BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, March 7, 2024

Chairman Dawn Cable called the meeting to order at 1:00m with Commissioners Rex Zastrow and Commissioner Donita Loudner (via teleconference) 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 moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Loudner made a motion to approve the February 6, 2024, minutes; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to sign and approve submission for a Federal Bridge Grant; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried with all voting Ayes.

Chris Ray, Wildlife Damage Specialist with the SD Game, Fish & Parks presented an Annual Report to the Buffalo County Commissioners. No action was taken.

Arlen Gortmaker, Buffalo/Hand Manager gave an update on RAVE. No motion was taken.

Brandie Pitts, Department of Legislative Audit, addressed the commissioners regarding Buffalo County Closing Conference.

Cable requested to go into executive session at 1:40pm for personal and medical reasons. Commissioners and states attorney exited the session at 2:25pm. No action was taken.

Zastrow made a motion to pay off the John Deere Financial Contract (motor grader) for $156,569.31 with a stipulation of approval with Janice Von Eye, Treasurer; seconded by Loudner. Motion carried with all voting Ayes.

Zastrow made a motion to approve for submission for Buffalo County to apply for RAFE Grant; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Highway Superintendent Tanner Grohs gave the fuel quotes/bids from Total Oil, Inc. for Unleaded Gas @ $0.00 per gallon, Ethanol Gas @ $2.92 per gallon, Diesel #1 Dyed Premium @ $0.00, and Diesel #2 Dyed Premium @ $3.08 per gallon. Motion to accept by Zastrow, seconded by Loudner. 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 were 2 hospitalizations during the previous month. Zastrow made a motion to deny payment for a medical bill from Avera Queen of Peace; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Buffalo County Treasurer/Auditor report: Bank Balance: $1,976,651.02; C.D.: $200,000.00; Cash & Cash Items: $400.00; total: $2,177,051.02.

Cable read a notice of hearing on supplemental budget. The hearing will be as follows:

 Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Buffalo County, South Dakota will meet on, April 2, 2024, at 1:15pm for the purpose of considering the following proposed Supplemental Budget for the various items and amounts set forth, as is deemed necessary, and at such hearing all persons interested may appear and be heard.

 101-911-911 General Fund Transfers Out $20,000.00

Funding Source – General Fund Balance

 226-222-422 Emergency Management Prof Fees $20,000.00

Funding Source - Transfers In from General Fund

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

Commissioner $420 Commissioner $420

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Treasurer $3675 State Attorney $3432.71

Weed & Pest $250.00 DOE $3024.00

Sheriff $4583.33 HWY Superintendent $4666.67

HWY $4410.00 HWY $4361.40

Wellmark $5034.94 Division of CS $457

AFLAC $233.86 SDRS $3515.78

BEAM $578.95 MASA $140.00

Quoin Financial $17,116.45 Elvira Township $6477.04

Chamberlain School $5660.60 Buffalo Fire $191.25

Kimball School $3005.75

South Central Water $172.96 SDDOR $10010.98

SDACC $4 Wess Springs School $6477.04

Brule County Treasurer $1251.00 Central Dakota Times $44.53

Central Electric $876.80 C Grabin $425.00

CHS $550.22 Horizon Health $160.00

L&M $200.00 D. Loudner $603.55

S. Chapman $2215.50 Marco $143.37

McLeods $100.73 Menards $54.90

Midstate $448.78 MIS $708.00

D Morrison $246.84 Quill $184.97

Quoin Financial $ 2481.47 RAVE $3000.00

SDDOT $1229.04 BIT $6.25

SD Unemployment $19.07 SDACC $87.00

SDACHS $100.00 SDSU Extension $2520.00

L Sinkie $120.00 K Sinkie $425.00

D Sinkie $400.00 T-Mobile $15.00

Total Oil $2860.07 J Von Eye $182.57

Next commissioners meeting will be April 2, 2024, starting 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