REGULAR MEETING OF BRULE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 4, 2024

# The Board of Brule County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. at the Brule County Courthouse. Members present: DeBoer, Dozark, Swanson, Carson, and Mairose. Also present: Dedrich Koch, Deputy States Attorney and Janet Petrak, Central Dakota Times. No conflicts of interest were noted. Greg Kroupa made a public comment regarding the condition of the gravel roads being in poor condition because of the gravel that is being purchased and not meeting specifications. Kroupa also indicated that we have stockpiles of gravel in 2 locations and wondering why we aren’t using that gravel versus buying elsewhere.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to approve the minutes of 3-21-2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent Mike Schlaffman met with the board regarding a tree removal bill received from a Brule County resident. The individual plans on building a house along 342nd Avenue and several trees were in the right of way where utilities needed to be placed. The individual visited with the Highway Superintendent and was informed to get a quote from Rod Reuer to remove. Instead the work was performed and a bill was presented for the County to assist in paying. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to pay half of the bill, $2,040.00, as the trees removed were in the County right of way on a minimum maintenance road. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

During the budgeting process culvert lining for several culverts under Highway 16 was budgeted to be completed in 2024 before the overlay project scheduled in 2025. Subsurface will do the project utilizing Lyman County bid. Schlaffman advised that there is a culvert at the intersection of 345th Ave and 245th St that he would also like to have them line instead of replacing due to all of the utilities in that ditch. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to include this culvert in the project in 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**BIDS**

The following bids were opened for **gravel hauling, stockpiling and gravel:**

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|  | **GRAVEL HAULING** | **PER LOAD** | **GRAVEL** | **PIT** | | **TONS** | **BASE** |
| **COMPANY NAME** | **PER LOADED TON/MILE** | **UNDER 10 MILES** |  | **REUER** | **BOESEN** |  |  |
| R & J GRAVEL | 0.30 | 135.00 | SCREENED | 6.75 | 7.00 |  |  |
|  |  |  | CRUSHED | 8.50 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **STANDY** |  |  |  |
| STANDY ROCK & GRAVEL | 0.30 | 175.00 | SCREENED | 6.00 |  |  | 7.00 |
|  |  |  | CRUSHED | 7.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **CROW CREEK** |  |  |  |
| LLOYD PRIBE & SONS | 0.40 | 110.00 | SCREENED |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | CRUSHED | 8.00 |  |  |  |
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| GREG KROUPA |  |  | SCREENED |  |  |  | 1.50 |
|  |  |  | CRUSHED | 6.00 |  | 1-10,00 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 5.50 |  | 10-20,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 5.00 |  | 20,000+ |  |
|  |  |  |  | **HALLMAN** | **URBAN** |  |  |
| T.F. LUKE & SONS |  |  | SCREENED |  | 5.50 |  |  |
|  |  |  | CRUSHED | 6.50 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **BOGENHAGEN** |  |  |  |
| CM TRUCKING LLC | 0.35 | 90.00 | SCREENED | 6.00 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | CRUSHED |  |  |  |  |
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| BRIAN HAVLIK | 0.25 |  | SCREENED |  |  |  |  |
|  | Haul out of own pit only |  | CRUSHED | 6.50 |  |  |  |
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Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to accept all the gravel bids. The determination of what gravel bids are used depends on the project, the location of the project and the type of gravel that is available from different pits. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The following bids were opened and awarded for **fuel**:

**Burke Oil** – Unleaded gas, E 85 $3.30/gallon; E10 $3.19/gallon; #1 Diesel $3.15/gallon; #2 Diesel Regular $2.91/gallon; Premium $2.95/gallon; Propane $1.25/gallon; Furnace Fuel $2.91.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to accept Burke Oil bid for fuel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The following bids were opened and awarded for **chips, road oil, hot mix, opti mix**:

**Spencer Quarries** – Chips $12.35/ton- 7/16”; $14.35 – 3/8” /ton

**Commercial Asphalt** – Hot mix – Mitchell Plant - $70.00/ton; Opti Mix – Mitchell Plant - $120.00/ton (summer patch); $160.00/ton (winter patch).

**Jebro** MC800 $960.04 w/o pumper; MC3000 $905.04 w/o pumper; CRS-2P w/o pumper, $729.38; MC800 $964.04 w/pumper, MC3000 $909.04 w/pumper; CRS-2P w/pumper, $733.38. Demurrage Charge $160.00 after 1.5 hours.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to accept Jebro, Commercial Asphalt and Spencer Quarries bids. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to accept Beadle County bid for culverts and pipes from True North Steel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**DISTRICT III**

Lori Cowman with District III came and gave the Annual Performance Report for Brule County. This report is located in the Auditor’s Office for the public to view.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to enter Board of Adjustment at 10:30 am for the following: Schuman Brothers – constructing 60 storage units located north of the Schuman campground in the S ½ of NE Section 2-104-71. Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to approve the conditional use permit for Schuman Brothers as all conditions have been met. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Board of Adjustment adjourned at 10:36 am and resumed as Brule County Commissioners.

**BUFFALO COUNTY**

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to agree to pay half of a medical bill as settlement of prisoner medical costs in the amount of $44,348.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to surplus the following items from the Highway: 3 desks and several chairs – no good going to be trashed; Register of Deeds Office: one small desk – no value to be trashed. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to enter executive session at 10:37 am to discuss personnel and legal issues. Executive session declared over at 11:25 am.

### AUDITOR’S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASUER

The Auditor’s Account with the Treasurer showed as of 3-31-2024 a balance of $7,067,548.06 in all state, county, civil, school & trust funds.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS STATEMENT OF FEES

The Register of Deeds Statement of Fees showed a collection of $4,451.65 for March, 2024.

**REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

The following reports were received and placed on file in the County Auditor’s office: Auditors Account with the Treasurer, Trial Balance Sheet, Register of Deeds Statement of Fees and Dept of Natural Resources.

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

Commissioner Carson and Commissioner Dozark seconded to approve the following bills and payroll. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

# **GENERAL FUND**

***Salaries:*** Commissioners, 1547.70; Auditor, 3437.56; Treasurer, 3449.99; States Attorney, 6051.46; Register of Deeds, 3457.58; Sheriff, 9,982.74; Jail, 11,863.74; Courthouse, 1488.00; Assessor, 2350.47; Planning Commission, 261.16; Veteran Service, 829.22; Victim Witness Coordinator, 230.20; Weed & Pest, 626.88. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 3531.06. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 2727.03. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 3512.66. ***Insurance:*** ABA, 4870.32. Alexander, Laura, 125.00; Ashley, Jeffrey, 68.36; Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, 81.59; Bode, Julie, 65.30; Bomgaars Supply, 96.07; Brooks Hardware, 90.80; C & R Supply Inc, 1264.24; Caldwell, Christopher, 51.02; Central Dakota Times, 677.59; Charm-Tex, 189.90; Cozine Electric, 608.15; Enviromaster Inc, 88.00; Fink, Keith, 56.12; Hein Law Office, 356.22; Hometown Handyman, 575.00; Johnson, Dari, 51.02; Mairose & Steele Professionals, 1127.72; Lewis Drug Inc, 57.18; Maule, Theresa, 67.88; McLeod’s Printing, 183.31; Mid-American Research Chemical, 103.23; Miller, Darrell, 2961.00; National Sheriff’s Association, 125.00; Nationwide, 50.00; Northwestern, 2826.55; Office Products Center 219.92; Pharmco, 270.00;Powell, Bonnie, 51.02; Sanford Health Network, 896.00; SD DOT, 59.30; Smith, Garrett, 68.36; Songstad, Melinda, 122.50; Steve Smith Law Office, 1078.00; Steckly Law Office, 524.02; Thomas, Kurt, 83.66; Thompson, Sheila, 54.08; Verizon Connect, 100.63; Verizon Wireless, 171.06.

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

***Salaries:*** 13,267.99. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 1016.58. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 796.08. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 328.36. ***Insurance:*** ABA 2799.12 Brooks Hardware, 190.33; C & B Operations, 71.07; Central Electric Cooperative, 152.22; Kaleb’s Service, 23.47; Northwestern, 462.96; Pheasantland Industries, 550.59; SD DOT, 257.54; WW Tire Service Inc, 2070.00.

**24/7 FUND**

***Salaries:*** 182.97. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 16.51. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 14.64. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 28.66. ***Insurance:*** 2.34. Micro Distributing, 1400.53.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

***Salaries:*** 699.30. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 64.95. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 41.96. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 328.36.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to adjourn at 11:35 am with the next meeting being held on 4-9-2024 at 9:30 am for Board of Equalization. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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