**May 2, 2023 - MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF BUFFALO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

Also present were Dave Larson, 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 Special Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2023; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Hand County Emergency Management addressed the commissioners. No action taken.

Loudner made a motion to amend the agenda to include Treasurer Janice Von Eye regarding Motor Vehicle and possible Burn Ban; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

The Colonial Life Representative addressed the commissioners. No action taken.

Director of Equalization Lee Sinkie addressed the commissioners and gave an update from May 2, 2023 meeting. No action taken.

Weed and Pest Supervisor Lee Sinkie addressed the commissioners and gave an update from May 2, 2023, meeting. No action taken.

Several concerned citizens addressed the commissioners.

District III Greg Henderson addressed the commissioners and gave the Annual Performance Report. No action taken.

May 2023 Fuel bid from Total Oil, Inc. for Unleaded Bulk Price @ $3.45 per gallon, Ethanol Bulk Price @ $3.07, #1 Dyed Bulk Price Prem @ $N/A, and #2 Dyed Bulk Price Prem @ $3.18 per gallon. Motion to accept by Loudner seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Highway Superintendent Tanner Grohs gave his highway report. No action taken.

Discussed one application for Highway Assistant as of May 2, 2023.

Zastrow made a motion to surplus at action the Highway Department’s Challenger Tractor and several mowers/parts to Peterson Auction to be auctioned on June 5, 2023, in Chamberlain, SD; Loudner seconded. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Loudner made a motion for the Preliminary (IMEG) Road and Bridge; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Loudner made a motion for IMEG to inspect Buffalo County Bridges; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Highway Superintendent Tanner Grohs stated he would be out of the office to attend grant training June 7-8, 2023 in Pierre, SD. Loudner made a motion to approve Tanner Grohs to attend the upcoming meeting; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Director of Equalization Lee Sinkie gave his update. Discussed ARPA and LATCF Funds.

Loudner made a motion to move ARPA funds of $190,547.50 from fund 295 to general fund; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Loudner made a motion to move LATCS funds of $51,478.89 fund 290 to general fund; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Sinkie continued with his update. He has reached out to On Site camera for an additional camera for inside the courthouse. Loudner made a motion to approve an extra camera for an additional camera; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Auditor/ROD Debra Morrison gave her report. There was one hospitalization to report. Shared a check/payroll report, April treasurer/auditor report was not ready to submit to commissioners.

Zastrow made a motion to implement a Buffalo County Burn Ban; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried all voting Aye.

**BUFFALO COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2023-05**

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY BURNING BAN IN BUFFALO COUNTY

WHEREAS Buffalo County is dedicated to taking steps to protect the health and safety of all residents of the County and all property within the County, and

WHEREAS vegetation has not greened up as of yet, indicating that the risk of a dangerous fire is very high; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this Resolution, “open burning” shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, or the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wildlands, trash and debris. This resolution excludes fires contained within liquid fueled or gas-fueled stoves, fireplaces within all buildings, charcoal grill fires at private residences, and permanent fire pits or fire grates located on supervised developed picnic grounds and campgrounds, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buffalo County Commission enact this resolution on an emergency basis and impose a ban to prohibit or restrict open burning in order to protect the public health and safety pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 7-8-20(18); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the ban will be in place until the danger of damage from fire lessens and the Commission takes action to remove the ban, which will be looked at August, 2023.

BE IT FURTER RESOLVED that the fine not to exceed five hundred dollars and/or 30 days in jail; suppression costs of extinguishing the fire, including response fees, mutual aid assistance from other agencies or fire departments, reimbursement to governments for suppression efforts and compensation to the firefighters for time lost from their employment.

Dated this 2nd day of May 2023.

ATTEST: /s/ Dawn Cable, Chairman

APPROVED: /s/ Debra L Morrison, Auditor

Buffalo County Courthouse and Highway Department will be closed on May 29, 2023 for Memorial Day.

Loudner made a motion for employees of Buffalo County to attend SDACO Spring Workshop May 17-18, 2022; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Loudner made a motion to have the master keys (except Sheriff office) kept in the Auditors office; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried will all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to move into executive session for personal reasons at 2:40pm; seconded by Loudner. Executive session ended at 3:10pm Loudner made a motion to resume Regular Commissioners; seconded by Zastrow.

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

Payroll:

Commissioner $630.00 Commissioner $630.00 Commissioner $630.00

Auditor/ROD $3,500.00 Treasurer $3,675.00 States Attorney $3,432.71

Sheriff $4,583.33 DOE $2,940.00 Weed Superv $250.00

HWY Superint $4,666.67 HWY Assistant $4,543.13

Vouchers:

Chamberlain School District $13,751.87 Kimball School District $530.26

Wess Springs School District $38,066.04 South Central Water $638.97

Kimball Ambulance District $342.32 Buffalo Co Fire District $757.30

Elvira Civil Township $3,416.62 Buffalo County Treasurer $130.51

SD Department of Revenue $20,297.30 Amkota Farm & Home $33.98

Brooks Hardware $95.94 Brule County Treasurer $2,622.50

C&B Operations $80.67 CDT $740.22

CK Bicycles & Locks LLC $520.00 Connecting Point $12.12

DMC Wear Parts LLC $4,295.00 Election Systems & Software $1,160.25

IMEG $3,750.00 Yvette Isburg $875.00

Marco $80.09 Midstate $432.64

Minnehaha Co Treasurer $164.70 Debra Morrison $206.68

Sanford Health $150.00 4-H Audra Scheel $53.43

SD Assoc of Co Commissioners $110.00 SD Assoc of Co Commissioners $200.00

T-Mobile $15.00 Total Oil $1,715.48

Abernathy Post #16 $600.00

State of South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit Brandi Pitts, Auditor in Charge, is performing a financial and compliance audit for the financial statements of the governmental activities in Buffalo County. Cable and Morrison signed the letter correctly expressing our understanding.

Loudner made a motion to post a Special Meeting to conduct an interview on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:30pm; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried with all voting Ayes.

Next Regular Commissioners Meeting June 6, 2023.

Zastrow moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried with all voting Ayes.

ATTEST: /s/ Debra Morrison; Buffalo County Auditor

APPROVED: /s/ Dawn Cable, Buffalo County Chairman