

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: December 10, 2024

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

Others Present: Shane Penfield, Hayden Evans, Dean Frey, Martin Paul, Cody Green, Doug Wessel, Regina Bakley, Vaughn Meyer, Heidi Stevens, Kelly Serr (via phone).

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

There was no Conflict of Interest to declare.

Approval of the Agenda

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to approve the Agenda with the addition of ROD – Heidi Stevens, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve the Minutes from the November 7, 2024 Regular 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 November 30, 2024, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$3,442,676.04. Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$108,888.65; Certificates of Deposit \$407,807.64; Total \$3,959,572.33. 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 \$586.92 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of November 2024 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$2,508.00 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: L. Green 12-6

Correspondence –BEEF (Bison Education Enrichment Foundation) wanted to let Commissioners know they will be doing a raffle in December. Also received correspondence from State of South Dakota to let Commissioners know they are increasing Court Appointed Attorney fees from \$105 per hour to \$120 hour in 2025. Mileage will increase to \$1.00 per mile in 2025.

Highway – Cody Green

Superintendent Green presented his Monthly Project & Maintenance Report. Green reported the crew is working on maintenance and repairs on equipment as needed.

- Donation of Sick Leave for Brenda Kari – The highway crew has collected 100 hours from highway crew members to donate to Brenda Kari since her sick leave is now depleted. The Perkins County policy allows for donations of up to 240 donated by fellow employees. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the donation of Sick Leave by fellow employees to Brenda Kari, motion carried.
- Set Wage for Temporary Hire – Patsy Crow – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to increase temporary hire wage to \$20.00 per hour effective December 1, 2024 for Patsy Crow, motion carried.
- New Hire – Tristan Spring – Set Wage – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to set Tristan Spring's wage to \$19.75/hour effective 12-2-2024, motion carried.
- Brosz 2024 Bridge Inspection Report – Doug Wessel with Brosz was present to go over the Bridge Inspection Report with the Commissioners.

Martin Paul – Update on Road

Martin Paul wanted to keep the Commissioners informed of the road situation just north of White Butte, located on the North Dakota/South Dakota border. The road is marked as a minimum maintenance road and Paul would like to see the minimum maintenance signs lifted and then the township would have to take care of the road. State’s Attorney Penfield will research this more.

Public Comment

Dean Frey & Hayden Evans were present to give additional feedback on the road just north of White Butte.

Sheriff- Kelly Serr

- William Merchen – Set Wage – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to set the wage for now certified deputy William Merchen at \$21.67/hour effective Nov 16,2024, motion carried.
- HLS Grant/Dept of Justice Grant – Sheriff Serr requested Commissioners put the money now received from 2 different grants back into the Sheriff’s budget equipment line. Foster moved, Campbell seconded to move \$16,986.93 back into the Sheriff equipment budget 101-211-426.29 for the purchase of State radio’s and to move \$3,200.00 back into the Sheriff equipment budget 101-211-426.29 for the purchase of bulletproof vests, motion carried.
- Equipment Purchase – Sheriff Serr wanted to let know Commissioners know he will be looking at purchasing nighttime firearms.

Resolution 2024-16 Stan West Plat – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve Resolution 2024-15 Replat of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 5 of the Sunnyside Addition to the City of Lemmon Perkins County, as located in the SE 1/4SW1/4 of Section 21 Township 23 North, Range 16 East of the B.H.M to Perkins County South Dakota, roll call: Foster aye, Henderson -not present, Schweitzer aye, Campbell aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

**Resolution 2024-16
Replat of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 5
of the Sunnyside Addition
To the City of Lemmon
As located in SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 21
Township 23 North, Range 16 East of the B.H.M
To Perkins County, South Dakota**

Be it resolved by the County Commission of Perkins County, South Dakota, that the Replat of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 5 of the Sunnyside Addition to the City of Lemmon, Perkins County, South Dakota, as located in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 21, Township 23 North, Range 16 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. This plat hereby vacates the plat recorded in Book No. 7, Page 92.

Custodian Position

No action taken.

Resolution 2024-17 Opposition to Mandatory Electronic Identification (MEID) Livestock Tags – Henderson moved, Foster seconded to adopt Resolution 2024-17 “Opposition to Mandatory Election Identification (MEID) Livestock Tags,” roll call: Campbell aye, Schweitzer aye, Foster aye, Henderson aye, Carmichael aye. motion carried.

WHEREAS: The traceability program is incremental. USDA APHIS states on its website, updated October 11th, 2024 after approving the new rule, that it “is committed to implementing a modern system that tracks animals from birth to slaughter,” and

WHEREAS: The cost of EID tags disproportionately burdens small and medium sized independent farmers and ranchers. The USDA rule allows large, corporate-owned herds to be grouped and tagged as one group, creating huge loophole that keep costs low for larger companies, and

WHEREAS: The EID mandate would potentially interfere with price discovery found in traditional markets, thereby furthering vertical integration of the US food supply at the expense of the consumer and independent producer, and

WHEREAS: The EID mandate is far overreaching, intrusive and potentially circumvents privacy laws, threatening the livelihood of independent cattle and bison producers, and

WHEREAS: Independent, family-owned cattle ranchers are of paramount importance to our local economy and to the economy as a whole, and

WHEREAS: the comments received by USDA APHIS in the rulemaking process were overwhelmingly against the new rule, and

WHEREAS: America has the safest and highest quality meat in the world using our current, fully functioning and effective traceability system. The mandated rule claims to be about animal health, but does nothing to prevent or treat disease, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Perkins County Commission vehemently opposes the implementation of any EID mandate by the USDA, with the suggestion that funds currently earmarked for this program be reallocated to efforts to restore import standards that protect all livestock produces and consumers from introduction to foreign animal disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Perkins County Commission requests that all elected officials make every effort to block this government overreach by the USDA.

Burn Ban

Commissioners would like to keep the burn ban in place and look at it again at the January meeting.

Liquor License Renewal – Campbell moved, Foster seconded to renew the retail (on-sale) Liquor License Renewal for the Lemmon Country Club for 2025 and to renew the Black Hills Enterprises, dba Lazy Spurr (on-sale) Liquor License & (on-off) Wine/Cider License for 2025, motion carried.

Arlis Seim – 4-H – Henderson moved, Schweitzer seconded to accept the resignation of Arlis Seim as 4-H Coordinator effective 11-8-2024, motion carried.

- Regina Bakley was present to offer her assistance to the Commissioners with hiring a new 4-H Coordinator and hopes to get a new Memo of Understanding ready for 2025.

Supplemental Budget – Carmichael moved, Henderson seconded to authorize Finance Officer Stadler to advertise a Supplemental Budget Hearing in the 2 legal newspapers for a transfer from the General Fund of \$250,000 to the Road and Bridge Fund, motion carried.

Finance Office

- Post Election Audit – Finance Officer Stadler presented the results of the Post Election Audit for the November 5, 2024 General Election. The races that were pulled at random were the US Presidential and the Measure 29 races. These 2 races consisted of pulling, at random, precincts 4 and 8 for Presidential and precinct 5 for Measure 29 to be audited by a five person board, which consisted of Betty Macauley, Loyson Carda, Astrid Blumer, Brad Burkhalter, and Sylvia Chapman. After manually counting the races, the results of both races matched the election night tabulator count and County canvas with 100% accuracy.
- Christmas Bonus – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to give employees the same Christmas Bonus as last year, in the amount of \$400.00 for fulltime employees, \$50.00 for jailers and Veteran Service Officer and \$200.00 for permanent parttime employees, motion carried.
- Schedule End of Year Meeting – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to set the Special Year End Meeting for Monday, December 30, 2024 at 10:00 am, motion carried.
- Contingency Transfer – Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to do a contingency transfer from the Commissioners Contingency Fund 101-112-429 for the following funds:

Court Appointed Attorney – 101-130-422 \$6,000, Jail Board - 101-212-424 \$22,000, Indigent Burial 101-411-422.01 \$2,400, CHN 101-421-411 – \$1,250, motion carried.

- Abatement – Record #17507 – Henderson moved, Foster seconded to abate taxes from 2018 pay 2019 and 2019 pay 2020 for record #17507, in the amount of \$24.95, motion carried.
- Employee Transfer – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to set the wage for Amanda Larson at \$18.39/ hour base wage with longevity of .50/hour as the new Deputy Finance Officer (auditor side) effective November 26, 2024, motion carried.
- Delinquent Tax Agreement – Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to enter into a delinquent tax agreement with William Rosenberg for record #13441, motion carried.
- Tax Help – Jill Olson – Finance Officer Stadler would like to move Jill Olson to her office to help with Tax bills in January/February. Commissioners will set her wage in January.

ROD-Heidi Stevens

Register of Deeds (ROD) Heidi Stevens was present to inform the Commissioners that she will be going to Potter County to help their ROD office out. Their current ROD will be on maternity leave at the end of the month. Stevens believes she will go over for a couple days every few weeks.

Executive Session

Carmichael moved, Foster seconded to declare an Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 1:10 p.m., motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 1:16 p.m.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment: November payroll: 73,273.80; IRS, FICA, 6,750.87; SD Retirement, 5476.85; Delta Dental, ins, 1006.50; Medico Life, ins, 130.00; Wellmark, ins, 20,752.83; SunLife, ins, 91.77 HRA, reimbursements, 7,516.53; A&B, maint, 54.34; A&B, supplies, 90.76; A. Blumer, salary, 115.20; Avera, prof fees, 135.00; Beckman Tire, repairs, 197.25; Best Western, travel, 312.00; B. Macauley, salary, 116.54; Bison Grain, supplies, 2,380.29; Bison Imp, supplies, 229.77; B. Burkhalter, salary, 97.78; Brosz, prof fees, 23,062.50; CCB, crt appt. atty, 8.75; City of Lemmon, travel, 7021.43; Colgrove, Delores, supplies, 34.00; County Drug, jail meds, 27.00; Current Conn., repairs/maint/supplies, 1,188.53; Dakota Herald, publ, 2,468.62; Diamond Pharmacy, jail meds, 19.90; ES&S, supplies, 1,842.75; AT&T, supplies, 280.28; G&O; supplies, 457.60; Grand Electric, utilities, 934.93; HR Direct, supplies, 93.32; John's Repair, maint, 129.45; Johnson's Control, repairs, 3,578.60; K&R Auto Body; repairs, 1,220.70; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 163.08; Lemmon EMT, travel, 788.00; Lemmon Fresh Carp. Cleaning, maint, 50.00; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 1,961.50; L. Carda, salary, 135.30; Meade County, jail board, 3,800.00; National Medical Res, jail meds, 175.00; NW Farm, supplies, 11.99; Penfield Law, Postage, 19.05; Pennington Co, jail transp, 236.64; Prairie Hills Transit, subsidy, 8,000.00; Rapid Fire, maint, 235.00; SD Dev. Center, subsidy, 120.00; SDAAO, dues, 150.00; SD ASSN Of CO Hwy Super, dues, 350.00; SDACO, dues, 779.01; SDML Workers Comp, work comp, 35,265.00; Servall, supplies, 191.91; State Animal Dam. Cont. Fund, pred. animal, 5,017.68; Verizon Wireless, utilities, 80.02; Visa, travel, 385.91; Visa, utilities, 2,712.31; West Group, supplies, 655.62; WRCTC, utilities, 1,249.39; Young Gun Const, contracts, 978,132.27; SDACC, dues, 1,824.00; USDA, MG payment, 4,425.00, John Deere Fin., MG payments, 7,156.71, S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 325.86.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m. The next meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Monday, December 30th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman