The Hyde County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday May 5, 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.

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

The Board reviewed Weed Board minutes, April Commissioner meeting minutes, and fuel quotes for May. #2 Red 5000gal@$1.479, #2 Red 3000gal@$1.479 (courthouse fuel) - Hall Oil & Gas. Motion to approve by VanDenBerg, second by Buchheim. 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 May 1, 2020: County General $1796440.41, Sheriff Petty Cash $500.00, R&B $996086.69, E911 $4852.26, EDS $3154.90, Spouse Abuse $90.00, School District $927892.13, Civil Township $931.55, Highmore City $229432.21, Water District $3129.89, Partial Payment $1243.73, State Revolving $38181.48, LEPC $1625.46, Medical Escrow $1317.38, Law Library $4920.13, M&P Fund $38231.03. Register of Deeds Fees: $1082.00, Transfer Fees $310.00.

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 reported that the radios (5) from the state grant had not been programmed yet. He wants one to go to the Sheriff, one to an ambulance, and three to the Fire Department. The plan would be to apply for five more next year. Mitchell reported that he will be deployed for approximately 10 months. Discussion was held regarding someone to fill in for him as Emergency Manager. Mitchell will contact Regional Coordinator and surrounding counties to check for availability.

SHERIFF: Mike Volek met with the Commissioners. Discussion was held about road conditions related to Triple H Wind Project. Drivers for the project have gotten off course and are getting stuck and tearing up roads that are not in the haul road agreement. Discussion was held regarding purchasing a used vehicle and keeping the old Expedition for deputies. The Board reviewed quotes from several dealerships. Motion by Buchheim to approve purchase of 2018 Explorer from Jan Busse Ford for $25300.00 (43470 miles), second by Baloun. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. Volek introduced Sydney Word and Nathen Brady as his new deputies. Both deputies will start work later in May.

WEED: Dave Tatum met with the Board via calling bridge. Tatum informed the Commissioners that he has been spraying trees in the ROW. Tatum reported that the technician from G&R Controls would be here in mid-May to disassemble the boiler. Brief discussion was held regarding holding off spraying road tops for a few weeks.

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES: Motion by VanDenBerg, second by Baloun to approve the following renewal applications for malt beverage licenses: D&K Outpost Highmore, SD and Mac’s Corner Stephan, SD. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding complaints about raw sewage being discharged from the campground south of the Nursing Home. City Council is also aware of the problem. VanDenBerg will contact the landowner about pumping the septic tank on the property.

JUNK: Motion by Buchheim, second by VanDenBerg that the following R&B items be declared junk to be destroyed: retractable cord reel, (2) 3x5 floor mats, 6200P modem serial #MXL2032DMS, 22” LCD monitor serial #CNK1320WMS, HP Pro 8620 printer serial #CN48RD413Z, Sanitaire vacuum cleaner serial #1608007827. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE: Mike Cowan met with the Commissioners via phone bridge. Discussion was held regarding road conditions, road closures, Triple H trucks using the wrong roads, pumping sloughs, and
problems near Spring Lake. Larry Kerr met with the Board via phone bridge. Kerr asked that the Commissioners consider using crushed rock on some of the bad spots on the roads. Kerr asked that Cowan and the Board try to find a cost-effective solution to help the county be proactive in repairing roads. Cowan will look into getting crushed or screened rock to use for repairing roads. Swenson inquired about the availability of FEMA funds; the County is still waiting on FEMA payments from 2019. Motion by Baloun, second by Swenson to approve purchase of box scraper for $5950.00. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. Discussion was held regarding SDDOT Bridge replacement program. Cowan suggested that it would be a good program for the Clement bridge #35150174. The program is set up to provide 81.95% federal funds with a 18.05% local match. Cowan will contact Brosz Engineering to get estimates for projects. Applications for this program are due June 12, 2020. There is also a bridge removal program that may be an option for the Gallagher bridge #35098430.

BID OPENING: As advertised bid opening for repairs to 198th St. were opened at 10:00 am. Morris Inc., being the only bidder, submitted the following bid: Mobilization (includes taxes and bond)-$25800.00, Process -in-place existing (6” depth), Equalize, and laydown- $20900.00, Asphalt concrete composite- SDDOT Class E Type 1- $124200.00 for a total bid of $170900.00. Motion by Swenson to accept bid, second by Baloun. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried.

AUTO SUPPLEMENT: Motion by VanDenBerg, second by Swenson to approve automatic supplement to Road & Bridge budget in the amount of $2014.00 (amount of reimbursement from Triple H Wind for Road Inventory deposited to R&B cash). Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried.

STATE’S ATTORNEY: Emily Sovell met with the Board via calling bridge. Carrie Stephenson also present. Sovell reported that ongoing ROW issues in Holabird have been resolved. Discussion was held regarding scheduling public hearings for CUP application for Meridian Wind Project. Sovell feels that with COVID 19 restrictions it is ok to wait until July 7, by then the hearing can possibly be held in the main arena of the auditorium with proper social distancing, using ZOOM and/or calling bridge for interested parties. Sovell advised it would be best to have a court reporter there for the public hearing, she will contact Cheri Wittler. Stephenson will contact Casey Willis for input. The Board reviewed building permits for the Triple H Wind Project for a substation, and ADLS (Aviation Detection Lighting System). No objections noted. A lengthy discussion was held regarding holding a regional high school rodeo in Highmore June 5-7 and how you would be able to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and proper hygiene. The Board agreed unanimously that they do not endorse having a large public gathering where it would be nearly impossible to follow the recommendations of the CDC in regards to containing the spread of COVID 19. A discussion was held regarding the recent sale of the “Norton” tax deed property. There is a question from the buyer regarding title insurance. Sovell will contact the buyer’s attorney for clarification. Tax abatement #360 (abating the taxes on the sold property) was tabled until the title issue is settled. Baloun asked Sovell about the Weed Supervisor carrying a firearm. Sovell stressed that it is prohibited for an employee to carry a firearm unless they are certified in law enforcement. If that person is not certified it should not be allowed. Discussion was held regarding Triple H trucks damaging roads that are not included in the haul road agreement. The Board asked if there was a provision in the agreement allowing them to assess fines for damages. Sovell will review the agreement and noted that drivers could be fined for overdriving road conditions.

CLAIMS: Motion by Buchheim, second by Swenson 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, $216.95, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, postage, $27.15; ELECTIONS: American Solutions for Business, ink pad/labels, $62.71, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, postage, $11.30, VISA, plexiglass shields (3), $200.96; JUDICIAL: Faulkton Drug, thermometer, $59.29; AUDITOR: American Solutions for Business, print cartridges/post it notes, $186.06; TREASURER: American Solutions for Business, supplies, $56.25, Highmore Herald, publishing, $216.00, Quoin Financial Bank-cash, postage, $9.65; COPIER: A&B Business, maintenance contract, $62.13; STATE’S ATTORNEY: Darlis Perry, professional services, $60.00, Prairie Thistle, rent, $250.00; COURT
APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Konrad Law, Prof. LLC, professional services, $1759.00; GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS: All Spray Foam, down payment on shop roof repairs, $4970.70, Pam Hamlin, professional services, $560.00, John Hoffman Electric, repairs Senior Center, $2331.91, Mashek’s, supplies, $61.04, Marilyn Ring, reimbursement for notary bond/renewal, $80.00, David Roshau, supplies, $20.00, David Tatum, mow courtyard, $50.00, VISA, supplies, $74.50; ASSESSOR: American Solutions for Business, supplies, $99.51, Highmore Herald, publishing, $141.34; REGISTER OF DEEDS: American Solutions for Business, supplies, $57.28; SHERIFF: Steve Bonnichsen, professional services, $320.00, Homestead Lumber, supplies, $18.98, Jan Busse Ford, repairs, $27.50, VISA, COVID supplies, $1329.58; LIBRARY: Barnes & Noble, 35 books, $360.90, DEMCO, supplies, $95.90, Hall Oil & Gas, propane, $46.99, Homestead Lumber, supplies, $65.38; WEED: Warne Chemical, repairs, $94.69; ROAD & BRIDGE: A+ Tires, repairs, $1490.82, Advance Auto Parts, supplies, $83.16, Agtegra Cooperative, fuel, $1388.75, Butler Machinery, repairs, $4743.32, CNH Productivity Plus (Titan), repairs, $279.55, Cheryl Cowan, reimbursement for supplies, $15.34, Hall Oil & Gas, fuel/propane, $5815.46, Highmore Herald, publishing, $0.25, Hoffman Trenching, professional services, $1997.45, Homestead Lumber, supplies, $145.79, Mashek’s, supplies, $6.48, Morris Inc., professional services, $12663.28, Office Depot, supplies/vacuum cleaner, $176.50, Peterbilt of Sioux Falls, repairs, $838.68, Premier Equipment, LLC, box scraper, $5950.00, RDO Equipment, shipping, $7.26, Schaeffer Mfg. Company, supplies, $468.00, SD DOT Finance Office, maintenance on 216th St., $43.77, Servall, maintenance supplies, $20.46; EDS: Ronnie Mitchell, monthly cell service, $20.00; MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS: Capital Area Refuse LLC, utilities, $148.00; Century Link, utilities, $107.20; City of Highmore, utilities, $175.47; Northwestern Energy, utilities, $893.10; Venture Communications, utilities, $1392.46; Verizon Wireless, utilities, $108.64, Wellmark, health insurance, $24826.23, SDRS, contributions, $3200.97, AFLAC, cancer, intensive care, accident & dental insurance, $401.79, Heartland State Bank, FICA, $3885.45.

SALARIES: Commissioner, $3390.05; Auditor $5730.17; Treasurer $5651.42; States’ Attorney $5030.20; Assessor $3785.04, Register of Deeds $5512.58; Sheriff $4291.67; EDS $562.25; E911 $276.62; Road & Bridge $24557.36; Library $2409.03; Extension $790.92; Weed $4318.97.

Motion was made by Buchheim to adjourn at 11:04 a.m., second by Baloun. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion carried. Next scheduled meeting is Thursday June 4, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. due to the Primary Election.

Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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Robert Bawdon, Chairman

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Marilyn Ring, Hyde County Auditor

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