The Corson County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner Room of the Courthouse on April 3, 2012. Chairman Steve Keller called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Darren Bauer and Don Pazie present. Shawn Hinsz and Mike Mickelson were absent. All motions were approved by unanimous vote unless noted otherwise.

Approve Minutes

Bauer made a motion, seconded by Pazie, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2012 meeting.

Highway Report

Benny Joe Schell, Highway Superintendent, reported that Joseph Huntley resigned March 12, 2012 to report to another job. No applications have been received in response to advertising for a new employee.

Schell reported that vandals are causing serious damage to county road signs; he reported that States Attorney Eric Bogue has sent letters to offenders who have been farming in the right of way. He also discussed speed limits, the extreme dry weather conditions, and equipment maintenance.

County Road 15

Pazie made a motion, seconded by Bauer, to approve the low bid of A-G-E Corporation of Ft. Pierre, SD in the amount of $650,392.40 for Project 6517(01), PCN 02D6, Corson County Gravel Surfacing.

Weed & Pest

Supervisor Amy Schriock prepared a written report in which she stated that approximately 3,840 acres of prairie dog towns have been mapped.

Plat Approval

Bauer made a motion, seconded by Pazie to approve the following resolutions:

Be it resolved by Corson County Board of Commissioners that the Plat of Tract 1, Pudwill Addition to Corson County, located in Gov’t Lots 1 & 2 and the S1/2NE1/4, Section 1, T22N, R19E, B.H.M., Corson County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof”.

Be it resolved by Corson County Board of Commissioners that the Plat of Tract 2, Pudwill 2nd Addition to Corson County, located in SE1/4, Section 36, T23N, R19E, B.H.M., Corson County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof”.

On roll call vote: Pazie, yes; Bauer, yes; Keller, yes.

Fire Suppression

SD Department of Agriculture Division of Wildland Fire Suppression sent a letter requesting names of those individuals authorized to request fire suppression assistance from the State of South Dakota. Consensus was to designate Brad Schell, McIntosh Fire Chief and Mike Buechler, McLaughlin Fire Chief.

Burn Ban

The Commissioners discussed the extremely dry conditions and the consequential fire danger. Pazie made a motion, seconded by Bauer, to institute the following burning ban regarding open burning, fireworks, smoking, and/or discharge of any burning object, such as cigarettes or matches, from any building or vehicle. A civil penalty for violation of up to, but not limited to, $1000 per incident plus costs of fire fighting and resulting damages will be assessed. Costs of fighting the fire caused by a person violating said burning ban and the reimbursement of governments for any costs expended plus the costs of compensation to the fire fighters for lost income and time fighting the fire are the responsibility of that person. Exceptions to the ban are fires in an interior fireplace, stove or furnace; or exterior outdoor grills at a private residence or at supervised public campgrounds or upon written permission of the appropriate fire department.

This burn ban will become effective on date of publication and until further action of the Commission. If **significant** rainfall is received, the chairman has the authority to lift the ban.

Travel Authorization

Consensus was to approve county officials’ attendance at the spring workshop in Pierre May 9-11.

Good Friday

Consensus was to grant four hours of administrative leave for full-time employees April 6 as proclaimed by Governor Daugaard.

Courthouse Building Report

Bauer made a motion, seconded by Pazie, to approve the proposal of Prairie States Construction of $32.30 per linear foot for installation of Color Guard snow retention system to the roof of the Courthouse. The appropriate number of feet for the north and the south slopes will be determined from the blue prints by the building committee.

One concrete specialist has viewed the plaza area of the Courthouse; however, no cost estimate has been received. No other specialists responded to requests for estimates.

4-H Advisor

Interviews are scheduled for April 3 for an additional 4-H advisor position. Therefore, the Memorandum of Understanding was discussed with no action taken until the position is filled.

Director of Equalization

The Commission reviewed the recent Sales Ratio Audit; the Commission commended Brian Dreiske on the good job he has done.

Dreiske discussed the lack of interest in website subscription. In an effort to save money, consensus was to reduce the cost and open the website <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/> to everyone.

The special equalization meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. April 10.

Precincts

No decision was made regarding precinct consolidation.

Cash Balance

Pursuant to SDCL 7-21-18.1, the total unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the general fund of the county as of March 31, 2012 is $488,247.07 which is 24.69% of the total general fund appropriations.

Statement of Fees Collected Approved:

Register of Deeds, March 2012: $3,442.50; Petty Cash: $50.00

Auditor’s Account with Treasurer

February 2012 Cash on hand: $1,145.04, Checks in Treasurer’s possession less than 3 days: $61,320.48, Demand Deposits: $31,253.79, Time Deposits: $2,978,152.36, Petty Cash Accounts: $157.00; ATM Cash: $1,000.00

The following bills were presented and ordered paid out of their respective funds:

Salaries of officials and employees by department:

Commission 1750.00

Auditor 4588.54

Treasurer 4234.60

States Attorney 3336.66

General Government Buildings 3507.50

Director of Equalization Wages 3122.84

Register of Deeds 3712.50

Veterans Service Officer Wages 625.00

Sheriff 14188.68

4-H Secretary 308.00

Weed & Pest 1381.25

Road & Bridge 21900.79

E911 250.00

OASI 4420.40

South Dakota Retirement System 3839.17

Group Insurance 15815.63

A&B BUSINESS, INC 157.41 Supplies, ACME TOOLS 97.32 Shop Supplies, AREA FOUR SENIOR CITIZENS PLAN 1250.00 Budget Request, ASSN. OF SD COUNTY W&P BOARDS 150.00 Annual Dues, AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE 59.90 Lab Fees, DARREN BAUER 47.03 Meeting/Mileage, MARVIN BERTSCH 472.80 Insurance Reimbursement, BIEGLER EQUIPMENT 8.12 Shop Supplies, DELLA BLOCK 31.50 Supplies, JERRY BLOCK 51.19 Board of Prisoners, BUTLER MACHINERY 1819.76 Supplies, CENTRAL DIESEL SALES 178.18 Supplies/Labor, CENTURYLINK 112.12 Long Distance Service, CENTURYLINK 717.26 Monthly Service Fees, CITY OF MCINTOSH 257.90 Utilities, CITY OF MCLAUGHLIN 52.61 Utilities, CONNECTING POINT 82.00 Supplies, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 693.97 Partial Payment, CRANE ROSELAND HARDY, PC 997.99 Court Appointed Attorney, CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT 197.72 Valve, THE CURRENT CONNECTION 156.82 Supplies, FARMERS UNION OIL 612.50 Propane, G & O PAPER SUPPLIES 75.40 Supplies, GALLS INC 38.97 Supplies, GTC AUTO PARTS INC 450.65 Shop Supplies, LEAH HOLMES 125.80 Mileage, BRENDA (SHALD) HUDELSON 611.22 Telephone Expense Reduction, LARRY JENSEN MOTORS 651.75 Parts/Labor, LEE & JUNDT AUTO BODY LTD 70.00 Repairs, CHRIS LYNCH 69.60 Meeting/Mileage, M & T PUMPING 284.00 Labor/Mileage, MCINTOSH CO-OP 22002.67 Diesel/Gasoline, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 1859.06 Utilities, SID MILLIKEN 74.04 Meeting/Mileage, MOREAU GRAND ELECTRIC 246.03 Utilities, NATIONAL SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION 90.00 Membership Dues, NELSON INTERNATIONAL 122.58 Supplies, CORSON SIOUX NEWS MESSENGER 952.40 Publishing, NW TIRE INC 601.02 Tires/Repair, PRAIRIE COMMUNITY HEALTH 50.00 Lab Fees, PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC 15.73 Cylinder Rental, R D O EQUIPMENT COMPANY 640.53 Filters/Oil, RUNNINGS FARM & FLEET 214.37 Supplies, RYE LUMBER 37.75 Supplies, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 105.78 County Share, RUBEN SPEIDEL 339.78 Meeting/Mileage, STATE TREASURER 51462.18 Motor V, STATE TREASURER 587.00 Lab Fees, STATE TREASURER 1000.00 Care at Redfield, THE CROSSROADS 93.00 Lodging, THE RADAR SHOP 156.00 Radars Recertified, THE SCHNEIDER CORPORATION 11215.00 Web Hosting/Maintenance, TRUENORTH STEEL 173.90 Meter, WALWORTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT 800.00 Board of Prisoners, WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE CO. 134.70 Internet, WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS 179.56 Utilities, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 217.27 Partial Payment Release, AFLAC 65.66 Partial Cancer/Intensive Care Premium, MCINTOSH POSTMASTER 985.60 Postage, MCINTOSH POSTMASTER 8.27 Certified Mail Fee, VISA 114.36 Gasoline, US POSTAL SERVICE 1033.80 Stamped Envelopes, SUNLIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY 412.66 Life Insurance Binder Check

Tabled Bill

Bauer made a motion, seconded by Pazie, to table the bill of SDSU in the amount of $5,000 until the 4-H advisor position is filled.

Adjourn

Chairman Keller adjourned the meeting.

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Dorothy Schuh, Corson County Auditor Stephen Keller, Commission Chairman

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