April 8, 2014 A.M.

**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Walworth County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session on April 8, 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 Pudwill seconded that the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2014 be approved. Voting Aye: 4; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

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

**STATES ATTORNEY:** Capital Area Counseling Service – expert testimony, $702.72;

**COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY:** Christopher Jansen - $1038.75;

**COURTHOUSE:** Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – repair light, $330.11;

**JAIL:** Family Pharmacy Inc – supplies, $2.93; Family Pharmacy Inc – prescriptions, $31.99;

**RD & BR:** Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity @ Hoven shop, $56.99; Hoven Coop Service Company – gasoline & fuel, $669.33;

**SOLID WASTE:** Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity, $179.24;

**PARTIAL PAYMENT FUND:** Walworth County Treasurer – treasurer’s trust, $1480.13;

**5 COUNTY TV DISTRICT FUND:** Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity @ Java #2 & electricity at Java #1, $843.33;

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Newly appointed Commissioner David Siemon was administered the Oath of Office.

**TREASURER:**

There was no monthly Treasurer’s Report at this time

**WEED & PEST POSITION:**

The board spoke with Emergency Manager Adam Fiedler regarding the Weed & Pest Supervisor position opened by the recent retirement of former supervisor, Roger Walker. Fiedler stated that he is considering a couple of other job offers at this time. He would like to keep his options open but will make a decision by the April 22, 2014 Commission meeting.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Emergency Manager Adam Fiedler reported that he has applied for a grant for the Mobridge Police Department for automated dispatch. The automated dispatch system would tell the dispatcher specific instructions in the event of a major emergency situation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Pudwill moved and Siemon seconded to enter into executive session at 9:20 a.m. for the required Director of Equalization employee performance evaluation as per SDCL 10-3.14 Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

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

session at 10:08 a.m.

**EQUALIZATION:**

The date of April 25, 2014 has been added to the previous dates of April 16 & 23, 2014 for an extra date for equalization hearings.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION:**

Director of Equalization requested clarification of the approval of overtime at the March 27, 2014 meeting. The time will be earned as compensatory time rather than paid overtime as per previous Commission decision regarding these matters**.**

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:**

The department heads requested numerous items be declared surplus to be sold or destroyed. Pudwill moved and Godkin seconded that Sheriff Mohr and States Attorney Hare will set values for property to be sold. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**JAIL RENOVATION:**

Commissioner Martin requested that the board reconsider the motion concerning the contract with HKG. He does not believe that it is needed. Martin moved and Siemon seconded to rescind the contract with HKG. Voting Aye: 2; Nay: 3. The motion failed.

Sheriff Mohr submitted a letter of retirement to Chairperson Arbach. The board thanked him for his dedicated years of service. Martin moved and Godkin seconded a motion to accept the letter of retirement of Sheriff Mohr effective June 28, 2014. Voting Aye: 5: Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**WEB WATER:**

Pudwill moved and Godkin seconded to sign an Application for Occupancy on County Right Of Way for WEB Water. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**HIGHWAY AND LANDFILL ISSUES:**

Highway Superintendent Goetz reported that the culvert on County Road 236 has failed again. Engineer Todd

Goldsmith of Goldsmith and Heck met with the board. There was a great deal of discussion as to the reason why this would have happened for a second time. Recommendations by the engineers will be made before any further decisions. The Highway department will proceed with trying to salvage what they can in the meantime to work towards getting the road open for the affected taxpayers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Pudwill moved and Godkin seconded to enter into executive session at 10:58 a.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue as per SDCL 1-25-2(2). Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was

adopted.

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

session at 11:18 a.m.

**LANDFILL DISPOSAL FEES:**

Landfill Supervisor Badten requested the board reconsider the decision concerning disposal fees for cities and other public entities. Waived disposal fees were discussed in depth. Martin stated that he felt that there is a good deal of cooperation between the City of Mobridge and the County. In the course of the discussion a disputed water bill with the city of Mobridge arose. States Attorney Hare stated that he had spoken to a Mobridge City Council member and the disputed water bill had been settled. Godkin moved and Pudwill seconded that Supervisor Badten be given permission to waive up to $1000 in disposal fees for cities and other public entities and all others will be reviewed on a case by case basis, keeping the best interests of the county in mind. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**COURTHOUSE & JAIL MAINTENANCE:**

Commission Martin reported that he has been working on the 2nd phase of the roof issues. He would like to replace some gutters and downspouts to divert water runoff to the lawn. Because of the low cost the board allowed him to do as needed to correct the problems.

**POOR RELIEF:**

States Attorney Hare informed the board that he is working on welfare case 14-A. Welfare assistant Brenda DeToy stated the individual has done paperwork and has explored all other options. Hare suggested the board approve to pay an insurance premium of $191.38 per month and review the case again at a later date as the individual may qualify for Medicaid by May 15, 2014. Martin moved and Siemon seconded to pay the insurance for 2 months and then have the case re-evaluated. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Chairman Arbach reported that he will not be able to be present at the April 22, 2014 meeting but he will attend the April 23, 2014 Equalization meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Godkin moved and Martin seconded that the Board of County Commissioners adjourn until the hour of 9:00 a.m. April 15, 2014. Voting Aye: 5; Nay: 0. The motion was adopted.

**EQUALIZATION:**

The Board convened as the Board of Equalization. Pudwill moved and Siemon seconded to adjourn as the Board of Equalization until the hour of 8:00 a.m. on April 16, 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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