

**Perkins County Commission
Regular Meeting**

Date: February 11, 2025

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

Others Present: Collin Palmer, Sylvia Chapman, Lynn Frey, Shane Penfield, Cody Green, Kelly Serr, Arlis Seim, 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, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to approve the Minutes from the January 7, 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 January 31, 2025, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$1,944,382.76. Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$322,687.08; Dacotah Bank: \$200,000.00; Total \$2,467,269.84. 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 \$1,039.74 were reviewed.
- Motor Vehicle fees for the month of January 2025 were reviewed.
- Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$11,804.00 were reviewed.
- Longevity increase of .10/hour will be realized for the following: H. Stevens 2-6, C. Green 2-24

Correspondence – Received from Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources concerning an air quality operating permit for grain elevators in South Dakota. Received from BMO to provide banking options for Perkins County.

Public Comment – Sylvia Chapman was present to request half of the amount budgeted for the former Meals on Wheels Program to be given to the newly established Senior Citizens Meal Program. Chapman reported that the meal program will start on Monday, and they are requesting a suggested donation of \$7.00 per meal.

Lynn Frey – Rural Access Infrastructure Fund (RAIF) – Mr. Frey was present to ask the Commissioners to support further funding of the RAIF. Mr. Frey would like the Commissioners to contact our local representatives in support of Senate Bill 95.

Collin Palmer – Life Insurance Quote – Mr. Palmer was present to report back to the Commissioners that yes, Commissioners could be included as an employee count and would thus qualify. Commissioners have expressed interest in increasing the current life insurance policy for all part-time and full-time employees to \$25,000. Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to accept the \$25,000 life insurance quote from Collin Palmer with Farmers Union for all full-time and part-time employees, motion carried.

Highway – Cody Green

Superintendent Green presented his Monthly Project & Maintenance Report. Green presented his overall report for 2024 – which breaks down cost by road. Green reported that the crew is working on maintenance and repairs on trailers and semi. Green also reported the fencing near Foster Bridge is complete and his crew is continuing to work on tree trimming.

- Set Equipment Rates – Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to approve the 2025 Equipment Rates presented by Superintendent Green, Roll Call: Foster nay, Schweitzer aye, Henderson aye, Campbell aye, Carmichael nay.
 - Machines - Graders \$257.59/hour, Graders w/snowplows \$308.49/hour
 - Loaders RTL19, RTL84, RTL95 \$306.86/hour
 - Loaders TL24 \$254.26/hour
 - Snow Blowers -SB97 \$308.49, Bobcat Blower \$154.25/hour
 - Ridge Mulchers – RM02, RM04, SM23, SM23A, DM18 - \$226.94/hour
 - Disk – DM 18 – \$129.44/hour
 - Trucks -T14, T14A, T03A, T07A - \$226.94/hour
 - Trucks with Snowplow - \$273.00/hour
 - Trucks -T99, T02, T03, T14, T14A - \$226.94/hour
 - Gravel Trailers – \$118.90/hour
 - Tractors – MT19, MT19A, RT 24 - \$217.86/hour
 - Mowing Tractors - \$73.79/hour
 - Pickups - \$89.68/hour
 - Trailers FB07, LB95, LB99 – \$141.96/hour
 - Packers – WRP14, WRP22, WRP23, WRP23A, WRP24 - \$156.74
 - Astrolight Machine - \$318.18/hour
 - 2011 Tanker - \$95.55/hour
 - Sand Spreaders -SS12 (T03A), SS97 (T14A), SS24 (T14) -\$69.56/hour
- Set Gravel Rates – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to set the Gravel Rate for 2025 at \$6.60/Ton, Gravel to Private Individuals at \$6.93/Ton, Chips at \$13.20/Ton and Sand at \$6.60/Ton and to allow Superintendent Green to sell gravel at his own discretion, motion carried.
- Bridge Inspection Resolution for 2025 – Campbell moved, Foster seconded to appoint Brosz Engineering as the Engineering Firm for the next 2 years and to authorize Chairman Carmichael as signatory on the Resolution 2025-02 “Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution for Use with SDDOT Retainer Contracts,” Roll Call: Henderson aye, Foster aye, Campbell aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2025-02

Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution for Use with SDDOT Retainer Contracts

Whereas, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

Therefore: Perkins County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering, Inc. for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

- Bridge 53-281-151 Work Order – Over Lodgepole Creek – Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael as signatory on the Work Order No. LGA-72-23, Project # BRF-B 6399 (190), PCN 09M5 and to authorize Perkins County’s share to pay to Brosz at \$18,231.96 of the Structural Design of \$160,100, motion carried.
- New Hire – Joseph Aukland – Set Wage – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to set Joseph Aukland’s wage to \$20.00/hour effective 1-9-2025, motion carried.

Road & Bridge Levy Possible Implementation – Superintendent Green would like to see a Road & Bridge Levy Implementation of \$500,000. That would cover approximately 10 miles of road per

year. That amount would need a levy implemented of .70/1000 in valuation. Commissioners will continue the discussion at next month's meeting.

Sheriff – Kelly Serr

- Hazard Pay – Sheriff Serr was present to request Commissioners give \$.50/hour increase to all deputies who wear a bulletproof vest and gun daily. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to implement a hazard pay of an increase of \$.50 per hour for all deputies effective 2-11-2025. Deputies included are Richards, Kindsvogel, Merchen, Karels, Schmeling, and McCartney, Roll Call: Campbell aye, Foster nay, Henderson aye, Schweitzer aye, Carmichael nay, motion carried.
- North Central E-911 Amended By Laws – Sheriff Serr wanted to let the Commissioners know that North Central (NC) E-911 has implemented a new set of By-Laws which includes adopting those additional counties that were discussed last year. He is hopeful that the By-Laws will be adopted later this month at the North Central E-911 Meeting.

Anthony Fike – Life Insurance Quote – no action taken

4-H Memo of Understanding – tabled until next month

Road Hunting – Sheriff Serr was asked what his thoughts were on the proposed Road Hunting, House Bill 1236. The Bill would increase the safety zone for road hunting from 600 feet to ¼ mile. Commissioner Henderson would like to send a letter of support to the Meade County Sheriff. Henderson moved, Foster seconded to draft a letter in support of House Bill 1236, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Finance Office

- Abatements:
 - Ryan Hall #13428 – Henderson moved, Campbell seconded to approve abatement of \$1,516.56 due to a clerical error made in the DOE office, motion carried.
 - Harold Wilmot #17280 – Schweitzer moved, Henderson seconded to approve abatement of \$55.94 for Record #17280 due to a house fire, motion carried.
 - James Wishard #12922 – tabled till next month
 - Mike Spurr #12951 – tabled till next month

Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment, January payroll: 78,016.71; IRS, FICA, 7,667.28; SD Retirement, 6,239.16; Delta Dental, ins, 1,052.25; Medico Life, ins, 130.00; Wellmark, ins, 23,476.60; Sun Life, ins, 110.16; HRA, reimbursements, 2,568.08; A&B, maint, 54.34; AGPRO, equip, 650.16; A&B, supplies, 58.42; Auto Value, supplies, 113.21; Avera, prof fee, 36.60; BHCLG, fees, 2,225.00; Bison Courier, publishing, 243.96; Bison Grain; supplies/labor, 959.73; Bison Imp, repairs, 4,766.27; Brosz Eng, prof. fees, 1,470.00; Butte County, repairs, 362.50; CCB, liens, 17.50; Central Senior Citizens, subsidy, 4,000.00; Christ Stang, repairs, 96.93; Contractors Supply, supplies, 1,211.40; County Inn, fees, 107.00; Country Drug, jail meds, 40.11; Current Conn, supplies/repairs, 1,725.24; Dakota Fluid, equip, 178.64; Dakota Herald, publishing, 271.60; Discovery Benefits, prof fees, 972.00; AT&T, utilities, 271.53; Floyd's Truck, repairs, 679.22; G&O, supplies, 103.90; Grand El, utilities, 1748.01; Grimms Pump, supplies, 103.45; Hamand Tire, maint, 195.00; Jenner Equip, repairs/supplies, 292.60; KBJM, publishing, 100.00; Kimball, supplies, 321.00; Kinney Law, crt appt atty, 603.00; Lemmon EMT, travel, 1,014.33; Live Inc, subsidy, 3,000.00; Lodgepole Propane, utilities, 1,902.08; Matheson Tri-Gas, supplies, 454.94; Meade Co, jail, 2,945.00; Melling and Roseland, crt appt atty, 2,168.90; Northern Truck; repairs, 1,217.89; NW Farm, supplies, 142.88; NW Tire, repairs/supplies, 8,888.66; Penfield, rent, 400.00; Perkins County Ambulance; travel, 1,166.47; Pharmchem, supplies, 63.90; Pheasantland, supplies, 1,790.83; Planning and Dev, prof. fees, 500.00; Print Shop, supplies, 600.00; RDO Truck, supplies, 1,860.92; Runnings, supplies, 369.22; Sarah Andrews, fees, 41.36; SD Dev. Center, mh sub, 120.00; SD Public Health Lab, prof. services, 40.00; SDEMA, dues, 100.00; SDSA, dues, 585.05; Servall, supplies, 280.70; Sirchie, supplies, 304.55; Stippich, repairs, 648.00; Store-N-Stuff, equip, 4,700.00; Tennant's, repairs, 273.26; The Flower Box, supplies, 74.33, Town of Bison, utilities, 366.29; Trace Welding, maint, 40.00, Trinity, supplies, 2,338.64; Vanguard, comp. programs, 2,887.00; Verizon,

utilities, 80.02; VISA, supplies/travel/utilities, 4,609.40; West Group, books, 441.22; WRCTC, utilities, 1,256.29.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Foster declared the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer

Kyle Carmichael, Chairman