

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: May 14, 2024

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

Others Present: Casey Olson, Tracy Hafner (via phone), Dave Johnson, Koreen Anderson, Jason Lillich, Regina Bakley, Arlis Seim, Brent Dirk, Chad Baumgarten, George Larson, AnnMarie McVay, Reinhold Stevahn, Cody Green and Shane Penfield

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

Henderson moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Minutes for the April 9, 2024 Regular meeting, the April 23, 2024 Equalization meeting, and the April 24, 2024 Special Teleconference 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 April 30, 2024, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$4,525,776.23, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$106,239.28; Certificates of Deposit \$405,258.66; Total \$5,037,474.17. 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 \$1,347.60 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of April 2024 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$2,920.50 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: D. Aukland 5-26.

Correspondence – Received from USDA – Dakota Prairie Grasslands – Gov Delivery

Highway Department

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report for the month of April. He reported on continuing with maintenance and repairs and continuing with spring blading. He reported culverts are needed on Arrowhead Road and he would like to fix pavement on Bixby Road prior to the chip sealing project of the south 20 miles of Bixby Road.

- Rent Excavator for Culvert Replacement - Superintendent Green would like to rent an excavator from Butler Cat for 1 month to help install culverts across the County. Cost to rent an excavator and wheel pack for 1 month would be \$13,289.64. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael as the signatory on the Rental Agreement with Butler Cat for a total cost of \$13,289.64 to rent one Excavator/Wheel Pack from Butler 38000-400000 LB Excavator Thumb 317, ID:MO31002, Serial #:0ZCF00380, Model:317-07G, with 317 HYD Thumb, 316 Bucket 36", and 316 Compaction Wheel 36" motion carried.
- Purchase Packer for Culverts – Green reported that the packer owned by the County is not working. He would like to purchase a Honda Packer for \$2,890.00 or rent one for \$75.00/day. Foster moved, Henderson seconded to authorize Superintendent Green to

purchase a MTX60HD: Multiquip 4 Cycle Rammer Packer with Honda GX100 Engine for a total purchase price of \$2,890.00, motion carried.

Shapefile – Grasshopper Spraying – Casey Olson was present to request the Commissioners authorize the Director of Equalization (DOE) to give the Perkins County Shapefile to Warren Raguse of Warren AG Aviation to spray for the upcoming grasshopper problem. DOE Hafner was present via phone to explain what she found out after speaking to Harry with the Planning & Development District out of Yankton. Planning & Development is responsible for generating the Shapefile for Perkins County. She was advised that most counties give the Shapefiles to small entities that directly benefit taxpayers. Some counties, including Perkins County, charge a fee for large entities to purchase a Shapefile. After much discussion, Foster moved, Henderson seconded to authorize Warren Raguse to receive the County-wide Shapefile, contingent upon State's Attorney Shane Penfield updating the Shapefile User Agreement for small and large entities, motion carried.

Chip Seal Bixby Road – Open Bids

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to open the Bixby Road Chip Seal Bids received, motion carried. Two bids were received. The first was from Jensen Rock and Sand with a total bid of \$899,665.17. The second was received from Bituminous Paving with a total bid of \$985,412.00. Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to accept the low bid from Jensen Rock & Sand for \$899,665.17, motion carried.

2025 Budget Requests

- Lemmon Fire Department – Brent Dirk and Chad Baumgarten were present to request a subsidy of \$27,500
- LACED – Lemmon Area Charitable & Economic Development– Dave Johnson was present to request a subsidy of \$30,000
- Three Rivers Mental Health – Jason Lillich was present to request a subsidy of \$7,500
- Boss Cowman Rodeo – Koreen Anderson was present to request a subsidy of \$1,000

Chairman Carmichael left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Regina Bakley – New 4-H Program Manager

Regina Bakley was present to introduce herself to the Commissioners. She also requested Commissioners sign the Memo of Understanding (MOU) with SDSU for this year. Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to authorize Vice Chairman Foster as signatory on the MOU for 4-H with SDSU, motion carried.

Wheel Tax Ordinance 2024-03

Commissioners would like to see the 1st reading for implementing an increase in the wheel tax in Perkins County. Current Wheel Tax is \$2.00/wheel with a cap of \$8.00/vehicle. Commissioners are interested in increasing the Wheel Tax to \$5.00/wheel with a cap of \$50.00/vehicle. Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to schedule the 1st reading of the 2024-03 Wheel Tax Ordinance at the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2024, motion carried.

Boss Cowman Rodeo Committee

Special Alcohol License – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to approve the 3-day special event license for the Boss Cowman Rodeo on July 12 – 14, 2024, motion carried.

George Larson – Meals on Wheels

Mr. Larson was present with Reinhold Stevahn and AnnMarie McVay to request additional funding that could be given to help feed the seniors in Perkins County. The Meals on Wheels program currently does 4,300 meals in Lemmon over the course of 1 year. Donations are down and the program is essentially short \$30,000. The Bison senior meal program generates funds around \$2.85/meal, the Lemmon senior meal program generates funds around \$1.00/meal.

Bison Public Library

Commissioner Foster would like to revisit doing a 99-year lease with the Town of Bison over the location of the Bison Public Library. Foster will speak to State's Attorney Penfield and will plan to have this topic on the June Agenda.

Finance Office – Sara Stadler

- Intellipay – Finance Officer Stadler is requesting Commissioners to allow her to research other companies to process credit card transactions for the County as Intellipay is requesting personal information from Stadler.
- Sunlife – Commissioners do not qualify for the \$15,000 life insurance policy that the County purchases for employees. Sunlife requires 20 hours of work per week for each eligible employee, including Commissioners.
- Abate – Donna Smith #15184 – Commissioners would like to ask DOE Tracy Hafner to reassess the value of this house prior to abating any taxes. Further discussion will be had at the June 6th meeting.
- Abate – Joyce Liedtke #17536 – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to approve abatement from 2020 taxes thru 2023 taxes, for a total abatement of \$757.48 due to the owner being deceased and the mobile home being destroyed, motion carried.
- Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine on-off Sale Renewal – Lazy Spurr– Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to renew the Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine License, RB-25238, for Lazy Spurr, motion carried.
- Governor Noem – Giving Friday July 5th off – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to give 4 hours of Holiday Pay for all full-time employees, and pro-rate for part-time employees on Friday, July 5th, 2024, motion carried.
- DOE – May Hours for Brenda Kari – Commissioners voiced their thanks to Brenda Kari for assisting in the DOE office over the past couple months and took no further action.
- Election Workers for Nursing Home Residents – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to set the wage for Election Workers Compensation for those who go to the Five Counties Nursing Home at \$50 plus mileage, motion carried.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment: April payroll, 83,035.90; IRS, FICA, 8,132.39; SD Retirement, 6,625.72; Delta Dental, ins, 1,098.00; Medico, ins, 130.00; Wellmark, ins, 21,366.58; Sun Life, ins, 103.74; A&B, maint, 54.34; Agpro Lemmon, supplies, 29.79; A&B, supplies, 133.07; Avera, prof fees, 135.00; Bison Ag, supplies, 22,742.84; Bison Courier, publishing, 692.45; Bison Food, supplies, 72.82; Bison Grain, supplies, 21,490.01; Bison Imp, supplies, 478.29; Black Strap, supplies, 32,407.76; Brosz, prof. fees, 3,415.00; Butte Co, supplies, 82.32; CAVA, subsidy, 1,000.00; Chapman's, supplies, 92.38; Christ Stang, repairs, 75.73; Corson Co, travel, 76.90; County Drug, jail meds, 163.88; Current Connection, supplies, 1,027.48; Dakota Herald, publishing, 1,180.32; Dakota Prairie Helping Hands, subsidy, 1,000.00; ES&S, supplies, 4,254.48; City of Faith, amb. subsidy, 1,000.00; AT&T, utilities, 280.28; G&O, supplies, 550.40; Grand, utilities, 1,553.29; Grimms Pump, supplies, 1,360.10; John Deere, 3,097.07; John's Repair, maint, 228.28; Johnson Controls, prof fees, 3,147.83; KBJM, publishing, 58.50; Laufer Vermeer, maint, 9.99; IGA, supplies, 16.27; The Lodge, travel, 170.00; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 2,224.80; Matheson, supplies, 610.98; McLeod's, supplies, 389.78; Meade Co, jail board, 7,790.00; Melling, crt. appt atty, 4,258.65; Midwest Pump, equip, 12,607.00; Newman, signs, 6,845.47; NW Farm, supplies, 188.35; S. Penfield, rent, 400.00; Pennington Co, transport, 236.64; PharmChem, supplies, 95.85; RDO Truck, repairs, 205.20; Runnings, supplies, 898.74; SD Dept of Health, CHN semiannual, 3,348.00; SD Dev Center, subsidy, 120.00; SD Public Health, prof fees, 40.00; SDAAO, dues, 310.00; SDACO, dues, 200.00; Servall, supplies, 713.42; State Animal, predator, 5,017.69; Stippich, supplies, 120.00; Stockert, prof fees, 770.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 316.21; Trinity, equip, 1,204.53; J. VanVactor, supplies, 31.89; Verizon, utilities, 240.06; VISA, supplies/utilities/maint/postage/tools, 1,189.46; West Group, law books, 393.95; Western Comm, equip, 175.00; Western Senior, subsidy, 3,500.00; WRCTC, utilities, 1,265.15.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Foster declared the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Thursday, June 6th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m at the Perkins County Courthouse.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman