May 19, 2015

**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Walworth County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session on May 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse. Members present were: Scott Schilling, Duane Martin, Jim Houck and David Siemon. Also present were Auditor Rebecca Krein and State’s Attorney James Hare.

Chairperson Schilling called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Siemon moved and Houck seconded that the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2015 be approved. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Martin moved and Houck seconded that the following claims be paid. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**COMMISSIONERS:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $37.78; Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $45.32;

**COURTS:** West Payment Center – information charges, $2,118.46;

**COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY:** Laurie M Bauer – court appointed attorney fees, $141.90; Vickie S Broz Krause – court appointed attorney fees, $4,346.60; Dakota Plains Legal Services – court appointed attorney fees, $687.50; Mark K Kroontje – court appointed attorney fees, $330.99;

**ABUSED CHILD DEFENSE:**

**AUDITOR:** Rebecca Krein – meal expense, $24.00; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $14.26; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $76.90;

**ELECTIONS:** Patti Baumann – meal & mileage expense, $95.12;

**TREASURER:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $14.26; Nyla Moak – meal & mileage expense, $77.12; Quill Corporation – name plates & supplies, $116.44; Reliable Office Supplies – paper, $109.44; US Merchant Systems LLC – credit card machine, $232.27; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $109.51;

**STATES ATTORNEY:** Taylor Gullickson – subpoena & mileage expense, $54.85; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $14.26; Becky Ruzsa – subpoena, $20.00; Tim Ruzsa – subpoena, $20.00; Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $113.66;

**COURTHOUSE:** Ken Western Lumber – supplies, $32.60; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $7.13;

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION:** Cedar Shores Resort – lodging, $367.80; Jill Hoogeveen – meal expense, $43.00; Deborah Kahl – meal expense, $43.00; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $21.39; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $57.97;

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $14.26; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $50.21;

**VET SERVICE OFFICER:** Leo Rookey, Jr – mileage expense, $81.40; West River Telecommunications – phone service, $41.27;

**PREDATORY ANIMAL:** SD Department of Revenue – predatory animal control, $1,155.80;

**SHERIFF:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $21.39; Runnings Supply Inc – flags, $159.93; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $121.80;

**JAIL:** Kens Western Lumber – supplies, $48.99; Larry’s Lock & Key – repair door, $401.50; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $24.24; Neve’s Uniforms Inc – name tags, $29.90; Andrea Sandmeier – blood draw, $65.00; Selby Ambulance Service – medical care, $231.10; Venture Communications Coop – phone, fax & internet service, $226.22;

**EMERGENCY & DISASTER:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $3.56; Venture Communications Coop – radio service, $30.10;

**SUPPORT OF POOR:** Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $34.16;

**COUNTY NURSE:** Mobridge Regional Hospital – 2015 public health contract, $34,950.00;

**AMBULANCE:** Mobridge Regional Hospital – 2015 allocation, $14,275.00;

**MENTALLY ILL:**

**DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED:** SD Department of Revenue – service, $60.00;

**MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD:** Garrett J Horn – legal service, $188.70;

**EXTENSION:** Brenda DeToy – mileage expense, $15.54; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $7.13; SDSU Extension – mileage expense, $124.34; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $24.62;

**WEED CONTROL:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $3.57; SD Department of Agriculture – pesticide dealer license, $25.00; Venture Communications Coop – fax service, $.49;

**RD & BR:** Academy Trophy & Engraving Co – plaque, $36.00; Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity @ Hoven Shop, $57.10; Hoven Coop Service Company – fuel & gasoline, $1,092.82; Kens Western Lumber – bulbs, lathes & supplies, $399.65; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $64.17; Montana-Dakota Utilities – electricity @ Java Shop, $20.58; Runnings Supply Inc – supplies, $3.58; Servall Uniform & Linen – mats & Towels, $41.14; Venture Communications Coop – phone, fax & internet service, $274.37;

**DARE:** Dakota Maid – Dare graduation, $13.36;

**SOLID WASTE:** Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity, $170.73; Farnams Genuine Parts – battery, filter & gloves, $198.48; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $28.52; Lucky’s Gas & More – gasoline, $136.22; Mobridge Tribune – summer hours & help wanted, $153.10; Runnings Supply Inc – bulbs, grease, dye & supplies, $135.84; Sheehan Mack Sales & Equipment – parts, $51.96; Valley Telcommunications – phone & internet service, $96.31; Wenck Associates – expansion study, $897.00;

**STATE ACCOUNT FUND:** SD Department of Revenue – Motor Vehicle, ROD & Vital Record fees, $66,012.13;

**SCHOOL DIST FUND:** Cortrust Bank – April 2015 apportionment, $120,437.02; Hoven School District – April 2015 apportionment, $55,307.08; Dacotah Bank – April 2015 apportionment, $645,817.35; Bank West – April 2015 apportionment, $824,817.01;

**CITIES AND TOWNS FUND:** City of Mobridge – April 2015 apportionment, $316,214.94; BankWest – April 2015 apportionment, $134,545.84; Dacotah Bank – April 2015 apportionment, $5,331.02; Bank of Hoven – April 2015 apportionment, $201.69;

**SALE/EXCISE TAX FUND:** SD State Treasurer – city sales tax, state sales tax, $121.18;

**5 COUNTIES TV DISTRICT FUND** – Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity Java #1 & Java #2, $944.60;

**JAVA FIRE DIST FUND:** Bank West – April 2015 apportionment, $3,954.33;

**BOWDLE FIRE DIST FUND:** Bowdle Rural Fire District – April 2015 apportionment, $2,259.74;

**SOUTH RIVERVIEW ROAD DIST:** Bank West – April 2015 apportionment, $1,367.89

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:**

Siemon moved and Martin seconded to surplus the pickup sprayer from the weed department and advertise it for

sale by sealed bids. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**HADEN MERKEL:**

Mobridge Chamber of Commerce Director Haden Merkel met with the board informing them of a housing study that was completed in Mobridge. She informed them on the task forces that have been named to begin the process of finding solutions for the problems. She invited the commission and the residents of Walworth County to join in the conversation and help find solutions to the problem.

**TREES:**

Custodian Leah Holder met with the board to request that while Carlson’s tree service are here removing tress from the storm that he remove the ones that are in bad shape and trim some to increase the lifespan. The board advised her to go ahead with the cleanup.

**HIGHWAY ISSUES:**

Road Foreman Marty Hook informed the board that the weight limits will be removed off all roads on Thursday except County Road 319.

Bids were opened for gravel crushing royalties. One bid was received from Houck Ranches of Akaska in the amount of $1.40 per ton. Siemon moved and Martin seconded to accept the bid. Voting Aye: 3; Nay 0. The motion was adopted. Commissioner Houck abstained.

Martin moved and Siemon seconded to accept a quote of $3,500 from Jensen Rock & Sand for repair work needed on county road 314. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

Martin moved and Houck seconded to accept a quote of $23,045.75 from Jensen Rock & Sand for culvert insert and repairs needed on county road 233. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted. The board requested that Superintendent Goetz visit with Jensen’s about the $1500 mobilization cost.

Hook presented a quote to the board for sandblasting and repainting of the 3 fuel tanks at the highway shop. The quote was $7500 and the board requested that the department provide more quotes before taking action.

**ZONING BOARD:**

Discussion was held on the Zoning Board needing additional members. Schilling will speak to some residents to see if he can find someone interested in the position. Discussion was also held on appointing a different commissioner to the Zoning Board. The matter will be addressed at the next meeting.

**EXCUTIVE SESSION:**

Siemon moved and Martin seconded to enter into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2(2) at 10:20 a.m. The

Chairperson declared the executive session ended at 10:42 a.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

State’s Attorney Hare and Treasurer Moak met with the board to request guidance on tax deed properties. There was discussion on whether the county would want the properties. The board advised them to move forward on the process.

Martin addressed the issue previously discussed regarding mold in the courthouse and jail buildings. He stated that the inspection was completed and there was no finding of mold to the level that would be a health issue and no active spores were present. There are things that will be addressed in both buildings to prevent mold from forming in the future. And stated that mold is common everywhere.

Martin addressed the audit on the Director of Equalization office. He stated that he believed it was the worst time for someone to audit the office and stated he thinks the quality of the data in the office is not up to standards. He stated surrounding counties did not have the appeal problems that Walworth County had. He believes with cooperation from employees changes can be made without anything drastic.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Auditor Krein informed the board that she received a letter from an Advocacy Group stating that Sherr-Howe Arena is not handicap accessible due to the doors opening out and none automatic. Krein applied for a grant to install automatic door openers since Sherr-Howe is a polling place for elections and was approved. The grant will cover the entire cost of the project. Some work will need to be done prior to installation to make sure that the historical preservation guidelines are followed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Siemon moved that the Board of County Commissioners adjourn until the hour of 9:00 a.m. June 2, 2015. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

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**SCOTT SCHILLING, CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

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**REBECCA KREIN, AUDITOR**

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