

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**December 4, 2012**

Chairman Ronald Petersen called the meeting to order with Commissioners Lloyd Lutter and Donita Loudner present; none absent. Lutter moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Loudner. Lutter moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Loudner. Motions carried with Lutter and Loudner voting aye.

Highway Superintendent Ken Wulff reported on Highway Department activities. Current County policy was endorsed authorizing the Highway Superintendent to approve requests for approaches and culverts that were installed off county maintained roads at the landowner's expense. The Commission Board will consider any requests that would incur County funds or expenses.

Lutter moved to keep the 2013 annual load limit regulations for Buffalo County at 40 mph with no set lower than legal maximum load limit, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Lutter moved to accept the fuel quote from Darrell's Oil, Inc., for unleaded gas @ \$3.21.1 per gal; Ethanol gas @ \$3.11.1 per gal; Diesel No. 1 dyed @ \$3.68.7 per gal; and Diesel No. 2 dyed @ \$3.52.4 per gal to be delivered to the Buffalo County fuel tanks for the month of December 2012, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

David Gaulke, Weed Supervisor, reported Buffalo County was awarded a matching grant of \$5,500.

A hearing was held for consideration of an Alcoholic Beverage License Application. Loudner moved to approve a Retail (on-sale) Liquor License for the Lodestar Casino Bar and Restaurant, Fort Thompson, SD, for the 2013 License year, seconded by Lutter. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye; Motion carried.

Hospital Notices were reviewed.

Lutter moved to go into Executive Session at 1:32 p.m. for legal matters, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried. Loudner moved to reconvene into regular session at 1:52 p.m., seconded by Lutter. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Loudner moved to deny the Hospital Request for Payment concerning Claim #38-12 from Avera Weskota Memorial Medical Center dated November 20, 2012, until the application for medical assistance is returned from this patient, seconded by Lutter. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Craig Wenzel, True Dakotan Newspaper Editor of Wessington Springs, met with the Board requesting consideration for the True Dakotan becoming the Buffalo County Official Newspaper. The True Dakotan would be made available for sale at Fort Thompson and cover Buffalo County activities.

Subagreements between the SD Secretary of State and South Dakota Counties have been formed for the development and usage of a statewide voter registration filing system, referred to as TotalVote. The County's share of expenses will first come out of the County's HAVA funds.

Gov. Dugaard has granted administrative leave for Monday, Christmas Eve, for State employees. Lutter moved to authorize the Buffalo County Offices be closed on December 24 and 25, 2012, for the Christmas Holiday, seconded by Loudner. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Loudner-Aye. Motion carried.

Lutter moved to endorse the South Dakota Bicycle Coalition's efforts to coordinate the South Dakota portion of the United States Bicycle Route System (USBRS), seconded by Petersen. Vote: Lutter-Aye; Petersen-Aye; Loudner-Abstain. Motion carried.

The Commissioner Board completed a survey on Community and Economic Development issues submitted to Planning and Development District III.

Sheriff Wayne Willman reported that the County radios will need to be changed to narrow band to meet FCC requirements.

Lutter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Loudner, to meet Friday, December 28, at 1:00 p.m. to complete any 2012 fiscal year business. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.