

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

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Commissioners present were Ager, Erk, Walton, Batterman, and Brunner.

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

Motion by Batterman, Second by Walton to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of 12.5 Executive Session: Cyber Security 1-25-2(6.d). Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Pastor Sheri Fadley led with a moment of prayer.

Beginning at 9:33 AM, an opportunity for public comments was opened with Dale Simanton providing comments regarding how prioritization of roads is determined and the number of employees in the Administrative offices.

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Commissioner Bruner shared information on 3.g, approach for the Eszlinger subdivision, the planning commission's recommendation, and future considerations. Highway Superintendent Heidrich will follow up with the landowner.

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 – 06May2025
- b. County Lien Report

	<i>EXPENSES</i>	<i>EXPENSES</i>	<i>RECOVERED</i>	<i>RECOVERED</i>
	<i>APR 2025</i>	<i>YTD</i>	<i>APR 2025</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<i>CAA/PUBLIC DEFENDER</i>	\$ 29,833.33	\$ 132,354.76	\$ 3,940.07	\$ 21,637.17
<i>JAIL</i>	\$ 32,897.34	\$ 181,436.65	\$ 1,787.07	\$ 13,419.71
<i>POOR LIEN</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00	0.00	\$ 2,493.00
<i>REG JUV DETENTION</i>	\$ 310.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 48,989.38

- c. Bills per Printout
- d. Apportioning and Other Payments
- e. Register of Deeds Report
- f. Wage Increases
 - i. Sheriff – Polly Jones Step 4 (full wage) \$25.39
- g. Planning: Owner: Patty Eszlinger Niesent & Richard Niesent; LOTS 2A and 5 of Eszlinger Subdivision Formerly Lot 2 of Eszlinger Subdivision and a Portion of the SW4SE4SE4 of Section 8, T8N, R2E, Located in the SW4SE4SE4 of Section 8, T8N, R2E, B.H.M., Butte County, South Dakota
- h. Highway
 - i. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways – Black Hills Energy – Valley Township Road – Underground Service line.

Jennifer Siesmeta, Director of the BH Council of Local Government, presented the BHCLG 2024 Annual Report, including information on members and staffing, background and services, funding, 2024 highlights, projects by county, and potential assistance with the building task force. Additional discussion was held regarding building needs for the county and potential next steps, including a survey, hiring an architect, a capital improvement project, return on investment, financing, and a planning director.

Auditor Capp presented an activity report on behalf of Butte County Nurse Malynda Wolf, including maternal and child health programs, immunizations, and DOH program updates.

Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich provided an activity report, including fixing rain-damaged roads and installing culverts.

Discussion was held regarding the rewrite of the Application to Construct an Approach or Driveway to a County Road. An additional line will be added regarding exemptions and brought back for commissioner approval.

Sheriff Lamphere provided a monthly activity report including new outfit, drone usage, training, building inspection results, and citizens in jail. Jail expenses were discussed as well as trends for liens. Commissioner Ager asked for a demonstration of the drone during the 01Jul2025 regular meeting.

Short recess was called

Auditor Capp provided an activity report focused on recent attendance at the SDACO Spring Workshop, important upcoming dates, and recent DOR newsletter.

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to approve Payment to the Ambulance Dept by Resolution 2025-03 in the amount of \$106,406.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk to approve Indigent Burial request from Leverington Funeral Home - \$2,000.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner to approve 2025-2026 Annual Malt Beverage Renewal Applications. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Besler's Cadillac Ranch Beverage 19314 Helmer Road Saint Onge, SD 57779-7931	A portion of: Lot 4 Part, Lot 3 Part, SW1/4 NW1/4 Part, Lot 1 Sec 2 Part SE1/4 NE1/4 Sec 2 Part, Section 1, Twp 7, Range 2	Retail (on-off sale) Malt SD Farm Wine (Sunday Sales)
Stone House Saloon Beverage 19001 2Y Ranch Lane Belle Fourche, SD 57717	Section 21, Twp 8, Range 1E	Retail (on-off sale) Malt SD Farm Wine (Sunday Sales)

Discussion was held regarding Administration Building Landscaping. Motion Brunner, Seconded by Erk to approve proposal from Startz & Startz Landscaping for \$7,200.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman, to enter into Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2(1) at 11:40 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Exited Executive Session at 1:19 PM. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

No action taken on agenda item Executive Session: Cyber Security 1-25-2(6.d).

Committee Reports were given:

- Brunner – Planning meeting held
- Batterman – EDC this Wednesday
- Walton/Ager – Ambulance meeting this Thursday

Old Business – Courtroom flip request for quote. Capp to reach out to Sheriff Lamphere and Shawn Sorenson.

Informational –

- SDACC Counties Leading Efficient & Accountable Reform (CLEAR) letter shared.
- 4H group to install pavers around the picnic table at the Administration Building.
- Consolidation of county offices (DOE, VSO, etc.)

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 P.M. Vote Unanimous.
Motion Carried.

PAYMENTS

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$9,286.53, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$17,124.24, BUILDING- \$0, COMMISSIONERS \$4,278.92, DISPATCH \$14,293.25, ELECTION- \$0, EM/911 \$989.72, EXTENSION \$1,936.80, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$25,724.82, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,213.92, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,794.19, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$22,773.96, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$12,417.22, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,518.99 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$878.85

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$9,388.78

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,142.09

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$29,774.38

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

AVERA OCC MED \$36.60, CHARLES EDSON \$114.36, CTY OF BF \$24.00, CNTY DRUG \$306.17, DPT HLTH \$290.00, DBL STAR \$3,745.98, ECOLAB \$741.25, K DLAHYD \$144.00, KNNY LAW \$2,168.72, KNSTN & KLN APPRSL \$550.00, LENOVO \$6,015.32, LVNGTN FNRL HM \$2,000.00, MTRLA SLTNS \$299.00, NTNL MED RSRCS \$175.00, OFFC CHLD FMLY SRVC \$9,464.74, PNNINGTN CO JAIL \$457.15, R GARZA \$137.41, SD ASSN CNTY OFFCL \$468.00, SD DPT RVN \$166.88, SD DPT TRANSP \$4,345.28, SD DVLPMNT CNTR \$60.00, SD HMN SRVCS CNTR \$19.73, SRVL UNFRM \$688.24, STRGS AMBU \$300.00, LAW OFF A BRYSON \$1,979.26, T HAUGEN \$60.00, WCKRLE LAW \$3,286.50

PUBLICATIONS

BH PNEER \$2,762.93,

RENT/LEASE

BH PURE \$91.75, CNTRY BUS PRDCTS \$483.16, CLLGN \$161.50, THMS R-WST \$215.25

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

BTLR MCHNRY \$2,692.41, WD LRSN \$493.71, CRNTT CNSTRC \$768.06, DKTA FLD PWR \$719.21, EATI \$1,124.76, INLND TRCK \$1,567.50, KONE \$536.44, ROGUE MTRSPRTS \$233.17, RYL SPRY LWN \$208.50, RSHMR COMM \$468.00, SPRFS ELCTRC \$2,668.25, WST TIRE \$16,544.00, WOLFF PLMB \$419.95

SUPPLIES

AUTO VALUE BF \$1,184.08, CBH \$3,182.32, DMC WEAR PTS \$4,181.00, HLLYRD \$466.33, MSTRCRD \$4,212.00, MCGAS \$20.00, NTRN AG SLTNS \$ 3,133.44, OFFC EMP \$234.32, OLSN FUELS \$9,607.27, O'RLY AUTO \$11.39, PTNY BWS \$91.29, PRAIRIE AUTO \$22.99, RNNGS \$4,973.77, TM LAB CORP \$2,038.00

TRAVEL/CONFERENCE

CONVENE \$10.00, ECONO LDG \$78.80

UTILITIES

BH ENGY \$374.24, BLUEPEAK \$1,033.64, BUTTE ELCTRC \$248.67, BM SAN WTR DIS \$55.00,
CNTRYLNK \$1,553.89, CNTRYLNK \$131.10, GLDN WST \$23.97, MNTNA DKTA \$1,019.83,
TWN NSLND \$80.26

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

James Ager, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County

Auditor