

**ZIEBACH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DECEMBER 6, 2023**

The Ziebach County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 AM with Bill Henderson, David Pesicka, Rick Farlee and Tucker Stocklin present; Shane Farlee absent. Chairman R. Farlee called the meeting to order.

The following monies were on deposit as of the end of November, 2023:

Cash on Hand	\$	200.00
Acct. Closed (M.Eaton)		146.00
In Transit		794.45
1 <sup>st</sup> Financial Bank, Dupree		2,854.00
Money Market, Dupree		1,997,442.89
CD – 12 Month		144,019.64
CD – 18 Month		<u>149,415.04</u>
TOTAL	\$	2,294,872.02

The following fees were reported for the month of November 2023:

Register of Deeds	\$	952.50
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**MINUTES:** Comm. Stocklin moved to approve the November minutes with the correction on the approval of last month’s minutes. To change: “Comm. S. Farlee moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Comm. S. Farlee all voted aye, motion carried.” Corrected to: “Comm. S. Farlee moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Comm. Stocklin all voted aye, motion carried.” seconded by Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** All of back taxes on Oti-Kaga have been paid in full, and there will be no further action required.

**HWY. DEPT:** Casey Gage, Highway Superintendent presented his monthly report to the Board. In the month of November, the highway department hired two new employees. Brian Alley began employment as an equipment operator on November 15, 2023 at \$18.98 per hour. Cory Dosch began employment as an equipment operator on November 27, 2023 at \$18.98 per hour. Casey updated the

commissioners on progress with mowing. He also talked about putting the old Tiger mower on surplus and possibly getting a new heater for the county shop as the winter approaches. The Commissioners decided to advertise the surplus at a later date. They also decided to have Casey research the cost of the heater and to present it at the next meeting.

**GAS QUOTES:** The following quotes for gas were received today: Agtegra Cooperative – E-10 Gas, \$2.60 Farmers Union Oil Co. – NL Gas, \$2.83; SNL Gas, \$2.68; Comm. Stocklin moved to accept the quote from Agtegra for gas. Seconded by Comm. Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried.

**SHERIFF REPORTS:** Gary Cudmore, Sheriff presented his monthly vehicle reports to the Board. He informed the Commissioners on some recent fires in the area. He discussed getting a meeting with the Tribal Chairman to present to possibility of a narcotics interdiction.

**MOU 4-H:** Comm. Bill Henderson moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between SDSU Extension and Ziebach County, South Dakota for 2024, seconded by Comm. Stocklin, all voted aye, motion carried. This MOU is to allow Ziebach County to offer the 4-H program.

**KLJ ROAD GRANTS:** KLJ Engineering came in to further review road grants. They gave updates on the progress of Ziebach County Road 55, Roadway Realignment Project. The project could begin as soon as next summer. They discussed the county's gravel contribution to the project. KLJ will get estimates on gravel hauling to figure out whether the county will haul the gravel or not. They also mentioned some possible areas where they could stockpile gravel.

Tiffany Hodge informed the commissioners on the progress towards the RACE Grant Funds that would potentially pave Cherry Creek Road. The paperwork is completed and ready to file, however, the county will need to submit their half of the payment for the planning grant submission that, if awarded, would finance the cost to apply for the RAISE Grant. The Tribe would submit the other half of the payment. Comm. Pesicka motioned to pay up to \$10,000 for Ziebach's share to write and submit the

planning grant task order using the contingency budget. Comm. Henderson seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

**LATCF:** Ziebach County received \$50,000.00 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

These funds can be used for any governmental purpose other than lobbying. They have a remaining \$28,000 left to allocate. The money, however, does not need to be allocated until December 31, 2024 and it does not need to be expended until December 31, 2026. With this information, the Commission decided to designate the finances at a later date.

**National Opioid Abatement Trust II:** The County accepted the National Opioid Abatement Trust II money in the amount of \$330.20. The money will be used for any opioid related treatment or testing.

**Contingency Budget Transfer:** Comm. Stocklin moved to transfer \$800.00 from the Contingency Budget to the Elections Budget, seconded by Comm. Henderson, all voted aye, motion carried.

**Gravel Parking Lot:** The Commissioners deliberated over the possibility of installing a gravel parking lot to save the county money instead of repaving the previous courthouse parking lot. They received an engineer's estimate on what it would cost to repave the parking lot. The estimate amount was approximately \$134,00. The main problem that needs to be rectified is the drainage issue. Comm. Henderson motioned to advertise for bids on the asphalt and landscaping of the parking lot to be completed by August 31, 2024. Seconded by Tucker Stocklin. All aye, motion carried.

**Gravel Contracts:** The Commission discussed gravel contracts and the specifications of what they want inserted in future gravel contracts.

**CLAIMS AUDITED:** The following claims were audited and ordered paid:

PAYROLL BY DEPARTMENT – Commissioners, 11,769.64 --- Auditor, 11,293.43 --- Treasurer, 11,421.51 --- States Attorney, 5,604.36 --- Courthouse, 5693.27 --- Director of Equalization, 6,440.42 --- Register of Deeds, 8,851.76 --- Sheriff, 13,992.17 --- CHN/WIC, 6,854.78 --- Road & Bridge, 27,678.34--- Extension, 285.60 --- Emergency Management, 960.69 -- Coroner, \$695.05

1ST FINANCIAL BANK USA	204.66	OFFICE SUPPLIES
AGTEGRA ENERGY	232.85	FUEL/GAS
AT&T MOBILITY	152.19	AIRCARDS
BALCO UNIFORM CO.,INC.	1643.55	SUPPLIES
BUTLER MACHINERY CO.	2359.71	EQUIPMENT REPAIR
CAPITAL I INDUSTRIES	48260.00	GRADER MOUNT SOD MULCHER
CRST TELEPHONE AUTHORITY	869.34	PHONE + INTERNET
DAKOTA BUSINESS CENTER	420.88	PRINTER PAPER
MICHAEL DENEUI	150.00	FUEL REIMBURSEMENT
DUPREE VOLUNTEER FIRE DPT	3750.00	2023 FIRE APPROPRIATION
EAGLE BUTTE VOLUNTEER	1250.00	2023 APPROPRIATION
RICK FARLEE	24.48	MILEAGE
FARMERS UNION OIL CO.	2522.42	FUEL & SUPPLIES
GLAD VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT	2250.00	2023 APPROPRIATION
BILL HENDERSON	6.12	MILEAGE
INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICES	625.31	STARTER
KINNEY LAW, PC	1248.95	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	346.73	AUDITOR COPIER LEASE
MARCO	264.92	COPIER LEASE
MELLING & ROSELAND LAW, PC	1841.96	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY
MOREAU-GRAND ELECTRIC	1747.06	ELECTRICITY
PREMIER EQUIPMENT	707.73	PARTS
SERVALL	266.48	SUPPLIES
TUCKER STOCKLIN	25.50	MILEAGE
STURDEVANT'S AV	608.00	BATTERIES
TIGER MOWERS LLC	745.36	PARTS
TITAN MACHINERY	63.72	BELTS

**YEAR-END MEETING:** The Board will meet on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM for the end of year meeting. All bills for 2023 must be submitted to the Auditor's Office before this date for payment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** : As there was no further business before the Board, Comm. Stocklin moved to adjourn at 11:21 AM, seconded by Comm. Bill Henderson, all voted aye, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Olivia Dosch, Auditor

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Fredrick Farlee, Chairman

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