

Regular Meeting Minutes
Butte County Courthouse
Commission Meeting Room
839 5th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
Phone: 605-892-4485

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:32 A.M. on August 05, 2025. Commissioners present were Erk, Walton, Batterman, and Brunner. Absent Ager

Vice Chair Erk called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to approve the meeting agenda with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Pastor Rick Brennen led in a moment of prayer.

Beginning at 9:36 AM, the opportunity for public comments was opened with Sue Broadhurst, and Katie Hoffman speaking on Sourdough Road, notification of mag water application, legal description issues, miles of road in Butte County, letter from President Trump regarding mail-in ballots, voting machines, and tabulators, and a previously submitted petition.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Walton, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration.

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – 05 Aug 2025
- b. Bills per Printout
- c. Apportioning and Other Payments
- d. Travel Requests
 - i. Auditor: Annie Capp and Krinda Fox to attend SOS Election Workshop in Pierre, SD, October 28-29, 2025.

9:45 AM – Opening of Bids: Gaver Road Structure Replacement BRO 8010(00), PCN 09GV.

- Young Gun Construction LLC - \$1,316,393.74
- Halme, Inc. - \$2,044,711.40
- A-G-E Corporation - \$1,409,150.00
- SFC Civil Constructors - \$1,443,560.50
- Heavy Constructors, Inc - \$1,008,066.32
- Corr Construction Services, Inc - \$1,048,231.59
- Grangaard Construction Inc. - \$1,317,608.50

Motion Batterman, Second by Brunner to recommend accepting Heavy Constructor bid for \$1,008,066.32 pending review and DOT concurrence. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich gave an activity report including blading, mowing, hauling of gravel, four miles of Base 3 applied, cost of internal vs external mechanic. Additional discussion was held regarding the safety of drivers and avoiding highly traveled roads during rally.

Heidrich brought up a request from the Heavy Constructors project for putting down fiber on Helmer Road. There is some concern with the tearing up road, and the county needs to repair. Helmer Road has Baseline3 magging. The construction company is willing do a bond or sign an agreement with the county. Heidrich to work with SA Barnaud on an agreement to leave the road in the same or better shape as found and \$100,000 bond for potential repairs.

Extension/4-H Educator Audrey Pruitt gave an activity report including completing her 1st Fair, Fair projects, funds raised during sales increased, 4H Ambassador program, pitchfork fondue, upcoming events, State Fair, website improvements, new club, fair ambassador program, and new soil testing program.

Sheriff Lamphere provided information on revenues trends and the civil process, Pennington County Jail fee increases, the estimate for a concrete slab to go under the Dog Kennel (no action taken), and the vehicle budgeted in 2026 (lease), and surplus of vehicle to another department.

Motion Brunner, Second by Batterman to enter into Executive Session: Legal Counsel 1-25-2(3) at 10:33 AM, Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Exited Executive Session at 10:46 AM. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Motion by Walton to approve the Request for Dismissal of Outstanding Invoices. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Brunner to deny Request for Dismissal of Outstanding Invoices. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

State's Attorney Tim Barnaud gave an activity report that included the number of inmates in jail and active cases.

Auditor Capp gave an activity report including legislative audit, personnel update, and lien report.

Committee Reports were given – Commissioner Batterman will be attending the meeting at City Hall regarding Highway 85

Old/Unfinished - 23Aug2025 will be inaugural Butte County Safety Day 11-2 at Hermann Park. Upgrade to Incode 10 to be rescheduled. More information will be available for old jail 02Sep2025 8:30 Building meeting.

Informational – discussion held regarding notification of property owners of upcoming magging of roads.

PAYMENTS

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$9,096.19, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$14,715.45 , BUILDING- \$0, COMMISSIONERS \$4,308.92, DISPATCH \$118,513.21, ELECTION- \$0, EM/911 \$989.72, EXTENSION \$1,936.80, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$31,134.91, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,213.93, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,794.20, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$25,646.43, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$12,385.52, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,518.99, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$878.85, LW OFF A BRYSON \$765.00,

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$10,130.29

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,659.10

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$33,038.31

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

JUROR FEES \$574.62, AVR OCC MED \$37.70, A HILL CNSLT \$349.34, A PRUITT \$234.66, CMPBL CO CLK OF CRT \$5.00, CLBTH & SPLCH ATTNY \$6,117.09, CNTY DRG \$319.40, DBL STAR \$7,467.97, ECO LB \$133.50, FEDEX \$62.96, FSH WNDW CLN \$217.30, GENE'S LCK \$2,036.91, J HLPRT \$115.00, KNNY LW \$1,597.69, LYMAN CO AUD \$2,632.00, MNMNT HLTH \$65.00, NLSN LW \$720.06, PNNGTN CO JL \$210.00, QUIK SIGNS \$96.50, R BACHMAN \$240.00, RYL SPR \$956.00, SD ASSN CO OFF \$324.00, SD DEPT REV \$2,212.36, SD DEV CNTR \$60.00, SD PUB HLTH LB \$80.00, SDACC \$5,695.00, SRVL UNFRM \$851.04, SD SEC ST \$30.00, SD MTR VEH \$314.72, WSTR SD JUV SRV CTR \$12,865.00

PUBLICATIONS

BH PNR \$838.02

RENT/LEASE

BH PURE \$112.00, CNTRY BUS PRD \$669.82, THMS R-WST \$215.25

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

AUTO PROS \$4,287.08, BTL MCHN \$13,464.87, G&R CNTRL \$1,240.00, KONE \$536.44

SUPPLIES

AUTO VLU BF \$3,163.63, BCKL TRK & DSL SRVC \$509.09, CBH \$3,665.39, CRNWL \$76.95, INLD TRK PTS \$7,526.92, DKTAMRT \$79.97, MSTRCRD \$4,430.09, MCLEODS \$21.50, NWL HRDWR \$6.69, OLD HCKRY SHD \$11,275.25, OLSN FL \$11,428.81, O'RLY AP \$ 90.91, PHSLND IND \$343.85, PR AUTO PRT \$156.91, RPD DELV \$24.38, RNNGS \$2,047.05, SGN SLTNS \$2,212.21, WD LRSN \$707.41, WELLS PLBM \$65.09, WNZR \$66.59, Z PRD \$511.50

TRAVEL/CONFERENCE

SDACC \$880.00

UTILITIES

AT&T \$1,064.78, BH ENRGY \$497.13, BLUPK \$1,066.81, BUTTE ELEC \$145.33, BM SAN WTR DIS \$55.00, CNTRY LNK \$745.66, CNTRY LNK \$150.22, CTY BF \$120.60, GLDN WST \$7.17, MDU \$314.82, MTRLA \$299.00, TWN NSLND \$83.38

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

James Ager, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor