

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: September 12, 2023

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

Absent: Commissioner Henderson

Others Present: Caleb Wiechmann, Holly Waddell, Ida Sander, Steve McFarland, Lois Eggebo, Clyde Jesfeld, Corina Kocer, Betty MaCauley, Judy Gano, Chris Goldsmith, Robert Johnson, Dylan Schmidt, Jens Jesfeld, Lisa Harpster, Paul Rand Bentley, Cody Green & Beth Hulm, press.

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, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

- Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting, motion carried.
- Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 Special Budget Meeting with the correction as follows: “Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to ~~increase the State Grant Revenue (101-0-334) for Road & Bridge and the expense for Road & Bridge Contracts (201-313-425.5) by \$450,000, due to the anticipated increase in costs to rebuild the Foster Bridge~~ **increase the highway expenditures by \$550,000 (Road & Bridge Contracts 201-313-425.5) and decrease the intergovernmental revenue (State Grants 201-0-334) by \$130,000**, motion carried.

Monthly Reports

- Finance Officer’s Account with the Deputy Finance Officers – To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Perkins County: I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hand of the Deputy Finance Officers of this County as of August 31, 2023, Sara Stadler Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$2,619,369.93, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$104,604.27; Certificates of Deposit \$400,000.00; Total \$3,124,174.20. 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 \$555.22 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle Fees for the month of August were reviewed.
- Register of Deed’s fees in the amount of \$2,176.50 were reviewed.

Correspondence

- CHN/WIC Letter
- Dept of Ag – updated Public Notice
- Dept of Ag & Natural Resources
- Simon Cost Increase
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church – Holly Waddell was present to ask Commissioners for permission to have a raffle at their church fundraiser on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Paul Rand Bentley – old Lemmon School

Paul Rand Bentley was present to update the Commissioners on the updates that have been done on the old Lemmon School (record #15382). He has purchased it and hopes to transfer it into a 501c3 in the very near future.

10:45 a.m. 5- year Highway Plan

Superintendent Green gave a presentation on the 5-year Highway Plan. Foster moved, Campbell seconded to approve the 5-Year Highway Plan, motion carried.

11:00 a.m. Farmers Union – Chris Goldsmith

Chris Goldsmith was present to ask Commissioners to allow him to quote Perkins County for their Health, Vision, Dental and Life Insurance for 2024. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Finance Officer Stadler to give Mr. Goldsmith a census of employee information to get a quote, motion carried.

Highway Department

Superintendent Green gave his monthly highway report for the month of August. The crew is working on grooming roads as needed, patching asphalt roads, hauling gravel, and mowing road ditches. Green also reported the Summerville Road construction project will start on Monday, September 18th.

- Haul Road Agreement – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to adopt the Haul Road Agreement that was presented by Superintendent Green, motion carried.
- New Hire – Clayton Lau – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to hire Clayton Lau at an hourly rate of \$19.23, with a start date of 8-28-2023, motion carried.
- Employee Position – Superintendent Green stated Ralph Blumer is no longer employed with Perkins County.
- Executive Session - Foster moved, Campbell seconded to declare Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for personnel at 11:15 a.m, motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 11:23 a.m.
- Foster moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Superintendent Green to advertise for a Highway Operator, motion carried.
- Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to declare Executive Session to discuss legal matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 11:25 a.m, motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 11:29 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Lois Eggebo – Divide Road

Lois Eggebo was present to distribute a letter to the Commissioners concerning the condition of the Divide Road from various residents on or around the Divide Road.

RAIF (Rural Access Infrastructure Fund) Small Structure Improvement

Superintendent Green presented his Improvement Plan for Perkins County as there were no townships present. Green would like to request funding for 2 projects, 1 on Cottonwood Rd to replace 2 culverts with an anticipated cost of \$25,500. The other project would be on Fredlund Rd to replace a culvert with an anticipated cost of \$100,000.

Commissioners took a 5-minute break at 11:57 a.m.

Surplus Property

Foster moved Campbell seconded to surplus the following items and authorize Chairman Carmichael to appoint 3 real property owners to assess the value of the property, motion carried.

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| - Large Kyocera Copier/Printer (DOE) | - 2 Canon Scanners DR 6030C (ROD) |
| - 1 Brother Copier/Printer (DOE) | - 2 Cyber PowerSurge Protectors (FO) |
| - 2 Dell Keyboards (FO) | - 2 Acer Monitors (FO) |
| - 1 Dell Monitor (FO) | - 1 Fellowes Power Shred PS55 (FO) |
| - 1 HP Printer (DOE) | - 1 HP LaserJet 4100 Copier/Printer (ROD) |
| - 1 Dell Computer Tower (DOE) | |

DOE – Resolution 2023-07 “New Residential Discretionary”

Director of Equalization Corina Kocer was present to give the Commissioners an update on the new Discretionary Formula that was adopted by the legislature this year. The Discretionary Formula was previously on a 5-year timeframe and that has been increased to 7 years, effective July 1, 2023. Resolution will be adopted at a later meeting.

Coroner – Ray Huber Resignation

Foster moved, Campbell seconded to accept Ray Huber’s resignation effective 9-15-2023, motion carried.

Finance Office

- CD Moved – Finance Officer Stadler reported she moved the Bank of the West (BMO) CD to Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union as a CD.
- Door Security Agreement – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael as signatory on the Door Security Agreement after the requested addition to paragraph 16 of “The County should approve any assignment of the contract by the Company, just as the Company has the right to approve any assignment by the County,” motion carried.
- West River Foundation – Mobile Home on City of Lemmon property record #15441 – Finance Officer Stadler updated the Commissioners that the Mobile Home located on record #15441 is now owned by the West River Foundation will be disposed of or sold shortly.
- 2023 Capital Outlay Accumulations – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to correct minutes from the March 7th and April 11th, 2023 meetings to move \$250,000 from the Capital Outlay Accumulations, motion carried.
- Comprehensive Planning Board – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to reappoint the Planning Board members each January, motion carried.
- Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to pay current Comprehensive Planning Board members \$50 per meeting plus mileage at the State rate of \$.51/mile, motion carried.
- Contingency Transfers – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to move the following contingency transfers, motion carried.
 - Mental Health – Court Appt Atty 101-445-422.05 \$1,000
 - Mental Health – Care for Patients 101-445-424 \$2,000
 - Mental Health – Transportation 101-445-427.01 \$1,500
 - M&P Fund – Equipment - 250-163-426.29 \$2,700
 - Planning Board - Wages 101-711-411 \$2,200
 - Planning Board - FICA 101-711-412 \$150
 - Planning Board - Travel 101-711-427 \$650

Executive Session

Carmichael moved, Foster seconded to declare Executive Session to discuss legal matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 12:58 p.m, motion carried. Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 1:10 p.m.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, August payroll: 82,749.25; IRS, fica, 8102.61; SD Retirement, 6,518.02; Delta Dental, ins, 2,001.31; Medico Life, ins, 201.55; Wellmark, ins, 26,244.32; Sun Life, ins, 87.00; HRA, reimb, 8,425.67; Agpro, maint, 169.99; American Sol, supplies, 261.30; Auto Value, supplies, 788.96; Avera, prof fee, 336.00; Bison Courier, publishing, 663.15; Bison Grain, supplies/repairs, 31,299.83; Bison Imp, supplies/repairs, 1,479.42; BL Contracting, repairs, 20,459.22; J. Brockel, royalties, 16,184.00; Brosz Eng, prof. fee, 2,800.00; L. Carda, spraying, 122.50; Credit Collections, lien recovery, 17.50; C. Escott, supplies, 330.00; Connecting Point, comp. programs, 8,460.00; Cont. Supply, equip, 358.40; County Drug, med fees, 57.96; Current Connection, maint/supplies, 3,487.87; Dakota Feed, chemical, 11,170.00; Dakota Herald, publishing, 753.43; Doud Counseling LLC, MH phy, 400.00; Eagle Nest, repair, 2,714.44; FirstNet, utilities, 280.28; Five Counties, prof fees, 600.00; G&O, supplies, 1,151.20; Grand, utilities, 1,658.56; GPNA, prof serv, 247.50; Hammond Tire, maint, 171.00; Horizon, prof fee, 373.22; John’s repair, maint, 104.25; Kalon’s Auto, maint, 826.18; B. Keller, Vet. travel, 168.56; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 8.38; Lewis & Clark, MH phy, 213.00; Matheson Tri-Gas, supplies, 48.44; Mcleods, supplies, 1,865.61; Meade Co, jail board, 3,895.00; NASAP, dues, 39.00; Nat Med, jail med, 190.00; Newman Sign, supplies, 294.35; N Central Rent, MG rental, 8,434.62; NW Farm, supplies, 19.97; Penfield, rent, 400.00; PC Ambulance, subsidy, 5,000.00; Pomp’s Tire, equip/supplies, 8,105.56; Premier Equip, supplies, 2,206.03; Premier Police, supplies, 106.00; Runnings, supplies, 1,123.58; SD Dev. Cent; subsidy, 120.00; SD DOT, prof fees, 8,669.53; SD HSC, care for pts, 611.63; SD Pub Health lab, prof. serv, 40.00; SDSA, dues, 125.00; Servall, supplies,

172.09; H. Stevens, reg, 60.00; SW Crime, dues/reg, 60.00; C. Thurman, crt appt atty, 283.60 ; Top Coat, supplies, 1,922.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 260.94; Trinity Electrical, repairs, 4,787.77; J. VanVactor, 226.76; Verizon, utilities, 80.02; Visa, postage/travel/supplies/utilities, 9,307.61; West Group, law books, 787.90; WRCTC, utilities, 1,254.37; Youngberg, crt appt atty, 160.50.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m. The next Regular Commissioner meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman