**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**September 5, 2023, 9:00 am**

**In Attendance**: Jim Houck, Justin Jungwirth, Duane Mohr and Scott Schilling and Kevin Holgard were present. Also present were Bill Thorstenson, Vaugn Thorstenson, Mary Ohman, Lyle Perman, Roger Thorstenson, Skip Rau, Jennifer Andree, Linda and Dan Beaman, Marlin Thorstenson, Colten Bernes, Bud Andree, Shirley Mandernach, Scott Schanzenbach, & Marlin Berens. Deputy Auditor Kahl was also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

The meeting was called or order by Chairman Houck.

**Agenda**

* Chairman Houck said the #14 Set Solar Ordinance Public hearings needs to be removed. He also said that #13 Jennifer Andree needed to be removed and that she could speak in Public Forum. He stated that we don’t have anything to present to the Commission on Solar Ordinances at this time.
* Holgard moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Schilling. All in favor: all aye. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

* Schilling moved to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023. Mohr seconded. All in favor: All aye. Motion carried.

**Claims**

* Jungwirth moved to approve the claims as presented. Mohr seconded. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes. Motion carried.

Agtegra Herried – supplies - $2,998.37; Arrowhead Resort – travel - $522.08; Kristi Brandt – court services - $196.95; Brown County Sheriff – inmate boarding - $825.00; Coleman Law – court appt atty - $2,975.75; Connecting Point – services & fees - $9,3225.80; Creative Printing – supplies - $916.93; Dakota Glass & Alignment – repairs & maintenance - $39.95; GTC Auto Parts – supplies - $58.46; High Point Networks – services & fees - $112.50; Jensen Rock & Sand – supplies - $28,299.75; KLJ Engineering – services & fees - $4,211.03; Mark Kroontje – court appt atty - $1,649.63; Lewis Family Drug – inmate medical - $106.40; Midcontinent Communications – utilities - $163.39; Millborn Seeds – ditch mix - $281.00; Mobridge Ace Hardware – supplies - $57.72; Mobridge Pit Stop – supplies - $76.16; Montana Dakota Utilities – utilities - $1,559.44; Quill Corporation – supplies - $269.36; Runnings Supply – supplies - $249.97; SD Public Health Laboratory – drug testing - $60.00; SDACO – M&P - $162.00; City of Selby – utilities - $752.44; Selby Oil Company – repairs & maintenance - $63.00; Senior Nutrition Center – inmate meals - $216.00; Servall Uniform & Linen – rentals - $225.20; Slater Oil & LP – supplies - $3,471.58; Taliaferro Law Firm – crt appt atty - $507.75; Verizon – utilities - $48.06; Wise Imaging Inc – inmate medical - $91.20; Yankton Co Sheriff’s Office – mental board services & fees – $50.00

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

* EM Jensen explained to the board that the Local Emergence Management Performance Grant pays half of his salary and that the agreement has to be renewed. Mohr moved to authorize the chairman to sign the grant for the upcoming year. Jungwirth seconded. All in Favor: all saying aye; motion carried.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION**

* Director Pudwill requested travel authorization for the Annual Assessor’s School in Rapid City, August 18 – 22. Mohr moved to approve the travel. Schilling seconded. All in favor: all saying aye; motion carried.

**LANDFILL**

* Commissioner Mohr reports that 2 freon extractors that no longer work need to go to surplus to be destroyed as non-working. Holgard moved to surplus 2 non-working freon extractors to be destroyed. Jungwirth seconded. All in favor: all saying aye: motion carried.

**SHERIFF**

* The commission reviewed the July report that the Sheriff had provided to them. The Sheriff answered any questions from the commission.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

* Jennifer Andree addressed the commission. She is requesting accommodations be made for her disability if a Solar Farm comes into the county. She has suggested a number of safety issues actually be contained in the ordinance. Chairman Houck interrupted Ms. Andree and requested that she let the commission do their job. She requested an explanation as to how she was stopping them from doing their job. He explained that the commission has nothing at this time to present to the public concerning the Solar Ordinance. Ms. Andree presented each commissioner with a letter.

**HIGHWAY**

* Superintendent Byre discussed some final numbers for Project WCBD3.

**BUDGET SUPPLEMENT HEARING**

* Deputy Kahl Auditor explained the need for a supplement to the 911 Fund Balance.

RESOLUTION 2023-06

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

The Walworth County Commission hereby resolves to supplement the 2023 annual budget as follows:

207-225-422 911 Services $45,000.00

Funding Source – Fund Balance

Dated this 5th day of September, 2023

Signed by Chairman Jim Houck and Attested by Auditor Charity Pepin.

Moved by Mohr, second by Holgard. Roll Call Vote: all voting yes. Motion carried.

* Sheriff Boll appeared to speak on the supplement for a vehicle for the Sheriff’s Office. He stated that he would be satisfied with whatever decision the Commission made. Mohr moved to approve the supplement for $70,000 to the Sheriff’s Budget. Jungwirth seconded. The mileage on various existing transport vehicles was a matter of discussion. There was a question about which vehicles would be declared surplus and Sheriff Boll explained the vehicles he would be planning to surplus. One would be declared surplus and the other would go to the Director of Equalization and the car that office is currently using would then be declared surplus. Some concern was expressed over the number of supplements over the last ten years or so. Jungwirth commented that many of the vehicles they are now using were surplus vehicles. Roger Thorstenson introduced himself. He spoke about a number of items that were concerning to him as a taxpayer, concerning the budget supplements. Lyle Perman introduced himself. He stated his concerns and gave his ideas as to things that should be studied during the budget process. He asked the commission to defer until they had more information from the Sheriff. Mohr withdrew his motion. Jungwirth withdrew his second. Jungwirth moved to defer action until the next meeting when the Sheriff will provide more information. Mohr seconded. Roll Call Vote: all voting yes.
* A public hearing was held for the provisional budget. She explained the 25% that must be paid to municipalities. It was not put in the provisional budget, and it has to be. The budget increase is for $5120. It will increase our cash applied to $353,804. Jungwirth moved to increase the budget for the 25% to municipalities by $5120. Schilling seconded. Roll Call Vote: all voting yes. Motion carried. Deputy Kahl also requested a raise in the auditor’s budget by $6000 in order to keep Sylvia Chapman on as a consultant. Schilling moved to raise the auditor’s 2024 budget by $6,000 in order to pay a consultant. Holgard seconded. Roll Call Vote: all voting yes. Motion carried. Mohr moved to approve the provisional budget. Holgard seconded. Motion carried. Linda Beaman introduced herself to the commission. She has many concerns about the county continually going over the budget. She feels that the commission does not seem to be concerned about cutting or adjusting the budget. She felt that the cuts that she had brought to your attention were never discussed at any budget meetings. She would like something made public if the commission is meeting with department heads one on one to discuss budgets. She would like to see everyone work harder to keep the budget within the revenue we bring in. Roll Call Vote: all voting yes.
* **OLD BUSINESS**
* Holgard has been asked why we are no longer seeing land transfers in the paper. Register of Deed DeToy explained that that is a decision made by the newspapers themselves. She sends all the information to anyone who requests it and pays $75 a year for it.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Holgard. Mohr seconded. All in favor, all ayes; Motion carried.

**APPROVED: ATTEST:**

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