BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING - Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Chairman Dawn Cable called the meeting to order at 1:00pm with Commissioners Donita Loudner and Rex Zastrow present.

Also present was Dave Larson, States Attorney; Steve Fox, Deputy States Attorney; Debra Morrison, Buffalo County Auditor; and several concerned citizens. Loudner moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Diane Inch addressed the commissioners regarding coroner.

Zastrow moved to accept the previous minutes, seconded by Loudner. Motion Carried by all voting ayes.

Resolution for the Adoption for Annual 2024 Budget was discussed. Community input was held. Loudner made a motion to approve the Annual 2024 Budget, seconded by Cable. Motion carried with two voting Ayes. Zastrow voted No.

Highway Superintendent Tanner Grohs gave fuel bids to commissioners. September Fuel quotes/bids from Total Oil, Inc. for Unleaded Gas @ $3.83 per gallon, Ethanol Gas @ $3.49 per gallon, Diesel #1 Dyed Premium @ $NA, and Diesel #2 Dyed Premium @ $3.69 per gallon. Motion to accept by Loudner, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a resolution for speed limits that are 55mph and trucks are 40mph, seconded by Loudner. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to surplus the Western Star highway truck for a minimum of $40,000 and post it for a 60 day sell date; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to approve cell phone reimbursements for the highway department. Joe L will get reimbursed $20/month and Ben will get reimbursed $20/month. Seconded by Cable. Motion carried by two voting Aye. Loudner voted No.

Grohs discussed a 90-day review and will be discussed in executive session.

DOE/Weed Supervisor Lee Sinkie gave his report. Guest speaker Bill Walker with Nutrien Solutions gave a history of Palmer Amaranth as well as challenges and risks that are faced with adding to the county local list of noxious weeds. Sinkie gave the rest of his report. No motions made.

Auditor/ROD Debra Morrison gave her report. There were 3 hospitalizations during the previous month. July Treasurer/Auditor report: Bank Balance: $2,081,109.87; C.D.: $200,000.00; Cash & Cash Items: $400.00. July Register of Deeds Statement of Fees Collected report: $1,387.00. No motions made.

Zastrow made a motion to approve a credit card through Quoin Bank for Buffalo County. Sheriff Wayne Willman, HWY Supervisor Tanner Grohn and Auditor Debra Morrison will have cards. The courthouse employees will utilize Auditors card. Seconded by Loudner. Motion carried by all voting Ayes. Commissioners would like a policy added to the handbook regarding usage of the credit card. Commissioners made a motion to go into Executive Session at 3:32. Executive Session ended at 4:27pm. Loudner made a motion to increase Ben Rostyne hourly wage from $24.00 to $24.50, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

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

*APPROVED FOR DISPERSEMENTS August/September:*

Commissioner, salary $630 Commissioner, salary $840

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Treasurer, salary $3675 Director of Equalization, salary $2688

States Attorney, salary $3432.71 Sheriff, salary $4583.33

Highway Superintendent, salary $4666.67 Highway Assistant, hourly, $4080

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Wellmark, group insurance $10575.60 Quoin Bank $7164.47

Aflac $233.86 Division of CS $457

SDSR $3490.80 RDO Truck Center $41000

HWY Superintendent $2000 Chamberlain School $997.81

Wess Springs School $3690.52 South Central Water $25.51

Buffalo County Fire $38.66 Elvira $2917.23

SDDOR $26133.87 SDACO $38

Amkota $26.99 Avera McKennan $790.00

Brule County Treasurer $4778.50 C&R Supply $1427.12

CDT $529.17 Connecting Point $12027.50

Ecolab Pest $88.57 Hughes County Auditor $885

Feistner Gravel $24750 Heiman Fire $117

Lewis & Clark Behavioral $184 Lewis Family Drug $29.56

McLeods $108.97 MIS $12

Midstate Communications $434.48 Minnehaha County $3228.12

D Morrison $87.72 State of SD $31.25

SDDOH $40 SD LTAP $125

A Sinkie $719.77 James D Taylor $2278.68

T-Mobile $15 Total Oil $5641.77

J VonEye $188.21 USPS $308

Central Electric $404.82 SD Sheriff Association $121.05

Marco $137.10 Yvette Isburg $837.50

W Willman $17.49 L&M Sanitation $190

Wellmark $3965.85 SDACC $250

Commissioners discussed upcoming training. No motions were made.

Next commissioners meeting will be a special meeting on October 3, 2023.

Motion to adjourn made by Loudner; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Attested: /s/Debra Morrison, Auditor Approved: /s/ Dawn Cable, Chairman