

Unofficial draft Minutes of the April 5, 2011, Buffalo County Commission Board meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 5, 2011**

Chairman Lloyd Lutter called the meeting to order with Commissioners Ronald W. Petersen and Donita Loudner present; none absent.

Nancy Falor, Buffalo County Veterans Services Officer, requested leave without pay from April 15 to May 15, 2011. The Brule and Jerauld County VSOs will assist during her absence. Loudner moved to authorize the leave, seconded by Petersen, motion carried, with all voting aye. HB 1245 passed by the SD Legislature eliminates State reimbursement for the annual training school. An amended version of the bill reinstated reimbursement for salary costs, but no funding was appropriated for this budget year. The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe has not reimbursed the county for their share of the salary expenses as per agreement for the past four years or provided a salary or mileage as Tribal VSO. After discussion, Petersen moved to authorize the VSO spend one day a month at Fort Thompson, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lutter gave an update on flooded roads and bridge repairs. Tex Fulton, Glenn Mayer and Lee Pawlowski reported water has backed up into their fields.

Commissioner Lutter reported he had gotten new nozzles for the spray truck that should cover the whole ditch. Anyone who wishes the ROW not be sprayed along their property must sign a form by May 1, 2011, that is available at the courthouse.

Petersen moved to accept fuel quotes from Darrell's Oil, Inc. for unleaded gas @ \$3.68.5 per gal; Ethanol gas @ \$3.63.5 per gal; and Diesel #2 dyed @ \$3.68.6 per gal, seconded by Loudner, to be delivered to the Buffalo County fuel tanks for the month of April, 2011.

Petersen moved to adopt the following resolution declaring a flood disaster, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

BUFFALO COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02  
(Resolution stated in official Minutes)

Loudner moved to approve a State Homeland Security Grant Program County Reimbursement Agreement, seconded by Petersen. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Petersen-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

The Board received a permit application from Vantage Communications Cooperative to install a fiber optic cable along a County ROW. The Board tabled any action until a ROW easement is filed with the County and the B.I.A.

Notices of Hospitalization were reviewed.

Petersen moved to reject a Hospital Request for Payment from Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen, SD, due to lack of information, possible residency question, and other sources of payment, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Loudner moved to reject an Application for Poor Relief Assistance from Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD, due to lack of Application for Poor Relief information and possible other sources of payment, seconded by Petersen. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Petersen-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Petersen moved to go into Executive Session with Sheriff Wayne Willman for personnel issues at 2:35 PM, seconded by Loudner, motion carried, with all voting aye. Loudner moved to reconvene into regular session at 3:25 PM, seconded by Lutter, motion carried, with all voting aye. No action was taken.

The Sheriff agreed to meet with the Board in open session at the regular May meeting regarding budget concerns.

Evelyn Wulff, Director of Equalization, met with the Board with information to be considered at the Board of Equalization meeting.

Loudner moved to adopt the following resolution for endorsement and support of the Rural Office of Community Services, Inc., seconded by Petersen. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Petersen-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

BUFFALO COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03  
(Resolution stated in official Minutes)

Petersen moved to surplus and sell the excess guardrail steel not used for repair at the bridge by Rob Knippling, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried. The steel is available for purchase.

The Board recessed at 4:10 PM to check road repair sites and reconvened at 5:25 PM. The Board discussed road repairs with the Highway Superintendent. The Board will meet in special session to discuss emergency road repairs following the Board of Equalization Meeting on April 12, 2011.

Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Loudner, to meet as a Board of Equalization on April 12, 2011, at 1:00 PM and in regular session on May 3, 2011, at 1:00 PM.