

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 6, 2012

Chairman Ronald Petersen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Lloyd Lutter present; Donita Loudner, Absent. Also attending were States Attorney Steve Fox; Barb Brodkorb, Central Dakota Times; and twelve citizens. Lutter moved to accept the Agenda as amended, seconded by Petersen. Lutter moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Petersen. Motions carried with Lutter and Petersen voting Aye. Loudner-Absent.

Kathryn Benton, Emergency Manager, explained the Pre-Disaster Mitigation, funding, supplies received, and possibility of a tower upgrade requirement.

Commissioner Loudner moved to change the wording in the February Minutes regarding a rejected claim notice, seconded by Lutter. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried. Lutter moved to deny payment of claim from Lincoln County for mental illness services as it was determined client not a Buffalo County responsibility, seconded by Loudner. Changed to Lutter moved to deny payment of claim #2-12 from Lincoln County for mental illness services as it was previously determined client was not a Buffalo County resident at time of claim and other sources of payment may be available.

Nancy Falor, Veterans Services Officer, offered a proposal to change her wages from yearly salary based on 12 regular hours per week to hourly pay at \$13.00 per hour for 8 regular hours per week to save County budget funds. Lutter moved to approve the wage change from \$7,500 per year to \$13.00 per hour effective immediately, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Falor will continue to be at the Fort Thompson Tribal Administration Building the third Wednesday of each month.

David Gaulke, Weed Supervisor, reported that he and Leonard Harres had attended the Weed and Pest Conference in Rapid City in February. Buffalo County was not approved for a specialty grant, but did receive a matching grant of \$5,200. The Musk Thistle and Plumeless Thistle have been approved as Buffalo County noxious weeds.

Highway Superintendent Ken Wulff reported on bids received to replace a culvert on Lee's Blvd and installing riprap under the Elm Creek Bridge on 349 Avenue. The Board will inspect the bridge site after the meeting.

Mary Knippling complained of no snow removal and poorly maintained roads. Cheryl Knippling reported on water wash sites. The Board will inspect the roads after the meeting.

Commissioner Lutter stated Matt Sinkie has requested that Buffalo County reimburse him for cost of gravel in the amount of \$2,800 for the driveway to his new residence site. County policy has been to provide a road to a residence. Lutter moved to reimburse Matt Sinkie \$2,800 for cost of gravel and to move an approach for Jim Anderson for access to his new residence site, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Loudner moved to hold a public meeting to discuss classification of roads and driveways, seconded by Lutter. Vote: Loudner-Aye; Lutter-Aye. Motion carried. Meeting will be held Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Lutter moved to approve a Force Account Agreement for the 2011 Flood Event for reimbursement from the SD Department of Transportation for eligible costs associated with the approved Emergency Relief projects on 224th Street and 349th Avenue, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Lutter moved to approve the fuel quote from Darrell's Oil, Inc., for unleaded gas @ \$3.60 per gal; Ethanol gas @ \$3.58.3 per gal; Diesel #1 dyed @ \$3.65.1 per gal; and Diesel #2 dyed @ \$3.61.1 per gal. delivered to the

Buffalo County fuel tanks for the month of March, 2012, seconded by Loudner. Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Julie O'Neal, Proprietor of the Prairie Chicken Gentlemen's Club, informed she has a lease agreement with Stan Wellner and plans to submit an application for a liquor license after meeting with the Tribal Council.

Lutter moved to approve an Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Midstate Communications for installation of buried fiber optic cable within Buffalo County boundaries, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Gaulke Lawn Service submitted a bid for the 2012 Courthouse lawn mowing at \$900 that includes mowing, raking around main building, one application weed and feed fertilizer, one application of weed spray, tree trimming and brush removal as necessary. Lutter moved to accept the bid, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Motion carried.

Lutter moved to authorize the Buffalo County Treasurer to sell tax certificates, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Lutter moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between SDSU Extension and Buffalo County regarding Extension educational programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Development and 4H/Youth Development, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Hospital Notices were reviewed.

Lutter moved to go into Executive Session for personnel matters with the County Sheriff at 4:00 p.m., seconded by Loudner, motion carried with Lutter and Loudner voting aye. Loudner moved to reconvene into regular session at 4:30 p.m., seconded by Lutter, motion carried, with Loudner and Lutter voting aye.

Loudner moved to adjourn the meeting and inspect road sites, seconded by Lutter, to meet Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.