The Corson County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner Room of the Courthouse on December 30, 2024. Chairman Jacob Nehl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Shawn Hinsz, Darren Bauer, and Lucas Sutherland present. Benjamin Bieber was absent. Also in attendance was States Attorney Shane Penfield and Commissioner Elect Joshua Schmeichel.

Approve Agenda

All voted in favor of a motion by Hinsz, seconded by Bauer, to approve the agenda as presented.

Contingency Transfers

All voted in favor of a motion by Hinsz, seconded by Bauer, to transfer $13,043.31 from the Commissioners Contingency budget (101-112-429) to 4th Circuit Court Jury/Witness Fees Budget (101-130-423), $5,691.30 to 4th Circuit Court Reports Budget (101-130-424), $1104.58 to Commissioner Audit Budget (101-111-422), $11,867.48 to Court Appointed Attorney Budget (101-153-422), $424.44 to Treasurer Salary & Wages Budget (101-142-411), $42,217.78 to Register of Deeds Supplies Budget (101-163-426), $1,362.21 to VSO Salary & Wages Budget (101-165-411), $8,571.80 to Sheriff Supplies Budget (101-211-426), $7,867.70 to Extension Salary & Wages Budget (101-611-411), $5,096.77 to Extension 4H Building Budget (101-611-432), $1,024.06 to Coroner Salary Budget (101-213-411), $4.00 to Public Welfare Office Supply Budget (101-412-426), and $1,093.15 to E911 Service Fund Budget (207-225-428).

Highway Report

Benny Joe Schell, Highway Superintendent updated the commission on road conditions, gravel hauling, and generator repairs. No action taken.

BIG Preservation Grant

Superintendent Schell presented information on the 2025 Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Funds. The proposed construction cost is estimated at $848,829.04 with grant funds in the amount of $679,063.23 and local match of $169,765.81 if awarded for preservation of the bridge structure 16-582-080 located 0.1 mile East of SD 63 and 1 mile North of McLaughlin, SD. Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Bauer, seconded by Sutherland to adopt the following resolution:

2025 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

 WHEREAS, Corson County, South Dakota wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant Program:

 STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):

 16-582-080

 0 miles east of SD 63 and 1.0 mile north of McLaughlin, SD

 And WHEREAS, Corson County, South Dakota certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county’s Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan\*;

 And WHEREAS, Corson County, South Dakota agrees to pay the 20% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and 100% of ineligible expenses;

 And WHEREAS, Corson County, South Dakota hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant application(s) and any required funding commitments.\*\*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

 That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant application(s).

 Vote of Commissioner/Council: Yes 4 No 0 Absent 1

Dated at McIntosh, SD this 30th day of December, 2024.

Jacob Nehl, Chairman

ATTEST: Tammy Bertolotto, County Auditor

On roll call vote: Bauer, yes; Sutherland, yes; Hinsz, yes; Nehl, yes; Bieber, absent. Motion carried.

Travel Authorization

Consensus of the Board is to allow Highway Department employees to attend the MSHA training in Mobridge on January 15, 2025.

VSO Salary Reimbursement Agreement

Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Sutherland, seconded by Hinsz authorizing Chairman Nehl to sign the 2025 Request for State Aid for Salary of County Veterans Service Officer Agreement.

Jail Contract

Auditor Bertolotto presented a 2025 Prisoner Housing contract with Charles Mix County. Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Bauer, seconded by Sutherland authorizing Chairman Nehl to sign the 2025 Prisoner Housing Contract with Charles Mix County.

CE Construction LLC

Chad VanLaecken and Rex Causey representing CE Construction met with the Board to discuss the bidding process for the building hail damage repairs. No action taken.

Emergency Manager

Emergency Manager Mike Varilek presented his quarterly Emergency Management report and informed the board that the Warhawk District Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed. Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Bauer, seconded by Sutherland to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE WARHAWK DISTRICT NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS Corson County has experienced severe damage from strong winds, flooding, hail, heavy snow, heavy rain, and tornadoes on many occasions in the past century, resulting in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety;

WHEREAS a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed after more than one year of research and work by Corson County, WarHawk District, NECOG, and the Natural Hazard Mitigation Committee;

WHEREAS the Plan recommends hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that face the County;

WHEREAS a public meeting was held to review the Plan as required by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and the Corson County Commission that:

1. The Warhawk District Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of Corson County,
2. The respective County official identified in the strategy of the Plan is hereby directed to implement the recommended action assigned to them. This official will report annually on the activities, accomplishments, and progress to Warhawk District Emergency Management and Corson County Commission, and
3. The Corson County Emergency Manager will provide annual progress reports on the status of implementation of the plan to the County Commission. This update shall be reported to the Commission by November 1st of each year.

PASSED by the Corson County Commission this 30th day of December, 2024.

Jacob Nehl, Chair

ATTESTED and FILED this 30th day of December, 2024

Tammy Bertolotto, Auditor

On roll call vote: Bauer, yes; Sutherland, yes; Hinsz, yes; Nehl, yes; Bieber, absent. Motion carried.

Sheriff Deputies

Deputy Sheriff Mike Varilek introduced deputy Sheriff Isaac Sauder and deputy Sheriff Parker DeRouchey to the Board. No action taken.

Outgoing Commissioner

Chairman Nehl presented outgoing Commissioner Darren Bauer with a plaque and thanked him for his many years of service to Corson County.

4H Secretary

4H Secretary Dawne Donner informed the board that she received funding for the crows nest. No action taken.

Discussion was held on hiring part time summer help and replacing the lights and ceiling in the 4H building. No action taken.

Audit Findings

Auditor Bertolotto informed the commission of the Audit finding. The commission responded with the following: We will monitor future surplus unassigned fund balance to comply with SDCL 7-21-18.1.

Railroad Authority Board

Discussion was held on dissolving the Railroad Authority Board. Following discussion, consensus was to not dissolve the Railroad Authority Board and leave it as is.

Weed & Pest

Weed & Pest Supervisor Craig Hunter informed the board that he has completed all of his certifications, completed a full inventory on all equipment and chemical, and is going to start replumbing the sprayer on the UTV. Hunter also requested unlimited data usage on his county cell phone. Bauer will visit with Sheriff Dale to upgrade the cell phone to unlimited data.

Assessor Part Time Assistant

Discussion was held on a part time assistant in the assessor’s office. Consensus was to table until the January 7th meeting.

Sign on Bonus/Retention Bonus

Discussion was held on the sign on bonus and retention bonus policies. Consensus was to table until the January 7th meeting.

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

Salaries of officials and employees by department:

Commission 4583.35

Auditor 11243.35

Treasurer 13679.71

States Attorney 5149.96

General Government Buildings 438.50

Director of Equalization Wages 5900.04

Register of Deeds 5443.34

Veterans Service Officer Wages/travel 1158.33

Sheriff 27406.83

E911 416.66

Coroner 2349.94

Emergency Management 550.00

4-H Secretary 2693.33

Weed & Pest 1892.00

Road & Bridge 57096.28

OASI 10421.79

South Dakota Retirement System 7975.79

Group Insurance 26457.17

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

ACME TOOLS 214.99 Supplies, AMERICAN SOLUTIONS 867.17 Office Supplies, AUTO VALUE MOBRIDGE 79.16 Supplies, AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE 135.00 Drug Testing, DARREN BAUER 76.38 Meeting Mileage, DARREN BAUER 112.73 W&P Meeting, BEADLE'S CHEVROLET 116.29 Vehicle Maintance, BEADLE'S SALES 5244.12 Supplies, ZACH BERTOLOTTO 150.00 Snow Removal December, BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL 416.00 Conference, BEN BIEBER 385.92 Meeting Mileage, BEN BIEBER 164.32 W&P Meeting, BIEGLER EQUIPMENT, INC 99.46 Shop Supplies, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 5428.82 Parts, CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT 71.77 Supplies, LOYSON CARDA 153.60 W&P Meeting, CENTURYLINK 1456.98 Monthly Phone Service, CITY OF MOBRIDGE 3095.63 December 911 Remittance, CONNECTING POINT 60.00 Rental, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 1373.25 Connect Care/Trend Micro, THE CURRENT CONNECTION 1547.81 Supplies, D & J EQUIPMENT SALES SERVICE 688.67 Tire Machine, DEPT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT 18800.00 2023-2024 Audit, THE FLOWER BOX 106.20 Flowers, G & O PAPER SUPPLIES 385.20 Supplies, SHAWN HINSZ 514.04 Meeting Mileage, CRAIG HUNTER 286.97 Supplies, CRAIG HUNTER 108.29 Mileage/Supplies/Lunch, KNIGHT SECURITY INC. 70.00 Security Monitoring, LAMB MOTOR COMPANY 52650.00 Equipment, LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES 100.80 Interpretation Services, LIGHT AND SIREN 1528.00 Lights, LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC 54.80 Supplies, CHRIS LYNCH 153.60 W&P Meeting, DENNIS J. MAIER 50113.00 Gravel Royalties, JADEN MAIER 122.78 W&P Meeting, MCINTOSH CO-OP 13396.12 Fuel, MCLAUGHLIN CITY 105.96 Sewer/Water, MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR 760.00 Board of Prisoners, MELLING & ROSELAND LAW 3236.56 Mileage, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC 3761.93 Pickup Radio, MCLAUGHLIN AUTO REPAIR LLC 374.52 Supplies, JAKE NEHL 38.46 Meeting Mileage, CORSON SIOUX NEWS MESSENGER 5138.12 Publishing, NORTHWEST FARM & HOME SUPPLY 5.97 Keys, PREMIER EQUIPMENT, LLC 2182.07 AC Compresseor, QUENZER ELECTRIC, INC 112.95 Supplies, RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY 3820.77 Supplies, REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY 116.00 Lab Testing, RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC 2266.87 Supplies, BENNY JOE SCHELL 100.00 W&P Meeting, SD ASSOC OF CO W/P SUPERVISORS 75.00 Membership, SD STATES ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION 782.06 2025 Dues, SERVALL UNIFORM & LINEN SUPPLY 310.09 Supplies, LUCAS SUTHERLAND 330.50 Meeting Mileage, TIMBER LAKE TOPIC 252.00 Supplies, TRUENORTH STEEL, INC 9900.00 Supplies, MIKE VARILEK 313.78 Reimburse Gas/K9 Supplies, WALK-N-ROLL 989.88 Supplies, WILLIAM D SCEPANIAK 201745.80 Gravel Crushing, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 175.42 Partial Payment, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 203.76 Partial Payment, MOREAU GRAND ELECTRIC 197.93 Monthly Utilities, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 275.09 Partial Payment, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 467.19 Partial Payment, SD DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 110.00 Applicator & Dealer Licenses, CENTURYLINK 52.21 Monthly Phone Service, LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE 1710.00 Board of Prisoners, MASTERCARD 1147.96 Supplies/Gas, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 898.37 Monthly Electric, REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY 745.00 Lab Services, WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE CO 378.42 Monthly Internet Service, WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS 125.27 Monthly Telephone, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 750.00 Partial Payment, US POSTAL SERVICE 1653.15 Envelopes

Adjourn

There being no further business, all voted in favor of a motion by Nehl, seconded by Bauer to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Next regular commission meeting will be held January 7, 2025.

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Tammy Bertolotto, Corson County Auditor Jacob Nehl, Commission Chairman

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