The Corson County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner Room of the Courthouse on July 1, 2025. Chairman Jacob Nehl called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with Joshua Schmeichel, Benjamin Bieber, Shawn Hinsz, and Lucas Sutherland present. Also in attendance was States Attorney Shane Penfield.

Approve Minutes

All voted in favor of a motion by Bieber, seconded by Schmeichel, to approve the minutes of the regular June 3rd meeting.

Agenda

All voted in favor of a motion by Sutherland, seconded by Schmeichel to approve the agenda as posted.

Dental/Vision Premiums

Auditor informed the commission that the dental/vision premiums will increase 6.8%. All voted in favor of a motion by Bieber, seconded by Sutherland to renew our current plan with Principal Life Insurance Company.

Cash Transfer

All voted in favor of a motion by Sutherland, seconded by Schmeichel to approve a cash transfer from the General Fund in the amount of $2728.97 to the newly created Opioid Settlement Fund per Department of Legislative Audit.

Highway Report

Discussion was held on road conditions, truck repairs, loader repairs, mowing, spraying, and budget. No action taken.

Small Structure/Culvert Inventory

Superintendent Schell received a quote from Brosz Engineering to complete the small structure/culvert inventory on secondary roads in the amount of $42,000. This will be paid for using the funds the County received through the Rural Access Infrastructure funding. All voted in favor of a motion by Bieber seconded by Hinsz to approve the quote from Brosz Engineering to complete the small structure/culvert inventory.

Bridge Improvement Grant Utilities Certificate

All voted in favor of a motion by Hinsz, seconded by Sutherland authorizing Chairman Nehl to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant Utilities Certificate for Project #BRF 6558(00)25-1PCN0A6U.

Bridge Improvement Grant Right of Way Certificate

All voted in favor of a motion by Hinsz, seconded by Sutherland authorizing Chairman Nehl to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant Right of Way Certificate for Project #BRF 6558(00)25-1PCN0A6U.

Gravel Crushing

All voted in favor of a motion by Bieber, seconded by Schmeichel authorizing Superintendent Schell to advertise for gravel crushing bids to be opened at the next commission meeting on August 5, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. MT.

Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Dale informed the commission that Parker DeRouchey has successfully completed the academy and his probationary period effective July 1, 2025. Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Bieber, seconded by Sutherland authorizing a $0.50 raise for Parker for successful completion of his probationary period.

Treasurer’s Office

Treasurer Heather Gall discussed the possibility of purchasing software that would allow taxpayers to pay their taxes online. Consensus was to look into it and get some quotes.

New Malt Beverage License Hearing

Rebecca Tomac appeared for the New Malt Beverage License Hearing. Following discussion, majority voted in favor of a motion by Nehl, seconded by Bieber to approve the following new application for malt beverage license:

Rebecca Tomac, Keldron Store, Keldron, SD, That Portion of the NW1/4 29-23N-19E, described as a tract of land bounded by a line beginning at a point 167’ S, on the section line, of the NW corner of said Section 29, thence east at right angles to the west line of said section a distance of 16 rods; thence south at right angles a distance of 20 rods; thence west at right angles a distance of 16 rods to the west section line of said section; thence north on said section line 20 rods to the point of beginning, Keldron, South Dakota, Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine

On roll call vote: Schmeichel, yes; Bieber, yes; Hinsz, yes; Sutherland, no; Nehl, yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session

All voted in favor of a motion by Nehl, seconded by Hinsz to enter executive session at 10:52 a.m. to discuss personnel. Chairman Nehl declared out of executive session at 11:18 a.m. No action taken.

4-H Secretary

4-H Secretary Dawne Donner informed the commission that some of the lights in the meeting room at the 4-H building are not working. Chairman Nehl will contact the contractor to see when the electrician will be out to fix the lights.

Discussion was held on installing the walk in door on the west side of the 4-H building and keying all the doors on the 4-H building and exhibit hall the same. Consensus was to have the door installed and the doors keyed the same.

Weed & Pest

Weed & Pest Supervisor Craig Hunter informed the commission that his probation period ended on May 26th. Following discussion, all voted in favor of a motion by Sutherland, seconded by Hinsz authorizing a $0.50 probation raise for Craig Hunter effective May 27, 2025 for successfully completing his probationary period.

Discussion was held on Weed & Pest Supervisor hours and job classification. Commissioner Bieber will discuss these issues with the Weed & Pest Board members and report back to the Commission Board.

Budget

Auditor, Tammy Bertolotto distributed 2026 preliminary budget information. Budgets will be reviewed more in depth at the August meeting.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Allen Little Eagle Jr, SRST Tribal Roads Supervisor; Frank Jamerson, SRST Vice Chairman; Larissa Young, SRST Transportation/Tribal Roads; Kory McLaughlin, SRST Tribal Roads Dept. Supervisor; Craig Eagleshield, SRST Land Ops Officer; Brandon Walker, Land Ops; Cynthia Monteau, SRST Resources/Land Management were present for discussion on how the County and Tribe can work together on road maintenance, prairie dog and weed control, and law enforcement. Consensus was to set up more meetings for further discussions.

Statement of Fees Collected Approved:

Register of Deeds, June 2025: $1,337.63; Petty Cash: $50.00

Auditor’s Account with Treasurer

May 2025 Cash on hand: $607.17, Checks in Treasurer’s possession less than 3 days: $7,757.51, Demand Deposits: $166,048.16, Time Deposits: $4,257,986.25, Petty Cash Accounts: $2,657.00

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

Salaries of officials and employees by department:

Commission 5000.00

Auditor 8817.00

Treasurer 9144.25

States Attorney 5070.00

General Government Buildings 2729.25

Director of Equalization Wages 5896.66

Register of Deeds 6486.66

Veterans Service Officer Wages 810.66

Sheriff 27617.57

Coroner 347.05

E911 416.66

4-H Secretary 1820.00

Weed and Pest Supervisor 4171.00

Emergency Manager 550.00

Road & Bridge 52026.52

OASI 9717.82

South Dakota Retirement System 7125.80

Group Insurance 27174.61

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

CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 300.00 Deed Fees, MOBRIDGE ACE HARDWARE 219.77 Shop Supplies, AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE 303.50 Supplies for Sprayer, AMERICAN SOLUTIONS 53.10 Supplies, AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE-SF 36.60 Labs, AT & T 777.00 Monthly Phone, AUTO VALUE MOBRIDGE 14.64 Oil Filters, DARREN BAUER 112.73 W&P Meeting, BEADLE'S SALES 108.72 Oil Change, BIEGLER EQUIPMENT, INC 496.68 Circuit Breaker, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 1233.11 Supplies, C&R SUPPLY INC 117.72 Supplies, CENTURYLINK 53.72 Long Distance, CENTURYLINK 1556.50 Monthly Phone, CITY OF MCINTOSH 261.60 Water/Sewer/Garbage, CITY OF MCLAUGHLIN 96.88 Water/Sewer, CITY OF MOBRIDGE 3078.67 June 911, COUNTY DRUG 71.19 Labs, THE CURRENT CONNECTION 10.00 Subscription, DAKOTA GLASS AND ALIGNMENT LLC 305.15 Fuel Pump for Tahoe, DAKOTA OIL 1655.95 DEF/Blueguard, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 150.00 New Malt Beverage License, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 46.67 Excise Tax, G & O PAPER SUPPLIES 326.65 Envelopes, HORIZON HEALTH CARE INC 95.00 Labs, HOWE SEEDS INC 3162.50 Chemical, JOHNSEN TRAILER SALES INC 909.78 Supplies, KINNEY LAW, PC 2999.37 Court Appointed Attorney Fees, LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC 64.42 Supplies, RAYMOND LUGER 4321.14 Excess Tax Sale Proceeds, CHRIS LYNCH 153.60 W&P Meeting, JADEN MAIER 122.78 W&P Meeting, MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL 467.06 Bathroom Supplies, MCINTOSH CO-OP 11411.17 Soda, MEADE COUNTY AUDITOR 760.00 Board Of Prisoners, MELLING & ROSELAND LAW 3550.49 June Public Defender, MIDWEST 911 CARS INC 18181.64 Patrol Vehicle Upfit, MINNEHAHA COUNTY 438.52 Mental Illness Recoveries, MOBRIDGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL 72.00 Lab Services, CORSON SIOUX NEWS MESSENGER 541.40 News Publishing, NORTHWEST TIRE INC 1315.62 Supplies, KIMBERLY OLSON 20.25 Reimbursement, PREMIER EQUIPMENT, LLC 514.29 Battery, RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC 161.91 Supplies, JODY SAHLI 4932.39 Excess Tax Sale Proceeds, BENNY JOE SCHELL 100.00 W&P Meeting, AMY SCHRIOCK 68.00 Lunch/Dinner, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 437.62 2025 Bridge Inspections, SDAAO 500.00 Assessor School, SD ASS'N OF COUNTY OFFICIALS 46.00 M&P Relief Fund, SD DEPT OF AGRICULTURE & 800.00 StormWater Industrial, SERVALL UNIFORM & LINEN SUPPLY 325.20 Monthly Rugs, STATE TREASURER 46132.96 June MV/DL, STATE TREASURER 3143.11 Animal Damage Control Fund, T C & G WATER ASSOC, INC 25.00 Water, JUSTIN TVEDT 188.00 Reimbursement, TWIN CITY FILTER SERVICE, INC 334.16 Supplies, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 1734.31 Connect Care/Trend Micro, UNIFORM CENTER 1191.00 Supplies, WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER BISMARCK 2924.48 Truck Repairs, WARNE CHEMICAL & EQUIPMENT CO 268.66 Supplies, ROBERT WHITE MOUNTAIN 816.63 Excess Tax Sale Proceeds, WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS 116.91 Monthly Phone, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 395.19 Partial Payment, HOWE SEEDS INC 190.00 Supplies, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 1474.55 Monthly Electric, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 1406.25 Connect Care/TrendMicro, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 3608.76 Partial Payment, MASTERCARD 3330.23 Supplies/Fuel/Hotel, CORSON COUNTY TREASURER 10.65 Partial Payment, MCINTOSH CEMETERY 300.00 Surplus Sale, MCINTOSH CITY 1355.00 Surplus Sale, MCINTOSH FIRE DEPARTMENT 4620.00 Surplus Sale, MCLAUGHLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT 9650.00 Surplus Sale, SDAAO TREASURER 250.00 Registration, THE ROOFERS & RESTORATION 119272.49 Final Roofing Payment, KNIGHT SECURITY INC. 70.00 Security Monitoring, CITY OF MCINTOSH 35.00 City Hall Rent

Adjourn

There being no further business, all voted in favor of a motion by Bieber, seconded by Schmeichel to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. The next regular commission meeting will be held August 5, 2025.

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