

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

Tuesday, April 01, 2025

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on April 01, 2025. Commissioners present were Ager, Erk, Walton, and Batterman. Absent Brunner.

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

Pastor Smith led a moment of prayer.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk to approve the meeting agenda with addition of Executive Session: Personnel 1-25-2 (1) as item 4.5. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Walton, Second by Batterman, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a bumper and local resources.

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 – 18Mar2025
- b. Bills per Printout
- c. Apportioning and Other payments
- d. Auditor's Monthly Settlement with Treasurer
- e. Abatement:
 - i. Parcel 08.2.16.4.11M abate \$280.08 **Revised abatement approved 3/18/25
- f. Wage Increases
 - i. Sheriff: Aric Homola Step 4 \$29.70 full wage (effective 1/31/2025).
 - ii. Sheriff: Patrick Kenoyer Step 4 \$29.70 full wage
- g. Highway
 - i. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highway – Heavy Constructors, Inc. – Old Belle Rd – Fiber Optic
 - ii. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highway - Art Walker – Valley 1 Rd – Center Pivot Power Line
 - iii. Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highway - Pat Burke – Old Hwy 85 – Water Line

Beginning at 9:38 AM, the opportunity for public comments was opened with Sue Broadhurst, Dale Simanton, Travis Ismay, Julie Brunner, Chamber Director Michaela Horn, and McCutchen speaking on snow removal, review of expenditures, employee workloads, assessment increases, reduction in spending, property taxes, 10% budget reduction, inspections of marijuana establishments, closure for Good Friday and Easter Monday, Belle Fourche Chamber activities, and Emergency Siren on Ridge Road. Additional discussion was held regarding the siren.

Kailey Snyder from Black Hills Council of Local Governments gave an overview of BHCLG and the Butte County Mitigation Plan. Expected to release plan prior to hail/tornado season. Other discussion included potential FEMA Grants and funding.

Dispatch Supervisor Katy Thompson provided a monthly activity report with a breakdown of calls, a brief explanation of statistics, and 911 remittance.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman, to enter into Executive Session: Legal Counsel 1-25-2(1) at 10:25 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Exited Executive Session at 11:08 AM. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Director of Equalization Cristina Wilson gave an activity report and presented commissioners with quotes for budgeted vehicle.

Motion by Walton, Second by Erk, to approve 2024 Chevy Equinox from Hersruds of Belle Fourche in the amount of \$26,699.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman, to approve annual review for Director of Equalization Cristina Wilson. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chief Deputy March gave an update on the drone delivery and training.

States Attorney Tim Barnaud gave an activity report that included charged cases, types of cases, number of people in custody, and recent arrests.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman to accept revised Public Defender Contract and authorize States Attorney Tim Barnaud to sign. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Auditor Capp gave an activity report including preparation for changes due to legislative updates, local election, upcoming workshops, and building inspections.

Auditor Capp presented the Butte Co Courthouse Rooftop Unit Service Platform Proposal. No action taken - additional quotes to be collected.

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to approve the updated Roster for Vale Fire Department. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Grubl, Mike; Eaton, Crystal; Brunner, Joel; Mark Bruch; Blair, Britton; Blair, Chad; Blair, Ed; Bruch, Bruce; Hansen, Jim; Casteel, Ryan; Eaton, Brett; Blair, Mary; Brittany Grubl; Grant, Zachary; Hespe, Mark D.; Casteel, Mike; Ketelsen, Cole; Lamphere, Lane; Olson, Brad; Stark, Ryan; Mike Bruch; Tennis, Charles; Jim Davis; Colby Crago; Peyton Bahe; Jesse Cibic; Hanson, Sandy; Bruch, David; Davis, Tye; Leber, Sydnee; Casteel, Kenneth; Casteel, Charley; Van Asma, Matt; Dirk, Austin; Brunner, Sara; Casteel, Sara; Bahe, Courtney; Kolb, Justin; Weyrich, Keith.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Ager to approve the Annual Renewal Redwater Cannabis Dispensary License. Roll Call Vote, Batterman - Aye, Walton - Aye, Erk - Aye, Ager - Aye. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding closing offices to the public on Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 18th, and April 21st, 2025. State offices will be closed causing problems in some county offices. Employees who wish to take time off will be required to use vacation time.

Motion by Walton, Second by Ager to close county offices Friday, April 18, 2025, with pay. Roll Call Vote, Batterman - Nay, Walton - Aye, Erk - Nay, Ager - Aye. Motion Failed.

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman to close county offices Friday, April 18, 2025, and Monday, April 21, 2025. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Employees who wish to take time off will be required to use vacation time.

Discussion was held regarding the Courtroom Security – Courtroom flip. Auditor Capp provided the Courtroom Security Grant, previous bids, and cash reserve amounts. Additional discussion held regarding alternative locations for holding court during construction, including court service offices, inefficiencies, safety issues, and options for financing. No action taken. A Request for Bids will be done.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk to call for bid requests for Courtroom security flip. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports were given:

- Batterman – EDC meeting
- Walton and Ager– Ambulance – remounting box on chassis, calls are down
- Capp – LEPC – elected officers and focused on mitigation plan and planning for safety day.

Old/Unfinished/New Business:

- Batterman is arranging to shut the water off at the admin building to check the water pressure
- Credit card issues and resolutions were discussed
- Gaver bridge project will be coming with an estimated cost of \$500,000
- With growth projected more focus should be made on the building working group. Will begin meeting monthly prior to the 1st meeting of the month beginning in June.
- Discussion held regarding cleanup of properties, nuisance/zoning, and potential of reverse taxation in regard to assessments.

Informational:

- Meeting of County Equalization Board 08Apr2025, 1:00 PM.
- 2024 Whitewood Creek residential annual mailings was shared.

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PAYMENTS**SALARY**

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$8,925.38, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$17,134.70, BUILDING- \$0, COMMISSIONERS \$4,158.92, DISPATCH \$16,672.42, ELECTION- \$0, EM/911 \$989.72, EXTENSION \$1,936.80, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$29,960.70, JUDICIA- \$0, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,213.92, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,794.20, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$27,155.54, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$12,417.23, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,519.00 VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$878.85

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$10,170.63

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,827.72

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$30,662.08

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

A LEE \$957.93, A PRUIT \$303.00, A-Z SHRDNG \$26.88, BH MPLNT & FMLY DNTL \$227.46, DUBL STAR \$1,060.00, FSH WNDW CLNING \$99.00, J HLPRT \$2,384.14, K HNT \$1,250.00, K DLAHOYD \$63.75, KNNY LAW \$2,302.71, LWS & CLRK BHVRL HLTH \$225.00, MEADE CO AUDTR \$29,070.00, MOTROLA \$797.33, NMR \$525.00, NLSN LAW \$3,204.71, PNINGTN CO JAIL \$874.50, RDWD TXCLGY LAB \$28.70, R BCHMN \$120.00, SCVL PSYCH \$3,325.41, SD DEPT TRANSPRTATN \$23,758.79, SD PBLC HLTH LAB \$85.00, SDML WRKRS COMP FND \$3,814.00, STLWLL LAW \$273.20, THMSN RTRS-WST \$354.26, WCKRLE LAW \$8,406.50, WSTRN SD JVNL SRVCS \$310.00, YNGBRG LAW \$288.00

PUBLICATIONS

BH PIONEER \$87.92

RENT/LEASE

A&B BUSINESS \$240.53, BH PURE \$50.75, CNTRY BSNSS PRDCTS \$1,094.82, DJ CNSTRCTN & DEV \$2,800.00, PTNY BWS GLBL \$1,068.48, LXSXNS \$349.00, WNDT RNCH \$14,520.00

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

CHSN WTR FRMS \$1,500.00, CRNTT CNSTRCTN \$1,312.16, EATI \$2,326.02, NWLL SRVCE CNTR \$164.38

SUPPLIES

A & J SPPLY \$31.60, CBH \$2,873.31, HRD SALS \$2,500.00, NATL TST SYSTMS \$1,565.14, NUTRN AG \$1,664.64, OFFCE MPRM \$574.59, PTNY BWS BNK RSRV \$7,000.00, PTNY BWS INC \$381.77, RNDY'S TIRS \$3,960.00

TRAVEL/CONFERENCE**UTILITIES**

BH NRGY \$563.61, BLUPEAK \$2,672.68, BF CITY \$506.48, GLDN WST \$23.45

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: James Ager, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County Auditor