March 7, 2023 - MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF BUFFALO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Dawn Cable called the meeting to order with Vice-Chair Donita Loudner (via phone) and Commissioner Rex Zastrow present.

Also present were Steven Fox, Deputy States Attorney; Debi Ruiz, Central Dakota Times; Debra Morrison, Buffalo County Auditor; and several citizens.

Loudner moved to accept agendas, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Loudner moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Several concerned citizens addressed the commissioners.

March 2023 Fuel bid from Total Oil, Inc. for Unleaded Bulk Price @ $3.36 per gallon, Ethanol Bulk Price @ $3.03, #1 Dyed Bulk Price Prem @ $3.91, and #2 Dyed Bulk Price Prem @ $3.33 per gallon. Motion to accept by Loudner seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Highway Advisor Lloyd Lutter gave his report on the highway. No action taken.

Zastrow made a motion to select SDDOT County Inspection Resolution 2023 (Retainer Contracts) to IMEG Corporation; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Director of Equalization/911/RAVE/Weed Supervisor Lee Sinkie gave his reports. No action taken.

2:00 – Notice of Public Hearing for Maintenance of Private Roads was held. No action was taken.

Auditor/ROD/Welfare/HR Debra Morrison reported there were zero hospitalizations to discuss for February. Auditors account with the County Treasurer for February 2023: Deposits $1,959,023.45; Cash on Hand $400.00; C.D. $200,000.00; Total $2,159,423.45. Presented the Check History Report and Month End Payroll report for February. No actions taken.

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| Commissioner | $420.00 |
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| Auditor/Register of Deeds | $3,500.00 |
| Treasurer | $3,675.00 |
| States Attorney | $3,432.71 |
| Sheriff | $4,583.33 |
| Director of Equalization | $2,688.00 |
| Weed Supervisor | $250.00 |
| Highway Superintendent | $0.00 |
| Highway Assistant | $3876.80 |

States Attorney Fox discussed Buffalo County may be receiving a check for an Opioid Settlement. No action taken.

Auditor Morrison discussed a notice from the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources – SD 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notice. No action taken.

Loudner made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Buffalo County to join with Brule County in employing a County Veteran Services Offices for the calendar year of 2023; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by Cable and Loudner voted Ayes. Zastrow voted Nay.

Loudner called for executive session at 2:35pm; seconded by Zastrow. Executive session ended at 2:55pm and regular meeting resumed.

Zastrow made a motion to approve $600.00 rental for the Abernathy Legion covering January, February, and March 2023; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Morrison discussed bidding for 2023 Buffalo County Lawn Bid. Morrison will place an ad in the Central Dakota Times and place on the website. Bids will be opened on April 4, 2023, commissioners meeting.

Loudner made a motion for County Welfare Officer to attend the 2023 Spring Workshop; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Loudner made a motion for County Commissioners and/or employees to attend the 2023 Spring Workshop; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Zastrow called for executive session at 3:05pm for personal reasons; seconded by Loudner. Executive session ended at 3:45pm and regular meeting resumed.

Loudner made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

A&R TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC 123.50

AURORA-BRULE RURAL WATER 72.50

AURORA-BRULE RURAL WATER 25.75

ABERNATHY POST #16 600.00

AMKOTA 175.19

JEFFREY ARGO 5304.00

BROOKS HARDWARE 145.56

BRULE COUNTY TREASURER 1512.54

BRULE COUNTY TREASURER 1038.50

BUTLER MACHINERY CO. 1391.99

C & B OPERATIONS, LLC 734.71

CARROT TOP 215.30

CENTRAL DAKOTA TIMES 414.92

CENTRAL ELECTRIC 844.37

CHS INC 1194.00

DAKOTA MILESTONES 100.15

DAVID GAULKE 551.49

DEBRA MORRISON 278.47

EQUIPMENT BLADES INC 3751.02

GIS WORKSHOP 1657.50

HICKEY FUNERAL HOME 500.00

HURON PLAINSMAN 716.10

YVETTE ISBURG 2175.00

L & M SANITATION 180.00

LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER 197.17

LLOYD LUTTER 412.50

MARCO 317.19

MCLEOD'S 42.50

MENARDS 136.17

MIDSTATE 566.67

MIS 552.00

MOTOR CLINIC 365.90

PRODUCTIVITY PLUS 685.89

RDO EQUIPMENT CO. 241.74

SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HIGHW NACE & SDACHS 350.00

B.I.T. 6.25

ARNO SINKIE 724.92

STURDEVANTS 251.63

T-MOBILE 15.00

TOTAL OIL, INC 3155.13

JANICE VON EYE 167.36

WEED AND PEST CONVENTION 250.00

JANICE VON EYE PAYROLL

CHAMBERLAIN SCHOOL 11,081.22

KIMBALL SCHOOL 1,477.50

WS SCHOOL 25,902.91

SDDOR 22,949.54

SDACO 6.00

Commissioners conducted interviews from the Highway Superintendent 4:25-5:55pm.

December 2022 and January 2023 were omitted by the auditor. Posting in the March newspaper.

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| Dec 2022 |  |
| Commissioner | $400.00 |
| Commissioner | $400.00 |
| Commissioner | $400.00 |
| Auditor/Register of Deeds | $3,333.37 |
| Treasurer | $3,500.00 |
| States Attorney | $3,269.25 |
| Sheriff | $3977.60 |
| Courthouse Assistant | $2310.00 |
| Weed Supervisor | $250.00 |
| Highway Superintendent | $4666.63 |
| Highway Assistant | $4036.69 |

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| Jan 2023 |  |
| Commissioner | $620.00 |
| Commissioner | $620.00 |
| Commissioner | $620.00 |
| Auditor/Register of Deeds | $3,500.00 |
| Treasurer | $3,675.00 |
| States Attorney | $3,432.71 |
| Sheriff | $4,583.33 |
| Director of Equalization | $2256.00 |
| Weed Supervisor | $0.00 |
| Highway Superintendent | $4900.00 |
| Highway Assistant | $5739.35 |

Next commissioners meeting will be April 4, 2023.

Zastrow moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57pm; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried with all voting Ayes.

ATTEST: /s/ Debra Morrison; Buffalo County Auditor

APPROVED: /s/ Dawn Cable, Buffalo County Chairman

Buffalo County Lawn Service Bid

Bids will be received by the Buffalo County Auditor on behalf of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners for lawn services for the Buffalo County Courthouse Block for the 2023 season. Bid should include mowing, weed eating, fertilizing, weed spraying and mole control.

Bidders must be 18 years of age or older. The bid submitted must be a total for the entire 2023 season. Bids will be accepted until Monday, April 3, 2023, in the Auditors Office, Buffalo County Courthouse, 112 Osman Avenue, PO Box 146, Gann Valley, SD 57341-0146. Bid envelopes should be marked “Lawn Bid”. Bids will be opened April 4, 2023, at 1:10pm in the courtroom of Buffalo County Courthouse, Gann Valley, SD.

Any questions regarding bids, contact Debra Morrison, Buffalo County Auditor at 605-293-3217. The Buffalo County Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part parts thereof and waiver any irregularities contained therein.

Debra Morrison

Buffalo County Auditor

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