; Dakota Herald, pub, 154.14; Eagle Nest, repair, 500.00; First Net, utilities, 276.59; Five Counties, prof. fees, 300.00; G&O paper, supplies, 827.15; Gooseneck, supplies, 28.90; Grand, utilities, 1,732.06; Jenner Equip, repair, 91.24; J.Hallen, chem. rebate, 2,657.00; JD Financial, repair, 76.63; Johnson Cont, repairs, 3,939.13; Kimball Midwest, equip/supp, 439.35; Lemmon EMT, travel, 637.49; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 44.68; LIVE, sub, 3,000.00; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 373.28; Loftus Dental, jail med fees, 236.16; Matheson, equip, 46.07; Meade Co, jail board, 2,640.00; Melling, crt appt atty, 573.45; Newman Signs, supplies, 447.25; NW Farm, supplies, 23.99; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Pharmchem, supplies, 63.90; Pheasantland Ind, supplies, 1,049.02; Pitney Bowes, supplies, 265.58; Pitney Bowes, postage, 5,000.00; Prairie Hill Transit, subsidy, 8,000.00; Print Shop, supplies, 410.00; RDO, repairs, 2,898.40; Runnings, supplies, 167.95; Rushmore Comm, repair, 345.00; SD DPS, repair & maint, 2,340.00; SD Dev Center, mh, 120.00; SD DOT, Prof. fees, 482.34; SD Human Services, mh, 552.44; SD States Attorney, dues, 750.00; SDW&PS, DUES, 200.00; SD Sheriff's Assoc, dues, 115.00; Servall, supplies, 92.06; Stelter, repairs, 881.59; Stippich, equip/repair, 596.00; Sturgis Resp, supplies, 139.98; Tennants, maint, 1,768.74; Three Rivers, sub, 6,900.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 256.94; TransSource, repairs, 178.73; J, Vanvactor, supplies, 9.57; Verizon, utilities, 280.32; Wegner Auto, equip, 82,718.00; West Group, law books, 382.48; Western Comm, 637.50; WRCTC, utilities, 1,557.75.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 10:00 am.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman