August 20, 2013

9:00 A.M.

**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Walworth County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse. Members present were: Richard Godkin, Duane Martin, Don Leff and Phylliss Pudwill. Denis Arbach was absent. Also present were Auditor Rebecca Krein, States Attorney Jamie Hare, and Sandy Bond, news reporter for the Mobridge Tribune.

Chairperson Pudwill called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**MINUTES:**

Godkin moved and Martin seconded that the minutes of August 6, 2013 be approved. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

Leff moved and Godkin seconded that the minutes of August 9, 2013 be approved. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

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

**COMMISSIONERS:** City of Mobridge – water service, $10.50; Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $14.26; SD Counties – registration Pudwill, Leff, Martin, Arbach, $660; Venture Communications Coop – fax service, $43.89;

**AUDITORS:** A&B Business Service – supplies & organizer, $120.14; Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $13.26; SD Counties – registration Krein, $165.00; Venture Communications – fax & phone service, $104.03;

**TREASURER:** Lar-Jo’s – freight & tax books, $868.24; SD Counties – registration Pudwill, $165.00; Venture Communications – fax & phone service, $92.82;

**STATES ATTORNEY:** A&B Business Inc – supplies & toner$285.29; Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $13.26; SD Department of Revenue – complete drug screen, blood alcohol testing, $575.00; Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $116.99;

**COURTHOUSE:** Bestway Traffic Marking – floor scrubber, $138.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $6.63; Pfitzer Pest Control LLC – pest control services, $180.00; Quill Corporation – supplies, $49.37; Servall Uniform & Linen Supply – mats & mops, $35.11;

**DOE:** Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $19.89; Quill Corporation – supplies & toner, $648.72; Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $51.09;

**REGISTER OF DEEDS:** Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $13.26; Reliable Office Supplies, toner, $95.47; SD Counties – registration Eisemann, $165.00; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service, $58.38;

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:** West River Telecommunications – phone service, $34.23;

**SHERIFF:** Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $15.91; Venture Communications – phone & fax service, $107.18;

**JAIL:** Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $38.46; Venture Communications Coop – phone, fax & internet service, $208.13;

**CORONER:** Regional Health DBA – morgue use, $406.00;

**EMERGENCY & DISASTER:** Venture Communications Coop – radio service, $60.20; West River Telecommunications – phone & internet service, $79.68;

**SUPPORT OF POOR:** SD Counties – registration Hare, $165.00; Venture Communications Coop – phone service, $28.67;

**MENTALLY ILL:** SD Department of Revenue – services, $611.63

**DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED:** SD Department of Revenue – services, $120.00

**MENTAL ILLNESS BOARD:** Lewis & Clark Behavioral – mental illness hearing, $160.00;

**EXTENSION:** Edmunds County Auditor – lodging Jenna Malsom - $70.36; Jenna Malsom – meal & mileage expense, $182.92; Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $6.63; Quill Corporation – color ink cartridges, $271.97; Venture Communications – phone service, $33.28;

**WEED CONTROL:**  Lincoln National Life Insurace – life insurance, $4.31;

**RD & BR:** Flint Hills Resources LP – 23.63 tones road oil @ $470.36, $23033.53; Hoven Coop Service Company – tire repair M-72, gasoline, fuel, $2258.59; Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $49.72; Montana Dakota Utilities – electricity @ Java shop - $16.59; Morris Inc – culvert replacement Rd 236, $93838.35; SD Counties – registration Goetz & spouse, $185.00; Venture Communications Coop – phone service @ Java, internet & phone service, $255.13;

**SOLID WASTE:** Lincoln National Life Insurance – life insurance, $26.52; NDSWRA – conference registration Weleba & Badten, $430.00; SD Federal Property Agency – supplies, $309.50;

**STATE ACCOUNT FUND:** SD Department of Revenue – motor vehicle fees & ROD & vital record fees, $85022.28;

**SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND:** Cortrust Bank – July 2013 Apportionment, $402.99; Hoven School District – July 2013 Apportionment, $34.34; Dacotah Bank – July 2013 Apportionment, $52685.60; Bankwest – July 2013 Apportionment – 11020.11;

**CITIES & TOWNS FUND:** City of Mobridge – July 2013 Apportionment, $31687.88; Bankwest – July 2013 Apportionment, $4792.17; Dacotah Bank – July 2013 Apportionment, $929.81; Bank of Hoven – July 2013 Apportionment, $238.40;

**SALE & EXCISE TAX FUND:** South Dakota State Treasurer – city & state sales tax, $236.20;

**JAVA FIRE DISTRICT FUND:** Bankwest – July 2013 Apportionment, $17.80;

**BOWDLE FIRE FUND:** Bowdle Rural Fire District – July 2013 Apportionment, $3.16;

**REGIONAL E911 FUND:** AT&T – access charges, $151.27; Centurylink – access charges, $1291.54; Language Line Services – interpretation services, $90.00; Valley Telecommunications – data base updates, access charges, $868.16; Venture Communications Coop – data base updates, access charges, $424.09; West River Telecommunications – phone & internet service, access charges, $2120.74;

**S RIVERVIEW RD DISTRICT:** Bankwest – July 20103 Apportionment, $338.21;

**WEST PAYMENT CENTER:** information charges - $1921.50;

**COURTHOUSE ROOF ISSUES:**

States Attorney Hare reported that the contract with Tecta America could be cancelled because the job was not completed in a timely manner. Martin moved and Godkin seconded to cancel the roof replacement contract with Tecta America. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

Martin informed the board that he does not believe the roof needs replacement. He stated that repairs could be made to bring the roof back to like new. He will get quotes for repairs only.

Auditor Krein submitted a letter from the insurance company stating that they will pay $5000.00 if the county signs a release from further liability concerning hail damage to the roof on August 3rd, 2012. Godkin moved and Leff seconded to receive the $5000.00 and sign the release with the insurance company. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

Martin moved and Leff seconded to advertise for quotes for property and liability insurance. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING:**

The Department Heads requested that hourly employees be allowed to work 10 hour days but leaving the Courthouse hours for the public the same, 8 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The Commissioners will give the issue some consideration and discussion and get back to the Department Heads with a decision.

**SHERIFF & JAIL ISSUES:**

Sheriff Mohr requested permission to hire a full time uncertified jailer effective Sunday, August 25, 2013 at $12.77 per hour. Martin moved and Godkin seconded a motion approving the hiring a full time uncertified jailer upon completion of background check**.** Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

Sheriff Mohr reports that Marske has reported that they will no longer be working on jail renovation issues with no compensation unless a decision is made on whether the county will build or not

Judge Myren was in attendance for questions regarding upcoming changes in laws. He reports that trends in the last 20 years have seen more non-violent crimes, mostly drugs and alcohol, increasing in rural counties because of the lack of treatment resources. Ideally rural areas will be working to provide more resources and there is at the current time “HOPE COURT PROJECT” being piloted in Walworth County. The result of this project could result in more days being spent in county jails rather than in prison. Commissioner Martin still believes that building a jail at this time would be a mistake.

Sheriff Mohr presented a contract to the commission for approval with the City of Java for law enforcement services. Java will be billed on a monthly basis at $50 per hour, with a minimum of 1 hour per call and no dog calls will be acted on. Martin moved and Leff seconded to approve the law enforcement contract with the town of Java. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**HIGHWAY & LANDFILL ISSUES:**

Commissioner Martin presented a financial report that he completed reflecting what he feels is the financial position of the Landfill as of June 30, 2013 and the 2014 Budget.

Landfill Supervisor Badten informed the board that due to an incorrectly published bid that the bid available from Walsh County North Dakota for a new landfill wheel loader will not be available. He will do further price checking before any action is taken.

**WEB AGREEMENT:**

Leff moved and Martin seconded a motion to sign an agreement with WEB for occupancy on right of way for water lines at 130th St, Section 32, Township 124 North, Range 76 West, Walworth County, South Dakota. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Martin reported that he has viewed the tax deed property in Java. He does not think that the building needs to be demolished at this time. He feels that the building can be secured in some manner. He also suggested that we come up with a criteria for deciding the fate of tax deed properties. He would like to write up a set of guidelines for review by the board.

Chairman Pudwill reported that she received a check for $6000.00 from the Town of Lowry to be distributed to the various fire departments in Walworth County. The Town of Lowry stated that they have given $2000.00 each to Selby and Akaska at this time. Leff moved and Godkin seconded to accept the $6000.00 donation from the Town of Lowry with great appreciation, and distribute to the fire departments in Walworth County. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The second Commission meeting in September has been set for September 24, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. due to County

Convention being held September 16-18th in Spearfish.

Commissioner Martin has suggested that the 45 mile per hour speed limit on airport road on the east side of Mobridge be lowered to 35 miles per hour because of the increased traffic on that road due to the road construction on highway 12. No action was taken as this item was not on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Leff moved and Godkin seconded a motion that the Board of County Commissioners adjourn until the hour of 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

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**PHYLLISS PUDWILL, CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

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**REBECCA KREIN, AUDITOR**

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