

JULY 6, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Fjeldheim, Wiese, Gage, and Sutton. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Gage moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AVERA ST. LUKE'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & ADDICTION CARE SERVICES:

Jessi Paysen and Jodi Hepperle met with the Brown County Commission to give an update of the service provided to Brown County residents and submit their budget request for Fiscal Year 2024. The program offers six levels of care for alcohol, drug, and gambling addiction treatment delivered through inpatient and outpatient services. Funding is provided in part from the state as well as the annual funding received from Brown County. In 2021, an intensive methamphetamine treatment program was implemented which is producing a positive success rate. This program offers resources to connect patients to positive sources of support as well as reintegrate them into the community through jobs and community service. Some patients choose to relocate in Brown County due to the support system developed while in the program. Ross Aldentaler inquired about their tracking of this program as there are opioid grant funds that could potentially be tapped into for supplemental funding. They are requesting \$25,000 for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

BID FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY – 2914 INDUSTRIAL AVE.

Rod Tobin representing both Harris Machine Company and the Aberdeen Development Corporation, and Jay Harris of Harris Machine Company addressed the Brown County Commission to share information regarding Harris Machine Company and its impact to Brown County. Mr. Tobin stated this is a unique opportunity to both bring a quality employer to Aberdeen and keep our regional jail on the forefront. Harris Machine Company began in Oakes, ND and currently has a 3.5-million-dollar payroll. Starting wage for many employees will be \$30.00 an hour or over, starting with 25 employees with the goal of 100 employees and a 7-million-dollar payroll. Their plan includes building improvements to enhance safety for employees. Mr. Tobin remarked on several economic benefits the county and region would gain by Harris Machine Company moving to Aberdeen. The current offer by Harris is \$4,000,000.00. The Aberdeen Development Corporation has given an extra 11 acres to the west of the Hub City building to Harris for future expansion. The company is also committed to an apprenticeship program for the incarcerated if and when a regional jail is established in Aberdeen. Mr. Tobin respectfully requested the County to accept the current bid of \$4,000,000.00 by Harris to purchase the building to reestablish a positive cash flow, bring jobs, and continue to work on the regional jail complex. Mr. Harris requested the ability to lease the facility for \$1.00 immediately with the intent to close in 90 days to prepare the building for operation. Chairman Sutton inquired with Deputy States Attorney Ross Aldentaler to ensure this process is not breaking any bid process laws. Mr. Aldentaler stated the process would be to reject the current bid from Harris, then work through the process of selling it on a negotiated basis per a SD statute on industrial development. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to table this item until the Consent Calendar and an Executive Session have been completed. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting minutes of June 27, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims and payroll: Professional Fees: Angela Lisburg \$164.22; Avera Medial Group Emergency \$22.07; Avera Medical Group Radiology \$971.08; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$748.97; Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC \$96.30; CGI, LLC \$1,721.88; Darcy L. Lockwood \$33.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$357.95; Gellhaus & Gellhaus, P.C. \$560.00; Kennedy Pier Knoff Loftus, LLP \$160.50; Lincoln County Treasurer \$27.50; Lucy Lewno \$170.00; Lumen \$210.66; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$465.92; Sanford Clinic Aberdeen \$94.58; Sanford Clinic Radiology-North Center \$235.26; Sanford Health \$746.84; Sargent County Sheriff \$138.00; SD Dept of Transportation \$62.57; SD Veterans

Service Officers Association \$200.00; Valerie J. Larson \$33.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$923.60. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$132.73; Midstates Group \$315.00; New Century Press Inc \$45.51. Rentals: Dakota Wood-Grinding Inc \$2,775.00. Repairs & Maintenance: B&B Contracting, Inc \$5,913.28; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$477.90; Graham Tire Inc \$170.93; Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc \$1,078.11; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$1,460.43; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$1,000.00; Interstate Powersystems \$823.00; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$122.45; Lawson Products, Inc \$50.95; Loiseau Construction, Inc \$120,145.60; Midwest Pump & Tank \$2.68. Supplies: Aberdeen Floral LLC \$98.00; Aramark \$123.43; Century Business Products \$19.78; Cole Paper Inc \$5,339.32; Cook's Correctional \$169.14; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$5,546.67; Dakota Oil \$6,548.64; Farm Power Mfg \$13.00; Fastenal Company \$130.20; FedEx \$34.64; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$3.85; Geffdog Designs \$1,451.54; Great Western Tire \$13,070.90; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$116,967.96; Lar-Jo's Specialties \$387.96; Lawson Products, Inc \$681.91; Lien Transportation Company \$124,523.37; Lucy Lewno \$6.60; McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions \$99.41; Midstates Group \$343.20; Midwest Pump & Tank \$131.27; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$28.00; Performance Oil \$1,083.63; Pheasantland Industries \$128.41; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC \$1,046.10; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$833.36; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$476.60; Premier Southern Ticket \$824.90; Runnings \$49.98; Share Corporation \$544.80; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$39.95; Uline \$1,098.82. Travel & Conference: Carrie Weisenberger \$24.88; Dale Kurth \$122.04; Darwin Bettmann \$16.50; David North \$114.42; Doug Fjeldheim \$217.26; Drew Dennert \$311.10; Duane Sutton \$316.91; Holiday Inn City Centre Sioux Falls \$900.00; James Meyers \$20.60; Patrick Keatts \$12.34; Sherri Rawstern \$120.00; Stan Beckler \$19.89. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$183.91; CenturyLink \$284.83; Midcontinent Communications \$249.19; Northwestern Energy \$6,697.13. Machinery & Equipment: LyCox Enterprises Inc \$20,140.00. Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.01; Treasurer \$17,517.74; SA \$28,295.44; Maintenance \$8,628.73; Assessor \$16,796.81; Register of Deeds \$9,932.81; VSO \$4,254.09; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$5,892.04; HR \$4,698.75; Sheriff \$51,494.40; Jail \$61,678.34; Coroner \$613.60; Court Security \$8,107.56; JDC/HD \$30,322.02; Welfare \$2,336.49; Museum \$11,489.03; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,048.62; Fair \$5,005.95; 4-H \$1,271.18; Weed \$5,322.29; P&Z \$7,269.46; Highway \$49,932.30; Dispatch \$41,469.04; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,870.24; Landfill \$15,101.20SDRS Pay-out \$19,278.60; Retirement Award \$150.00; FICA \$26,082.12; Medicare \$6,099.88; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$122,470.94; Dental Insurance-Delta \$8,247.76; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$1,027.14; Retirement-SDRS \$79,060.87. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

- Acknowledge the resignation of Mathew Coughlin, Brown County Landfill Grounds Worker, part-time; effective June 23, 2023. Request to fill.
- Acknowledge the resignation of Paige Smit, Brown County 911 Communications Officer, full-time; effective July 6, 2023. Request to fill.
- As a result of the 911 Communications Council Action meeting, 911 Communications Officers will raise from Grade 13 to Grade 14. Retroactive from January 1, 2023.
- As a result of the 911 Communications Council Action meeting, Sarah Jesz's pay will be retroactive from January 2023 through April 2023.
- As a result of the 911 Communications Council Action meeting, Kent Jones' job title will change from 911 Communications Manager to 911 Director.
- As a result of the 911 Communications Council Action meeting, Sarah Jesz's job title will change from 911 Assistant Manager to 911 Assistant Director.
- Approve the hiring of Taylor Harmon as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, full-time; starting wage \$20.67/hour-effective July 10, 2023.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MAY 2023:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts of April 2023 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$32,950,763.89; Total Savings Account Balances \$2,725,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$5,479,550.72; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$41,163,462.03. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$20,786,014.85; Road & Bridge Fund \$3,355,448.19; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$613,284.68; Emergency & Disaster \$153,787.34; Domestic Abuse \$1,274.76; Teen Court \$250.28; Grant \$32.11; JDAI \$48,317.77; Truancy Court (\$34.43); Richmond Youth Camp \$0.00; 24/7 Sobriety \$21,863.87; ROD M&P \$93,417.17; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant \$0.00; Rural Access Infrastructure \$295,534.81; Tif Debt Service \$449,303.97; Landfill + cash change \$4,228,418.36; Landfill – restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$9,292,825.59; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$41,163,462.03. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS:

Resolution #22-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Ludwig Second Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Section 33-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #23-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Layne Howard First Addition in the S ½ SE ¼ Section 28-T124N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #24-23

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "T. Erickson Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 29, Township 122 North, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

LEASE AGREEMENTS:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following lease agreement: Joel Podoll for lease of Richmond Youth Camp for Wedding on September 23, 2023; Pauer Sound Inc for lease of personal property owned by Brown County on July 22-23, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Agreement for Upside-Down & Backwards Touring, Inc. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign application, submitted by Richmond Lake Association for a lottery to be held at Anchors Away on July 22, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the Commission Chair to sign the 3rd quarter LEMPG Grant Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bob Schatz made comments to the Commission board his opinions stating the sale of the Hub City building and regional jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to go into Executive Session for Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed.

BID FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY – 2914 INDUSTRIAL AVE.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to reject the bid of \$3,600,000.00 bid from Harris Machine Company. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sutton stated as a result of rejecting that bid, the County will begin negotiations with Aberdeen Development Corporation to facilitate a potential sale to Harris Machine Company for the purpose of industrial development, and the jail needs to be top priority and keep moving forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:03 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Janel Hettich, Brown County Chief Deputy Auditor

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