BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING - Tuesday, October 3, 2023

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

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

Zastrow moved to accept the previous minutes, seconded by Cable. Motion Carried by all voting Ayes.

Microsoft Imaging Systems, Inc representative Diane Anderson addressed the commission regarding Register of Deeds historical books. Zastrow made a motion to have MIS complete the scanning of the remaining books; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Risty Benefits, Inc representatives addressed the commission regarding Buffalo County Employee insurance. No action was taken.

Highway Superintendent Tanner Grohs September Fuel quotes/bids from Total Oil, Inc. for Unleaded Gas @ $3.87 per gallon, Ethanol Gas @ $3.39 per gallon, Diesel #1 Dyed Premium @ $NA, and Diesel #2 Dyed Premium @ $3.89 per gallon. Motion to accept by Zastrow, seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to maintain Highway Hours Monday – Thursday (10-hour days) for a trial basis; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to approve the purchase of a mower; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to approve the purchase of new blades contingent upon acceptance of a grant/loan; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to surplus a Buffalo County Snowplow; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Auditor/ROD Debra Morrison gave her report. There were 3 hospitalizations during the previous month. August Treasurer/Auditor report: Bank Balance: $2,055,332.84; C.D.: $200,000.00; Cash & Cash Items: $400.00. August Register of Deeds Statement of Fees Collected report: $217.25. Lode Star Casino and Crow Creek Convenience Store will be receiving their 2024 Liquor and Wine License Renewals. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed and approved Abernathy American Legion Post #16 voucher for October, November and December and signed approval for the One Day Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License.

Zastrow made a motion to approve the Credit Card Policy in the Buffalo County Handbook; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Hand/Buffalo County Emergency Manager Arlen Gortmaker spoke to the commissioners about upcoming events and possible grants. No action was taken.

Treasurer Janice Von Eye and Auditor/ROD Debra Morrison addressed the commissioners regarding courthouse needs in regards to weeds, trees and upkeep. No action was taken.

Zastrow made a motion to approve the upcoming Safety Conference in November; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Executive session was held for personal reasons starting at 3:21pm. Executive session ended at 3:27pm. No action was taken.

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

*APPROVED FOR DISPERSEMENTS August/September:*

Commissioner, salary $420 Commissioner, salary $420

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Treasurer, salary $3675 Director of Equalization, salary $2803.50

States Attorney, salary $3432.71 Sheriff, salary $4583.33

Highway Superintendent, salary $4666.67 Highway Assistant, hourly, $4410.00

Highway Assistant, hourly $4361.40 Weed Supervisor, $250.00

Wellmark, group insurance $11897.55 Quoin Bank $7164.47

Aflac $233.86 Division of CS $457

SDSR $3573.32 Aurora-Brule $46.75

SDDOR $22841.05 Chamberlain School $4560.55

Kimball School $1169.35 Wess Springs School $5497.13

South Central Water $67.82 Kimball Ambulance $16.58

Buffalo County Rural Fire $10025.64 Chamberlain Fire $285.93

SDACO $10.00 Elvira Township $623.60

Abernathy Post #16 $600.00 Best Western Plus $202.00

Brule County $926.39 CDT $105.38

Central Electric $770.44 Connecting Point $949.20

Heiman Fire Equipment $190.00 Julie Barber $417.51

Hughes County $295.00 Kennedy Pier Loftus & Reynolds $1882.00

Marco $80.09 Menards $81.43

Midstate $430.38 MIS $12.00

Motor Clinic $121.82 Overweg Repair $535.36

Platte Implement $614.82 Quill $180.53

Sanford Health $336.00 Audra Scheel $68.21

SD Local Transportation $125.00 State of SD BIT $6.25

T-Mobile $15.00 Total Oil $2774.77

Next commissioners will be November 7, 2023, at 1:00pm.

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

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