

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 5, 2011**

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

Highway Superintendent Ken Wulff reported the 355 Avenue bridge repaired with State bridge funds has been completed. The two 8-foot culverts on the Bob Ellsworth road have washed out for the third time. One is in place and the other washed downstream. Mr. Ellsworth met with the Board to discuss options of replacing the culverts or installing a cement crossing. It was agreed to have a contractor replace the culverts, add rip rap and concrete, and use a dirt fill from a separate site. The contractor and dirt will be at county expense and Mr. Ellsworth will pay for the rip rap and concrete.

Petersen moved to accept the fuel quote from Darrell's Oil, Inc. for unleaded gas @ \$3.55.9 per gal; Ethanol gas @ \$3.53.2 per gal; Diesel #2 dyed @ \$3.41 per gal. to be delivered to Buffalo County fuel tanks for the month of July 2011, seconded by Loudner, motion carried, with all voting aye.

David Gaulke, Weed Supervisor, reported that letters for volunteer enforcement will be sent out to eight landowners regarding control of noxious weeds.

Dihl Grohs and Jodi Smith, Attorney-at-Law, requested action be taken regarding three auto gate sites on 233<sup>rd</sup> Street to the Jerauld County line. Mr. Grohs presented pictures of the three sites showing problems with each. Loudner moved that the following action be taken because the gates were not authorized as set out under statute. Site 1 – Buffalo County/Jerauld County border: Remove the wire gate. Site 2 – Gate east of bridge: Remove the wire gate. Site 3 – Gate further east: Raise the road on the south side to the level of the road and install a 20 foot wire gate. Motion seconded by Petersen. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

The 911 Coordinator reported that two posts would be needed to stabilize long 911 road signs. Petersen moved to approve the 911 road sign name change from Possum Road to Barrington Hills Road, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Petersen moved to authorize employees attend the Counties State Convention September 19-21, 2011, in Rapid City, seconded by Loudner, motion carried, with all voting aye.

Bids to tuckpoint the courthouse and repair inside walls were reviewed: Reiners Masonry - \$17,000; Mid-Continental Restoration Co - \$13,966 plus \$1,631 to back fill outside walls with dirt; Midwest Masonry Restoration Co. - \$11,439.00. Petersen moved to accept the bid from Midwest Masonry Restoration Co., seconded by Lutter. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Hospital Notices were reviewed.

After discussion regarding a county tax opt out, Petersen moved to approve a County General Fund tax opt out in the amount of \$100,000 for one year for 2011 real estate taxes payable in 2012, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried.

Brian McGinnis, Planning & Development District III, provided a Buffalo County Budget Overview of the past six years and possible trends for the next ten years and Tax Opt Out information. The Commission Board will act on a Tax Opt Out Resolution at the next regular meeting.

Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Loudner, to meet August 2, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.