

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: March 10, 2020

Present: Commissioners Carmichael, Foster, Hopfinger and Schweitzer and Finance Officer Chapman

Others Present: Shane Penfield, Lincoln Shuck, Corina Molnar, Kelly Serr, Jason Lillich, Greg Jensen, Austin Risty, Brenda Moore, Ryan Brunner, Treyton Kost, Donald Palmer, Dan Beckman Jr, Wayne Palmer, Ross Kopren, Willis Kopren, Roxie Seaman, Larry Carr, Stanley Brixey, Brian Kolb, Vaughn Meyer, Jim Eggebo, Peggy Veal, Bonnie Crow, Marilyn Azevedo, Beth Hulm, press.

Absent: Commissioner Henderson (called in at 11:00)

Call to Order

Chairman Carmichael called the regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission to order at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There was Conflict of Interest declared.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Hopfinger moved, Foster seconded to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Commission 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 February 29, 2020, Sylvia Chapman, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$1,479,112.80, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$102,061.54; Certificates of Deposit \$400,000.00; Total \$1,891,409.67. 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 \$204.26 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of February 2020 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$2,324.50 were reviewed.

LACED Request

A letter of request was received from the Lemmon Area Charitable and Economic Development Corporation allowing the trenching of cable to the electrical service provided to Perkins County for the streetlight on the southeast corner of the intersection of Hwy 12 and Hwy 73 in order to light their "Welcome to Lemmon" signs. Schweitzer moved, Hopfinger seconded to allow LACED to trench the cable to the electrical service provided to the Perkins County for the "Welcome to Lemmon" Signs; Schweitzer, Hopfinger and Carmichael aye, Foster nay, motion carried.

Jason Lillich

Jason Lillich, Executive Director of Three Rivers Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Center was present to review the programs offered by the facility. They have received grants through the USDA and the State of South Dakota. They are offering a new program for Farmers/Ranchers/Producers at no cost depending on need.

Highway Department

- Superintendent Shuck gave his monthly Project & Maintenance Report. A culvert on the Chance Road is need of repair. Negotiations have been held with BL Contracting to repair the culvert this month.

- Superintendent Shuck would like to surplus the following equipment: P98 - Ford F150 4-wheel drive pickup, VIN 1FTZF1863WKA25623. Bush Hogs FWM1 - Rotary Mower 12710R Serial #12018901 and FWM2 - Rotary Mower 2710 Serial #120003. Foster moved, Hopfinger seconded to surplus the 1998 Ford F150 4-wheel drive pickup, VIN 1FTZF1863WKA25623, a Bush Hog FWM1- Rotary Mower 12710R Serial #12018901 and a Bush Hog Rotary Mower 2710 Serial #120003, motion carried. Shuck will contact the townships to see if any of them would be interested in the Bush Hog Mower. Chairman Carmichael appointed Rusty Foster, Lincoln Shuck and Allen Palmer to appraise the surplus equipment.
- Discussion was held on the bill presented to the Perkins County Highway Department for work done on a road shared between Englewood Township and Arrowhead Township (unorganized).
- A brief discussion was held on the Prairie City Road. Superintendent Shuck is still researching cost estimates on different options for the road.

10:30 Hearing on Selling Gravel to the Public

Chairman Carmichael announced that it was time for the Public Hearing of the Sale of Gravel to the Public. There was no one present to comment on the subject. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the sale of gravel to individuals after contacting the Perkins County Highway Office and giving the Highway Superintendent the discretion to approve the sale based on gravel quantity at a cost of \$6.30 per ton for the current gravel stock with the price subject to change after gravel crushing is completed, motion carried.

Resolution 2020-1

Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to introduce and approved Resolution 2020-1 “Perkins County Weight Limit Enforcement Resolution”, roll call vote: Foster aye, Hopfinger aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2020-1

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-19, C-3, C-9, C-9A, C-25 and C-2 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.

Weed Board Appointment

Foster moved, Carmichael seconded to appoint Kyle Kennedy to the Perkins County Weed Board, motion carried. Kyle Kennedy will be replacing Kevin Van Slooten on the Weed Board.

Indigent Burial Rate

Greg Jensen was present with a proposal on the Indigent Burial Rates. Schweitzer moved, Hopfinger seconded to set the following indigent burial rates effective March 10, 2020: *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.

Plateau and Strool Townships Merger Hearing

Chairman Carmichael declared it was the published time of the Merger Hearing for Plateau and Strool Townships. Austin Risty was the only one present to speak on the merger. He was in favor of the merger. The proposed merger shall be decided by the registered voters of Plateau and Strool Townships by ballot at their next regular election.

Set Equalization Meeting Date & Time

Foster moved, Carmichael seconded to set the County Board of Equalization Meeting at 1:00 pm on April 14, 2020 at the Perkins County Commissioner Room in Bison, motion carried.

May Meeting Date

Schweitzer moved, Hopfinger seconded to have the May Commission Meeting in Lemmon, motion carried.

Milwaukee Land Co. 2nd Addn Blk 34 Lot 5

Schweitzer moved, Hopfinger seconded that the Commission deems it advisable and in the best interest of the Public to convey Milwaukee Land Co. 2nd Addn Blk 34 Lot 5 to the City of Lemmon pursuant to SDCL 6-5-2, motion carried.

Plat Books

Discussion was held on maintaining the updates on the Perkins County Plat Book. It was the consensus of the Commission to continue to maintain the updates on the Perkins County Plat Book.

Sheriff/EM Kelly Serr

- Kelly Serr was present to inform the Commission that he had made application for the 2020 HLS grant.
- Perkins County will host the EOC exercise on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Bentley Building in Bison. This Exercise is held to instruct effective strategic decision-making skills used during an emergency event.

Wind Tower Discussion

Brenda Moore, Energielkontor, US Wind Markets Representative and Ryan Brunner, South Dakota School & Public Lands Commissioner were present to answer questions on a proposed wind farm in Perkins County.

DOE Corina Molnar

Director of Equalization gave an overview of the Perkins County 2020 Annual Assessments.

2019 Annual Report

Finance Officer Chapman presented the 2019 Annual Report. Carmichael moved, Schweitzer seconded to acknowledge receipt of the 2019 Annual Report and to publish the report in the legal newspapers of Perkins County, motion carried.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, February payroll: 77,958.61; IRS, fica, 7,781.10; SD Retirement, retirement, 6,162.75; Delta Dental, insurance, 1,387.86; Medico Life, insurance, 115.80; Wellmark, insurance, 22,530.50; SDPEF, insurance, 96.00; HRA Reimbursements, 1,626.46; A&B Business, maintenance, 124.79; American Solutions, supplies, 132.47; Auto Value, repairs, 43.92; Best Western Ramkota, travel, 643.93; BH Family Practice, jail meds, 34.00; BH Council of Local Govt, fees, 775.00; Bison Courier, publishing, 303.83; Bison Food, supplies, 17.67; Bison Implement, repairs/supplies, 3,604.86; BL Contracting, repairs, 428.57; Black Strap, Inc, supplies, 2,608.80; Butler Machinery, repairs, 528.89; Chapman's Electronic, repairs, 628.69; Correct RX Pharmacy, jail meds, 46.22; County Drug, jail meds, 519.11; Current Connection, maint/supplies, 850.41; Dakota Fluid Power, repairs, 237.54; Dakota Herald, publishing, 311.47; E-911, surcharge, 10,818.90; EMC Insurance, vehicle/liability, 62,401.00; Evanson Jensen Funeral Home, burial, 1,525.00; G&O Paper, supplies, 215.70; Godfrey Brake Service, supplies, 32.40; Grand Electric, utilities, 1,785.50; Horizon Health Care, prof fees, 154.00; Inland Truck, repairs, 59.57; John Deere Financial, repairs, 2,188.95; John's Repair, maintenance, 98.00; Johnson Controls, contractual services, 2,503.28; LACED, 2020 subsidy, 15,000.00; Lar-Jo's, supplies, 1,014.80; Lawson Products, supplies, 127.32; Lemmon EMT Assn, travel, 503.03; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 9.63; Lemmon Senior Citizens, 2020 subsidy, 1,500.00; Lincoln County, MH board, 134.00; Lodgepole Propane, propane, 1,672.60; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, supplies, 102.43; McLeod's Printing, supplies, 381.69; Meade County, jail board/911 surcharge, 2,705.75; R Miller, travel, 47.00; NAPA/Agpro, repairs/supplies, 330.71; Northern Truck Equipment, repairs, 4,470.00; Overhead Door, repairs, 674.49; S Penfield, rent, 400.00; Pennington County Jail, jail board, 5,100.00; Pennington Co Sheriff Office, transportation, 7.50; Pharmchem Inc, testing, 28.55; Phil's Paint & Body, repairs, 1,800.00;

Prairie Hills Transit, 2020 subsidy, 8,000.00; Print Shop, supplies, 510.00; Ramkota Hotel, travel, 106.64; Runnings, repairs/supplies, 1,080.61; SD Dept of Revenue, repairs, 15.00; SD Developmental Center, subsidy, 60.00; SD DOT, prof fees, 1,882.39; SD Federal Property, equipment, 24,915.00; SD Human Center, patient care, 572.17; SD Public Health Lab, prof fees, 40.00; SDAAO, registration, 350.00; SD Assn Weed & Pest, dues, 150.00; SDSU Extension, training, 30.00; Servall Supply, supplies, 109.09; Stippich Inc, repairs/supplies, 421.00; Tennant's Auto Center, maintenance, 28.49; Three Rivers MH, rent, 900.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 228.52; Trace Welding, repairs, 105.00; Trans Source, repairs, 140.00; VISA, travel, 320.17; VISA, utilities/repairs, 2,000.27; West Group, law books, 964.61; West River Welding, repairs, 4,270.00; West River Telephone, utilities, 1,454.98; Yankton Co Treasurer, MH board, 122.50.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm. The next regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Perkins County Courthouse.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sylvia Chapman, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman