

Regular Meeting Minutes
Butte County Courthouse
Commission Meeting Room
839 5th Avenue
Belle Fourche, SD 57717
Phone: 605-892-4485

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Commissioners present were Ager, Erk, Walton, Batterman, and Brunner.

Chair Ager called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheri Fadley led with a moment of prayer.

Motion by Walton, Second by Erk to approve the meeting agenda moving #6 to 8.5. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brunner Second by Erk, to approve the Consent Agenda Items with no changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda - The following items were placed on the consent agenda for final action to be taken on all items by a single vote. Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any member of the Commission for separate consideration.

- a. Approval of regular meeting minutes – 04Feb2025
- b. County Lien Report

LIEN REPORT
BUTTE COUNTY

	EXPENSES JAN 2025	EXPENSES YTD	RECOVERED JAN 2025	RECOVERED YTD
CAA/PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 31,499.74	\$ 31,499.74	\$ 3,436.93	\$ 3,436.93
JAIL	\$ 75,160.48	\$ 75,160.48	\$ 4,195.00	\$ 4,195.00
POOR LIEN	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
REG JUV DETENTION	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 855.00	\$ 855.00

- c. Bills per Printout
- d. Apportioning and Other payments
- e. Register of Deeds Report
- f. Planning: FINAL: Owner: Patricia Habeck; Habeck Tract 1 Revised, Formerly Habeck Tract 1 and a Portion of the SW4NE4 of Section 30, Located in the SW4NE4 of SECTION 30, T.8N., R.2E., B.H.M., Butte County, South Dakota

Joel Porch of G&R Controls/O'Connor Company provided updates on the HVAC upgrade – 98% complete, start-up on cooling systems dependent on weather conditions. Mr. Porch will provide a proposal to add platforms with safety railings.

Beginning at 9:47 AM opportunity for public comments was opened with Sue Broadhurst providing comments regarding agenda, flowers, supplies, water coolers, invoices, tax increases and spending.

Director of Equalization Cristina Wilson provided a report on Property Assessments - to be sent out by March 1st, 2025, changes made including reappraisals, land values, ag land audit, obsolescence, and value trends. Additional discussion revolved around ag land calculations, equalization process/requirements, and market price.

Sheriff Lamphere provided a monthly activity report – discussion was held regarding livestock calls. The Contract for Housing of Prisoners and Detainees in the Meade County Jail and the Western SD Juvenile Services Rebate were shared with commissioners.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk to authorize Sheriff Lamphere to sign the Contract for Housing of Prisoners and Detainees in the Meade County Jail. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Lamphere discussed the need for a transfer Switch – a grant request has been submitted. During the next regular meeting on 04Mar2025 Chief Deputy March will present information on drone program.

Auditor Capp provided an activity report focused on annual report progress and building activities.

Auditor Capp presented multiple options for purchase of Commission Room Chairs from local and outside companies, discussion with City of Belle Fourche and Butte County will be held next week. Follow-up on chairs will be included on the 04Mar2025 agenda with additional options from local sources.

Motion by Erk, Second by Walton to approve for Letter of Support for the SDDOT PROTECT Grant Application. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Batterman, Second by Erk to approve Indigent Burial Request in the amount of \$2,000.00. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Discussion with possible action on courtroom flip and security. Grant is still available with funding provided upfront by the county and a 75% reimbursement from the Courtroom Security Grant. Courtroom Security Project will move forward, beginning with a request for quotes. 04Mar2025 provide original plans, bids, and financing options.

Belle Fourche Chamber Director Mikayla Horn gave an activity report including upcoming lunch and learn 19 Feb 2025, annual banquet 28Feb2025, publications, networking with surrounding chambers, monthly mixers, recent Cracker Barrel, and a potential 2nd cracker barrel.

A 5-minute Recess was called at 10:41AM.

States Attorney Tim Barnaud provided a report on the number of residents in jail. Immigration cases and processes were discussed.

Motion by Erk, Second by Brunner, to enter into Executive Session: Legal Counsel 1-25-2(3) at 10:53 AM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Exited Executive Session at 12:21 PM. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

Committee Reports were given:

- Brunner – planning meeting held
- Batterman – EDC Orientation

Informational –

- American Engineering was contacted to provide testing of water at the Admin Building and then send to MidContinent Testing to test.
- Status of tablets for commissioner use, water coolers, purchase of flowers, and recent requests to pull Property Cards was discussed

Motion by Erk, Second by Batterman to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PAYMENTS

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$8,925.37, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$17,085.81, BUILDING- \$0, COMMISSIONERS \$4,158.92, DISPATCH \$14,837.66, ELECTION- \$0, EM/911 \$989.72, EXTENSION \$1,936.80, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$26,864.97, JUDICIA- \$0,

NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1,213.92, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$4,794.19, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$26,171.88, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$13,290.65, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$10,519.00, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$878.85

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$9,790.34

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$7,493.47

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$29,699.47

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

A HILL \$421.54, A-Z SHRD \$45.56, BMS \$400.00, BRSZ ENG \$1,457.50, BC AMBUL \$465.70, CRNT CNSTRN \$1,157.46, EST RVR PSYC \$2,500.00, K THMS CNSTRN \$7,931.90, KNY LAW \$19,652.28, L&S RSTRN \$599.00, MAPS \$1,030.25, MEAD CO AUD \$39,045.00, MCROFM IMG \$380.00, MNMNT HLTH \$630.29, PENN CO JAIL \$120.92, PSY PALC \$50.00, R BCHMN \$60.00, RYL SPRY \$3,363.75, SD DVLMTL CNTR \$60.00, SD HLTH LAB \$40.00, SD SCTRY OF STE \$35.00, SRVL \$844.94, WCKRL LAW \$2,652.50, Z PRDCTNS \$549.00

PUBLICATIONS

BF BCN \$816.00, BH PIONR \$815.26

RENT/LEASE

BH PURE \$21.00, CNTRY BSNS \$394.66, CULGN OF BH \$161.50, THMSN RTRS WST \$215.25

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE

JOE DIRT \$613.72, NWL SRVC CNTR \$18.83, WHTS ELTC \$1,043.75

SUPPLIES

AUTO VALU BF \$989.78, BKLS TRUK \$ 35.86, BTLR MCHN \$3,262.75, MG OIL \$6,439.46, OFCE EMP \$149.67, PRAR AUTO \$341.80, RNDY DISC TRS \$971.00, RNGS \$6,489.81, STRGS RSPR SPLY \$199.93, TYLR TECH \$1,019.72, VFW \$40.00, WRNG BF \$700.50, WRNG TRLR BF \$19.92

TRAVEL/CONFERENCE

RMKTA \$112.00

UTILITIES

AT&T \$1,084.50, BH ENGRY \$3,251.17, BLUPK \$87.42, BUTTE ELTC \$788.94, BUTTE MEAD WTR \$55.00, CNTRYLNK (1) \$1,060.96, CNTRYLNK (2) \$131.10, GLDN WST \$23.80, MCGS PRPN \$2,798.10, TWN NSLND \$80.26

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

James Ager, Chairperson

ATTEST: Annie Capp, Butte County

Auditor