The Hyde County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday April 14, 2020. Present were Robert Bawdon; Chairman, Mel Buchheim, Ronald Van Den Berg, Greg Swenson and Kevin Baloun were present on calling bridge due to COVID 19 precautions. Mike Volek also present.

Chairman Bawdon called the meeting to order. Motion to approve agenda by Buchheim, seconded by Swenson. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried.

The Board reviewed Library Board minutes, Zoning Board minutes, March Commissioner meeting minutes, and fuel quotes for April- #2 Red 5000gal@$1.373, LP Gas 3000gal@$0.859 -Hall Oil & Gas, Ethanol (87 Octane) 1000gal@$1.375 -Agtegra Cooperative. Motion to approve by VanDenBerg, second by Baloun. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. All Reports are on file in the County Auditor’s office.

AUDITOR’S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER as of March 1, 2020: County General $1464573.06, Sheriff Petty Cash $500.00, R&B $972382.89, E911 $739.27, EDS $3836.25, Spouse Abuse $90.00, School District $137200.03, Civil Township $167.25, Highmore City $26678.22, Water District $488.15, Partial Payment $4865.22, State Revolving $23790.24, LEPC $1625.46, Medical Escrow $1092.38, Law Library $4901.13, M&P Fund $38162.03. Register of Deeds Fees: $905.00, Transfer Fees $15.00.

The General Fund unassigned fund balance as of March 31, 2020 is (493615.31).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Ron Mitchell met with the Commissioners via calling bridge. Mitchell reported that he has been unable to reschedule the large-scale exercise due to COVID 19 restrictions. Mitchell also reported he had received 5 radios from the State grant and that Clint Buchholz was setting them up for use. Mitchell informed the Board that Hyde County had its first positive case of COVID 19. Discussion was held regarding quarantine precautions and the resolution that was passed in March. Brief discussion was held regarding passing an ordinance dealing with COVID 19 precautions and quarantine best practices. Mitchell will contact the Highmore Herald to run public service announcements re: quarantine. The Commissioners reviewed 2nd quarter documents. Motion to approve by VanDenBerg, second by Baloun. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion to recess as Board of Commissioners by Swenson, second by Buchheim. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. Recess at 9:00 a.m.

The Board resumed regular session at 9:04 a.m.

ASSSESSOR: Carrie Stephenson met with the Board. Emily Sovell, Deputy State’s Attorney, present via calling bridge. Stephenson asked how the Board wanted to proceed with Variance/CUP permits that had been scheduled and cancelled for the April meeting. Sovell suggested that all permits, etc. be put on hold until COVID 19 restrictions had been lifted in order to have a public hearing.

SHERIFF: Mike Volek met with the Commissioners. Discussion was held regarding purchasing vehicles for deputies. Volek has been looking at 3 from Huron and 3 from Box Elder. Discussion was held regarding mileage/age of vehicles. Board agreed Volek could put a hold on if he finds suitable vehicles. Volek reported that he has hired 2 deputies to start work at the end of May. Bawdon would like the law enforcement Board to meet with the deputies before they start. Volek asked that the law enforcement contract with the city be signed and approved. Bawdon will contact Mayor Day to discuss. Discussion was held regarding road conditions, load limits and the possibility of extending them. Buchheim pointed out that with no enforcement of load limits it made no sense to extend them.

ROAD AND BRIDGE: Mike Cowan met with the Commissioners. Discussion was held regarding road conditions, road closures, culverts, pumping sloughs, and extending load limits. 216th St. limits may be extended dependent on what Hand County does. Cowan reported that Hughes and Sully County would like to work together with Hyde in 2021 to place load limits and work with the highway patrol and carrier enforcement. No action taken. Lengthy discussion was held regarding what the Highway department is doing as far as COVID 19 precautions. The warranty on Patrol 3 will be up in May. Motion by Swenson to purchase 1000 hour/$7250.00 warranty for power train/hydraulics, second by VanDenBerg. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. Cowan presented estimates to repair the Clement Bridge, will research additional costs and bring to May meeting so supplies can be ordered. Cowan reported that the 198th Street from the South Park to past the Nursing Home will need more repairs. Cowan will contact Morris Inc. for an estimate. Motion to approve approach application by Baloun, second by Swenson. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. There was a brief discussion regarding the 17 easements for utility crossings (Triple H Wind Project), that were approved at the March meeting. Cowan will review the locations and sign the easements.

Resolution #2020-013

PLAT OF QUIRK TRACT 1

A RESOLUTION APPROVING the Plat of Quirk Tract 1, a subdivision of the SW ¼ of Section 14, Township 111 North, Range 71 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian, Hyde County, South Dakota.

WHEREAS; the plat of the above described property has been executed according to statute, now therefore;
BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commission in and for the county of Hyde, does hereby approve the said Plat of Quirk Tract 1, a subdivision of the SW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 111 North, Range 71 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian, Hyde County, South Dakota.

Motion by Buchheim to adopt Resolution #2020-013, second by Swenson.

VOTING AYE:
Mel Buchheim
Kevin Baloun
Ronald VanDenBerg
Greg Swenson

VOTING NAYE: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

Motion passed and Resolution adopted on April 14, 2020.

Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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Marilyn Ring, Auditor

BUDGET: Motion by VanDenBerg, second by Baloun to approve operating transfer from the County General Fund to E911-$5000.00. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. Ring reported that the Election budget would most likely need to be supplemented at some point due to the extra supplies needed due to COVID 19 precautions.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS: The Board reviewed a revised quote from All Spray Foam Inc. to repair the roof of the Highway Shop. They are offering a discount of 10% if you pay in 3 installments. The original quote was $15780.00, the discounted price is $14202.00. A down payment of $4970.70 would be the first payment, progress payment of $4970.70 when materials are ordered, and final payment of $4260.60 when work is completed. Motion to authorize Ring to issue down payment check to All Spray Foam Inc. for $4970.70 by VanDenBerg, second by Buchheim. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. Brief discussion was held regarding fuel for the courthouse, all agreed to bid 3000 gallons for May.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Ronnie VanDenBerg gave a brief update on the Enhancement District.

WEED: The Board reviewed a memo from Dave Tatum. Discussion was held regarding use of county pickup. Commissioners agreed that once Tatum starts spraying it is ok for him to take the county pickup home in order to avoid contact with highway employees. Mac’s Corner Ag got the chemical bid for the County. Tatum has been mapping trees in the road ROW and preparing to spray. Tatum is concerned that muskrats may be a problem in the County, causing damage to roads and causing culverts to wash out.

The Board reviewed an email from Tonja Jessen at the Conservation District re: Fitness Center payments. There are no longer any participants from the Conservation District so Jessen asked that when it is time to renew the County take over. Basically, this involves Hyde County sending a check directly to Hand County Memorial Hospital instead of passing checks through the Conservation District as per the previous agreement. Commissioners agreed the County will handle the contract renewal and payment process.

Mike Mason, representing Highmore Housing Development, met with the Board via calling bridge. Sovell also present via calling bridge. Mason reported that their Board would like to work with the Commission on future tax deed properties in order to obtain lots for new housing. Sovell explained that the HHD Board could purchase the tax certificate from the owner before the county declared it as surplus and put the property out for bids. Mason informed the Commission that it costs approximately $5000-$7000 to tear down these houses and get the lots in shape for new housing. The Commission agreed that they would be willing to work with the HHD Board in the future and Sovell would like to attend a meeting to further explain the tax deed process.

STATE’S ATTORNEY: Emily Sovell met with the Board via calling bridge. Emergency Manager Ronnie Mitchell also present via calling bridge. Lengthy discussion was held regarding COVID 19 precautions, positive cases, best practices for quarantine, and the possibility of enacting an ordinance for tougher restrictions than in previously approved resolution dealing with COVID 19. Sovell has contacted business owner with employee that has had possible exposure. The business owner is agreeable to quarantine precautions and will take immediate action to protect the safety of the public. Brief discussion was held regarding the question of Dave Tatum being able to carry a rifle in a county vehicle to shoot muskrats. Sovell stressed that unless that person is certified as law enforcement it is prohibited and should not be
allowed. The Board reviewed one new notice of hospitalization. Sovell and the Board reviewed Notices of Appeal for Account#HK10248188, notices signed by Bawdon and Ring.

TAX DEED PROPERTY: As advertised the bid for the Tax Deed Property was opened at 11:45 a.m. for Lots 3 and 4, in Block 3, Parker’s Town addition of the City of Highmore, Hyde County, South Dakota, also commonly known as 120 3rd St. SW, Highmore, SD. Bid Submitted: $800.00 by Kurt Hieb. Sovell was present for the bid opening via calling bridge. Brief discussion was held regarding amount of money county has in this property with taxes, publications, etc., amount is approximately $2243.00, full and true value of the property is $11917.00. Motion by Baloun to accept bid, second by Swenson. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried.

CLAIMS: Motion by Baloun, seconded by Buchheim to approve the following claims and authorize the County Auditor to issue warrants in the payment of claims. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS: Highmore Herald, publishing, $361.59; ELECTIONS: American Stamp & Marking, ballot stamps, $40.13, ES&ES, training, $425.00, McCleod’s Printing, absentee mail envelopes/wrappers, $420.00; JUDICIAL: SDACC, 1st quarter CLERP payment, $1584.00; AUDITOR: Highmore Herald, publishing annual report, $184.35, Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender, court rules, $58.44, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, postage, $9.30, VISA, supplies, $50.36; TREASURER: Connecting Point, professional services/computer, $1644.00, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, postage/supplies, $42.00; COPY: Ad&B Business, maintenance contract, $63.09; STATE’S ATTORNEY: Mashek’s Food Center, supplies, $19.85, Jessica Paulsen, professional services, $108.80, Prairie Thistle, rent, $200.00, SD Public Health Laboratory, professional services, Emily Sovell, reimbursement for supplies/computer, $1843.98; GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS: DVL Fire and Safety, inspections/service, $128.25, H&H Plumbing, repairs at courthouse, $859.26, Pam Hamlin, professional services, $560.00, Hughes Electric, repairs at highway shop, $665.75, Mashek’s, supplies, $74.18, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, supplies, $4.52, Share Corporation, supplies, $129.93, VISA, drop-box, $74.50; ASSESSOR: Connecting Point, professional services, $80.00, Highmore Herald, publishing, $15.78; REGISTER OF DEEDS: Connecting Point, professional services/supplies, $162.95; SHERIFF: American Solutions for Business, supplies, $148.88, Beadle County Auditor, 2nd Quarter Victim Witness Coordinator, $1025.00, Steve Bonnichsen, professional services, $2300.00, Connecting Point, professional services/installation, $319.25, Hall Oil & Gas, fuel for deputy vehicle, $99.90, Highmore Herald, publishing, $94.50, Ken Hoffman, professional services, $40.00, Homestead Lumber, supplies, $49.48, Ethan Thomas, professional services, $40.00; LIBRARY: Hall Oil & Gas, propane, $151.13, Tina Hamlin, reimbursement for supplies, mileage, $75.47, Highmore Herald, publishing, $22.50, Miller Press, subscription, $60.00, Vilas Drug, supplies, $2.49; WEED: Benco Products, repairs, $52.23, CNH Productivity Plus (Titan), repairs, $6.14, Highmore Herald, publishing/supplies, $45.51, Homestead Lumber, repairs, $8.79, Kaiser’s Welding, repairs, $18.20, Mac’s Corner Ag Supply, chemical, $580.00, Office Depot, supplies, $120.00, Runnings, supplies, $63.34, SD Association of Weed & Pest Board, 2020 Dues, $150.00; ROAD & BRIDGE: Advance Auto Parts, supplies, $241.39, CCP Industries, supplies, $400.70, CNH Productivity Plus (Titan), repairs, $3393.17, Diamond Mowers, repairs, $1802.53, Floyd’s Truck Center, repairs, $88.06, Grossenburg Implement, repairs, $64.42, Hall Oil & Gas, fuel/propane, $6414.07, Highmore Herald, publishing, $81.00, Hoffman Trenching, professional services, $8568.64, Homestead Lumber, supplies/repairs, $157.92, Inland Truck, repairs, $107.04, Jan Busse Ford, repairs, $16.00, Kaiser’s Welding, repairs, $41.00, Kristi Brunes, professional services, $80.00, Lyle Signs, supplies, $1550.46, Mashek’s, supplies, $1.89, Michael Todd & Company, repairs, $130.71, Morris Inc., professional services, $8334.18, Peterbilt of Sioux Falls, repairs, $2244.49; RDO Equipment, repairs, $6108.94, Runnings, supplies, $119.98, Rural Healthcare Inc., professional services, $35.00, SD DOT Finance Office, maintenance on 216th St., $382.06, Team Laboratory Chemical, professional services, $772.50, Ulteig, professional services, $2014.00, Vilas Drug, supplies, $58.29, Weidenbach Ranch, gravel royalties, $2137.00, E911: Mid Dakota Rural Water System, service at towers (2), $350.00; EDS: Ronnie Mitchell, monthly cell service, $20.00; MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS: Capital Area Refuse LLC, utilities, $418.00; Century Link, utilities, $107.20; City of Highmore, utilities, $175.47; Northwestern Energy, utilities, $1038.66; Venture Communications, utilities, $1415.36; Verizon Wireless, utilities, $108.64, Wellmark, health insurance, $24826.23, SDRS, contributions, $3048.04, AFLAC, cancer, intensive care, accident & dental insurance, $401.79, Heartland State Bank, FICA, $5728.07.

SALARIES: Commissioner, $3390.05, Travel: Buchheim $13.44; Auditor $5767.92; Treasurer $5234.04; States’ Attorney $4983.33; Assessor $3785.04, Register of Deeds $5378.70; Sheriff $4291.67; EDS $562.25; E911 $276.62; Road & Bridge $22705.80; Library $2343.33; Extension $730.08; Wellmark, health insurance, $24826.23, SDRS, contributions, $3048.04, AFLAC, cancer, intensive care, accident & dental insurance, $401.79, Heartland State Bank, FICA, $5728.07.

Motion was made by Buchheim to adjourn at 11:56 a.m., second by VanDenBerg. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday May 5, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Robert Bawdon, Chairman

ATTIST:
Marilyn Ring, Hyde County Auditor

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