**Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF BUFFALO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

Also present were Steve Fox, Deputy States Attorney; Debi Kourt, Central Dakota Times; Debra Morrison, Buffalo County Auditor; and several citizens.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Loudner moved to accept the agenda; seconded by Cable. Zastrow voted NO. Motion carried with two votes.

Zastrow moved to approve the minutes of Aug 6, 2024; seconded by Cable. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Hearing for public comment on United States Department of Agriculture Roof Project was held. No comments or concerns were made. No action taken.

Hearing for public comment on 2025 Buffalo County Provisional Budget was held. Several concerned citizens addressed the commission. No action taken.

Buffalo County Highway Superintendent Tanner Grohs addressed the commission. Zastrow made a motion to approve the Fuel bid from Total Oil, Inc. for Unleaded Bulk Price @ $3.17; Ethanol Bulk Price @ $2.91; #1 Dyed Bulk Price Prem @ $N/A, and #2 Dyed Bulk Price Prem @ $2.87; Loudner second. Motion carried by all voting Aye.

Loudner made a motion to approve the 2025 Preliminary Engineering Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG), Structure 09-240-135, project #BRF 6281 (00) 25-1, PCN 09xp, Grant Amount $47,500 (80%); seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Grohs stated the Buffalo County Highway Department was awarded a bronze level Safety Benefits Award.

Director of Equalization/911/Weed and Pest Supervisor Lee Sinkie stated Buffalo County Courthouse was awarded a bronze level Safety Benefits Award.

Auditor/ROD Debra Morrison gave her report. One August hospitalizations/billing to report.

Zastrow made a motion to enter Executive Session for personnel reasons at 1:50pm; seconded by Loudner. Loudner made a motion to exit Executive Session at 2:25pm; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

Loudner made a motion to approve two separate automobile claims through SDPAA Claim; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.

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

Payroll and Reimbursements

Commissioner $630.00 Commissioner $630.00

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Treasurer $3675.00 State Attorney $3432.71

Weed & Pest $250.00 DOE $2814.00

Sheriff $4583.33 HWY Superintendent $4666.67

HWY $4165.00 HWY $4119.10

**--Total Regular Hours: 474----Totals Payroll: $33095.81-----Total Reimbursements: $921.08----**

Wellmark $7584.26 Division of CS $91.00

AFLAC $233.86 SDRS $3445.04

BEAM $578.95 MASA $140.00

Quoin Bank/Payroll $7066.52

**--Total Payroll Deduction: $19083.06---------**

Buffalo County Fire $17.46 Chamberlain School $11,032.35

Dakota Road $25,000.00 Elvira $2,344.31

Kimb Amb $15.95 SCWDD Dist $$73.69

SDDOR $19,007.85 SDACO $10.00

Three Rivers Benefits $396.64 WS School $1,797.10

**--TOTAL CLAIMS $59,695.35-----------------**

Quoin Financial (credit card) $210.38 SDACC $400.00

**--TOTAL CLAIM $610.38-----------------------**

Julianne Blaine $75.00 Brule County $3,295.00

CDT $454.96 Connecting Point $8,666.30

ECOLAB $98.99 ES&S $55.25

Group Resources $88.00 Donita Loudner $180.00

McLeods $1,877.34 Menards $83.78

OnSight $160.00 SDSU $125.00

Rhianna Shields $75.00 Dulcy Sinkie $400.00

T-Mobile $15.00 Total Oil $4,923.92

US Postal Service $316.00

**--TOTAL Claims $20,889.79--------------**

Next commissioners meeting will be held October 1, 2024, at 1:00pm.

Loudner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried by all voting Ayes.