**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Walworth County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session on March 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse. Members present were: Jim Houck, Kevin Holgard, Duane Mohr, and Scott Schilling.. Also present were States Attorney Jaime Hare, Auditor Debbie Kahl, Terry Madden, Campbell County Highway Superintendent, Basin Electric Representative, Bob Thomason and Linda Beaman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Chairperson Houck called the Planning and Zoning Board to order. Discussion was held on giving the dairy farm CAFO on the eastern side of the county another extension on their Conditional Use Permit, Variance and Road Haul Agreement. It was extended for one year last year. The extension expires on April 7, 2022. Representatives from the CAFO were present by telephone. The representative explained that the Covid pandemic turned their world upside down, and they had to go and find new funding. He said they are getting ready to file a newly revised state permit.. The commission made the decision to put it on the agenda for the next meeting. There was no old or new business. Commissioner Holgard moved to adjourn, Commissioner Mohr seconded. All in favor: Aye – 4; Nay – 0. Motion carried.

Chairperson Houck convened as Walworth County Board of Commissioners.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chairman Houck entertained a motion to approve the agenda. He said we need to add Discuss/Act on Lewus Morgan resignation; discussion about 5 Counties TV Translator District; discussion on request from Selby Ambulance. Commissioner Schilling moved to approve the agenda as amended, Commissioner Holgard seconded. All in favor: Aye – 4; Nay – 0. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

Chairman Houck said he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022. Commission Holgard so moved and Commissioner Mohr seconded. All in favor: Aye – 4; Nay – 0. Motion carried.

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**CLAIMS APPROVED:**

Commissioner Holgard questioned why meals were being taken out of the Sheriff’s budget rather than the Jail budget for transport. He said the problem is that in the budget for jail travel and travel expenses, and only $7000 in the Sheriff’s budget for travel and travel budget. State’s Attorney Commissioner Holgard thought we should split that up. He felt maybe it was an oversight during the budget process. Sheriff Boll stated that all those items were switched over to the Sheriff’s Office when the jail was closed. He said boarding comes out of the jail budget. Commissioner Holgard asked Sheriff Boll how we are tracking what we actually spend on the jail. Sheriff Boll stated that his administrative assistant was keeping very close tract of that, and reminded Commissioner Holgard that he was the one who proposed that budget change. Commissioner Holgard said that we should have an idea of what it’s costing us now, especially given the fact that we are going to discuss Brown County later in this meeting. Sheriff Boll stated that the report of last year’s expenses had already been given. Chairman Houck reiterated that we did not put anything in the jail budget for transport. Commissioner Holgard said he thinks all the transport employees and transport expenses should be coming out of the jail side. Chairman Holgard said he would entertain a motion to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Schilling so moved. Commissioner Mohr seconded. Roll Call vote: Holgard – Yes, Mohr – Yes, Schilling – Yes, Houck – Yes. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS:** Marco Inc – rental & copies - $22.29; Venture Communications Coop – fax service – 5.78;

**COURTS:** Kristi Brandt – transcripts Hare - $155.00, transcripts – Kroontje- $132.60, transcripts – Cogley- $8.80

**AUDITOR:** Cardmember service – Microsoft subscription, postage - $$112.58; Connecting Point – back up & replication, change password on server, fix sound on PC - $322.50; Marco Inc – rental & copies - $26.91; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service - $79.89

**TREASURERS:** Cardmember Service – Quicken Software renewal, postage and rental - $117.89; Marco Inc – rental & copies - $16.95; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service - $87.70

**STATES ATTORNEY:** Cardmember Service – rental & postage - $405.37; Venture Communications Coop – phone & fax service - $113.99

**COURT APPT ATTNY:** Cogley Law Office Prof LLC – court appoint atty fees - $915.80; Dakota Plains Legal Service – court appointed atty fees - $2267.25; Christopher Haar – court appointed atty fees - $1904.40

**ABUSED CHILD DEFENSE:** Christopher A Haar – court appointed atty fees - $1505.90

**COURTHOUSE:** Heartland Waste Management – garbage service - $120.00

**DOE:** Cardmember Services – postage, rental, stamps - $1775.02; Marco Inc – rental & copies - $69.28; Venture Communications Coop - $58.28;

**ROD:** Cardmember Services – rental & postage - $34.54; Marco Inc – rental & copies - $17.21; Halfile Systems Corp – quarterly maintenance - $321.20; Venture Communications Coop - $57.50

**SHERIFF:** Justin Bentz - $38.19; Black Hills Ammunition – 2 cases 9MM - $617.00; Cardmember Service – carwashes, late fees, gas, postage rental, supplies, training, meals - $1608.85; Connecting Point – monthly server & storage - $208.00; Dakota Radio Group – DRG job line female transport - $300.00; Rochelle Forget – meals - $23.46; Galls Inc – belt buckle, snaps - $20.40; Darrell Griese – meals $12.23; Marco Inc – rental & copies - $16.68; Venture Communications Coop – internet, phone & fax service - $367.16

**JAIL:** Beadle County – 106 days @ $80 - $8480.00; Brown County Sheriff – 36 days @ $75 - $27.00.00; Cardmember Service – inmate meals - $61.51; Edmunds County – 7 days @ $75 - $525.00; Hughes County Finance Office – 34 days @ $95 - $3230.00

**EMERGENCY & DISASTER:** Gas & Goodies – gas - $116.28

**SUPPORT OF POOR:** Venture Communications Coop – phone service - $24.26

**EXTENSION:** Venture Communications Coop – fax service - $5.78

**WEED & PEST:** Cardmember Service – registration & late fees for conference, meals, gas - $460.76; Venture Communications Coop – fax service - $5.78;

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Marco Inc – rental & copies - $16.71; Venture Communications Coop – fax service - $5.78

**RD & BR:** Auto Value Aberdeen – brake cleaner - $71.76; Cam Wal Electric Cooperative – electricity Hoven Shop - $62.28; Floyd’s Truck center – aluminum step $167.58; GTC Auto Parts – coupler, 3/8 plug, oil filter, air hose, panel retainer, parts, ¼ plug, sockets, impact - $1803.89; Hase Plumbing Heating & Air – shop supplies - $67.88; Heartland Waste Management – garbage service - $60.00; Marco Inc – rental & copies - $16.71; MDU – electricity Java shop - $48.50; John Deere Financial – parts - $3.18

**SOLID WASTE:** Cam –Wal Electric Cooperative – Electricity Landfill - $301.60; Cardmember Service – rental, rust protector - $43.90, postage, IDrive.com renewal - $257.90; Homestead Building Supplies – supplies - $52.28; Marco Inc – rental & copies - $16.71

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Linda Beaman requested to speak at Public Forum. She said she was here to question the lodging requests from Krein and Schlomer that had been discussed at previous meeting. She said she would like the Commission to be accountable for their decisions. She feels that the payments had not been preapproved and should not have been paid. Ms Beaman said that between the invitation and the actual trip there had been only one commissioner meeting and that was on August 21, 2018. She stated that there is no mention of the DC trip on the video and that there is nothing in the official minutes of that meeting concerning the payment of the lodging. She feels that if they are so sure they discussed it that it must not have been at an official meeting. She said that at a previous meeting it was said that Chairman Houck had initialed Krein’s voucher and that he should know what he was approving. She said that had she been present she would have asked who initialed Schlomer’s voucher. She asked Commissioner Holgard if he cared to share that information and he stated that he did not know who initialed Schlomer’s voucher. She thought that if Commissioner Holgard was so sure about who had initialed Krein’s voucher he should have known who signed Schlomer’s. She stated that both Commissioner Holgard, and then Commissioner, Marion Schlomer, in fact, initialed Schlomer’s voucher. She stated that both the County’s personnel policy and SDCL 7-7-26 both state that prior authorization and approval are required. She feels that they should not pick and chose what policies and laws they follow. She questioned if this is the way they choose to handle this question she feels like the board is not going to make wise decisions about what else has to be done for Walworth County. She feels like the Board did not act responsibly in previous meetings and feels like they should gather their facts before they present them at an official meeting. She stated her concern is the manner I the way the Commission is conducting business for Walworth County. She also told the Commission that there have been findings in the last 4 consecutive Legislative Audits that are of concern and that there should be action taken on those concerns. Chairman Houck said that he had gone back through the audit and it had questioned two vouchers but he did not recall a discussion about it when the audit was presented to the Board. Ms Beaman had spoken to Legislative Audit and was told that if concerns were brought to an auditor during the audit, they may have given advice on how to handle it, but it would not necessarily be in writing. She also had a concern about a statement made by Commissioner Holgard concerning animosity between people in the courthouse and that they were going after people. She does not believe that the previous auditor, Eva Cagnones, would have brought this up out of spite. She said Commissioner Holgard kept saying that he knew we had discussed paying that lodging at a meeting but he was unable to find it in the minutes. Ms Beaman says she has done research and does not feel that it was ever discussed in an official meeting. Ms Beaman is of the strong conviction that it is not too late to go back and fix it. She feels that if a mistake is made it is better to go back and correct it rather than just say that it’s over and done with and that we should just move on. She asked how the Commission feels about what she is saying. Chairman Houck stated that he did not necessarily agree with the decision, but that it was the decision of the Board. He feels that once the Board has made such a decision, even if one or two people don’t approve, that you must move on. Ms Beaman felt like the silence from the other Commission members speaks volumes about how they feel. Commissioner Holgard stated that he was not going to get in an argument with Ms Beaman. He felt they are both entitled to their opinions. Commissioner Holgard stated that “just because it’s not in the minutes doesn’t mean we didn’t discuss it.” Ms Beaman asked Commissioner Holgard how he could sit there and say it was discussed when it’s not on the video tape nor in the official printed minutes. Commissioner Schilling stated that if Ms Beaman would look a little harder she could probably find something else she could bring up about different things the commission has approved. Ms Beaman stated emphatically that “just moving on” is not how county business should be conducted. Chairman Houck stated that they are all just ordinary people who are trying, in the best way they know how, to conduct business in the best interest of the County. Ms Beaman thanked the commission for taking the time to listen to her.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

First Reading of proposed amendments to the Fire Hazard Ordinance. These amendments stemmed from meetings that the Emergency Manager held with the local fire departments. The proposed changes are a solution that EM Jeff Jensen thought would work. The changes concern the drought rating and the grassland index, and that the ban would go into effect for an entire day, not just hours for the ratings or indexes. He thinks if we go with the D2 Drought Monitor it’s only updated once a week. He says if we enact this amendment the entire county cannot burn even if just a small portion of the county is affected, and then we have to wait an entire week for any changes. He stated that the grassland index changes daily at noon. He feels that is we put the taxpayers in this position, they will just choose to pay the $500 fine and do what they want to do anyway. It was stated that Potter County is now in a countywide burn ban. EM Jensen said that just to clarify, the grassland index does not say how easy it is to start a fire, it only expresses how easy it is to spread and get out of control. Adding the D2 part covers all the dead, dry fuel sitting out on our ranges. If you burn a pit or a brush pile today, and then tomorrow you end up in a extreme grassland index you could potentially have ash spreading quickly. Sheriff Boll and EM Jensen both feel that county wide is the only way, we do not want to checkerboard the county. EM Jensen said the laws and ordinances are only put in place for 10% of the population. Most people here are very careful about when they burn. Chairman Houck questioned how the ordinary taxpayer would find out what the fire index is. EM Jensen explained that before you start a burn you are to call 911 and they will inform you of whether you are allowed to burn that particular day or not. He also stated that when your prescribed burn is done and you are sure that it is out, you are also supposed to call 911 and inform them of that. He said that a big fire that took place last year south of Herreid started from a burn pit that had been burned 4 months prior. That is just an indication of how long those live ashes can sit there and fester. EM Jensen said if the commission does not feel this is the right solution, he can go back and try to do something else. The ordinance amendment is posted on the county website. Commissioner Holgard said that as a firefighter himself he doesn’t feel that adding D2 is necessary. He feels that it just overcomplicates an already complicated issue. Commissioner Schilling also felt that this would complicate things and we have to have some confidence in and put some responsibility back on the taxpayers. Commissioner Holgard says that his local fire departments go out on calls way more often on farm equipment-caused fires than they do on a burned pit or prescribed burn that got out of control. Commissioner’s Schilling and Holgard feel like we cannot have an ordinance to cover every single situation. Commissioner Schilling moved to approve the first reading. Commissioner Mohr seconded the motion. Commissioner Schilling hopes that people who have concerns will call and voice their concerns. EM Jensen said his number is on the Facebook page and also on the county website. We will have a 2nd reading and adoption on April 5, 2022. States Attorney Hare says the ordinance can be amended all the way through the process. Changes can still be made at that meeting. All in favor: Aye – Yes. Motion carried.

Campbell County Highway Superintendent Madden joined the meeting during the previous discussion.

States Attorney Hare left the meeting at this point.

Public hearing for Emergency Management Budget Supplement for H&H Study on Hiddenwood Creek. This supplement is because it wasn’t budgeted because we had not seen a lot of forward movement on the study. This is under a state act mitigation program. The $34000 is what was left on the budget allowed for that study. Chairman Houck said he would entertain a motion for the budget supplement. Commissioner Schilling so moved. Commissioner Holgard seconded. Roll Call vote: Holgard – Yes; Mohr – Yes; Schilling – Yes; Houck – Yes. Motion carried.

States Attorney Hare rejoined the meeting.

Emergency Manager Jensen reminded the commission that there are free Covid Home tests available. The County Health Nurse has them and they are also available at the Courthouse in the Register of Deeds Office.

EM Jensen informed the board that the War Hawk Board held their district meeting on February 16, 2022 and at that meeting voted for EM Jensen as their Director beginning April 1, 2022. EM Jensen requested that the Commission make the War Hawk duties part of the Emergency Manager duties that EM Jensen already has, thereby, allowing the county to maintain it’s reimbursement from the state. This will mean a $12000 adjustment to the salary plus the federal withholding, social security, Medicare and retirement money and matches. This will get billed to War Hawk and the county will be paid by the District for that position. Chairman Houck said he would entertain a motion to make the War Hawk duties part of the duties of the Walworth County Emergency Manager. Commissioner Holgard so moved. Commissioner Schilling seconded. All in favor: Aye – 4; Nay – 0. Motion carried. Commissioner Holgard made a motion to adjust the salary by $12000 plus withholding and matching expenses with the understanding that those monies be reimbursed to Walworth County by War Hawk. Commissioner Mohr seconded. Roll Call – Holgard – Yes; Mohr – Yes; Schilling – Yes; Houck – Yes. Motion carried.

States Attorney Hare left the meeting.

Em Jensen informed the commission that he has arranged for 2 weather training classes. The 24th of March will be in Akaska at 7:00 pm at the Community Center and the second one is the 26th of April at 7:00 at the Mobridge Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to attend.

Commissioner Mohr questioned if there had been any further discussion about having someone available with a plane to help fight fires. EM Jensen and the States Attorney have had discussions about a contract for this service. Commissioner Mohr requested the EM to meet with Kraft Air Spraying and see if they could come up with something for the States Attorney to look over.

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Byre and Basin Electric Representative Shauna Laber to discuss some road repair on the north county line following a transmission line collapse in that area. Superintendent Byre said all five commissioners have been on site so that they have knowledge of what is being discussed. Walworth County and Campbell County are requesting cooperation with Basin Electric in sharing costs of these repairs. Commissioner Holgard questioned the representative from Basin what set the elevation for their towers. Ms Laber explained that although she is not an engineer, the elevation had to do with the size of the new foundation that were being poured for the towers. She explained that there was a lot of logistics involved with getting concrete trucks and cranes in and out of the locations. She thought they were trying to reach an elevation 12” over that of where they needed to be before natural drainage came into effect. Superintendent said the elevation was proposed to be two feet above the outflow elevation. He stated we need to match our road grade to that elevation so that it’s not susceptible to future flooding. Superintendent Byre put together a very preliminary cost of $60000. Commissioner Schilling voiced concern over the height of the dikes and how they will affect our road in the future. They are very appreciative of that. She recognizes that this stretch of roadway is very important to Basin Electric to access their towers. Basin struggled with a 50% cost share. She has come to this meeting prepared to offer cost share on 1/3 of the project, capped at $20000. They will require a Memorandum of Understanding with the counties. Commissioner Holgard asked Superintendent Madden if he thought that 1/3 would be approved by Campbell County. Superintendent Madden that he had not spoken with all of his commissioners but the ones he as talked to would be okay with that. Commissioner Schilling said he was aware that the costs supplied by Superintendent Byre were thrown together very rapidly and many things have changed, including the cost of diesel. Commissioner Holgard asked the representative from Basin would be willing to wait for a commitment until we had more firm cost numbers in place. Part of this project may require getting permanent easements so the proper roadway can be built. Part of this project is FEMA site 51. This site cannot be touched until it is out of water. Superintendent Byre is hoping that this site will be out of water and able to be inspected by the state by the middle of the summer. He just wants to make sure that everyone was aware of the FEMA site. The representative from Basin Electirc suggested that States Attorney Hare begin to work with Basin’s attorney to begin work on the Memorandum of Understanding. Gary explained that Walworth and Campbell County would be keeping track of all their equipment and manpower hours to keep Basin Electric updated on costs. She thought they were thinking of costs for easements, dirt and road grade material but not labor and equipment. It was agreed that the Memorandum of Understanding would go into 2023. Ms Laber wanted it made clear that 1/3 of the cost with a cap of $20000 is what she was given permission to offer. Commissioners discussed what, if any motion, needed to be made at this time. The commissioners decided that the States Attorney should be instructed to begin the Memorandum of Understanding.

Campbell County Highway Superintendent Madden left the meeting at this point.

Superintendent Byre handed out his monthly budget report. He stated that this report may be different from the current report from Auditor Kahl’s but, he also stated that the Highway Department and Auditor’s Office are working closely together to get things straightened out.

Superintendent Byre discussed a Joint Power Agreement with Flint Hill for Road Oil off McPherson County Bid. Flint Hill reserved the right to refuse to honor the agreement with Walworth County off the McPherson County Bid. Superintendent requested a quote from Flint Hills and received one. If the Commission accepts the quote per ton that price would be locked in for the rest of the year. This may affect some road work and chip sealing work that the county will be able to do this year. This quote is only good for 3 days, so a decision has to be made today. Chairman Houck would entertain a motion to accept the quote from Flint Hills. Commissioner Holgard so moved. Commissioner seconded. Roll Call: Holgard – Yes; Mohr – Yes; Schilling – Yes; Houck – Yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Byre has put together a generic ad for employment. He would like a States Attorney opinion or he could sent it to the Department of Labor to make sure we are not violating any laws. It lists several considerations from Day Labor to Part-Time Permanent. He would like any applicants to make an appointment to meet with him before they fill out an application. He has drafted it so that he may be able to get some people in the door.

**AUDITOR**

Auditor Kahl requested permission to add herself and Brenda Detoy’s name to the Cardmember account because she is unable to get any information from them without their names being on the account. Commissioner Mohr so moved and Commissioner Schilling seconded. Commissioner Holgard questioned if there were any names to be taken off the account. Commissioner Mohr amended his motion to also remove any names of people who are no longer employed by Walworth County. Commissioner Schilling also approved the amendment to the motions. All in favor: Aye – 4. Nay – 0. Motion carried.

Auditor Kahl spoke of what she knows of the wheel tax. 90% of the wheel tax is retained by the county. 10% is to be split among the cities. She told the commissioners that Edmunds County uses road miles. They had numbers for a split by population, valuation or highway miles. She would like some direction from the Commission as to how it should be split. Commissioner Holgard questioned what the cities were doing with their portion of the wheel tax. Chairman Houck thinks we have a newer resolution than the one that Auditor Kahl had found from 2011. Chairman Houck questioned whether we need to be sending wheel tax to the cities. In January 2022 the total amount of wheel tax was slightly over $17000. Commission Schilling questioned if it was mandatory that we send some to the cities. It would require a new resolution for the county to retain 100% of the wheel tax. The Commission will consider a new resolution stating that they will keep 100% of the wheel tax on the April 5, 2022 meeting. Auditor Kahl will work with the States Attorney to work on a new resolution.

Auditor Kahl told the commission they had a proclamation from Fall River County honoring Viet Nam Vets in their packets. They are asking other counties to do the same. Commissioner Holgard suggested making sure that the Veteran’s Service Officer gets a copy and see what his feeling about doing this are.

We may have more than two commissioners go to the Upper Missouri Valley Commissioners Association meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022 in Pollock. This is not considered a Commission Meeting but we want the public to be aware that there may be more than two commissioners at the same meeting.

Auditor Kahl reminded the commissioner of two meetings that she and Deputy Auditor Brenda DeToy need to attend. These meeting had been previously approved by the commission but they kept getting rescheduled. One is Friday, March 18 in Pierre and the other is Wednesday, March 23, in Aberdeen.

Auditor Kahl said there is a request from the Selby Ambulance to receive the money we budgeted for them. Auditor Kahl said we had budgeted $20000 for Ambulance and Auditor Kahl requested and was granted permission to disburse the monies to the Selby and Mobridge Ambulances, $10000 each.

Auditor Kahl informed the Commission that she had received a call from a gentleman named Severn Ashes, who works for the Public Broadcasting Company. He called to remind us that our license for the translator towers were expiring. She explained the situation to Mr Ashes that the Translator District had been disbanded and he offered that he may be able to help with that issue. She requested and was granted permission from the Commission to contact Mr Ashes again and request his assistance with the Federal Communications Commission. Sheriff Boll asked about the status of any Federal Liens to do with these towers. Auditor Kahl was unable to answer his questions.

Auditor Kahl brought an official resignation letter from Lewus Morgan, Landfill Bookkeeper. Chairman Houck said he would entertain a motion to accept the resignation from Lewus Morgan. Commissioner Schilling so moved. Commissioner Holgard seconded. All in favor: Aye – 4; Nay – 0. Motion carried.

**VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICE**

Bob Thomason thanked the commission for allowing him to participate in the selection of the new Veteran’s Service Officer for Walworth County. He told the commission they had one applicant. It was the consensus of the hiring committee to hire this applicant. Current Veteran’s Service Officer Leo Rookey has agreed to stay on for the probationary period of 90 days for training the new hire. The applicant is Robert Bader from Mobridge. Chairman Houck said he would entertain a motion to appoint Robert Bader effective April 1, 2022. Commissioner Holgard so moved. Seconded by Commissioner Schilling. All in favor: Aye – 4. Nay – 0. Motion carried. Mr Thomason said he would like to thank Kevin Swanson from the South Dakota Department of Veteran’s Affiars, Davis Martin, Bill Waeckerle, Justin Loesch and Leo Rookey for their valuable assistance in this process.

**JAIL DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Holgard requested that this be on the agenda. He spoke of the building that Brown County is trying to purchase for a regional jail. He said there is a meeting on March 26, 2022 in Aberdeen for anyone who wants to attend. He would like to know what the rest of the commission thinks about this. He asked if we should work with Brown County or continue to try to figure something out for ourselves. He is not having much luck trying to work with Charles. He thinks it may be better to work with Brown County. He asked Sheriff Boll what he thought. Sheriff Boll said it would cut mileage if they take all of our prisoners. If they won’t take some for various reasons they will still have to go elsewhere. He will still need transport back and forth to Aberdeen for court. There may also be more than two commissioners at this meeting, so the commission would like the public to have this information. Sheriff Boll also said he intends to attend. Commissioner Schilling said we should go and listen to what Aberdeen has to offer before we make any further decisions.

Chairman Houck said this issue is really not our first priority. We need to make a decision on how to fund the continued operation of the county before we go broke. Commissioner Holgard said there are ways to raise funds.

Chairman Houck said we spoke about alternative funding two meetings ago and asked if anyone had come up with any ideas. Commissioner Holgard says he does have ideas, but the subject is not on the agenda so he’s not going to discuss it now. Sheriff Boll said he would like to hear those ideas. Commission Holgard told Sheriff Boll that some of them had to do with his department. Sheriff Boll said that’s what he figured.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms Beaman asked if Commissioner Holgard could share his ideas about alternative funding under old business since it’s been discussed before. Commissioner Holgard said he would prefer not to because he has not spoken with the Department Heads yet at this time.

Sheriff Boll asked if the jail numbers that Commissioner Holgard shared were given to him by Duane Sutton, Commissioner from Brown County. Commissioner Holgard said Brown County was looking for 12 or 14 million from other counties, and that he believes the total cost is around 30 million. He believes that is for 170 bed facility, with room for expansion. Commissioner Mohr said he thinks Brown County will be asking other counties to chip in for the purchase of the building they are considering. Commissioner Mohr said he does not think we need to invest in their building if we are going to build one of our own.

Auditor Kahl said she is working on the liability insurance. She says the insurance for the holding cell is $44000. She asked if the commission would like that amount increased. She also informed the commission that nearly every vehicle we own has full coverage and she asked if we could just have liability on many of them. We will continue to carry full coverage on vehicles owned and used by the Sheriff’s office. Commissioner Mohr says he has some at the Landfill that just need liability. Our boilers in the courthouse and the highway shop were insured but the certifications we had on file expired in 2011. Those have now been updated and are good through August of 2023.

Commissioner Schilling asked to find out what the difference in raising the insurance on the holding cell would be.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Holgard moved to adjourn until April 5, 2022 at 9:00 am. Commissioner Schilling seconded. All in favor: Aye – 4; Nay – 0. Motion carried

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**JIM HOUCK, CHAIRPERSON**

**ATTEST:**

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**DEBBIE KAHL, AUDITOR**

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