May 20, 2014

**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Walworth County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session on May 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse. Members present were: Denis Arbach, Richard Godkin, Duane Martin, Phylliss Pudwill and David Siemon. Also present were Auditor Rebecca Krein and States Attorney Jamie Hare.

Chairperson Arbach called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Godkin moved and Martin seconded that the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2014 be approved. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

Martin moved and Siemon seconded to approve the Equalization minutes of April 16, 23 & 25, 2014. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Godkin moved and Siemon seconded that the following claims be paid. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**COMMISSIONERS:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $14.26; Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $44.06;

**ELECTIONS:** Vilas Drug – supplies, $3.81;

**AUDITOR:** Best Western Ramkota Hotel – lodging Krein, $90.99; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $13.26; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $92.66;

**TREAURER:** Best Western Ramkota Hotel – lodging Pudwill, $90.99; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $13.26; Venture Communications – fax service, $7.02;

**STATES ATTORNEY:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $13.26; Mobridge Regional Hospital – blood alcohol draw, $65.00; Quill Corporation – toner, $128.99; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory – complete drug screen, $64.50; SD Department of Revenue – ethyl alcohol, $105.00; Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $123.43

**COURTHOUSE:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $6.63; Servall Uniform & Linen – mops & mats, $35.97;

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $13.26; Venture Communications Coop – fax & phone service, $57.65;

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Best Western Ramkota Hotel – lodging Eisemann, $90.99; Sue Eisemann – meal expense, $17.00; Sue Eisemann – mileage expense, $66.60; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $13.26; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $51.07;

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:** Leo Rookey Jr – mileage expense, $81.40; West River Telecommunications – phone service, $40.99;

**PREDATORY ANIMAL:** SD Department of Revenue – predatory animal control, $1103.72

**SHERIFF:** Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $15.91; Lucky’s Gas & More – gasoline 533.5 gal @ 3.197, $1705.60; Duane Mohr – batteries for AED machine, $37.17; Pennington County – transport, $119.55; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $113.17; Creative Product Sourcing Inc – shipping, DARE T-shirts, $130.41; SD Dare Officers Association – registration Fox & Boll, $100.00;

**JAIL:** Bob Barker Company Inc – shirts, pants, sandals, shipping, $537.57; Hettinger Candy – personal care items, $123.36; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $61.66; Wayne Schmidt – repairs downspouts, $45.00; Venture Communications Coop – phone, fax & internet service, $199.38;

**CORONER:** Clinical Laboratory – urine drug screen, blood drug screen, vitreous chemicals, autopsy, $1646.00; Regional Health DBA – morgue use, $406.00;

**EMERGENCY & DISASTER:** Venture Communications Coop – radio service, $30.10; West River Telecommunications – phone & internet service, $79.02;

**SUPPORT OF POOR:** Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $31.12;

**DEVLOPMENTALLY DISABLED:** SD Department of Revenue – services, $60.00;

**EXTENSION:** Brenda DeToy – mileage expense, $39.40; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $13.26; Jenna Malsom – mileage expense, $151.89; Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $30.69;

**RD & BR:** Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – repair culvert Rd 236, $523.00; electricity Hoven shop, $49.55; Hoven Coop Service Company – gasoline, fuel, $1435.31; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $59.67; Montana Dakota Utilities – electricity Java shop, $22.07; West River Telecommunications – phone service Mobridge shop, $31.45; **COMMUNICATION CENTER:** North Central Regional 911 – PSAP funds, $195932.78;

**SOLID WASTE:** Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity, $142.89; Jensen Rock & Sand – oversize, base course$3322.14; Lincoln National Life Ins – life insurance, $26.52; Quill Corporation – Brother HL2270 DW printer, $149.99;

**STATE ACCOUNT FUND:** SD Department of Revenue – ROD & Vital Record Fees, $830.00; SD Department of Revenue – motor vehicle fees, $94004.21

**SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND:** Cortrust Bank – April 2014 apportionment, $102413.06; Hoven School District – April 2014 apportionment, $34840.37; Dacotah Bank – April 2014 apportionment, $542189.00; BankWest – April 2014 apportionment, $751971.91;

**CITIES & TOWNS FUND:** City of Mobridge – April 2014 apportionment, $250948.69; BankWest – April 2014 apportionment, $116757.77; Dacotah Bank Acct – April 2014 apportionment, $5121.29; Bank of Hoven – April 2014 apportionment, $81.06;

**SALE & EXCISE TAX FUND:** SD State Treasurer – city & sales tax, $274.79;

**5 COUNTY TV DISTRICT FUND:** Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity @ Java #1 & #2, $870.41; B W St Clair – prepare PATH PROFILE Selby, $195.00;

**FIRE DISTRICT FUND:** Java Fire District – April 2014 apportionment $3342.43; Bowdle Rural Fire District – April 2014 apportionment, $614.33;

**SOUTH RIVERVIEW ROAD DISTRICT:** April 2014 apportionment, $685.60;

**COUNTY CORONER:**

Martin moved and Godkin seconded to accept the resignation of County Coroner Eric Schley. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

Pudwill moved and Martin seconded to appoint Dan Snyder and appoint Dan Snyder to complete the term of office of Eric Schley. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**TREASURER:**

Godkin moved and Pudwill seconded hiring Mica Mortenson as Deputy Treasurer at $13.84 per hour. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**TAX DEED PROPERTY:**

It has been reported that a property taken by tax deed in May of 2013 is in terrible condition. States Attorney Hare suggests that the county work with the city to remove the structure. Martin moved and Pudwill seconded to approve the States Attorney to contact the City of Mobridge regarding this property. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**EQUALIZATION:**

Lonnie Perman representing the town of Glenham met with the board concerning a property whose value was lowered during County Board of Equalization. The Glenham Local Board of Equalization had moved that the value be left as assessed and he stated that he would appreciate notification before the County Board lowered any values that had been previously discussed by the Local Board of Equalization.

**AUDITOR’S OFFICE:**

Godkin moved and Pudwill seconded to approve the hiring of Tiffany Holder at $10.00 per hour for a 3 month period. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**HIGHWAY ISSUES:**

Highway Superintendent Goetz submitted her monthly reports. Highway Superintendent Goetz reports that they are still using the Log Reports that have recently been implemented but she states that it is very time consuming. A former highway employee has requested that he be paid for all unused sick leave. States Attorney Hare recommends following the policy concerning this matter and will write a letter to the employee stating such. Krein reported that the county owned building in Java has asbestos. Commissioner Martin suggested that we contact the owner of the adjoining building owned by Richard Robinson before we proceed any further. States Attorney Hare will contact Robinson. At the public hearing on maintenance of private drives by the highway, as no one was in attendance to discuss the matter, Pudwill moved and Godkin seconded that the highway department may work with property owners concerning maintenance of driveways. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted. South Riverview District members met with the board requesting some help with snow removal on the south end of Riverview Drive and some grading and snow removal on the north end of Riverview Drive. They pointed out that the assessed value of the “New Evarts Complex” is at approximately 10 million dollars. If they were an incorporated entity it would make them the third largest entity in the County, making the point that a lot of tax dollars come from that area. They are willing to pay for the maintenance but due to the high assessed value of the area they would like the County to consider making Riverview Drive part of the County Road System. After much discussion, the matter was tabled for further study until the next Commission meeting. Goetz reported that County Road 318 has a section that is failing. The area that is failing is just west of the Cemetery south of Selby. This was a 2012 STP funded project and Jensen Rock and Sand was the primary contractor and had subcontracted the job to Randy Fudge. There were some issues with finishing the project on time. There will be some testing done, but it may need to be dug up. Goetz reported that Gerald Fiedler will start to work on Tuesday, at $11.43 per hour.

**LANDFILL ISSUES:**

Landfill Supervisor Ryan Badten submitted his monthly reports. He also submitted a proposed tipping fee schedule for 2015. Badten reported that Landfill employee Mark Landis has submitted his 2 week notice. Siemon moved and Martin seconded to approve Badten to advertise for a full time Landfill employee. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Pudwill moved and Godkin seconded to enter into executive session at 10:37 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a legal issue pertaining to the culvert on County Rd 236 as per SDCL 1-25-2(3). Voting Aye: 5, nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Arbach declared the executive session ended and the board reconvened in regular

session at 10:52 a.m.

**WEED & PEST CONTROL:**

Siemon moved and Godkin seconded to sign the contract with the DOT for weed spraying. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**SHERIFF AND JAIL ISSUES:**

Martin moved and Siemon seconded to raise Aaron Vogel to the salary of a certified jailer at $14.21 per hour. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted. Godkin moved and Martin seconded to hire Patty Dunwoody as part-time jailer at $11.51 per hour. The motion was adopted.

**GROW SOUTH DAKOTA:**

Jared Gross, representing GROW South Dakota met with the commission to thank them for their support in the last year and request that they consider support for 2015 during the budget meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The first Commission meeting for June 2014 was set for June 6, instead of June 3, because of the primary election.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Godkin moved and Pudwill seconded that the Board of County Commissioners adjourn until the hour of 9:00 a.m. June 6, 2014. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

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**DENIS ARBACH, CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

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**REBECCA KREIN, AUDITOR**

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