The Corson County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner Room of the Courthouse on September 5, 2023. Chairman Jacob Nehl called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with Darren Bauer, Shawn Hinsz, Benjamin Bieber, and Lucas Sutherland present.

Approve Minutes

All voted in favor of a motion by Bauer, seconded by Hinsz, to approve the minutes of the regular August 1, 2023 meeting.

Agenda

All voted in favor of a motion by Bauer, seconded by Sutherland to approve the agenda with the following addition: 911 Update.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Benny Joe Schell discussed road conditions, culverts, gravel crushing, and blade repairs. No action taken.

Probation Complete

Highway Superintendent Schell informed the commission that Highway Secretary Rita Diamanti’s probation period will end on September 7th. Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Bieber, seconded by Bauer to approve a $.50 raise to Rita Diamanti for successful completion of her probationary period.

Travel Authorization

Consensus was to allow Highway Superintendent Benny Joe Schell to attend the Region Road Conference in Sioux Falls on October 23rd-25th.

Bridge Improvement Grant Right of Way Certificate

Superintendent Schell presented the Bridge Improvement Grant Right of Way Certificate for Project #BRF-6558(00)22-1. Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Bauer, seconded by Hinsz authorizing Chairman Nehl to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant Right of Way Certificate.

West River Telecommunications Utility Permit

All voted in favor of a motion by Bieber, seconded by Sutherland authorizing Chairman Nehl to sign the West River Telecommunications County Utility Permit.

Propane Quotes

Two propane quotes were received from CHS Farmers Alliance and McIntosh Coop for a fixed price from September 5, 2023 to September 4, 2024. Quotes were opened and read as follows:

CHS Farmers Alliance, McLaughlin, SD: $1.10 per gallon for McIntosh Jail, McIntosh Shop, McLaughlin Shop, and Trail City Shop;

McIntosh Co-Op, McIntosh, SD: $1.58 per gallon for McIntosh Jail and McIntosh Shop, and $1.62 per gallon for McLaughlin Shop and Trail City Shop.

Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Bauer, seconded by Hinsz to accept the low bid from CHS Farmers Alliance for all locations.

Roll call vote: Bauer, yes; Hinsz, yes; Bieber, yes; Sutherland, yes; Nehl, yes. Motion carried.

5 Year Road & Bridge Plan

Dale Baumeister and Alan Dale appeared for the public hearing for the County Highway Department 5 year Road and Bridge Plan. Superintendent Schell presented the 5 year plan as follows:

2024 – Repair Bridge Structure 16-582-080 1 mile north and ½ mile east of McLaughlin; 2025 – Chip Seal Road 3110; 2026 – Crush Gravel in various pits in Corson County; 2027 – Reline Culverts and Epoxy Deck on Structure 16-042-165 18 miles south of Thunder Hawk on County Road 35; 2028 – Epoxy Deck and fill cracks on structure 16-098-185 19 miles South of Keldron on County Road FAS 6427-1

Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Sutherland, seconded by Bieber to approve the 5 Year Road and Bridge Plan for Corson County.

Public Comment: Dale Baumeister discussed his concerns with crossing Mallard Bridge with his equipment. Consensus of the Board was to provide a culvert for Dale to install in the creek so he can get his equipment across.

Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Dale discussed Department Head Salary Augmentation with the commission. No action taken.

Travel Authorization

Consensus was to allow Sheriff Dale to attend the Sheriff’s Conference in Aberdeen September 25th-29th.

Provisional Budget

No one appeared for the 2024 provisional budget hearing. Consensus was to continue accumulating $25,000 cash in the general fund for capital projects. Final adoption of the budget will be held on September 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. MT.

Surplus Property

No one appeared for the discussion of surplus property.

911 Update

Commissioner Sutherland gave a brief update on 911. No action taken.

Personnel Handbook

All voted in favor of a motion by Bieber, seconded by Bauer to remove Weed & Pest supervisor from policy #5.8 Exemptions to Overtime and to update the Weed & Pest Supervisor job description in Policy 12.5 in the personnel handbook.

Employee Meeting

The commission presented and discussed a list of expectations with all department heads.

Statement of Fees Collected Approved:

Register of Deeds, August 2023: $2,038.90; Petty Cash: $50.00

Auditor’s Account with Treasurer

July 2023 Cash on hand: $632.40, Checks in Treasurer’s possession less than 3 days: $48,145.98, Demand Deposits: $553,048.93, Time Deposits: $4,229,455.94, Petty Cash Accounts: $2,657.00

The following bills were presented and ordered paid out of their respective funds:

Salaries of officials and employees by department:

Commission 5183.35

Auditor 7998.66

Treasurer 7914.66

States Attorney 4636.66

General Government Buildings 2880.00

Director of Equalization Wages 4073.34

Register of Deeds 5759.34

Sheriff 20968.46

Emergency Manager 550.00

Veteran Service Officer 687.50

E911 333.34

4-H Secretary 1603.34

Road & Bridge 45007.29

OASI 7991.62

South Dakota Retirement System 5875.76

Group Insurance 22928.99

The following bills were presented and ordered paid out of their respective funds:

AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE 100.00 cornerstone 5 plus, AMERICAN SOLUTIONS 270.79 name plates, JESSICA ANDERSON 204.50 mileage reimbursement, AT & T MOBILITY 684.22 monthly bill, AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 268.00 test/fees, AVI SYSTEMS, INC 520.00 on site service, BEADLE'S SALES 546.78 oil/fuel change, BIEGLER EQUIPMENT, INC 217.42 supplies, BOBCAT OF MANDAN, INC. 167.79 window cab/freight, BROWN COUNTY JAIL 1500.00 master billing report, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 2114.83 fuel elements, C & R RADIATOR 180.00 Oil cooler/ rad parts, CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT 487.89 tow hooks, CENTRAL DIESEL SALES INC 348.72 elbow, CENTURYLINK 62.40 monthly bill, CENTURYLINK 1251.46 monthly bill, CITY OF MCINTOSH 249.60 monthly bill, CITY OF MCLAUGHLIN 104.10 sewer surcharge, CITY OF MOBRIDGE 1960.52 august 2023 E-911 remittance, CONNECTING POINT 8090.00 annual support contract, CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT 905.65 supplies, RITA DIAMANTI 170.34 mileage reimbursement, DRG MEDIA GROUP 200.00 weed and pest job line, SHELBY EDINGER 424.00 4H, G & O PAPER SUPPLIES 335.45 supplies, GRAND RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1228.17 2023 fire premium refund, GTC AUTO PARTS INC 101.18 lube spin off, HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE 855.00 prisoner registry, ISABEL FIRE DEPARTMENT 13000.00 2023 budget allocation, KNIGHT SECURITY INC. 60.00 basic monthly monitoring, MCINTOSH CO-OP 289.95 battery, MCINTOSH FIRE DEPARTMENT 5647.32 2023 fire premium refund, MCLAUGHLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT 10748.97 2023 fire premium refund, MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR 2565.00 board of prisoners of july, MELLING & ROSELAND LAW 3150.00 public defender contract, MOBRIDGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL 969.52 lab services/prisoner care, MOBRIDGE TRIBUNE 108.04 supplies, MONUMENT HEALTH 257.93 prisoner care, MORRISTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT 2962.49 2023 fire premium refund, NAPA AUTO 267.89 shop supplies, NELSON INTERNATIONAL 252.38 valves, CORSON SIOUX NEWS MESSENGER 826.67 courthouse closed, NORTHWEST FARM & HOME SUPPLY 33.94 tile supplies, NOVA FIRE PROTECTION, INC 875.00 annual sprinkler inspection, NORTHWEST TIRE INC 868.75 supplies, PHARMCHEM, INC 63.90 sweat patch analysis, RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONF CENTER 136.00 Ultra Conference, R D O EQUIPMENT COMPANY 6297.24 repairs/supplies, REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY 400.75 lab services, REES COMMUNICATIONS 1100.00 program radios McL FD, RIVER CITY HEATING & 732.50 heater pump reset, AMY SCHRIOCK 80.00 MEAL PERDIEM, SD LTAP 125.00 annual local road conference, SD ASS'N OF COUNTY OFFICIALS 84.00 august M+P, SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE 1296.44 multiple property updates, SERVALL UNIFORM & LINEN SUPPLY 279.34 floor cleaning, STATE TREASURER 65343.45 August Motor V, STATELINE DESIGNS 519.75 county fair supplies, STOCK'S ELECTRIC SALES 47.45 ballast, STURGIS AMBULANCE SERVICE 1135.12 prisoner health care, THE DAKOTA HERALD 200.00 FAIR AD, TIMBER LAKE TOPIC 198.00 fair schedule, TRAIL CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2037.68 2023 fire premium refund, UNITED PRINTING 601.53 time sheets, WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO 197.57 supplies, WEST RIVER COOPERATIVE TELEPHO 328.42 monthly bill, SD SECRETARY OF STATE 20.00 Voter List, CONNECTING POINT 47.25 Monthly Bill, MASTERCARD 3498.37 Supplies/Fuel/Travel, MOREAU GRAND ELECTRIC 118.42 Monthly Utilities, TC&G Water Assoc 25.00 Monthly Utilities, WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS 180.32 Monthly Utilities, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 1742.04 Utilities, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 75.09 Partial Payment, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 119.65 Partial Payment, SMEE SCHOOL DISTRICT 17372.40 June 23 Apportion-Replace Ck#61917, MCINTOSH COOP 34047.17 Gas/Diesel

Adjourn

All voted in favor of a motion by Hinsz, seconded by Bieber to adjourn at 2:07 p.m. A special meeting will be held September 26, 2023 to adopt the 2024 budget. The next regular commission meeting will be held October 3, 2023.

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