

**Perkins County Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Date: March 11, 2025**

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

**Absent: Commissioner Carmichael (available by phone)**

**Others Present: Tori Voller, Caleb Wiechmann, Tracy Hafner, Cody Green, Shane Penfield, Arlis Seim, press**

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Foster 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, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Agenda, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Henderson moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Minutes for the Feb. 11, 2025 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 February 28, 2025, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$2,358,104.39, Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$22,687.08; Certificates of Deposit \$500,000.00; Total \$2,880,991.47. 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 \$931.54 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of February 2025 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$13,488.00 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: S. Stadler 3-16, P Schmeling 3-20.

Correspondence – Received flyer from BMO on a possible credit card program. Received letter from Brian Colson.

Tori Voller – Supplemental Insurance Coverage – Tori Voller was present to ask Commissioners to offer Globe Life Supplemental Insurance options to all Perkins County Employees. Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to allow Tori Voller the same access to our employees as we do for our Aflac representative, motion carried.

Public Comment – Caleb Wiechmann, representing Lodgepole Propane, was present to explain to Commissioners a bill that was previously rejected by the Commissioners. After discussion, Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to pay the bill to Lodgepole Propane as presented, motion carried.

Highway Department – Cody Green

Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report for the month of February. Green reported that load limits were put in effect March 3<sup>rd</sup> and is tentatively planning on taking off the load limits on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The crew has been working on tree trimming, signage and also started spring blading and pulling shoulders on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Piggyback off Brookings County for Subsurface Contract – no action taken

- Subsurface Quote – Bixby Rd – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to authorize BL Contracting to replace the 2 deteriorating culverts on Bixby Road, motion carried.
- County Radios Quote – Superintendent Green would like Commissioners to consider upgrading the current analog radios. Green reached out to FirstNet to get a quote and for 10 handheld radios it would be a yearly cost of \$2,638.80. No action was taken.

Executive Session – Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to declare Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for Personnel at 11:06 a.m, motion carried. Vice Chairman Foster declared the meeting out of Executive Session at 11:25 a.m.

DOE – Tracy Hafner

- Planning Board – cell tower – Verizon – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to approve the Variance to increase the height restriction for a cell phone tower off Happy Hill Road to 300 feet tall, motion carried.
- Setting Equalization Mtg Date & Set Regular Mtg Date - Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to open the books for the Equalization meeting on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 following the Regular Commissioner Meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m, motion carried.
- Tax Exempt Properties – Commissioners reviewed the 2025 pay 2026 Tax Exempt Entities List that will be published in the legal newspapers.
- Intentions – Director of Equalization Tracy Hafner went over her intentions for the 2025 pay 2026 valuations with Commissioners.

Road & Bridge Levy Implementation – tabled until next month.

4-H Memo of Understanding – tabled until next month.

Custodian – Resignation – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to accept the resignation of Sarah Lemer effective 2-27-2025, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael was conferenced at 11:57 a.m.

Temporary Hire – Custodian – Set Wage – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to set an hourly wage for Renita VanVactor as Custodian at \$17.07 per hour effective 3-3-2025, motion carried.

Weed Board Supervisors – Set Wage – Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to pay \$300.00 per month to both Weed Board Supervisors, Brenda Kari and Loyson Carda, effective January 1, 2025, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-03 Plat of Shady Grove Addition – Ronald & Charolette Ford – Campbell moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve Resolution 2025-03 “Plat of Lot 1 of the Shady Grove Addition to Perkins County, South Dakota, as located in Section 32, Township 23 North, Range 16 East of the B.H.M.” Roll Call: Campbell -aye, Henderson – aye, Schweitzer – aye, Foster – aye, Carmichael – aye, motion carried.

**Resolution 2025-03  
Plat of Lot 1 of the Shade Grove Addition  
To Perkins County, South Dakota  
As Located in Section 32, Township 23 North, Range 16 East of the B.H.M.**

Be it resolved by the County Commission of Perkins County, South Dakota, that the Plat of Lot 1 of the Shady Grove Addition to Perkins County, South Dakota, as located in Section 32, 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.

Chairman Carmichael left the conference call at 12:16 p.m.

Finance Officer - Sara Stadler

- Abatement #12922 – James Wishard – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to abate taxes for 2024 pay 2025 on record #12922 for James Wishard in the amount of \$1,513.88 due to him qualifying for the Elderly Assessment Freeze, but missing the deadline, motion carried.
- Abatement #12951 – Mike Spurr – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to abate taxes for 2024 pay 2025 on record #12951 for Michael & Sherry Spurr in the amount of \$537.02 due to a house fire on 4-1-2024, motion carried.
- Abatement #18111 – Delwyn Newman – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to abate taxes for 2024 pay 2025 on record #18111 for Delwyn & Linda Newman in the amount of \$2,540.70 due to the discretionary value being missed, motion carried.
- Review Annual Report – Commissioners reviewed the 2024 Annual Report.
- Abatements – Tax Exempt Properties – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to abate the following taxes due to them being Tax Exempt Properties and being inadvertently included in the Tax Roll for 2024 pay 2025:
  - Turning Point Christian Center #13143, #15462
  - Housing & Development Comm. Lemmon #15403
  - Immanuel Lutheran Church & Cemetery #17652, # 16468
  - Lodgepole Union Cemetery #17673
  - Lemmon Baptist Church #15470
  - Pleasant Ridge Cemetery #16406
  - Scion Me Church #16341
  - Prairie City Cemetery Association #16423
  - St Mary’s Catholic Church #15394, #17707, #13257, #15455, #15450
  - Spencer Memorial Presbyterian Church #15476, #15447, #15433
  - St Luke’s Lutheran Church #15471
  - SD Conference Assn of 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists #15506
  - Reformed Presbyterian Church #15451
  - New Hope Worship Center #15484
  - Zion Ellingson Cemetery #16128
  - Zion Evangelical Church #16422, motion carried.
- Move additional \$250,000 to Capital Outlay Accumulations – Campbell moved, Henderson seconded to move \$250,000 for the 2024 Fiscal Year, as budgeted, to Capital Outlay Accumulations from the General Fund, motion carried.
- Summons & Notice of No Personal Claim – Lemmon Housing Authority – State’s Attorney Penfield advised Commissioners on the Quiet Title for Lemmon Housing Authority. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Vice Chairman Foster as signatory for the Admission of Service of Summons and Notice of No Personal Claim and Complaint for Quiet Title, received from Nies Karras & Skjoldal, P.C, motion carried.

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment: February payroll 80,213.52; IRS, FICA, 7,821.64; SD Retirement, 6,508.17; Delta Dental, ins, 1,006.50; Medico, ins, 136.80; Wellmark, ins, 21,871.35; Sun Life, ins, 102.00; HRA, reimb, 1,443.50; A&B, maint, 62.49; A. Larson, supplies, 33.33; A&B, supplies, 1,580.65; AT&T, utilities, 271.53; Auto Value, supplies, 2.99; Bison Courier, publishing, 213.79; Bison Food, supplies, 23.27; Bison Grain, labor, 16,332.13; Bison Imp, repairs, 104.93; Country Drug, jail meds, 40.11; Current Conn, supplies 3,104.97; Dakota Herald, publishing, 196.37; Godfrey Brakes, repairs, 39.06; Grand El, utilities, 2,058.14; Hireclick, supplies, 708.00; Horizon, prof. fee, 329.93; John Deere, repairs, 206.95; John’s Repair, repairs, 188.42; KBJM, publishing, 120.00; Kimball, supplies, 71.50; Kinney Law, crt appt atty, 304.94; Laufer Vermeer, supplies, 841.14; Lemmon EMT, travel, 566.16; Lemmon IGA, supplies, 22.36; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 1,967.14; Meade County, jail board, 7,790.00; Melling, crt appt atty, 1,078.24; National Medical Resource, jail fees, 175.00; NW Farm, supplies, 61.96; Prairie Hills Transit, subsidy, 8,00.00; Qualified Presort, prof. fees, 365.42, Ramkota Hotel, travel, 112.00; RDO, supplies, 2,878.70; SD Dev. Center, mh sub, 120.00; SD DOT, prof. fees, 852.63; SD Narcotics Officer, dues, 200.00; SD Office of Attorney General, prof. fees, 799.55; SD Public Health Lab, prof. fees, 150.00; Servall, supplies, 103.12; Sirchie, supplies, 66.20; Stelter Repair, repairs, 833.91; Tennant’s, repairs, 339.34; Town of Bison, utilities, 332.28; Trans Source, repairs, 166.85; Trinity,

supplies, 1,915.75, Verizon, utilities, 80.02; Visa, maint/utilities, 800.42; West Group, books, 441.22; WRCTC, utilities, 1,221.44, USDA, equip, 4,425.00.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Foster declared the meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

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Rusty Foster, Vice Chairman