**WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**April 9th, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Houck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Commissioners Jim Houck, Kevin Holgard, Duane Mohr, Scott Schilling, and Justin Jungwirth via phone. Also, present were Deputy Auditors Deb Kahl, and Brooke Kirschman. Public in attendance were Rick Cain, Pam Wells, Linda Beaman, Steve Roseland, Rochelle Forget, Dagere Forget, and Dean Marske.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**Convene as County Commission**

**Agenda:** Holgard moved to approve the agenda and seconded by Mohr. All in favor – All voting aye. Motion carried.

**Minutes from March 19, 2024:** Mohr moved to approve the minutes from March 19, 2024, and seconded by Schilling. All in favor – All voting aye. Motion carried.

**Claims:** Holgard moved to approve the claims and seconded by Schilling. Roll call vote – All voting yes – Motion carried.

**Claims:** Agtegra Cooperative $16,416.90 supplies/utilities; AMCS Canada INC. $1,823.26 services & fees; AT&T Mobility $597.77 utilities; Auto Value Aberdeen $477.00 supplies; Avera Occupational Medicine $191.00 services & fees; Beadle County $38,530.00 adult/juvenile prisoner board & inmate medical care; Beadle Ford INC $500.76 repairs & maintenance; Beadle Sales $1,768.94 repairs & maintenance; Kristi A. Brandt $34.30 services & fees; Brown County Sheriff $2,200.00 adult prisoner board; Butler Machinery CO $10,598.92 services & fees/supplies; Cam Wal Electric Cooperative $363.46 utilities; Cardmember Services – BW $5,602.03 services & fees/repairs & maintenance/supplies/travel/jail inmate meals/D.A.R.E. supplies; Central Diesel Sales INC $297.01 supplies; Cole Papers $260.39 supplies; Coleman Law $3,290.70 services & fees; Two Trees Technologies/Connecting Point $5,637.05 services & fees/supplies; Dacotah Bank $270.18 supplies/election postage; Dakotabilities $180.00 services & fees; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting $24.00 mental board services & fees; DRG Media Group $200.00 publishing; Equipment Blades $18,256.80 supplies; Galls LLC $194.99 supplies; GTC Auto Parts $552.41 supplies; Heartland Waste Management INC $180.00 utilities; Hoven Coop Services Company $678.69 supplies/utilities; City of Java $23.00 utilities; Kens Western Lumber $376.58 supplies; Kesling Funeral Home $2,500.00 poor funeral expense; KLJ Engineering LLC $457.71 services & fees; Mark K. Kroontje $712.75 services & fees; Relx INC. DBA LexisNexis $666.00 courts law books; Lincoln County Treasurer $353.50 services & fees; Matheson Tri-Gas DBA Evergreen $106.78 rentals; Matheson Tri-Gas INC. $113.46 rentals; Mc Lead’s Printing & Office $838.41 supplies; Midcontinent Communications $168.39 utilities; Mobridge Ace Hardware $14.99 supplies; City of Mobridge $59.01 utilities; Mobridge Pit Stop INC $320.03 supplies; Mobridge Regional Hospital $1,571.30 drug testing/services & fees/inmate medical; Mobridge Tribune $595.14 publishing; Montana-Dakota Utilities $2,563.69 utilities; National Sheriff’s Association $125.00 services & fees; Overhead Door $457.94 repairs & maintenance; Prairie Smile Family Dentistry $539.00 inmate dental; Quill LLC $1,439.13 supplies; Runnings $521.22 supplies; SD Public Health Laboratory $40.00 drug testing; SDACO M & P Fund $96.00 AHF M & P relief flow-thru; South Dakota DANR $578.39 tonnage fee; Selby Auto Sales & Service $453.81 supplies; City of Selby $332.40 utilities; Selby Oil Company $6.00 repairs & maintenance; Selby Record $423.78 publishing; Senior Nutrition Center $80.00 inmate meals; Servall Uniform & Linen $222.45 rentals; Shorty’s One Stop $823.33 supplies; Slater Oil & LP Gas $3,708.58 supplies/utilities; Valley Telecommunications $125.35 utilities; Venture Communications Coop $307.78 utilities; Verizon $48.06 utilities; Web Water Development $62.58 utilities; Web Water Bottling Company $57.00 rentals; West River Telecommunications $154.00 utilities

**ROD:** Brenda DeToy had an application for a poor relief application case number M202383 voluntary mental health with no preauthorization. The statute that governs that is: 28-13-33. County liability for emergency and nonemergency hospitalization of indigent persons--Remedies for recovery of expense by county. Subject to the provisions of this chapter and except as expressly provided, if a hospital furnishes emergency hospital services to a medically indigent person, the county where the medically indigent person has established residency is liable to the hospital for the reimbursement of the hospitalization. In the case of nonemergency care, the county of residence is liable only to the extent that the board of county commissioners, in good faith, approves an application for assistance. If a county provides payment for nonemergency services, the services shall be approved by the county before the services are provided. To the extent that the county provides payment to a hospital, the county has the same remedies for the recovery of the expense as are provided by chapter 28-14 for the recovery of money expended for the relief and support of poor and indigent persons. The individual did apply for medical assistance, and supplied all the information that was required. After reviewing the information, this individual would be eligible. The original cost of the bill was $24,023.35 and after receiving back from the South Dakota Department of Social Services from the State they overlooked those bills and give you a cost ratio. The cost to the county would be $3,113.96. Schilling moved to deny the poor relief and was seconded by Holgard. Roll call vote – all voting yes – motion denied.

**Highway:** Schilling moved to approve maintaining Java City roads and seconded by Mohr. Roll call vote – all voting yes – motion carried.

Jungwirth moved to approve new hire JoAnn Nehls at $18.51 per hour and seconded by Holgard. Roll call vote – all voting yes – motion carried.

Mohr moved to approve Penny Goetz part-time for training Tom Hannan and Nehls at $19.01 per hour temporary till Goetz gets Hannan & Nehls trained and seconded by Jungwirth. Roll call vote – all voting yes – motion carried.

Schilling moved to approve the weight limit time extension until further notice and seconded by Mohr. All in favor – all voting aye – motion carried.

**Tisdall House:** Mohr and Jungwirth are resending their motion on the county keeping the property.

**Tax deed properties:** Schilling moved to approve a quick claim deed property and seconded by Holgard. All in favor – all voting aye – motion carried.

**Abatement:** Property in Mobridge on land assessed that they did not own. They had rented the land and somehow got valued on theirs. The amount asking to abate is $967.97 on record #7921, it was already approved by the City of Mobridge.Holgard moved to approve the abatement record #7921 and was seconded by Jungwirth. Roll call vote – all voting yes – motion carried.

**Contract:** Contract with Mobridge Regional Hospital, it is the same as it was last year, we just renew it every year. It is for the same amount of $37,500. Holgard moved to approve the contract with the Hospital and seconded by Mohr. Roll call vote – all voting yes – motion carried.

**Jail Plans:** Reviewed and discussed jail plans.

**Old Business:** Mohr said the county had sold two vehicles at Ulmer Auction. The Impala brought $3,750 and the Tahoe brought $3,000. Mohr wanted to publicly thank Ulmer Auction for putting it on.

**New Business:** None

**Adjourn:** Holgard made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Schilling. All in favor – all voting aye – motion carried.

**APPROVED: ATTEST:**

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