

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: October 13, 2015

Present: Commissioners Besler, Henderson (9:56), Ottman (9:17), Schweitzer and Foster and Finance Officer Chapman

Others Present: Shane Penfield, Casey Deibert, Duane Holtgard, Kelly Serr, Heidi Stevens, Rownea Gerbracht, Jeanette Kruger, BreAnn Nelson, Tamara Buer, Virginia Green, Zak Clark, Greg Fried, Ida Sander, Malcolm McKillop, Peter Sanchez, Anthony Fike, Beth Hulm, press.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairman Besler called the regular October Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve the minutes 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 September 30, 2015, Sylvia Chapman, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$4,661.35; Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Insured Money Market \$2,085,881.10; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union membership fee \$10.04; Certificates of Deposit \$500,257.72; Total \$2,591,010.21. The total represents state, county, schools, cities and township funds, which will be transferred to each entity of government after being apportioned.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of September 2015 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$4,055.50 were reviewed.
- Sheriff's Fees in the amount of \$380.99 were reviewed.
- Foster gave a brief convention report.

General Fund Surplus Analysis

General Fund Surplus Analysis Report dated September 30, 2015 shows an unassigned cash balance of \$53,980.90.

Resolution 2015-11

Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve Resolution 2015-11 "Plat of Lots 10-18 of the Johnson Addition to Perkins County, South Dakota", roll call vote: Schweitzer aye, Foster aye, Ottman aye, Besler aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2015-11

**Plat of Lots 10 - 18 of the Johnson Addition to Perkins County, South Dakota
Located in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 33 Township 21 North Range 15 East of the
B.H.M. Perkins County, South Dakota**

Be it resolved by the County Commission of Perkins County, South Dakota, that the Plat of Lots 10-18 of the Johnson Addition to Perkins County, South Dakota, as located in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, Township 21 North, Range 15 East of the B.H.M., County of Perkins, State of South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of the South Dakota Compiled Law, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof.

Resolution 2015-12

Foster moved, Ottman seconded to approve Resolution 2015-12 Plat of Lot A Located in the SE1/4 of Section 11, Township 13 North Range 16 East of the Black Hills Meridian Perkins County, South Dakota”, roll call vote: Foster aye, Henderson aye, Ottman aye, Schweitzer aye, Besler aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2015-12**Plat of Lot A Located in the SE1/4 of Section 11, Township 13 North Range 16 East of the Black Hills Meridian Perkins County, South Dakota**

Be It resolved by the County Commission of Perkins County, South Dakota, that the Plat of Lot A located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 11 – Township 13 North – Range 16 East of the BHM, County of Perkins, State of 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.

Commemorative Resolution 2015-13

Ottman moved, Foster seconded to introduce and approve the Commemorative Resolution 2015-13 for Pearle Jesfjeld, roll call vote: Henderson aye, Ottman aye, Schweitzer aye, Foster aye, Besler aye, motion carried.

**County of Perkins
State of South Dakota
Commemorative Resolution 2015-13**

Whereas, Perkins County is made up of residents that have dedicated their lives to the settlement and betterment of this county; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld was born on September 26, 1915 in Strool Township, Perkins County, South Dakota to Carl and Marie Stubstad; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld grew up with her siblings Gladys and Stuart; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld attended the first two years of grade school in Strool, riding horseback with her sister to and from school; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld attended high school in Bison and graduated with the class of 1934; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld worked out helping neighbors her first year out of high school saving up money so she could go to college the following year when she attended Northern State Teachers College for one school term and received a certificate to teach elementary.

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld taught school 1936-1942 at Vale, North Strool and Antelope; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld was married to George Jesfjeld on July 24, 1942; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld lived at the Jesfjeld ranch situated on the South Grand River between Strool and Lodgepole, South Dakota for most of her 100 year life; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld has raised her family in Perkins County including two children, Janet and Clyde; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld has always been a very disciplined and organized person in her personal life as well as business life; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld is known for the many fancy crocheted items she has made and her gift for writing letters as well as a diary from the 1950's into the 1990's; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfjeld was active in the local Sidney Sunshine extension homemakers club for over 50 years, served on the Perkins County Extension Board for over 30 years as their

secretary, served as secretary of the local schoolboard during the 1940's and 1950's. The Perkins County Farm Bureau and the Perkins County Republican Party were two organizations in which she was active from the 1960's into the 1990's; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfeld has been a lifelong member of the American Lutheran Church contributing to Ladies Aid dinners and holding church offices; and

Whereas, Pearle Jesfeld entered assisted living in Hettinger, North Dakota. Three years later she moved to Western Horizons Care Center; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that said Perkins County Commission recognize and celebrate this important milestone in Pearle Jesfeld's life hereby provide this commemoration and also hereby declare a day of celebration for all the residents of Perkins County.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners of the County of Perkins, hereby set our hands on this joint commemoration on the 13th day of October, In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen, at the Seat of Government of the County of Perkins, State of South Dakota.

Commemorative Resolution 2015-14

Schweitzer moved, Foster aye seconded to approve Commemorative Resolution 2015-14 for Phyllis Brixey, roll call vote: Henderson aye, Ottman aye, Schweitzer aye, Foster aye, Besler aye, motion carried.

**County of Perkins
State of South Dakota
Commemorative Resolution 2015-14**

Whereas, Perkins County is made up of residents that have dedicated their lives to the settlement and betterment of this county; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey was born on September 28, 1915 in Strool Township, Perkins County, South Dakota to C. Edward and Essie Brixey; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey grew up with her sister Iva; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey attended all eight years of grade school in Strool, walking three and a half miles through fields with her sister to and from school; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey attended Northern State Teachers College for one school term and received a certificate to teach; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey taught school for two years before returning to Northern State Teachers College where she earned her State Teacher's certificate; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey taught a few more years in Perkins County school before attending Bible school at Chicago Evangelistic Institute for four years where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in education; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey sailed to Germany in March, 1949 to do missionary work with the European Evangelistic Crusade; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey returned to South Dakota in 1954 before teaching in Anderson, Indiana at a Christian day school; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey also spent one year in both Los Angeles and New York City; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey taught one more year of school in Perkins County before becoming a caregiver for her father; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey returned to the classroom when her father passed away in 1960 and retired in 1979; and

Whereas, Phyllis Brixey farmed and ranched for 16 years after her retirement from the education system and finally retired from her second job at the age of 80; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that said Perkins County Commission recognize and celebrate this important milestone in Phyllis Brixey's life hereby provide this commemoration and also hereby declare a day of celebration for all the residents of Perkins County.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners of the County of Perkins, hereby set our hands on this joint commemoration on the 13th day of October, In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen, at the Seat of Government of the County of Perkins, State of South Dakota.

Bids for Chips

Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to open bids for chips, motion carried.

- Morris Inc, Pierre SD – 5700 ton @ \$55.35/ton - \$315,495.00
- Fisher Sand & Gravel – 5700 ton @ \$36.50 - \$208,050.00

Schweitzer moved, Ottman seconded to accept low bid from Fisher Sand & Gravel of \$36.50/ton for a total bid amount of \$208,050.00, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent

- Holtgard would like the Commission to consider increasing the speed limit on the Bixby Road and White Butte Road. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to increase the speed limit on the Bixby Road and White Butte Road to 65 miles per hour. States Attorney Penfield requested an executive session to discuss legal matter.
- Executive Session
Foster moved, Ottman seconded to enter into executive session at 9:50 to discuss legal matters, motion carried. Meeting was declared out of executive session at 10:01 a.m.
- Following executive session Chairman Besler called for a vote: all members voting nay, motion failed. The question will be addressed again at the November Commission Meeting.

Health Insurance Quotes

- Hibner Insurance was present to quote Dakota Care.
- Farm Bureau Insurance was present to quote Wellmark.
- South Dakota Public Entity Fund was also present to quote Wellmark through their pool.

Ottman moved, Henderson seconded to postpone the decision on health insurance until the November 10th Commission Meeting to allow time for the employees to review all the information on the various plans, motion carried.

Property & Liability Insurance

Anthony Fike was present to discuss our current General liability, property and vehicle insurance.

Highway Superintendent continued

- The question on who should sign off on the easement agreements was addressed. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Highway Superintendent to sign off on all temporary easements for Perkins County, motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent Holtgard would like to use the 33' Right-of-Way on Lot A H-3 on the SE1/4, NW1/4, Sec 13, T18N, R13E B.H.M., Town of Bison, County of Perkins, State of South Dakota. Holtgard will check with Brosz Engineering concerning the costs to have the area re-platted.
- Discussion was held on the transfer of Coleman Avenue located in the Town of Bison from Perkins County to the Town of Bison and the transfer of Railway Street located

in the City of Lemmon from Perkins County to the City of Lemmon. Additional time is needed to research legal descriptions and these will be brought to a future meeting.

- The Monthly Highway Maintenance & Project Report was reviewed.

DOE Gerbracht

- DOE Gerbracht addressed the Commission concerning replacing the 2003 Dodge Durango which was totaled in September. She brought three different options to the table. 1) use the Sheriff's office surplus 2009 Dodge Durango; 2) purchase of a used vehicle with 115,000 miles for \$23,000 3) new 2015 Chevy Silverado off the South Dakota state bid for \$27,500. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to have the Sheriff's office prepare the 2009 Dodge Durango for the Director of Equalization's use, motion carried.
- Gerbracht reviewed the upcoming valuation changes.
- Gerbracht also shared the GIS program with those in attendance.

The Commission broke for lunch at 12:24 p.m.

Commissioners Schweitzer and Ottman left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:27 PM

West River Telephone Phone Update

Eric Kahler, West River Telephone Cooperation representative, was present to review the Proposal for a new telephone key system upgrade. Henderson moved, Foster seconded to go with Option 1 (lease) for a monthly lease price of \$233.75/month for 84 months, motion carried.

Proposed Courthouse Repairs

Michael Hubbard from Johnson Controls was present to review the list of repairs on the Perkins County Courthouse. The County employees were brought into the Commission Meeting to provide input and ask any questions they may have concerning the project. A lengthy discussion was held whereby a list of priorities was made. Henderson moved, Foster seconded to approve the Facility Improvement Measures Summary Table as follows and authorize Chairman Besler as signatory on the project: 1) Immediate Plumbing Upgrades & Repairs; 2) Restroom Fixture Upgrade; 3) Replace four operable windows on the upper level and Main Entry Repair; 4) Replace six operable windows and put two additional operable windows in the lower Level; 5) HVAC System Upgrade – Upgrade DDC & VAV Boxes; 6) HVAC System Upgrade – Replace Air Handling Unit; 7) Roof/Site Drainage Improvements; 8) Remove Underground Fuel Oil Tank; 9) Project Development, motion carried.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, September payroll: 97,506.47; IRS, fica, 6,471.79; SD Retirement, retirement, 5,145.28; Delta Dental, insurance, 1,284.46; Lincoln Mutual, insurance, 146.88; SDSDBF, insurance, 25,894.32; A&B Business, supplies, 275.78; Bentz Equipment, repairs, 111.81; Best Western Ramkota, travel, 1,646.96; Bison Courier, publishing, 60.65; Bison Food Store, supplies, 42.43; Bison Grain, repairs/fuel, 35,852.07; Bison Implement, repairs/supplies, 2,852.03; Butler Machinery, equipment/repairs, 24,435.43; CAVA, collections, 405.00; Chapman's Electronic, supplies, 54.98; S Chapman, supplies, 46.88; Comfort Inn, travel, 228.00; Current Connection, supplies/equipment, 2,730.24; Dakota Auto Parts, maintenance, 56.19; Dakota Business, supplies, 42.10; Dakota Farm Equipment, repairs, 2,110.79; Dakota Feed & Seed, chemical, 7,332.20; Dakota Fluid Power, repairs, 48.46; EMC Insurance, insurance, 304.00; G&O Paper, supplies, 399.45; R Gerbracht, travel, 730.55; Godfrey Brake Service, repairs, 206.06; Grand Electric, Sept utilities, 1,939.66; Grand Electric, Oct utilities, 1,600.28 HDR Engineering, contracts, 1,732.63; C Jesfeld, chemical rebate, 156.00; John Deere, repairs, 82.84; L Johnson, chemical rebate, 105.00; J Kruger, travel, 171.00; Lawson Products, supplies, 359.12; Lemmon EMT, mileage, 1,263.58; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 90.60; Lewis & Clark, MH physician, 160.00; Lodgepole Store, propane, 1,122.00; J Lyon, chemical rebate, 52.50; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, supplies, 10.68; Meade County Auditor, jail board, 1,080.00; Midwest Radar & Equipment, repairs, 240.00; NAPA Auto, repairs/supplies, 1,126.41; B Nelson, travel, 195.36; Newman Signs, supplies, 1,812.76; Northern Truck Equipment, repairs,

219.57; Northwest Farm, supplies/repairs, 170.89; O'Day Equipment, supplies, 2,500.00; W Palmer, chemical rebate, 197.10; S Penfield, cellphone, 50.00; Phil's Paint & Body, repairs, 60.00; Prairie Community Health, rent, 1,680.00; Premier Equipment, repairs, 3,097.18; Prof Appraisers Assn of SD, dues, 300.00; Rivinius Tilling, maintenance, 759.92; SBM, maintenance, 33.75; Dean Schaefer, MH court reporting, 30.00; SD Dept of Health, blood testing/CHN qtly, 1,650.00; SD Dept of Transportation, prof fees, 577.32; SD Unified Judicial System, UJS pilot program, 4,379.76; Servall Uniform, supplies, 68.74; Sheehan Mack Sales, supplies, 109.57; Stateline Designs, supplies, 855.66; Tennant's Auto, maintenance, 118.18; Three Rivers MH, rent, 900.00; Town of Bison, Coleman Ave repair, 125,000.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 208.36; J Vanvactor, supplies, 28.62; Vanguard Appraisals, maintenance, 756.00; R Veal, travel, 93.66; Verizon Wireless, Sept maintenance, 240.12; Verizon Wireless, Oct maintenance, 240.06 VISA, Sept travel/supplies, 39.29; VISA, 2 travel/supplies, 229.36; West Group, law books, 800.68; West River Telephone, Sept utilities, 1,221.36; West River Telephone, Oct utilities, 1,265.41; Yankton County Treasurer, MH board, 113.75; Z&S Dust Control, repairs, 5,253.30.

Adjournment

Chairman Besler declared the meeting adjourned after Commissioner Henderson left the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sylvia Chapman, Finance Officer

Brad W. Besler, Chairman