BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - DRAFT

REGULAR MEETING – Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Chairman Dawn Cable called the meeting to order at 1:15pm with Commissioners Rex Zastrow and Commissioner Donita Loudner present.

Also, present was Steve Fox, Assistant States Attorney; Debi Ruiz, Central Dakota Times; Debra Morrison, Buffalo County Auditor; and several concerned citizens. Recited Pledge of Allegiance.

Loudner made a motion to accept Dawn Cable as chairman of Buffalo County Commissioner; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Zastrow made a motion to accept Donita Loudner as vice-chair of Buffalo County Commissioner; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Steve Fox administers Oath of Office for Commissioners.

Loudner moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to approve $2400.00/year for 2024 Abernathy Legion Post (tower) use; seconded by Cable. Two voted Aye; Loudner noted Nay.

Loudner made a motion to approve 2024 Retail On and Off-Site Malt Beverage License Fee at $300.00, Retail On-Sale Liquor License Fee at $1000.00 and One-Day License Fee at $0.00; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Loudner made a motion to add a paragraph and signoff sheet in the Buffalo County Handbook that reflects if a Buffalo County key is lost and the individuals that choose to no keep a key in the designated locked key box they will be responsible for replacement of those keys; motion died due to a second.

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

Highway Superintendent Tanner Grohs November Fuel quotes/bids from Total Oil, Inc. for Unleaded Gas @ $2.94 per gallon, Ethanol Gas @ $2.65 per gallon, Diesel #1 Dyed Premium @ $3.09, and Diesel #2 Dyed Premium @ $2.89 per gallon. Motion to accept by Loudner, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

DOE/911/Weeds Supervisor Lee Sinkie gave his monthly report. No action was taken.

Auditor/ROD Debra Morrison gave her report. There was 1 hospitalization during the previous month. Treasurer/Auditor report: Bank Balance: $2,159,844.56; C.D.: $200,000.00; Cash & Cash Items: $400.00; total: $2,360,244.56.

Zastrow made a motion to the 2024 rate for Poor Indigent Persons at $3500; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Zastrow made a motion for 2024 State Rates and Boards be as follows: Legal Place for Holding Foreclosure Sales – Gann Valley Courthouse, Official Newspaper – Central Dakota Times, Official Depository – Quoin Bank, Coroner – Darrin Hickey ($500), Mileage – State Rate $.51/Sheriff Rate $.50 cents per mile, Election Precincts and Polling Places – Buffalo County Courthouse, Fort Thompson Catholic Hall, and Crow Creek Community Hall; seconded by Loudner with mention that contracts for Brule County Prisoner Board and Juvenile Detention be revised. Motion Carried by all voting Aye.

Zastrow made a motion to approve the following 2024 appointed boards/designations: Planning and Zoning – Rex Zastrow, Allen Fuegen, Jack Abernathy, Clayton Knippling and Linda Ness, Weed & Pest Board – Donita Loudner, Richard Coleman, Jeff Fuegen, Brian Rodner and Dana Douville, Landfill Board – Dawn Cable, Mental Health Board – Deach Koch, Carol Grabin, Susan Hoarty, District III – Donita Loudner, Drainage Board – Buffalo County Commissioners; seconded by Loudner. Motion passed with all voting Aye.

Loudner made a motion to approve 2024 Weed and Pest Regular Meetings and Per Diam set at $50.00 plus mileage per Buffalo County meeting, Election School - $25.00/hour plus mileage, Election Day Personnel/Tabulation Board/Resolution Board - $25/hour plus mileage, HAVA Absentee - $25.00/hour plus mileage, Equipment/Ballot Return $35/hour plus mileage, Post-Election Audit - $25.00 plus mileage; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Zastrow made a motion to have Regular Commissioners Meetings remain at 1:00pm with Feb 6, March 7, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 2, 2024; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

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

McLeod’s $36.00 David G $795.50

B.I.T. $6.25 Abernathy Legion $2400.00

SD Legislative Audit $15575.00

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