

March 18, 2025

The Miner County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 18, 2025, in the Miner County Courthouse Commission Room. Members present: Joe Bechen, Kathy Faber, Tim Neises, Kari Jo Carlson and Mike Clary. Members absent: None.

Chairman Bechen called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Faber, second by Neises and carried to approve the agenda. The minutes of the March 4th meeting were approved.

Carlson reported on attending the annual weed board meeting; Bechen, Neises and Carlson attended the annual Director of Equalization meeting with Towns & Townships; Neises and Bechen attended the Summit Safety meeting in Madison, SD.

Clint Hoyer appeared for public comment. He reported on legislative changes related to the carbon dioxide pipeline, including the passing of HB1052, which prohibits the exercise of eminent domain for a pipeline that carries carbon dioxide, and the defeat of HB1085, which would have established a moratorium on the construction of carbon dioxide pipelines in the state. Hoyer asked if Commissioners have looked over the resolution for a moratorium he proposed previously. He also reported on moratorium activity in other states.

Motion by Faber, second by Carlson and carried to pay the following claims: Alliance \$150.00, Santel \$30.00 **911 CHARGES**; ICAP \$796.09 **COMMUNITY ACTION PAYMENT**; SD Assn Computer Equipment \$15.00, Tri State EM Assn \$20.00 **DUES**; Two Trees Tech \$1,099.00 **EQUIPMENT**; Miner Co Treasurer \$.50 **FILING FEE**; HFCA \$5,975.49, Sturdevant's \$108.85 **FUEL**; Miner Co Treasurer \$59.55 **POSTAGE**; Office Ally \$54.95 **PROCESSING FEE**; Miner County Pioneer \$273.69 **PUBLISHING**; Microfilm Imaging Systems \$470.00 **RENT**; Graham Tire \$760.00, Howard Auto Clinic \$97.49, HFCA \$10.00, Office Peeps \$248.38, Two Trees Tech \$239.60, Two Way Solutions \$9,300.00 **REPAIRS**; Spencer Quarries \$1,023.17 **ROAD MATERIALS**; Amazon \$67.34, Dakota Data Shred \$96.45, Elan Financial \$547.87, Home Service Water \$46.20, Homestead Building Supply \$15.34, Howard Cold Storage \$114.80, HFCA \$6.40, Krug Products \$86.54, Miner Co Treasurer \$63.94, Office Peeps \$307.24, Rusty's \$44.61, Shane's Hardware \$74.90, Sturdevant's \$1,848.45, Kent Terwilliger \$54.97 **SUPPLIES**; Alliance \$68.00 **TELEPHONE**; Joe Bechen \$33.50, Jill Calmus \$106.35, Kathy Faber \$56.28, HFCA \$12.35, Brandon Jacobson \$10.05, Kim Lewis \$16.75, Dan Page \$22.11, SD Assn County Commissioners \$20.00, Wyatt Walter \$20.10 **TRAVEL**; Central Electric Coop \$74.75, Xcel Energy \$84.32 **UTILITIES**.

Ron Krempges reported on highway matters. Spring load limits remain in place. The items sold at Wieman's Auction brought in a total of \$7,200 after deducting fees.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Faber and carried to authorize Chairman Bechen to sign Form of Agreement (Stipulated Price) with Graves Constructions Co., Inc. for the Carthage bridge (Structure No. 49-062-020).

Motion by Faber, seconded by Neises and carried to authorize Chairman Bechen to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Ulteig Operations, LLC for construction engineering work for the Carthage bridge. The total project fee estimate is \$249,965.00. This is a BIG (Bridge Improvement Grant) project, so the county will be responsible for 20%.

Carlson made a motion to approve Miner County's portion of the 16-county pavement marking bid agreement between Minnehaha County and Sir Lines-A-Lot Traffic Control and

Striping, seconded by Clary and passed unanimously. Miner County's portion of this bid will be \$22,823.80.

Final bridge inspections on Carthage City bridge and bridge 5 miles north of Howard have been completed and have passed DOT requirements. Krempges gave Carthage City's report to Faber.

The True North Steel bid has not been received from Beadle County yet; this will be presented at a future meeting. Krempges will be leaving following the meeting for Deadwood for the short course for Highway Superintendents.

Krempges is preparing to order more high-visibility clothing for the highway department. Due to the increasing costs for these items, Krempges will be requesting to bump up the clothing allowance for next year during budget discussions.

The highway supply bid opening was held as advertised. Highway Superintendent Ron Krempges was present.

Bids per ton for gravel crushing in the Ecklein pit were received as follows: Rechnagel Construction, Inc. \$2.75 per ton; Bowes Construction, \$3.25 per ton. It was moved by Clary, seconded by Faber and carried to award the bid for gravel crushing in 2025 to Rechnagel Construction.

The following bids are for a one-year period from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Submitting bids for cutback asphalt and emulsion oil were as follows: Jebro Inc. MC3000 \$883.61/ton, CS1H \$406.20, CSS1H \$526.20. It was moved by Neises, seconded by Carlson, and carried to award the bid for cutback asphalt and emulsion oil to Jebro, Inc.

The following firms submitted bids per ton for hot bituminous patch material: Commercial Asphalt-Mitchell plant: Class E Type 1 Virgin \$73, Class E Type 2 Virgin \$73, Class E Type 1 Recycled \$73, Class E Type 2 Recycled \$73; Commercial Asphalt – Spencer plant: Class E Type 1 Virgin \$70, Class E Type 2 Virgin \$70, Class E Type 1 Recycled \$70, Class E Type 2 Recycled \$70; Asphalt Paving & Materials – Huron plant: Class E Type 1 Recycled \$72, Class E Type 2 Recycled \$80; Asphalt Paving & Materials – DeSmet plant: Class E Type 1 Virgin \$72, Class E Type 1 Recycled \$65, Class E Type 2 Recycled \$72; Bowes Construction – Brookings plant: Class E Type 1 Virgin \$96, Class E Type 2 Virgin \$96, Class E Type 1 Recycled \$76, Class E Type 2 Recycled \$76. It was moved by Faber, seconded by Clary, and carried to award the bid for hot bituminous patch material to Commercial Asphalt and Asphalt Paving & Materials Co. when Commercial Asphalt is not available.

The following bids per ton for quartzite materials were received: Knife River \$9 base material, \$31 1 ½-3" ballast, with trucking at \$0.22/ton/mile; Spencer Quarries \$15 7/16" Chips, \$18.75 Rip Rap, \$17.75 4"-12" Rock, \$15 base material, \$14.95 1 ½-3" ballast, with trucking \$0.20/ton/mile double trailer & .30/ton/mile single trailer. It was moved by Neises, seconded by Carlson and carried to award the bid for quartzite material to Spencer Quarries.

Kent Terwilliger met with the board for office updates. Miner County should get \$7100 instead of \$6000 for the weed grant. This grant money is tied into showing up at the annual conference, and it takes two people to get the entire amount. Kent explained the hotel room situation for this year's weed conference; the board had no follow-up questions.

Terwilliger also explained changes in the format of the Mutual Aid Agreement after being questioned by the Commissioners; it was previously believed emergency managers were automatically granted a 2-day period (12-hour days) to assist other counties, but the wording of the Mutual Aid Agreement is actually a "24-hour period". To assist longer, the Emergency Manager would have to get permission from the Chair. Terwilliger has reestablished the plan to

account for other counties potentially only helping for one day. Terwilliger handed out job responsibilities to each Commissioner, with a listing of FEMA classes that will need to be completed by each. The Mutual Aid Agreement may be redone to reflect the two 12-hour days. The commissioners instructed Terwilliger to call and inform them when he is responding to a call from the State, and in matters of confidentiality to just state he will fill them in as he is able. Clary and Faber requested Terwilliger to look up what FEMA certificates they have already completed. The IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert & Warning System) was also discussed.

Auditor Mommaerts reported an update from Sheriff Eggert regarding the metal detector. Clary will speak with Eggert to see what needs to be done to get the equipment installed for use.

John Reisch, Jr. is willing to serve as the Planning & Zoning board alternate; the board approved this appointment.

Correspondence received: Miner County Sheriff Feb report, Veteran Service Officer Feb report, Letter from Dept of Ag & Natural Resources Re: Manum 43, LLC Manure Management System, and 2024 SD Governor's Office of Economic Development Annual Report.

The old ambulance has been cleaned out. Clary requested removing the stickers as much as possible before selling the vehicle. Mike Reisch at Dakota Body Shop has agreed to do this. Cora Schwader reached out to all the area fire departments to see if any were interested in it, but none reached out. Motion by Carlson, seconded by Faber and carried to declare the 1999 Ford E450 ambulance surplus and list it for auction at Dean Edwards's sale in June.

Motion by Clary, seconded by Carlson to declare the five 2016 iPads from the Commissioner inventory and the one iPad from the Auditor inventory surplus. Community libraries or other public entities will be asked if they would like them as a donation; otherwise, they will be disposed of.

The following person should be added to the list of Volunteer Ambulance Drivers: Leroy Ainslie. Faber and Carlson will visit with Schwader regarding her progress with getting certifications/affidavits from the other ambulance drivers.

Due to a clerical error, Auditor Mommaerts has not yet cancelled the taxes on the property sold by tax deed to Jeff Rubenstein in December of 2024. The board approved Mommaerts cancel all unpaid taxes, penalties and interest associated with Record #3978 through December 17, 2024 (the date of the tax deed sale), pursuant to SDCL 10-25-40.

It was moved by Faber, seconded by Neises, and carried to make an operating transfer, as provided for in the 2025 budget, in the amount of \$30,000 from General Fund to Dispatch.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned until April 1st. Dated this 18th day of March, 2025.

Joe Bechen, Chairman
Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Rebecca Mommaerts, Miner County Auditor