

February 4, 2025

The Miner County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 4, 2025, in the Miner County Courthouse Commission Room. Members present: Joe Bechen, Kathy Faber, and Tim Neises. Members absent: Kari Jo Carlson and Mike Clary.

Chairman Bechen called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Faber, second by Neises and carried to approve the agenda, amended to remove the "Gary & Mary Stangohr Plat," due to the paperwork not being ready to sign.

The minutes of the January 21st and January 23rd meetings were approved. Faber reported on attending the ambulance bid opening and ambulance board meeting last night where the bids were discussed. The Auditor's Account with the County Treasurer for January 31, 2025 is \$6,632,714.77 in all state, county, civil, school and trust accounts.

Motion by Faber, second by Neises and carried to pay the following claims: Road & Bridge \$41,873.34, MERP Fund \$59,016.21, Reliance Standard \$1,376.52, Delta Dental \$542.36, Retirement \$7,382.62, OASI \$11,433.23, Commissioners \$4,795.75, Auditor \$7,829.00, Treasurer \$7,968.50, States Attorney \$6,238.00, Govt Building \$4,416.28, Director of Equalization \$9,576.58, Register of Deeds \$14,203.39, Vet Service \$610.00, Sheriff \$12,819.72, Coroner \$75.00, Contract Law \$4,324.00, Welfare \$656.47 (Includes Gibi Page@ 22.74/hr), Ambulance \$11,052.63, Extension \$1,750.85, Weed \$1,527.50, Dispatch \$22,827.75 (Includes Julie Lightbourn@ \$20.96/hr), Emergency Mgt \$2,651.00 **JANUARY PAYROLL.**

Santel \$30.00, Triotel \$171.53 **911 CHARGES**; JT Mechanics \$150.00 **AMBULANCE SERVICE CALL**; SD Office of Child & Family Services \$3,348.00 **CO NURSE PMT TO STATE**; SDACO \$741.42, SDACC \$1,706.00, First District Assn Local Govt \$250.00, Tri State Emergency Mgt Assoc \$20.00 **DUES**; Amazon \$1,495.00, Decatur Electronics \$230.00 **EQUIPMENT**; Ace Hardware \$79.47 **FUEL**; Northwestern Energy \$1,638.52 **GAS**; Glacial Lakes & Prairies \$300.00 **GRANTS**; Miner Co Treasurer \$15.72 **POSTAGE**; Fidelity Abstract & Title \$225.00, First District Assn Local Govt \$13,068.75 **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**; Dust-Tex \$175.20, Microfilm Imaging \$470.00 **RENT**; Elan Financial \$5.02, Two Trees \$1,740.75 **REPAIRS**; Kristian Ellendorf \$900.00 **STATE'S ATTY OFFICE EXPENSE**; Lexis Nexis \$149.00 **SUBSCRIPTION**; Amazon \$317.55, County Wide Directory \$604.00, Diamond Mowers \$285.15, Dust-Tex \$244.58, Darcy Laible \$140.00, Ace Hardware \$79.91, Midwest Underground \$517.66, Miner Co Treasurer \$17.43, Tim Reisch \$433.33, Rusty's \$91.75, Tami Severson \$20.00, Two Trees \$197.20 **SUPPLIES**; Alliance \$984.02, AT&T \$428.14, Jessica Charles \$30.00, Erin Feldhaus \$30.00, Lori Kiehl \$30.00, Becki Mommaerts \$30.00, Tami Severson \$30.00, Molly Steeneck \$30.00, Verizon \$100.03, Danielle Werkmeister \$30.00 **TELEPHONE**; SDACO \$375.00, SDACC \$250.00, SDACHS \$150.00 **TRAVEL**; City of Howard \$3,400.59 **UTILITIES.**

No one appeared for public comment.

Correspondence received: Memo from the Department of Public Safety – LEMPG Agreement Matrix Progress Reports.

Gibi Page took her oath of office as Miner County Register of Deeds.

Highway Superintendent Ron Kremppes reported on highway matters. Sealed bids were opened at 11:00am Thursday January 30th for BRF 6136(00)23-1, Structure Replacement and Approach Grading, Structure No. 49-062-020, Miner County, Howard, South Dakota. Documents were supplied to the Commissioners on the bids received at the bid opening. Brad Stangohr from Ulteig explained the next steps to the Commissioners. Motion by Neises to award Graves Construction the bid for the Carthage bridge (Structure No. 49-062-020) in the amount of \$1,634,193.95, seconded by Faber. Motion passed.

Motion by Faber, second by Neises to pass the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 25-7

**PROGRAM RESOLUTION
FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspections at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Miner County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Ulteig Operations, LLC (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2025, at Howard, South Dakota.

Board of County Commissioners
of Miner County
Joe Bechen, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Rebecca Mommaerts, County Auditor

State funding for pavement markings is continuing this year. Last year, Miner County accepted the bid awarded by Minnehaha County. This year, Miner County and other counties will be included on the bid specifications for Minnehaha County, to hopefully bring in lower bids. This bid will be awarded on February 26th.

The highway department participated in MSHA Training last week for mine-safety training. Surplus equipment will be taken to Wieman Land & Auction later this week. Other highway matters included hauling chips, preparing the crack sealer and router, blading, maintenance and shop work. Neises brought up the possible need for a policy for gravel roads for local utility providers with a stipulation if the ground is frozen. Krempges will check into what surrounding counties have.

Cora Schwader, Ambulance Manager, met with the board regarding ambulance matters. Ambulance bids were opened on January 27th. Arrow Manufacturing, the only bidder, submitted three separate bids. The ambulance board believed the lowest bid was not acceptable, due to the size of the module, the extended delivery date, and the exclusion of certain features included in the other two bids. The ambulance board recommended the Commission proceed with the next lowest bid, which met all specifications and had been brought for inspection by Arrow's representative. This ambulance should be ready for delivery by April of this year. The cost was slightly higher than the budgeted equipment expense, but Schwader believed the remaining ambulance operating budget would be able to absorb the extra cost. This ambulance is replacing the 1999 ambulance, which has a module that the county can no longer get replacement parts for. Motion by Faber to accept the bid for a 2024 Ford E450 Type 3 Arrow Ambulance for \$204,350 from Arrow Manufacturing, seconded by Neises and passed unanimously. There was discussion about what to do with the 1999 ambulance when it is taken out of service. The Commission instructed Schwader to confer with the Ambulance Board for suggestions. Schwader explained there will be an expense for the radios to be installed. She also informed the board of the EMT course that will be starting in April, requesting their help in spreading the word.

Brad Stangohr with Ultieg presented his 2024 Miner County Bridge Inspection Report. Carthage bridge (Structure 49-062-020) is being replaced in the next year. Structure 49-090-036 is a little south and east of Carthage; the replacement process will need to be started on this one, if repair is not an option and replacement is chosen.

Sheriff Rob Eggert is purchasing a new handheld radar; he can get a \$100 discount off that price if he trades in the broken one. Motion by Faber to declare the old radar surplus and use it as trade-in on a refurbished radar through Decatur Electronics, seconded by Neises and passed unanimously.

Eggert reported that many counties have the walk-through metal detectors which are mainly used for court dates. Eggert will talk to Judge Stoltenberg tomorrow to get his approval, as neighboring counties have offered their help on court dates to make use of the metal detector possible.

Motion to go into executive session by Faber pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 for Employee Evaluations, seconded by Neises at 10:49am. Board came out of executive session at 11:30am.

Motion by Faber, second by Neises to pass the following resolution:

Resolution 25-6

**Miner County Board of County Commissioners
Resolution Adopting the Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024 – 2030**

WHEREAS, Miner County received assistance in the preparation of the Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030 from representatives of Miner County and received funding from the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management / FEMA; and

WHEREAS, several public planning meetings were held between January of 2023 and July of 2024 regarding the development and review of the Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030; and

WHEREAS, the Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030 contains several potential future projects to mitigate hazard damage in Miner County; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has rendered its approval of the Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan on January 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public hearing was held by the Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Team on June 26, 2024 to solicit public comment on the Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public meeting was held by the Miner County Commission on February 4, 2025 to formally approve and adopt the final Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Miner County Commission adopts the Miner County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED this 4th day of February, 2025.

Joe Bechen
Commission Chairperson

ATTEST: Rebecca Mommaerts, Auditor

Motion by Faber, second by Neises and carried to table assigning a chair for the Planning & Zoning Committee and readdressing Commissioner committee appointments until the next meeting, when the full board can be present.

Motion by Faber, second by Neises to pass the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 25-8
WILDLAND FIRE COUNTY DESIGNEE**

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Wildland Fire Coordinator is authorized to assist in fighting range fires through the State, and

WHEREAS, a county must formally request his assistance pursuant to SDCL 41-20A-11;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Miner County Commissioners do hereby designate the following persons with the authority to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in fighting range fires: Emergency Manager Kent Terwilliger and Commissioner Tim Neises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above named persons will remain the appointed designees for Miner County for a period of two years.

Voting aye: Bechen, Neises and Faber Voting nay: None

Resolution approved this 4th day of February, 2025.

Joe Bechen, Chairman
Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Rebecca Mommaerts, Miner County Auditor

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned until February 18th. Dated this 4th day of February, 2025.

Joe Bechen, Chairman
Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Rebecca Mommaerts, Miner County Auditor