The Miner County Board of Commissioners met in regular session April 21, 2020 via Microsoft Teams Meeting due to the pandemic COVID 19 virus. Members present: Roger Wentland, Garrett Gassman, Tom Reisch, Voni Durant and Alex Protsch. Absent: none. Also joining the meeting included Tami Severson and Karla Neises. Chairman Wentland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Durant, seconded by Protsch and carried to approve the agenda as amended. The minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved. No conflict of interest was declared. No persons appeared for Public Comment.

It was moved by Reisch, seconded by Gassman and carried to authorize the auditor to pay the following claims: Josh Esser \$160.00, Kevin Feldhaus \$20.00, Mike Sebert \$20.00 EVOC **DRIVERS**; SD Dept. of Revenue \$600.00 HUMAN SERVICE CENTER PATIENTS; Century Link \$107.45 911 CHARGES; Ultra \$3,972.00 EQUIPMENT; HFCA \$443.02, Tom's Hardware \$4.47 FUEL; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$24.00, Mark Katterhagen \$12.00, Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health \$356.00, Lucy Lewno \$132.25, Darcy Lockwood \$12.00, Yankton Co \$186.80 MENTAL ILLNESS HEARING EXPENSE; Miner Co Treasurer \$80.76 PANDEMIC SUPPLIES; Miner Co Treasurer \$56.80 POSTAGE; Lake Co Sheriff \$450.00 PRISONER CARE; Aramark \$248.10 RENT; Al's Service \$68.85, Midwest Fire & Safety \$450.00, Wahltek \$2,750.00 REPAIRS; Brock White Co \$80.00, Dawson Construction \$312.00, MPJ Enterprises \$513.00 ROAD MATERIALS; Cardmember Services \$379.08, Dawson Construction \$27.78, Gall's \$427.18, Kimball Midwest \$297.49, McLeod's \$290.53, Miner Co Treasurer \$6.75, Pomp's Tire Service \$1,557.25, Safety Kleen \$400.00, Cora Schwader \$269.93, Sirchie Finger Print Labs \$45.45, Tom's Hardware \$132.68, Ultra \$1,066.97, Zep \$97.01 SUPPLIES; AT&T \$203.25 TELEPHONE; Fidelity Abstract & Title \$227.00 TITLE SEARCH; Daniel P Feldhaus Reporting \$207.40 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

The board reviewed the correspondence from FEMA concerning FEMA's Risk Mapping Assessment and Planning. Sam Bugg is requesting information on the type of meeting the board would like to use to review the flood risk information and maps. Meeting in person is the board's first choice versus a virtual meeting. They instruct Emergency Management Director Kent Terwilliger to contact all other community officials to obtain their input.

Wentland asked when the board would consider revising the pandemic restrictions put in place by the commission. Board members voiced concern as to modifying at this time those restrictions that have been enacted. The board will review the pandemic data at the next commission meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Gassman and seconded by Durant to adopt the following resolution.

## **RESOLUTION 20-12**

WHEREAS, SDCL 12-14-1 requires the board of county commissioners to provide for election precincts throughout its county and shall designate polling places within such precincts,

WHEREAS, commissioners wish to limit the exposure to COVID 19 by utilizing one polling place,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Miner County Board of Commissioners sets the polling places for the following precincts:

POLLING PLACE: **Miner County 4-H Exhibit Hall** (203 West Wilson St. Howard, SD)\_

Precinct 1 (Howard City Ward 1);

Precinct 2 (Howard City Ward 2);

Precinct 3 (Howard City Ward 3);

Precinct 4 (Vermillion, Canova, Rock Creek Townships, Canova Village)

Precinct 5 (Clinton, Beaver, Miner Townships)

Precinct 6 (Clearwater, Howard, Roswell Townships, Vilas Village);

Precinct 7 (Henden, Adams, Belleview, Grafton Townships)

Precinct 8 (Green Valley, Carthage, Redstone Townships, Carthage City)

Voting aye: Durant, Gassman, Reisch, Protsch, Wentland. Voting nay: none. Resolution adopted this 21st day of April, 2020.

Roger Wentland, Chairman

Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Susan Connor, Miner County Auditor

It was moved by Reisch and seconded by Gassman and carried to adopt the following resolution.

## **RESOLUTION 20-13**

WHEREAS, the Governor has closed non-essential offices having employees work from home due to the COVID 19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, Miner County is a political sub-division of South Dakota and

WHEREAS, Miner County is determined to protect our communities, customers and employees by encouraging social distancing

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Miner County has declared that county offices shall be closed to public access and encourages the public to do business with said county offices through email, telephone, fax and online.

Voting aye: Reisch, Gassman, Durant, Protsch, Wentland. Voting nay: none. Resolution adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020.

Roger Wentland, Chairman

Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Susan Connor, Miner County Auditor

An application for abatement from Cloverleaf Farmers Coop by Don Hofer was presented by Director of Equalization, Tami Severson and Auditor Susan Connor. This abatement is based on SDCL 10-18-4 when an error has been made in any identifying entry or description of the property, in entering the valuation thereof or in the extension of the tax, to the injury of the complainant. It was moved by Protsch, seconded by Gassman to approve the application for abatement of Cloverleaf Farmers Coop, all voting aye. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Ron Krempges joined the meeting. Krempges reported that he has hired Brian Dold to fill the vacancy within the highway department. Dold will begin work on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Krempges presented the SD Dept of Transportation's agreement for striping county roads within Miner County. It was moved by Reisch and seconded by Durant to authorize the Chairman, Roger Wentland, to sign the agreement with the State of South Dakota for the striping and continuing maintenance of county roads within Miner County. All members voting aye. Motion carried. A copy of the agreement is available for public inspection at the Miner County Highway Department and the auditor's office.

Krempges also reviewed current bridge and culvert projects. He also informed the board that he has recently inspected the water levels and the road conditions located in the northeast

part of the county. Load limits will be removed by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Other highway matters were also discussed.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned to May  $5^{th}$ . Dated this  $21^{st}$  day of April, 2020.

Roger Wentland, Chairman

Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Susan Connor, Miner County Auditor