

December 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bode called the regular meeting of the Davison County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. All members of the Board were present. Also present was Deputy Auditor Matthews.

PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Bode.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Claggett, second by Kiner to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Claggett, second by Kiner to approve the amended minutes from the November 24, 2020 meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT

Chairperson Bode called for any public input for items not on the agenda, hearing none the meeting continued.

BOARD REPORTS

Commissioner Claggett reported that SDACC Executive Director Bob Wilcox was featured in the NACO newsletter this month, highlighting that all 66 SD counties are members of NACO which is rare for a state. Claggett also referenced another article in the NACO newsletter regarding what is known as “home rule” in which a county is allowed organize local government by charter. Claggett referred to a county in Missouri that does not elect most county officials, instead officers are appointed and work under the direction of a governing board. Claggett stated that he sees this as a future discussion that could come before the board.

Chairperson Bode asked Deputy Auditor Matthews if he had any insight on the issue, Matthews stated his disagreement on making a change of such significance. Matthews stated that by having the board appoint currently elected officials would remove the ability of the voters to directly choose who serves in those county offices. Matthews further stated it would consequently consolidate the power of those offices to the board and limit their ability to act independently.

CONVENE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT/RECESS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

At 9:20 a.m., motion by Weitala, second by Reider to recess Board of Commissioners and convene Board of Adjustment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN BOARD OF ADJUSTMETN/RECONVENE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

At 9:25 a.m., motion by Reider, second by Kiner to adjourn Board of Adjustment and reconvene Board of Commissioners. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE INSPECTIONS

Chris Brozik of Civil Design Inc. appeared before the board to give a briefing as part of the state requirements. Mr. Brozik reported that inspections of 85 of the 89 NBIS structures have been completed in Davison County. Brozik reported that there are still 3 structures that are closed in the county. Two of the closed structures have either received funding from the BIG Grant or from FEMA, and one is in the process of applying for a BIG grant in 2021.

Mr. Brozik also gave a report on 10 structures that were recommended for immediate repair. Brozik reported that the Davison County Highway Dept. has completed those repairs.

Mr. Brozik also gave a detailed presentation on the process of what is done during a bridge inspection, and what is required to put together a 40-50 pg. report on each of the 89 NBIS structures.

Chairperson Bode asked Mr. Brozik as a whole where is Davison County regarding our bridges. Brozik stated that he would consider the county above average with an unofficial grade of a B-.

ACCEPT FUEL QUOTE

Motion by Claggett, second by Kiner to accept the lone fuel quote for 3,000 gallons of unleaded fuel at a cost of \$1.65 per gallon. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

WAGE DISCUSSION

The Board continued their discussion of the cost-of-living wage increases for 2021. Commissioner Reider reported that the wage committee is still where they were at before. The committee suggests a \$.50 increase for employees under \$20 per hour, and a 2.5% increase for those above \$20.

Reider explained that the previous approach of a flat dollar amount and a percent raise was the only way to bring wages up to a competitive level. Reider now believes that we are at that level based upon the number of job applications that are received when a new posting is listed and the quality of those applicants to choose from.

Commissioner Weitala as a member of the wage committee concurred with Reider, and stated that we are there, regarding a competitive wage.

No action taken.

APPROVE VEHICLE PURCHASE

At the request of Sheriff Brink, motion by Reider, second by Kiner to approve the purchase a new patrol vehicle from Beck Motors, of Pierre at a cost of \$37,411, vehicle stripping of approximately \$600 from Sign Pro, installation of equipment by B&L Communications at approximately \$1,700, and the equipment that needs to be installed with the remaining \$5,289 of the \$45,000 that was budgeted for a vehicle purchase in 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR DISCUSSION

Director of Physical Plants Mark Ruml appeared before the board to report on the courthouse elevator. Ruml stated that for the past few years it has been requested that money be budgeted for extensive repairs, and those previous requests have been denied. Ruml reported that last week the elevator had stopped 6 times in one day and had to be reset. Ruml also reported that a group of people were stuck in the elevator last week, and the

Mitchell Fire Dept. was called to extract them. Ruml reported that the current estimate that he received in May of 2019 from Schumacher Elevator is already out of date, and that the new expected cost would be estimated around \$200,000.

Chairperson Bode stated that it is the consensus of the Board to request that Ruml obtain multiple new quotes, determine what work needs to be done, see if any of the work can be completed by Davison County staff, and report back to the Board.

BOARD REPORT CONTINUED

Chairperson Bode reported that she has received a request from SDTAT, South Dakota Towns & Townships, to support their proposal for funding from the state. She stated that she would be hoping to hear more at the SDACC Board of Directors meeting on December 9th and would report back her findings.

Bode stated that Davison County is always willing to support helping townships with funding, and that she recognizes that all townships in the county and state are all unique. She stated further that the plan should not pit one township against another regarding funding and that it should be a fair process.

APPROVE BILLS

Motion by Kiner, second by Reider to approve the following bills for payment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

COMM: Publishing/Daily Republic Forum Communications-133.76, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-59.39; **ELECT:** Publishing/Daily Republic Forum Communications-2,668.50; **JUD:** Prof Fees/Carol Johnson-152.00, Jury Fees/Jurors-342.00; **AUD:** ACH Pmt/Cortrust Bank-15.00, Rentals/Microfilm Imaging-147.00, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-59.39, Time Clock Plus/Time Clock Plus-3,600.00; **TREAS:** Passport Postage/First Bankcard-77.50, Supplies/First Bankcard-118.11, McLeod's Printing-86.94, State MV Supplies/First Bankcard-77.25, McLeod's Printing-36.95, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-120.17, Minor Equip/Pakor-469.54; **STATES ATTY:** Prof Fees/James D Taylor PC-4,211.70, Yellow Robe Consulting-1,500.00, Div Serv & Fees/A&B Business-113.02, First Bankcard-155.12, Med Prof Fees/SD Public Health Lab-320.00, Supplies/Innovative Office-56.19, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-120.80; **CRT APPTED ATTY:** Crt Appted Atty/Larson & Nipe-12,741.43, Morgan Theeler-2,599.00, Wantoch Law Ofc-1,584.90; **A & N:** A&N Child/Ashley Anson Prof LLC-2,691.80, Tinan & Smith-599.50; **PUB SFTY BLDG:** Repairs/Honda of Mitchell-26.00, Supplies/Jones Supplies-84.36, Gas & Electric/Northwestern Energy-5,341.07; **CRTHOUSE:** Repairs & Maint/Santel Communications-45.00, Water & Sewer/City of Mitchell-90.58, Cable TV/Mitchell Telecom-91.43; **DOE:** Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-125.54; **ROD:** Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-124.00; **NORTH OFF:** Phones/Mitchell Telecom-93.22; **VET:** Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-144.14; **COORD:** IT Contract/Tech Solutions-9,480.00, Postage/Qualified Presort-872.22, Postage Meter Fees/Qualified Presort-262.56, Copy Mach Maint/A&B Business-77.95; **SHERIFF:** Tires/Graham Tire-604.30, Ofc Supplies/First Bankcard-55.27, Innovative Office-74.40, Gas Patrol Car/First Bankcard-22.90, Prisoner Transport/First Bankcard-291.27, Pennington Co Jail-115.20, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-635.68; **JAIL:** Cable TV/Mitchell Telecom-91.43, Minor Equip/First Bankcard-196.00; **WELFARE:** Supplies/Qualified Presort-7.67, Ofc Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-56.74; **MENTAL HAND:** Ment Hand/SD Dept of Revenue-1,851.90; **MENTAL ILL:** Hearings/Fox & Youngberg PC-580.40, Mark Katterhagen-33.00, Lincoln Co Treasurer-826.20, Darcy Lockwood-33.00, Lucy M Lewno-433.75, Yankton Sheriff's Ofc-100.00; **FAIR:** Repairs & Maint/Bender's Sewer & Drain-294.00, Gas & Electric/Northwestern Energy-2,333.06; **CO EXTENSION:** Postage/Qualified Presort-7.67, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-61.41; **WEED:** Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-110.26; **HIWAY:** Publishing/Daily Republic Forum

Communications-35.02, Repairs & Maint/Runnings Supply Inc-5.07, Supplies & Materials/Dept of Revenue-572.98, Runnings Supply Inc-25.76, Utilities/Miedema Sanitation-83.00, Mitchell Telecom-201.69, Signage & Materials/First Bankcard-87.72; **EM:** Publishing/Daily Republic Forum Communications-19.31, Repairs & Maint/Mega Wash-13.00, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-80.94, EM ACCUML/Daily Republic Forum Communications-122.50.

ACKNOWLEDGE CHS CHECKS

The Board acknowledged receipt of two checks from CHS for 25% of crop proceeds from the sale of corn and soybeans produced on the land lab by the students of Mitchell Tech totaling \$8,619.10.

APPROVE AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

Motion by Claggett, second by Kiner to approve the November 2020 Auditor's Account with the Treasurer in the amount of \$8,200,981.32. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

At 11:10 a.m., Chairperson Bode adjourned the meeting and set the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting for December 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST

James Matthews, Deputy Auditor

Brenda Bode, Chairperson

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Approximate Cost