

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: January 7, 2025

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

Not Present: Commissioner Henderson

Others Present: Jerry Krambeck, Collin Palmer, Kelly Serr, Cody Green, Arlis Seim (press)

Call to Order

Finance Officer Stadler called the Regular Commissioner Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Election of Officers

Finance Officer Stadler called for nominations for Chairman. Schweitzer nominated Kyle Carmichael, Foster seconded. There were no other nominations. Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Kyle Carmichael as Chairman, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael took over the meeting and called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Campbell nominated Rusty Foster, Schweitzer seconded. There were no other nominations. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Rusty Foster as Vice Chairman, motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

There was no Conflict of Interest to declare.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Campbell moved, Foster seconded to approve the Minutes from the December 10, 2024 Regular meeting and the Dec 30, 2024 Year-End Special 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 December 31, 2024, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$2,072,722.71, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$217,874.56 Certificates of Deposit \$304,812.52; Total \$2,595,609.79. 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 \$1,111.20 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of December 2024 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$4,789.50 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: Shane Penfield 1-1, Misty Jorgensen 1-1.

SDPAA Insurance Renewal – Jerry Krambeck

Jerry Krambeck of SDPAA was present to go over the upcoming renewal for Perkins County. Krambeck stated the renewal will probably see around a \$3,900 increase due to property previously being undervalued. He stated the additional cost will give us an additional \$1.5 million in value. He stated the cost averages \$220 in cost per \$100,000 in coverage.

Highway Department

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report for the month of December. He reported on maintenance and repairs. The Foster Bridge project is complete, and Green will need to work with mitigation to monitor the correct growth happening over the next year. Green reported that when the weather gets nice the crew plans to work on tree-trimming, including the ones at the courthouse.

2025 Spring Load Limits – Resolution 2025-01

Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to approve Resolution 2025-01 “County Weight Limit Enforcement Resolution,” and to give Superintendent Green the ability to decide when to implement and end the weight limits, Roll Call: Foster aye, Campbell aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-01**PERKINS COUNTY WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, causing serious and expensive damage to occur, and

WHEREAS, the Perkins County Board of County Commissioners, desires to protect existing Perkins County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars and,

WHEREAS, the Perkins County Board of County Commissioners desire the enforcement of weight limitations on Perkins County Roads as set forth and posted by the Perkins County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

WHEREAS, the spring load restrictions on Perkins County Highways shall be set at six (6) tons per axle on County Highways C-9 (White Butte Rd), C-9A (Bixby Rd), C-25 (Lemmon Airport Rd), C-2 (Summerville Rd), C-19 (Theatre Rd), and C-25 (Gregorian) during the spring thaw period and when limit signs are in place. The South Dakota Highway Patrol is hereby requested to enforce these spring weight restrictions on Perkins County Highways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

Road & Bridge Levy Possible Implementation

Superintendent Green wanted to ask the Commissioners to start thinking about implementing a Road and Bridge Levy for the upcoming tax year – 2025 pay in 2026. Superintendent Green stated we are running out of gravel and are not keeping up with routine chip sealing. Commissioners would like to put it on the February Agenda to see what input they get from Perkins County constituents.

Collin Palmer – Life Insurance Quote

Collin Palmer was present to go over a potential Life Insurance policy for Perkins County Employees. Palmer will research a couple questions that were asked and will come back next month to discuss further.

Burn Ban

Campbell moved, Foster seconded to remove the Burn Ban effective immediately, Roll Call: Campbell aye, Foster aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Custodian – Sarah Lemer – New Hire

Carmichael moved, Foster seconded to set the wage for Sarah Lemer at \$15.20 per hour effective 1-2-2025, motion carried.

Finance Office

- Bridget Keller – New Hire/Transfer -Foster moved, Campbell seconded to set Bridget Keller’s wage at \$18.11/hour for both the Deputy Finance Officer and the Veterans Service Officer positions, effective 1-6-2025, motion carried.
- Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to authorize Sara Stadler, Amanda Larson, and Bridget Keller as signatories for Dacotah Bank and Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union effective 1-7-2025, motion carried.
- Appointments
 - Perkins County Fair Board - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to appoint the following Perkins County Fair Board Members: TW Schalesky, Tracy Buer, Bev Heier, Max Matthews, Julia Brixey, Tarina Kopren, Faye Schalesky, Dan Anderson, Jens Hansen, Ida Sander and Todd Campbell, Commissioner Representative, motion carried.

- Perkins County Weed Board – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to appoint the following to the Perkins County Weed Board: Chuck Anderson, Kyle Kennedy, Tim Smith, Eric Sander and Rusty Foster, Commissioner Representative, motion carried.
- Perkins County LEPC Board – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to appoint the following people to the Local Emergency Planning Committee: Kelly Serr, Tamara Buer, Harlan Hess, Alan McGinnis, Greg Karels, David Kopren, Keith Mutschler, Heidi Stevens and Mike Schweitzer, Commissioner Representative, motion carried.
- Perkins County Comprehensive Planning Board – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to appoint the following to the Perkins County Comprehensive Planning Board: Robert Parker, Chauncey Jorgensen, John Paul, Dave Johnson, Vaughn Meyer, Reggie Kennedy, Chuck Anderson, Luke Clements and Rusty Foster, Commissioner Representative, motion carried.
- Mental Health Board – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to appoint Lacy Hoff and Patty Benson to the Mental Health Board, motion carried.
- Veteran’s Service Officer – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to appoint Bridget Keller as the Veteran Service Officer, motion carried.
- Appoint Legal Newspapers – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to appoint the Bison Courier & Dakota Herald as the official newspapers of the County, motion carried.
- NW Area Landfill – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to appoint Todd Campbell as Commissioner Representative on the NW Area Landfill Board, motion carried.
- 4-H Board -Foster moved, Campbell seconded to appoint Kyle Carmichael as Commissioner Representative on the 4-H Board, motion carried.

Set Fees/Rates:

- Per Diem Rate – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to set the per diem rate at the State per diem rates for mileage and meals, motion carried.
- Set Coroner Rates – Campbell moved, Foster seconded to set Coroner rates at \$75.00 plus mileage, if applicable, motion carried.
- Set Indigent Burial Rates – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to set the indigent burial rates at the current rate: Earth Burial -\$2,580.00 (which covers the cost of the casket, outside container and conducting a service.) Cremation - \$1,860.00 (which will include the Funeral Home providing services for Cremation, transportation, filing of the legal paperwork and conducting a memorial service.) In addition, the cost of the grave opening and closing by a local grave digger will be paid by the funeral home with a copy of the invoice provided to Perkins County for reimbursement, motion carried.

Workers Compensation Coverage for Fire Departments/EMT & listed volunteers - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to cover Volunteer Fire Departments and EMTs, on Perkins County’s Workman’s Compensation, (lists are on file in the Finance Office), motion carried.

Delinquent Property Tax List – Commissioners reviewed the Delinquent Property Tax List.

Annual Publications of Salaries

Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to increase Perkin’s County wages by \$1.00 per hour for each full-time and part-time employee effective January 1, 2025, Roll Call: Campbell aye, Foster aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael nay, motion carried.

| Name | Position | Wage/Salary |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rusty Foster | Commissioner | \$7,388.60/year |
| Wayne Henderson | Commissioner | \$7,388.60/year |
| Todd Campbell | Commissioner | \$7,388.60/year |
| Mike Schweitzer | Commissioner | \$7,388.60/year |
| Kyle Carmichael | Commissioner | \$7,388.60/year |
| Shane Penfield | State’s Attorney | \$63,324.44/year |
| Joanna Seim | Administrative Asst | \$17.84/hour |
| Sara Stadler | Finance Officer | \$58,866.69/year |
| Amanda Larson | Deputy Finance Officer, Deputy ROD | \$19.89/hour |
| Bridget Keller | Deputy Finance Officer/VSO | \$19.11/hour |
| Heidi Stevens | Register of Deeds | \$53,171.25/year |
| Tracy Hafner | Director of Equalization | \$49,580.00/year |
| Misty Jorgensen | Deputy Director of Equalization | \$19.69/hour |
| Carrie Fisher | Administrative Deputy | \$19.51/hour |

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| Kelly Serr | Sheriff | \$68,587.57/year |
| Tamara Buer | Administrative Deputy | \$21.81/hour |
| William Merchen | Deputy Sheriff | \$22.67/hour |
| Gregory Karels | Deputy Sheriff | \$23.77/hour |
| Matthew Kindsvogel | Deputy Sheriff | \$23.37/hour |
| Noah Richards | Deputy Sheriff | \$22.97/hour |
| Peter Schmeling | Deputy Sheriff | \$22.77/hour |
| Timothy McCartney | Deputy Sheriff | \$22.67/hour |
| Kirby Chapman | PT Deputy Sheriff | \$22.04/hour |
| Sarah Lemer | Custodian | \$16.20/hour |
| Jill Olson | Finance Office Help | \$18.55/hour |
| Brenda Kari | Noxious Weed Supervisor | \$600/month |
| Cody Green | Highway Superintendent | \$60,114.00/year |
| Bailey Escott | Highway Foreman | \$22.19/hour |
| Joe Green | Highway Maintenance | \$23.92/hour |
| Cody Gruwell | Highway Maintenance | \$21.39/hour |
| Joseph Aukland | Highway Maintenance | \$20.00/hour |
| Daroll Aukland | Highway Maintenance | \$22.00/hour |
| Lynn Green | Highway Maintenance | \$21.30/hour |
| Tristan Springs | Highway Maintenance | \$20.75/hour |
| Brenda Kari | Highway Administrative Assistant | \$18.78/hour |
| Jailer | Certified | \$17.00/hour |
| Jailer | non-certified | \$16.00/hour |
| 4-H Advisory Board | Board Members | \$35.00/meeting |
| Weed & Pest | Chairman | \$125.00/meeting |
| Weed & Pest | Board Members | \$100.00/meeting |
| Comprehensive Planning | Board Members | \$50.00/meeting |

Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to implement a hazard pay for all Sheriff Deputies who carry a gun and wear a bulletproof vest for the 2025 calendar year at an additional raise of \$1.50/hour, roll call, Foster nay, Campbell aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael nay, motion failed due to lack of majority vote. Commissioners would like to address again in February.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment: December payroll: 82,023.40; IRS, FICA, 6,408.09; SD Retirement, 6,418.39; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico, ins, 130.00; Wellmark, ins, 22,678.87; SunLife, ins, 97.92; HRA, reimb, 11,319.76; A&B, maint, 54.34; Active Data, com. prog, 964.44; AGPRO, equip/supplies, 650.13; Artz Equip, repairs, 1,834.66; Avera, prof fee, 135.00; Bison Courier, publishing, 471.11; Bison Imp, repairs, 138.67; Brosz Eng, prof. fees, 66,440.00; Climate Control, repairs, 1,643.29; Current Conn, supplies/repairs, 1,175.24; Dakota Fluid, equip, 178.64; Dakota Herald, publishing, 508.92; AT&T, utilities, 280.28; Floyd's Truck, repairs, 147.41; G&O, supplies, 513.90; Godfrey Brake, repairs, 20.99; Grand El, utilities, 1,540.36; Horizon, prof. serv, 600.00; John Deere, equip, 6,591.72; LACED, subsidy, 15,000.00; Lemmon Fire, subsidy, 20,000.00; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 1,792.13; Meade Co, jail, 200.00; M. Wilson, contractual serv, 626.00; National Medical, jail, 175.00; NW Farm, supplies, 100.86; Penfield, rent, 400.00; Perkins County Conservation; subsidy, 11,825.00; Pharmchem, 24/7, 31.95; Pitney Bowes, supplies/maint, 623.31; Print Shop, supplies, 440.00; RDO Truck, supplies, 333.25; Runnings, supplies, 224.51; SD Dev. Center, mh sub, 120.00; Stelter Repair, repairs, 1,195.92; Town of Bison, utilities, 330.34; Verizon; utilities, 80.02; VISA, supplies/utilities, \$1,503.46; West Group, books, 441.22; West Plains, repairs, 3,357.14; WRCTC, utilities, 1,198.00; Young Gun, repairs, 188,044.76.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman