

**ZIEBACH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JANUARY 2, 2024**

The Ziebach County Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 PM with Shane Farlee, David Pesicka, Rick Farlee and Tucker Stocklin present. Bill Henderson absent. Chairman R. Farlee called the meeting to order.

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

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| Cash on Hand                           | \$ | 200.00            |
| Acct. Closed (M.Eaton)                 |    | 146.00            |
| In Transit                             |    | 259.24            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Financial Bank, Dupree |    | 2,854.00          |
| Money Market, Dupree                   |    | 1,921,209.14      |
| CD – 12 Month                          |    | 144,019.64        |
| CD – 18 Month                          |    | <u>149,415.04</u> |
| TOTAL                                  | \$ | 2,218,103.06      |

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

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| Register of Deeds | \$ | 1,014.50 |
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**REORGANIZATION:** The Auditor called for nominations for chairman for 2024. Comm. Pesicka nominated Rick Farlee for Chairman, Comm. S. Farlee moved that nominations cease, seconded by Comm. Stocklin, all voted aye, motion carried. Rick Farlee will serve as Chairman for 2024. The Auditor called for nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2024. Comm. Pesicka nominated Tucker Stocklin, seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried. Tucker Stocklin will serve as Vice-Chairman for 2024.

**MEETINGS:** The Ziebach County Commissioners shall meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month, unless otherwise noted.

**BOARD POSITIONS:** Chairman R. Farlee appointed the following board positions:

1. Planning & Zoning Board – Rick Farlee
2. Emergency Management Board – Shane Farlee
3. Nurse’s Advisory Board – David Pesicka

4. 4-H Advisory Board – Tucker Stocklin
5. Weed & Pest Board – Bill Henderson

**DESIGNATIONS:** Comm. Stocklin moved to leave the following designations as is, seconded by Comm.

S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried.

1. The Official Newspaper for Ziebach County will be the West River Eagle.
2. The Official Depository for Ziebach County will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Bank, Dupree.
3. The Courthouse parking lot, the first floor of the Courthouse and the County Highway Department yards are places to hold chattel mortgage sales.

**FUND INVESTMENT:** Comm. S. Farlee moved to authorize the County Treasurer to invest all idle funds to gain maximum interest for the benefit of Ziebach County, in accordance with SDCL 4-5-8. Seconded by Comm. Stocklin, all voted aye, motion carried.

**MILEAGE & PERDIEM:** Comm. Stocklin moved to set mileage and per diem at the current state rates, except that actual costs for lodging will be allowed with board approval; and the mileage charged by the Sheriff for serving papers will be set at 6 cents over current state rates. Seconded by Comm. Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried.

**ELECTION FEES:** Comm. S Farlee moved to set the fee for election officials at \$15.00 per hour for hours worked, current state mileage for delivery of election supplies and results, and a \$30.00 attendance fee for election school. Seconded by Comm. Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried.

**BURIAL FEES:** Comm. Pesicka moved to set the indigent burial fee paid by the County at \$1600 plus mileage not to exceed a maximum of \$2000, seconded by Comm. Stocklin, all voted aye, motion carried.

**MACHINE HIRE RATES:** Comm. Pesicka moved to set hourly machine hire rates as follows, seconded by Comm. Shane Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried:

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| Patrol  | \$100.00 per hour | Front-end Loader  | \$100.00 per hour |
| Backhoe | \$70.00 per hour  | Skid Steer Loader | \$50.00 per hour  |

(All to include an operator and a maximum hire of 6 hours, minimum of 1 hour, use depending on availability at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.)

**SALARIES:** Discussion was held on wage raises for 2024. As raises were included in the budget for 2024, Comm. Stocklin moved to give a \$1.00 per hour raise or the equivalent thereto - \$2340.00 per year, seconded by Comm. Pesicka, all vote aye, motion carried. The fee for Emergency Manager, V.S.O., and Coroner will remain the same. The Commissioners will receive \$546.00 per month. Salaries will be set as follows:

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| Gary Cudmore, Sheriff                | \$54,575 Annually                                |
| Michael Deneui, Deputy Sheriff       | \$47,645 Annually                                |
| Shane Penfield, States Attorney      | \$49,515 Annually                                |
| Jessica Donovan, Treasurer           | \$48,965 Annually                                |
| Olivia Dosch, Auditor                | \$48,965 Annually                                |
| Nannette Farlee, Register of Deeds   | \$48,965 Annually                                |
| Misty Williams, Dir. Of Equalization | \$48,965 Annually                                |
| Dean Little Hawk, Custodian          | \$19.95 per hour                                 |
| Phoebe Lemke, CHN & WIC Secretary    | \$19.95 per hour                                 |
| Tasha Tibbs, Deputy Treasurer        | \$19.95 per hour                                 |
| Tristen Gage, Deputy AUD/ROD         | \$19.95 per hour                                 |
| Casey Gage, Highway Superintendent   | \$23.98 per hour                                 |
| Jeff Jensen, Equipment Operator      | \$20.98 per hour                                 |
| Cory Dosch, Equipment Operator       | \$19.98 per hour (probation)                     |
| Brian Alley, Equipment Operator      | \$19.98 per hour (probation)                     |
| Bruce Keegan, Equipment Operator     | \$20.98 per hour                                 |
| Arthur Clifton, Equipment Operator   | \$20.98 per hour                                 |
| Weed Spraying                        | \$ 2.50 per hour Additional                      |
| Emergency Manager                    | \$9,600 Annually                                 |
| Veterans Service Officer             | \$4,800 Annually                                 |
| James Brooks, Coroner                | \$75.00 per death                                |
| Mike Deneui, Deputy Coroner          | \$75.00 per death                                |
| Rick Farlee, Commissioner            | \$546.00 per month                               |
| Bill Henderson, Commissioner         | \$546.00 per month                               |
| David Pesicka, Commissioner          | \$546.00 per month plus \$350.00 Insurance Bonus |
| Shane Farlee, Commissioner           | \$546.00 per month                               |
| Tucker Stocklin, Commissioner        | \$546.00 per month                               |

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT:** The Board reviewed and signed the Statement of Equal Opportunity Employment along with the other elected officials.

**EOE OFFICER:** Gary Cudmore was appointed as the Ziebach County Equal Opportunity Employment Officer.

**MINUTES:** Comm. Pesicka moved to approve the December 28, 2023 minutes as presented. Seconded by Comm. S. Farlee. All aye. Motion carried.

**New Business:** The commission granted approval for the Highway Department to attend the required annual Mine Safety Health Act Training January 17<sup>th</sup>, in Mobridge, SD.

**FUEL QUOTES:** The following quotes for gas were received: Agtegra – SNL Gas, \$2.35 Farmers Union Oil Co. – NL Gas, \$2.54; SNL Gas, \$2.19 Comm. Stocklin moved to accept the bid from Farmers Union Oil Co. for SNL Gas at \$2.19, seconded by Comm. S. Farlee, all voted aye, motion carried.

**HWY. DEPT. REPORT:** Casey Gage, Highway Superintendent, gave a brief update to the board.

**Parking Lot Bids:** The parking lot bids have been tabled, until they receive the bid booklet from Kyle with Brosz. Engineering.

**Culvert Bids:** Commissioner Stocklin motioned to have Jerome Miller do the labor for the replacement of the culvert near Mike Maher’s place at the cost of \$5,500. Seconded by Commissioner S. Farlee. All aye. Motion carried.

**Gravel Truck Liner:** The board discussed getting gravel truck liners to aid in hauling gravel through the winter. The commission and the highway superintendent will investigate further. No decisions were made. Further discussion will be had in the next meeting.

**SHERIFF’S REPORT:** Gary Cudmore, Sheriff reported on law enforcement activities. He was granted permission to purchase an infrared thermal 360° safety radar that will mount on top of their pickup. This will help tremendously in search and rescue efforts. It will cost approximately \$3,000. WarHawk Emergency Management District will reimburse up to half of the cost. He also presented his monthly

vehicle reports to the Board. The Board discussed purchasing security cameras for the Highway Shop. Sheriff Cudmore said that he would look into it and get back with the board in February's meeting.

**2024 INSURANCE RENEWAL:** Dick and Karen Butler, Butler Insurance Agency presented the 2024 insurance renewal package for Ziebach County to the Board. This includes Property, Inland Marine, Auto, Law Enforcement and all Liability policies for a total premium of \$56,644.00. Comm. Pesicka moved to accept the 2024 Insurance Package with Employers Mutual Insurance Company through Butler Insurance Agency, without terrorism coverage. Seconded by Comm. Stocklin, all voted aye, motion carried.

**Executive Session:** : Shane Farlee moved to go into executive session at 3:50 PM to discuss personnel, seconded by Dave Pesicka, all voted aye, motion carried. Olivia Dosch, Shane Penfield, and Casey Gage were also present. The Board came out of executive session at 3:54 PM.

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

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| 1ST FINANCIAL BANK USA         | 60082.06 | PAYMENT ON CAT GRADERS         |
| BUTLER INSURANCE AGENCY        | 56644.00 | 2024 INSURANCE                 |
| CRST TELEPHONE AUTHORITY       | 925.00   | PHONE + INTERNET DECEMBER 2023 |
| RICK FARLEE                    | 24.48    | MILEAGE                        |
| SHANE FARLEE                   | 10.20    | MILEAGE                        |
| MOREAU-GRAND ELECTRIC          | 2324.05  | ELECTRICITY                    |
| SD SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION       | 572.39   | 2024 DUES                      |
| SD ASSOC OF ASSESSING OFFICERS | 75.00    | 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES           |
| SDACHS                         | 350.00   | 2024 DUES                      |
| SD ASSOC OF CO OFFICIALS       | 2044.57  | 2024 SDACC & NACO DUES         |
| SDML WORKER'S COMP. FUND       | 18643.00 | WORKERS COMP                   |
| TUCKER STOCKLIN                | 25.50    | MILEAGE                        |
| TODD'S ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.  | 326.50   | LIGHT REPLACEMENT IN COURTH    |
| WAR HAWK EMERGENCY MGT.        | 4500.00  | 2024 OPERATING EXPENSE         |

**NEXT MEETING:** The Ziebach County Commissioners will meet on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT:** As there was no further business before the Board, Comm. Pesicka moved to adjourn at 3:55 PM, seconded by Comm. Stocklin, all voted aye, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Olivia Dosch, Auditor

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Rick Farlee, Chairman

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