BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUFFALO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, GANN VALLEY, SD

REGULAR MEETING - Thursday, November 10, 2022

Chairman Lloyd Lutter called the meeting to order at 4:07pm with Commissioners Dawn Cable present.

Also present was Steve Fox, Deputy States Attorney; Debra Morrison, Buffalo County Auditor; and several concerned citizens.

Cable moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Lutter. Motion carried by all voting ayes. Cable moved to accept previous minutes, seconded by Lutter. Motion Carried by all voting ayes.

The Board of Buffalo County Commissioners convened as the Election Canvassing Board. The board of canvassed the votes from the November 8, 2022, General Election. Commissioner Cable moved and Commissioner Lutter seconded that the vote was found to be the same as the unofficially tally. All members voted aye. Motion Carried. Board adjourned as canvassing board and reconvened as the Board of Buffalo County Commissioners.

Public input – no citizens addressed the Commissioners.

Highway Superintendent Lowell Swanson gave Lutter the fuel bids. November Fuel quotes/bids from Total Oil, Inc. for Unleaded Gas @ $3.72 per gallon, Ethanol Gas @ $3.32 per gallon, Diesel #1 Dyed Premium @ $4.78, and Diesel #2 Dyed Premium @ $4.39 per gallon. Motion to accept by Cable, seconded by Lutter. Motion carried by all voting ayes. Swanson continued to give his gravel and road reports. Swanson also addressed the fuel usage. Fire Department and Sheriff gave reports to Swanson and was read off. Cable moved to have the Buffalo County Courthouse/Highway will supply the fuel to the Buffalo County Fire Department; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried by all voting ayes.

Sheriff Wayne Willman addressed that mileage for the Sheriff is .08 cents higher than state rate.

Weed Supervisor/Courthouse Support Lee Sinkie gave his weed, grants, and radio tower reports. Cable made a motion to elect the final rule allowing counties to use up to $10 million of the APRA Recovery Funds to “loss revenue” for the provision of the general government service without needing to use the Treasury revenue loss formula. Buffalo County has elected to use salaries and County paid benefits from the General fund as an expense of the American Rescue Plan in the amount up to 10 million to be reimbursed yearly, biannually, or quarterly. Seconded by Loudner. Motion Carried by all voting ayes.

Auditor Debra Morrison stated there was one Hospitalization for October. Treasurer and Auditors matched in October 2022. South Central Water Development District submitted their budget, the budget resolution and work sheet showing each county’s tax levy for 2023. Commissioner Lutter signed the resolution. Cable moved to close the Buffalo County Courthouse/Highway on Friday, November 25, 2022; seconded by Loudner. Motion Carried by all voting ayes.

Monthly End Account with Treasurer

 Treasurer:

 Cash on Hand $ 400.00

 C.D. $ 200,000.00

 Bank Balance (Oct 2022) $2,480,848.79

 Auditor:

 Balance: $2,480,848.79

Cable made a motion to lift the Buffalo County Burn Ban; seconded by Loudner. Motion Carried by all voting ayes.

Auditor Morrison requested advice on how to proceed with SDCL 5-24-1) County Officer or Employees Public Personal Property.

Auditor Morrison states there has not been any additional interest in the Director of Equalization and the other employees have been checking emails and handling phone calls as they come.

Auditor Morrison requesting an Open House after the December 6, 2022, commissioners meeting. Next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2022 starting at 4:00pm with a Community Gathering/Open House set shortly afterwards.

*APPROVED FOR DISPERSEMENTS October 2022*

Commissioner, salary $600.00 Commissioner, salary $600.00

Commissioner, salary $600.00 Auditor/Register of Deeds, salary $3,333.33

Treasurer, salary $3,500.00 Director of Equalization, salary $2154.88

States Attorney, salary $3,269.25 Sheriff, salary $3,977.60

Highway Superintendent, salary $4,666.67 Highway Assistant, hourly, $4062.08

Courthouse Assistant, hourly $2930.00 Wellmark, group insurance $6,370.74

Quoin Bank $6059.85 Aflac $343.12 Optilegra, group insurance $18.46 Leonard VonEye, $771.00

Jeff Argo, $2530.00 Yvette Isburg, $1100.00

Wahinapa Charging Hawk, $301.15 Buffalo County Treasurer, $459.48

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Buffalo County Treasurer, $467.96 Dolly Bird, $284.00

Bonnie St. John, $260.30 Wahinapa Charging Hawk, $60.00

Danielle Kirkie, $335.00 Rose Ducheneaux, $270.50

Carol Grabin, $245.00 Mary Hendricks, $324.80

Julianne Blaine, $260.00 Tamra Merrit, $197.04

Tiffany Goodlow, $265.50 Kathy Yost, $291.92

A&R Trucking, $171.90 Abernathy Post #16, $350.00

Buffalo County Fire Prot Dist, $2954.46 Jeff Argo, $875.42

Aurora-Brule Water, $40.50 Brooks Hardware, $245.10

Brule County Treasurer, $2142.98 C&B, $1053.71

CDT, $610.65 Central Electric, $827.09

Chamberlain School, $166949.45 Elvira Township, $1541.15

Gaulke Lawn Service, $1310.00 Kimball Ambulance, $1060.48

Kimball School, $20129.18 Jerauld County Treasurer, $940.00

L&M, $166.00 Marco, $70.95

Mcleod’s, $116.70 Meyerink Farms, $681.34

MIS, $72.00 Midstate Communication, $427.62

Miller School, $1813.63 Debra Morrison, $218.84

National Sheriffs Association, $121.00 Overweg Repair, $1329.71

District III, $6000.00 RDO, $53.13

SD Unemployment, $310.04 Seachange, $185.00

Lee Sinkie, $171.40 South Central Water, $2871.01

SD Department of Revenue, $22727.01 Thomas Reuters, $132.90

T-Mobile, $45.00 TrueNorth, $2618.00

Total Oil, $6935.99 Janice VonEye, $59.85

Leonard VonEye, $611.33 Wessington Springs School, $233887.91

Linda Ness, $62.70 Karen Sinkie, $62.70

Richard Sinkie, $52.50 Evelyn Wulff, $54.54

SDML, $5526.00 Menards, $230.21

Loudner moved to accept the vouchers; seconded by Cable. Motion Carried by all voting ayes.

Next commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 4:00pm.

Cable made a motion to adjourn the Buffalo County Commissioners meeting at 5:30pm; seconded by Loudner. Motion Carried by all voting ayes.

Attested: Approved:

Debra L. Morrison Lloyd Lutter, Chairman

Buffalo County Auditor Buffalo County Commissioner