

March 1, 2016

The Miner County Board of Commissioners met in regular session March 1, 2016, in the Miner County Courthouse. Members present: Garrett Gassman, Roger Wentland, Voni Durant, Tom Reisch and Alex Protsch. Absent: none. Chairman Wentland called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Auditor's account with the County Treasurer showed a February 29, 2016 balance of \$5,034,490.82 in all state, county, civil, school, and trust accounts.

Motion by Protsch, seconded by Durant and carried to approve the agenda as amended. The minutes of the February 16th meeting were amended and approved as follows: Motion by Reisch, seconded by Gassman and carried to approve the agreement with the SD Dept. of Transportation for pavement markings.

Commissioner acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence: Thank You from Hard to Beat/Green Valley 4-H Club.

The board considered an application for compromise of liens. After discussion concerning the placement of the lien on the individual while he/she was a minor, it was moved by Protsch and seconded by Durant to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 16-09

WHEREAS, a Miner County resident has filed an application (16-01) with the County Auditor requesting that the County Commissioners of Miner County, South Dakota, to release the lien in favor of Miner County for providing court appoint attorney services for the resident at the time he/she was a minor child;

AND WHEREAS, Miner County has a poor liens against the resident in the sum of \$866.12 for attorney services provided

AND WHEREAS, it is to the advantage and best interest of Miner County to grant the release of said lien;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Miner County Board of Commissioners that the lien be released against the resident which Miner County, South Dakota, now has; and that upon this Resolution becoming effective the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of said Miner County and the County Auditor of said County, are hereby authorized to execute a full release and satisfaction of said poor lien on behalf of said County, and that a record thereof be made as provided by law.

Dated at the City of Howard, Miner County, South Dakota, this 1st day of March 2016.

Roger Wentland, Chairman

Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Susan Connor, Miner County Auditor

No bids were received for the mowing of the 4-H grounds. Commissioners instructed the auditor to place a box advertisement in the Miner County Pioneer requesting bids that shall be opened at the April 5th meeting.

Jerry Adler representing the Miner County Recreation Association and David Hattervig representing the City of Carthage came before the board. They made a request for funds to support area youth summer activities. It was moved by Durant, seconded by Protsch and carried to disburse recreation grant funds as follows: \$1600 to Miner County Recreation; \$800 to Canova Summer Youth Recreation; \$400 to Canova Community Improvement Fund; \$1200 to the City of Carthage.

Bids per ton for gravel crushing in the Skoglund pit were received as follows: Luke & Sons, Inc. \$3.25, Rechnagel Construction \$2.10, Brownlee Construction, Inc. \$3.89; and Michael Johnson Construction \$4.23. It was moved by Gassman, seconded by Reisch and carried to award the bid for gravel crushing in 2016 to Rechnagel Construction.

The following bids are for a one-year period from April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

Submitting bids for cutback asphalt and emulsion oil were as follows: Jebro \$441.69/ton. It was moved by Protsch, seconded by Durant, and carried to award the bid for cutback asphalt and emulsion oil to Jebro, Inc.

The following firms submitted bids per ton for hot bituminous patch material: Asphalt Paving & Materials-Huron Plant Class E Type 1 Virgin \$64.00; Commercial Asphalt-Mitchell plant Class E Type 1 virgin \$58.00, Class E Type 1 recycled \$58.00, Class E Type 2 virgin \$58.00, Class E Type 2 recycled \$58.00; Spencer Plant Class E Type 1 virgin \$55.00, Class E Type 1 recycled \$55.00, Class E Type 2 virgin \$55.00, Class E Type 2 recycled \$55.00; It was moved by Gassman, seconded by Reisch and carried to award the contract to Commercial Asphalt.

A bid per ton for quartzite materials was received as follows: Spencer Quarries \$10.00/ton 7/16" Quartzite chips, \$11.75/ton Rip Rap, \$11.90/ton 4"-12" Rock, \$8.75/ton base material, \$10.45/ton 1 ½ " – 3" Ballast, trucking \$.14/ton/mile; It was moved by Durant, seconded by Gassman and carried to award the bid for quartzite materials to Spencer Quarries.

It was moved by Reisch, seconded by Gassman and carried to purchase metal culverts, guard rail, steel piling, bridge decking, steel sheet piling, and creosote treated #1 Douglas Fir lumber, during the period from February 1, 2016, through January 31, 2017, off of the bid awarded by Beadle County to TrueNorth Steel.

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

RESOLUTION 16-10

WHEREAS, Title 23, Section 151, United States Code and Title 23, Part 650, Subpart C, Code of Federal Regulations, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection 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 using Bridge Replacement funds. The county requests SDDOT to hire Ulteig (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.

Voting aye: Gassman, Reisch, Protsch, Durant and Wentland. Voting nay: none. Resolution adopted this 1st day of March 2016, at Howard South Dakota.

Roger Wentland, Chairman
Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Susan Connor, Miner County Auditor

Krempges reviewed information and maps from the meeting with Dakota Access Pipeline and Michels Pipeline Construction Company. He informed the board one of the conditions the SD PUC placed on the pipeline is for Dakota Access to file a \$24 million bond. This bond is in place to protect the state, counties, townships and landowners. Prior to construction representatives with Michels, Krempges, and a commissioner will physically drive the haul route filming the condition of the roads. This will also be done at the completion of the project to insure that roads have been restored to the preconstruction condition. It was moved by Durant, seconded by Gassman and carried to authorize the chairman to sign the Applications of Occupancy for Underground Construction on Miner County Road Right of Way for Dakota Access Pipeline.

Krempges requested a one-time purchase of a coat for each of the highway workers. With the clearing of trees from road ditches this winter many of the coats have been damaged. It was moved by Protsch, seconded by Durant and carried to authorize this one time purchase of highly reflective material coats for each of the highway workers in addition to the annual \$175 allowance. Krempges also reviewed equipment purchases, spring load limits, and other highway matters.

Miner County Treasurer Debbie Eggert addressed the commission informing them that she has decided not to run for re-election and will be retiring at the end of 2016. The board thanked her for her 39 years of service to the citizens of Miner County and wished her the best in her retirement.

Director of Equalization Tami Severson presented the following information concerning the assessment notices that were mailed out recently. According to non ag sales audited by the state in Miner County for 2015 our median ratio was 69%. In order to stay in compliance with state law which requires a median ratio of 85%, adjustments to assessments were necessary. Howard City saw an increase of 25% on residential homes and 10% on land to adjust for a stronger market across many areas, ages and styles of homes. Miner County's acreage sales have been showing strong for the past

few years. In the past properties that sold for 150% or more of their assessed values were not included in our sales ratio study. This rule expired in July 2014, making this assessment year the first entire year where sales are not thrown out of our ratio regardless of how high they sell. This had caused our ratio to drop below the median of 85%. As we looked to address the ratios of our acreage properties which had assessed values in a range from 23% to 43% of the price they sold for, we saw that we needed to make adjustments to non ag parcels throughout Miner County. We have adjusted residential property up and have our biggest adjustment in how we have valued the land. For example if you have a 5.5 acre parcel you will be assessed at \$10,000 for acre 1; \$3,000 for acre 2; \$3,000 for acre 3 and \$1,500 for all additional acres or portions of acres for an assessed value of \$19,750. If your parcel is a percentage of an acre for example .85 of an acre your assessed value would be \$8,500. If we do not make an effort to close the gap between where properties are assessed and where they are selling, we will not be in compliance with state law.

We have put together sales books and have them in the Equalization office for those who wish to view them.

Auditor Susan Connor presented the 2015 Miner County Annual Report.

CLAIMS ALLOWED: Road & Bridge \$32,628.62, Wellmark \$35,584.08, Reliance \$1,646.66, Retirement \$5,021.58, OASI \$7,627.58, Commissioners \$4,058.75, Auditor \$6,092.49, Treasurer \$6,441.75, States Attorney \$3,783.50, Govt Building \$3,044.80, Director of Equalization \$6,285.37, Register of Deeds \$5,782.14, Vet Service \$817.75, Sheriff \$10,598.00, Contract Law \$3,777.50, Welfare \$558.93, Co Nurse \$1,627.82, Ambulance \$7,946.40, WIC \$35.82, Extension \$1,372.28, Weed \$1,043.75, Dispatch \$10,044.86, Emergency Mgt \$2,475.50 Payroll Expense; Sanford Medical Center \$2,485.00 Autopsy; SD DOT \$1,204.87 Contracted Maintenance; Emergency Safety Education \$220.00 CPR Training; Children's Care Corner \$6,000.00 Day Care Centers Grant; Avera Occupational Medicine \$54.90 Drug Testing; National Assn of State Agencies \$39.00, SDACES \$10.00 Dues; Wingen's Garage \$481.60 Fuel; Northwestern Energy \$1,039.00 Gas Service; Pennington Co Jail \$178.75 Jail Fees; SDACC \$902.55 Legal Exp. Relief Fund; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$85.00 Mental Illness Hearing Expense; Miner Co Treasurer \$89.81 Postage; Miner Co Pioneer \$483.50 Publishing; Canova Community Improvement \$400.00, Canova Summer Youth Recreation \$800.00, City of Carthage \$1,200.00, Miner Co Recreation Association \$1,600.00 Recreation Grants; Aramark \$77.74 Rent; Audio Electronics \$120.00, Merle's Steam Clean \$1,745.60 Repairs; Brock White Co \$28,224.00 Road Materials; Greg Protsch \$900.00 State's Atty Off. Exp. Allowance; Brock White Co \$3,830.44, Foley-Belsaw Co \$49.30, GCR Tire Centers \$519.18, Kimball Midwest \$209.06, Mid-American Research \$216.19, Office Peeps \$95.51, Stan Houston Equipment \$203.55, Superior Lamp \$678.29, Wheelco \$86.25 Supplies; AT&T \$80.78, Century Link \$9.13, Mike Clary \$30.00, Rob Eggert \$30.00, Lanny Klinkhammer \$30.00, Cora Schwader \$11.00, Tami Severson \$11.00, Colleen Zobel \$30.00 Telephone; Best Western Ramkota \$527.94, Wallace Jacobson \$126.84, SD Asphalt Conference \$125.00, SDAAO \$280.00, SDACC \$400.00 Travel; City of Howard \$1,856.59 Utilities.

The meeting adjourned to March 15th. Dated this 1st day of March, 2016.

Roger Wentland, Chairman
Miner County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Susan Connor, Miner County Auditor