

**Perkins County Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Date: August 8, 2023**

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

**Others Present: Chad Abel, Steven Nash, Shane Penfield, Corina Kocer, Cody Green, Kelly Serr, Beth Hulm, press**

Call to Order

Chairman Carmichael called the Regular August Commission 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

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

Approval of the Minutes

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes from July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 July 31, 2023, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$2,954,042.26, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$104,604.27; Certificates of Deposit \$400,000.00; Total \$3,458,881.86. 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 \$311.78 were reviewed.
- ✓ Motor Vehicle fees for the month of June 2023 were reviewed.
- ✓ Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$4,300.00 were reviewed.
- ✓ Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: T. Buer 8-5, J. Olson 8-27, P. Dinkins 8-23

Correspondence Received

- ✓ Eminent Domain Letter from Hand County Commissioners
- ✓ CHN/WIC Report January – June 2023
- ✓ Public Utilities Commission Response

Highway Superintendent

- ✓ Monthly Report - Highway Superintendent Green presented the Monthly Project and Maintenance Report for the month of July. Superintendent Green reported everyone is blading now that we have received moisture. He also reported culverts are nearly completed, the rented excavator will be going back soon, they are working on patching asphalt roads, they are hauling gravel, and have started mowing.
- ✓ Implement Haul Road Agreement – Superintendent Green would like to implement a Haul Road Agreement in Perkins County. Superintendent Green presented the Pennington County Haul Road Agreement and wants to use that as an example to implement one for Perkins County. Commissioners will look it over and will have it on the agenda next month.
- ✓ CDL Policy – Superintendent Green would like the CDL policy updated to say 12 months. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to increase timeframe to obtain a valid Class A CDL from 6 months to 12 months for newly hired operators, motion carried.

### 7.22 CDL Policy Requirements and Guidelines

- Employees hired by Perkins County Highway Department who do not have a Class A CDL shall obtain a valid Class A CDL within six twelve months of employment.
- The employee is required to take the written Class A CDL test on their own and will pay for the test at their own expense.
- Once the employee has successfully passed the written Class A CDL test, the County will provide all training (in-house) including the ELDT (Entry Level Driving Training) so long as the County has a trained provider and provides the equipment needed to pass the driving test.
- The employee will pay for the driving test, but the County will reimburse the employee once they have passed the driving test.
- If the employee should happen to fail the driving test (after all other training is concluded including the ELDT) the employee position will be terminated.
- ✓ Tire Machine & Tire Balancer Purchase – Superintendent Green got a bid from Northern Tool to purchase a Tire Machine and Tire Balancer Kit for \$7,329.99. Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Superintendent Green to purchase a Tire Machine and Tire Balancer Kit for \$7,329.99, motion carried.
- ✓ 2024 Budget – Superintendent Green received a firm quote to purchase a pickup in 2024 for \$60,000.00.
  - Northern Truck Equipment Sander – Superintendent Green received a quote from Northern Tool for \$24,750.00 for a Sander. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to lock in the price of \$24,750.00 and authorize Chairman Carmichael to sign the quote for a Monroe MCV-180-84-50 Stainless Steel Spreader 15’ 64” wide, 50” tall Sander to be purchased and delivered in 2024, motion carried.
  - Walk’n’Roll Packer – Superintendent Green received a quote from Lycox Enterprises for a Packer. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to lock in the price of \$25,165.00 and authorize Chairman Carmichael to sign the quote for a WR75-3 Walk’n’Roll packer/roller with John Deere Spacer for ripper mount and quick attach for ripper mount to be purchased and delivered in 2024, motion carried.

Hugh Glass Proclamation – 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hugh Glass - Chad Abel was present to give a presentation on the story of Hugh Glass and asked Commissioners to sign the Proclamation designating August 23<sup>rd</sup> as Hugh Glass Day. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to sign the Proclamation declaring August 23, 2023 as Hugh Glass Day in Perkins County, motion carried. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to declare the proclamation out loud, roll call: Campbell aye, Schweitzer aye, Henderson aye, Foster aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

#### PROCLAMATION

##### STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA – PERKINS COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Hugh Glass an American frontiersman, fur trapper, trader, hunter, explorer, and mountain man answered an ad from General William Ashley and his partner Major Andrew Henry to explore and set up a trading post in the Missouri Territory part of the now state of South Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, Hugh Glass while out hunting, surprised a sow Grizzly Bear and her cubs near the forks of the North and South Grand Rivers on August 23, 1823; and

**WHEREAS**, Hugh Glass was mauled and severely wounded by the Grizzly Bear and left for dead; and

**WHEREAS**, Because of the wounds to Old Hugh, which slowed the expedition Major Henry left two men Fitzgerald and Bridger to care for Hugh Glass’s body when he finally expired; and

**WHEREAS**, after three days, the two men left Hugh Glass to die on his own, taking his gun, knife, and all other possessions; and

**WHEREAS**, When Hugh Glass regained consciousness and found his body badly hurt with a broken leg, and many other grizzly wounds, set out crawling south to reach Fort Kiowa using Thunder Butte as a navigational landmark on the horizon; and

**WHEREAS**, Hugh Glass was determined to survive and taking revenge on the two men that had left him, which fueled his mind and body, crawled 200 miles to the Cheyenne River and there made a raft to float another 50 miles to Fort Kiowa which took about six weeks; and;

**WHEREAS**, upon reaching the fort and nursed back to health, Hugh began his search to gain his revenge to kill those that had left him; and

**WHEREAS**, when finding the two men, Hugh did not kill them but instead, forgave them because Bridger was young and Fitzgerald was enlisted in the Army; and

**WHEREAS**, this story, event, and legend, happened when the United States was only 47 years old, and the State of South Dakota did not exist for another 66 years; and

**WHEREAS**, August 23, 2023 marks the Bicentennial of this Historic Grizzly Bear attack that happened 200 years ago in Perkins County, near the city of present-day Lemmon; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I Kyle Carmichael**, Chairman of the Perkins County Commission, State of South Dakota along with the County Commissioners and the residents of Perkins County do hereby recognize August 23, 2023, as:

**Hugh Glass Day  
1823-2023**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Perkins County Commissioners on this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

Secondary Roads Mowing Bids – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to open the bids for Secondary Road Mowing Bids, motion carried. The following 2 bids were received:

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| Larson Ranch:           | NE Corner – 86.6 miles, bid of \$165/mile = \$14,289.00 |
|                         | SE Corner – 75.2 miles, bid of \$165/mile = \$12,408.00 |
| Steven & Ashleigh Nash: | NW Corner – 48.5 miles, bid of \$175/mile = \$8,487.50  |
|                         | NE Corner – 86.6 miles, bid of \$150/mile = \$12,990.00 |
|                         | SW Corner – 48.75 miles, bid of \$150/mile = \$7,312.50 |
|                         | SE Corner – 75.2 miles, bid of \$175/mile = \$13,160.00 |

- ✓ Foster moved, Henderson seconded to award the NW corner bid to Steven & Ashleigh Nash for \$8,487.50, motion carried.
- ✓ Campbell moved, Foster seconded to award the NE Corner bid to Steven & Ashleigh Nash for \$12,990.00, motion carried.
- ✓ Henderson moved, Schweitzer seconded to award the SW Corner bid to Steven & Ashleigh Nash for \$7,312.50, motion carried.
- ✓ Foster moved, Henderson seconded to award the SE Corner bid to Larson Ranch for \$12,408.00, motion carried.

Surplus Vehicles Opening Bids – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to open the bids for the Surplus Vehicles, motion carried. Perkins County received 7 bids for the 2009 Dodge Durango and 1 bid for the 1992 Ford Ambulance. Chairman Carmichael said he had 3 real property owners (Shiloh Baysinger, Mike Lemburg, Alan Voller) estimate the value of both vehicles, average price for the Dodge Durango came in at \$3,466.00 and the Ford Ambulance came in \$291.00. Henderson moved, Foster seconded to accept the high bid of \$4,100.00 from Lenard Chapman for the 2009 Dodge Durango, VIN: 1D8HB38PX9F714164, motion carried. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to accept the lone bid of \$400.00 from Conner Palmer for the 1992 Ford Ambulance, VIN:1FDJS34M6NHA06712, minus any equipment inside that was purchased with Homeland Security Grant money, motion carried.

Commissioners took a 2-minute break at 11:15 a.m.

Executive Session – Carmichael moved, Foster seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 11:21 am, motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 11:38 a.m. No action was taken.

Sheriff – Care Campus/Pivot Point – Sheriff Serr was present to give an update to the Commissioners on Mental Health costs and struggles. Pennington County has built a Care Campus to allow patients to be there for 5 to 7 days, to give the time needed to evaluate a patient. Perkins County will be receiving a Memo of Understanding from Pennington County.

Finance Office

- ✓ Move September Meeting Date Possibly – discussion was had on the Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting date. Commissioners will meet for the budget hearing on Tuesday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>,

- 2023, but will have a separate meeting date to cover additional agenda items.
- ✓ CD Possible Transfer – Commissioners had discussion on moving some CD money around with the current interest rates available. Finance Officer Stadler will continue to investigate it.
  - ✓ Auto supplement PILT money of \$47,000 to 101-850-454 – Henderson moved, Foster seconded to auto supplement \$47,000 into 101-850-454, motion carried.
  - ✓ Paulette Fero \$17.87/hour – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to approve Paulette Fero’s temporary wage of \$17.87/hour, motion carried.
  - ✓ Paul Bentley – New Hope Worship Center - #15382 – discussion was had about the possibility of generating a tax bill.
  - ✓ School Mobile Home – Black Hills Special Services to West River Foundation located on #15441 - discussion was had about the possibility of generation a tax bill.
  - ✓ DSU Assessment – Finance Officer Stadler gave a brief explanation about the latest cybersecurity assessment conducted by Dakota State University.

2024 Budget – Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to publish provisional budget and to set Annual Budget Hearing for September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, motion carried.

#### Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, July payroll: 79,942.52; IRS, FICA, 7,839.48; SD Retirement, 6,184.51; Delta Dental, ins, 2,001.31; Medico Life, ins, 178.65; Wellmark, ins, 26,244.32; SDPEF, ins, 90.00; HRA, reimb, 1,657.04; A&B, copier maint, 49.40; Active Data, equip, 5,530.36; Aggregate, gravel crushing, 152,096.00; Agpro, supplies, 27.00; American Solutions, supplies, 89.89; Auto Value, supplies, 61.98; Avera, prof. fees, 112.00; Bierschbach, rentals, 853.29; Birmingham & Cwach, mental health atty, 456.05; Bison Grain, supplies, 641.81; Bison Imp, supplies, 2,147.20; BL Contracting, repairs, 510.21; Bob Barker, supplies, 115.24; Brosz, prof fees, 31,440.00; Butler, repairs/labor, 4,198.11; L. Carda, secondary rds, 262.50; C. Fisher, travel, 66.00; County Drug, jail med, 340.72; Current Conn, supplies/repair/maint, 3,897.63; Dakota Feed, supplies, 76.80; Door Security, contractual services, 288.00; ESRI, comp. program, 440.00; Faith Amb, subsidy, 1,000.00; FirstNet, utilities, 280.28; Five Counties, prof. services, 300.00; Fox Law, mental health board, 162.00; G&O, supplies, 298.65; Govt Forms, supplies, 330.00; Grand, utilities, 1,676.15; Horizon, prof. fee, 160.00; HR Direct, supplies, 68.57; K. Hunt, mental health atty, 497.55; Jenner Equip, repairs, 506.82; John Deere, repairs, 1,474.21; J. Green, supplies, 804.60; M. Katterhagen, mental health board, 15.00; C. Kocer, travel, 926.50; Lemmon EMT, travel, 591.06; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 56.29; Lemmon Jr. livestock, subsidy, 3,000.00; Matheson, supplies, 48.44; McLeod’s, supplies, 719.90; Meade Co, transport, 1,498.32; Meade Co, jail board, 7,600.00; Melling & Roseland, crt appt atty, 725.97; Midwest Cont, contracts, 1,200.00; National Medical, jail med, 340.00; North Central, rental, 10,619.62; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Penn. Co, transport, 244.85; Penn Co. Sheriff, jail board, 678.00; Pomp’s tire, supplies, 1,058.40; Runnings, supplies, 12.62; R. Hermann, chem. rebate, 728.88; SD Dev. Center, sub, 120.00; SD Human Ser. Center, pt. care, 1,211.63; SDAAO, dues/reg, 350.00; Servall, supplies, 92.06; Simon, supplies, 4,874.45; Tennant’s, supplies, 522.20; TLC Fabricating, cont. serv, 285.60; T. Lutters, travel, 66.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 250.61; Trans Source, repair/labor, 362.50; T. Ellingson, mowing, 150.00; Truenorth, supplies, 64,284.00; Tyler, comp. programs, 449.00; V. Larson, mental health board, 15.00; Vanguard, comp. programs, 10,850.00; J. Vanvactor, supplies, 31.87; Verizon, utilities, 33.37; Visa, supplies/utilities, 300.54; West Group, law books, 837.88; WSD Senior, subsidy, 3,000.00; WRCTC, utilities, 1,211.33; Yankton Co, mental health board, 135.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff, fees, 100.00.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m. The next Special Budget hearing meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

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Kyle Carmichael, Chairman