

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday December 29, 2020. Present were Robert Bawdon, Chairman; Mel Buchheim, Ronald VanDenBerg, and Kevin Baloun. Greg Swenson was present via calling bridge. Also present via calling bridge: Mary Ann Morford.

Bawdon called the meeting to order. Motion to approve agenda, with the removal of Lynnette Eckert from Central Plains Water Development District, by Buchheim, second by VanDenBerg. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board reviewed Library Board minutes and December Commissioner meeting minutes. Motion to approve by VanDenBerg, second by Buchheim. All in favor, motion carried. All Reports are on file in the County Auditor's office.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Jim Stephenson met with the Board via calling bridge. Stephenson informed the Board that he would be available to help the Deputy Sheriff if needed. The Board reviewed a signature form for LEMPG. Motion to approve/sign form for quarter reports by Buchheim, second by Baloun. All in favor, motion carried.

BURN BAN: Discussion was held regarding removing the burn ban. Motion to rescind burn ban by Baloun, second by VanDenBerg. Voting aye: Buchheim, Baloun, VanDenBerg, Swenson, Bawdon. Voting nay: None. Absent and not voting: None. Motion carried.

SHERIFF: The Board reviewed jail contracts (4), Faulk County raised from \$50.00 to \$90.00 per day, Charles Mix \$65.00 per day, Hughes County \$80.00 per day, Hughes County Juvenile \$295.00 per day. Motion by VanDenBerg to approve all contracts, second by Baloun. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion was held regarding law enforcement coverage. Bawdon has contacted Faulk County Sheriff, Kurt Hall, and he is willing to help. Deputy Sheriff Brady is taking classes both online/in person for certification. The Board will ask whether Brady can do his online classes from the Courthouse so he is more centrally located if needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Buchheim, second by Baloun to enter Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. with Deputy State's Attorney Emily Sovell present via phone, for personnel matters. All in favor, motion carried. Commission resumed regular session at 10:00 a.m.

LEPC: Brief discussion was held regarding officers for LEPC for the upcoming year. Morford informed the Board that their meeting was Wednesday and they would possibly be appointing replacement officers.

BUDGET: Motion by VanDenBerg, second by Baloun to approve an operating transfer from the County General Fund to E911-\$5000.00. All in favor, motion carried.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS: Baloun reported that materials are still on order to repair the back door of the Courthouse.

ROAD & BRIDGE: Mike Cowan met with the Commissioners via calling bridge. The Board reviewed a map of the Spring Lake project. The CPWDD awarded Hyde County \$5530.00 to assist with engineering costs for this project. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the haul road agreement for the Triple H wind project, and the roads that have been graveled/repared. Cowan informed the Board that he will provide a list of potential work projects, etc. that are unfinished at this time, things he was reviewing and wanted them to be aware of. Cowan will be returning his pickup, cell phone, etc. to the Highway Department due to his retirement. The Commissioners thanked Cowan for his years of service. Buchheim will deliver a plaque to Cowan in recognition of his years with Hyde County. Lengthy discussion was held regarding highway superintendent applicants and their interviews. Motion by Baloun to offer job to applicant #4 at a salary of \$47185.32, second by Buchheim. Voting aye: Buchheim, Baloun, Swenson,

Bawdon. Voting nay: VanDenBerg. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried. Baloun will contact applicant.

TREASURER: The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Deb Houdek. Motion by Buchheim, second by Baloun, to accept with regret, Houdek's resignation with thanks for her years of service to the County. Houdek was presented with a gift card from the Commissioners. Sherri Dittman met with the Board to let them know that she had hired Christina Schultz as Deputy Treasurer. She will start in January at a rate of \$14.75 per hour.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT: Brandie Pitts and Russ Olson from the Department of Legislative Audit met with the Board. Russ Olson is the Auditor General and supervises Pitts. Pitts performed the audit of the fiscal years 2018-2019 for Hyde County. Olson presented the Board with the formal audit report and Pitts reviewed the audit. Hyde County received an unmodified opinion, which is the best you can receive. There are several issues to be resolved involving distribution of state funds. Olson and Pitts asked that they be contacted with any questions or concerns, as they are always available to help.

The Board reviewed 4 Notices of Hospitalization.

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. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS: Amber Waves, supplies, \$31.95, Dept of Legislative Audit, 2018-2019 Audit, \$12655.70, Pam Hamlin, reimbursement for supplies, \$55.27, Highmore Herald, publishing, \$118.35, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, postage, \$16.00; ELECTIONS: Highmore Herald, printing, \$175.00, Mcleod's Printing, absentee envelopes, \$150.00, Quoin Financial Bank, postage/meals, \$42.45; AUDITOR: American Solutions for Business, supplies, \$305.92, Highmore Herald, tax forms, \$191.20, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, postage, \$2.60, US Postmaster, postage, \$770.00; TREASURER: American Solutions for Business, supplies, \$72.94, Connecting Point, professional services, \$55.00, Highmore Herald, publishing, \$72.96, Larjo's, tax books, \$609.60, US Postmaster, postage, \$1210.00; COPIER: A&B Business, copier maintenance, \$68.34; STATE'S ATTORNEY: A&B Business, copier maintenance, \$169.72, SDCLE, Dakota disc, \$500.00, Prairie Thistle, rent, \$225.00; GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS: Connecting Point, professional services, \$79.00, G&R Controls, repairs, \$66.25, Highmore Herald, publishing, \$67.50, Mashek's Food Center, supplies, \$81.06, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, supplies, \$62.61; ASSESSOR: American Solutions for Business, furniture, \$1407.55, Highmore Herald, supplies, \$135.00, US Postmaster, postage, \$455.00; REGISTER OF DEEDS: American Solutions for Business, supplies, \$98.46, Highmore Herald, supplies, \$55.00, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, postage/supplies, \$11.88, US Postmaster, postage, \$265.00; VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER: Hand County Auditor, shared VSO 4th quarter salary, \$1055.28; SHERIFF: Steve Bonnichsen, professional services, \$216.64, Pam Hamlin, professional services, \$120.00, Highmore Herald, publishing, \$948.00, Jan Busse Ford, supplies, \$435.00, David Roshau, decals, \$375.00, SD Sheriff's Association, dues, \$542.60, US Postmaster, postage, \$290.00, Al Volek, professional services, \$8238.97, Michael Volek, reimbursement for supplies, \$172.50; LIBRARY: Collaborative Summer Reading Program, supplies, \$250.46, Demco, supplies, \$502.96, Hall Oil & Gas, propane, \$157.77, Mid America Books, 27 books, \$148.20, People, subscription, \$115.30, Quill.com, supplies, \$353.20, Quoin Financial Bank-postage, \$44.90; EXTENSION: US Postmaster, postage, \$275.00; WEED: US Postmaster, postage/box rent, \$119.00; ROAD & BRIDGE: Advance Auto Parts, supplies, \$521.44, B&P Partnership, professional services, \$12110.00, Butler Machinery, supplies, \$775.18, CNH Productivity Plus (Titan), repairs/supplies, \$253.48, Dakota Oil, supplies, \$907.45, Hall Oil & Gas, fuel/propane, \$7062.07, City of Highmore, professional services, \$690.84, Jan Busse Ford, repairs, \$364.52, Kaiser's Welding, repairs, \$29.07, Lyle Signs, supplies, \$188.91, Office Depot, supplies, \$84.58, RDO Equipment, repairs, \$1751.22, SDDOT Finance Office, bridge inspections, \$820.98, Servall, maint/supplies, \$21.46, US Postmaster, postage, \$55.00, Weidenbach Ranch, 4th Quarter gravel royalties, \$10725.00; REGISTER OF DEEDS MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION: US Records Midwest, professional services, \$899.97; LEPC: Highmore Herald, ink cartridges, \$108.00; MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS: Capital Area Refuse, utilities, \$148.00, Century Link, utilities, \$107.20; City of Highmore, utilities, \$196.07; Northwestern Energy, utilities, \$694.63; Venture Communications, utilities, \$1396.98; Verizon Wireless, utilities, \$183.84,

Wellmark, health insurance, \$22204.57, SDRS, contributions, \$3471.66, AFLAC, cancer, intensive care, accident & dental insurance, \$401.79, Heartland State Bank, FICA, \$4611.23.

SALARIES: Commissioner, \$3390.05, Travel: Buchheim \$13.44; Auditor \$5785.29; Treasurer \$7382.03; States' Attorney \$5107.19; Assessor \$3785.04; Register of Deeds \$5520.45; Sheriff \$7653.67; EDS \$562.25; E911 \$276.62; Road & Bridge \$30086.71; Library \$2382.84; Extension \$821.34; Weed \$4318.97. Boards: Weed: \$255.00, Travel: \$57.12; Library: \$360.00; Planning & Zoning: \$255.00, Travel: \$76.80.

Motion was made by Buchheim to adjourn at 11:13 a.m., second by Baloun. All in favor, motion carried. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Robert Bawdon, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marilyn Ring, Hyde County Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost of _____.