

**Minutes of the Custer County Commission Meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 2024.**

**Members present:**

Commissioners Jim Lintz, Mark Hartman, Mike Linde, Michael Busskohl, Craig Hindle and Commission Legal Counsel Aaron Davis and Dawn McLaughlin, Finance Officer.

**A. Commission Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**B. Adopting of the agenda**

1. Motion to adopt the Agenda made by Busskohl; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**C. Consent Agenda**

1. Approve Minutes of 9-25-24 Commission meeting.
2. Approve Monthly Reports as follows:

**CUSTER COUNTY BOB ACCOUNTING SHEET**

**CREDIT PORTFOLIO**

REARFACE LICENSE 12 30-5000 @48.00 = 1440.00  
 DEMONSTRATION 12 30-5000 @48.00 = 1440.00  
 I & P Fund 32 33,34,35 @ 20.00 = 2000.00  
 Personal Monthly Charges 0 0 0  
**MONTHLY WAGE TOTAL DEBITORS**  
 CHESTERMAN PROPERTY 30 100,000.00 = 1,000.00  
 Tax & Copies 0 0 0  
**COUNTY TOTAL** 9-7,222.00  
 Adjustments (if any) 0 0 Adjusted Total 9 9

**DEBIT PORTFOLIO**

I & P Flow-Through 30 0 @ 100.00 = 3000.00  
**STATE PORTFOLIO DEBIT VOUCHER FUND**  
 Wash 30 0 @ 50 = 1500.00  
 Wash 35 0 @ 50 = 1100.00 (1947) Total 260.00  
 Wash Child Treat 0 @ 32 = 0 3000 (3000) Total 30.00  
**CUSTER BOB VOUCHER DEBITOR GENERAL FUND**  
 Wash 30 0 @ 57 = 1710.00  
 Wash 35 0 @ 34 = 1180.00 (1000) Total 710.00  
**STATE TOTAL** 480.00  
**DEBIT TOTAL** 16,311.00  
**GRAND TOTAL** 16,311.00  
 Check# 1736 To State \$ 450.00 Check# 1737 To County \$ 7,222.00  
 Check# 1738 To SBACO \$ 304.00

SBC 7-9-07

Signature of Trustee or Auditor for the month of SEPTEMBER, 2024, Custer County, State of SD. I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the accounts of the County of Custer for the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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3. Vouchers approved as follows:

**PAYROLL:** Commissioners \$5,431.55; Election \$950.83; Auditor \$11,835.06; Treasurer \$12,022.18; Info Systems & Tech \$3,310.41; States Attorney \$13,951.45; Courthouse Building \$8,598.01; Director of Equalization \$11,032.88; Register of Deeds \$5,210.22; Veterans Services \$1,097.85; Human Resources \$2,388.50; Sheriff \$53,494.29; Coroner \$837.05; Nurse \$492.38; Library \$10,901.38; Conservation \$696.02; Weed & Pest \$2,956.45; Planning \$7,208.23; County Road & Bridge \$35,207.51; Emergency Management \$2,796.36; 24/7 Sobriety \$654.18; Emergency Line F \$18,301.16.

**COMMISSIONERS:** Southern Hills Publishing \$693.38; Valhalla Legal \$3,640.

**AUDITOR:** Golden West Technologies \$87.50; Quill \$88.36.

**TREASURER:** Southern Hills Publishing \$47.08.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY:** Aimee Slama \$20; Culligan Water \$25.90; Howard F. Euneau \$44.29; Relx \$467.

**COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY:** Colbath And Sperlich \$183.80; Grey & Eisenbraun \$12,352.80; Husted Law \$1,467.31; Southern Hills Law \$149.50.

**MAINTENANCE:** Black Hills Energy \$3,178.94; City of Custer \$832.09; Custer Ace Hardware \$42.14; R.P. Lumber \$42.33.

**ROAD DISTRICT:** Dachia Arritola \$400.

**ELECTION:** ES&S \$4,150.32; Quill \$50.36.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION:** Travel and Conference \$770; Splish Splash \$13.

**INFO TECHNOLOGY:** Golden West Technologies \$7,358.

**SHERIFF:** Custer Ace Hardware \$18.99; SD Public Assurance Alliance \$607.85; Sherry Weber \$70; Southern Hills Publishing \$47.08.

**PRISONER CARE:** Prisoner Transports \$175.

**AIRPORT:** Brendan Hendrickson \$4,315.50; CityServiceValcon Fuel \$13,335.05; Mead & Hunt \$9,675.87.

**WEED & PEST:** French Creek Supply \$16.18.

**COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE:** A&B Welding \$146.67; A&I Distributors \$525.06; Black Hills Energy \$136.41; Brosz Engineering \$84,000; Butler Machinery \$17,932.67; CBH Cooperative \$12,688.56; Croell \$95,000; Culligan Water \$6.95; Custer Ace Hardware \$10.17; Fastenal \$733.84; French Creek Supply \$1,519.36; Godfrey Brake \$81.14; Great Western Tire \$5,508.25; Grimms Pump Service \$209.83; Interstate Batteries \$309.90; Kieffer Sanitation \$308.38; Mt Rushmore Telephone \$156; Northern Truck Equipment \$3,309.76; R.P. Lumber \$44.94; Servall Towel & Linen \$115.61; Southern Hills Publishing \$14.54; Truenorth Steel \$27,330.60.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** United State Geological Survey 3,090.

**COUNTY BUILDINGS:** Custer Ace Hardware \$156.63.

**EMERGENCY LINE:** Range \$11.92.

Motion to approve made by Busskohl; seconded by Hartman; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**D. Conflict of Interest Declarations** – Chairman Lintz declared a conflict under Item “E” Auditor, liquor license application and renewal fees.

**E. Auditor**

1. Finance Officer, Dawn McLaughlin, discussed the current liquor license application and renewal fees. It was discovered that the application fee at one time was \$1,200 and had subsequently been reduced to \$500.00. Research did not reflect a record of why or when the reduction in fee was made. McLaughlin presented a packet of information regarding current fees for surrounding municipalities for comparison purposes. Discussion was held about updating the fees, making them non-refundable, mirroring policies used by other counties. It was decided to draft a new ordinance with fees listed in the body of the policy. Chairman Lintz stated that Lintz Brothers Pizza will possibly drop the wine license as sales are low and don't cover the cost of the license. He has concerns about raising the rates. Commissioner Hartman said Custer County should match the City of Custer fees, since Custer County does not receive any sales tax. Commission Legal Counsel, Aaron Davis will draft a new ordinance to present at the next meeting. Motion to table until the 10-23-24 meeting so that Davis can examine and draft new ordinance made by Hartman; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried.

**F. Merchant Trick or Treating**

1. Terri Kester discussed Merchant Trick or Treating, noting that last year's event served 462 trick-or-treaters. Enough candy for 2,000 was on hand thanks to private donations. Commissioners Busskohl, Hindle and Legal Counsel Davis said they will contribute this year.
2. Kester also distributed copies of Ordinance 2 to the Commission for November's work session.

## **G. Southern Black Hills Water System**

1. SBHWS provided Notice of Election and Agenda for its annual meeting to be held October 24, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Pringle Community Hall. The Commission so acknowledged.

## **H. Public Comment**

1. LeaAnne McWhorter stated that tomorrow is the last legislative tax session meeting at 9:00 AM in Pierre. She noted this will be streamed online. Chairman Lintz stated there are many people who worked very hard in the legislature who are no longer there, noting Pierre will be different this year.

## **I. Veterans Service Office**

1. Todd Fish, VSO, presented the 2024 3rd quarter Custer County report. He said there are 952 registered veterans in Custer County, while 972 are tracked by the State of SD. There are 34 active claims; 44 intents to file a claim and 6 open active appeals. There are a projected 456 claims totaling \$8.1 in annual disability in Custer County.

## **J. Human Resources**

1. Todd Fish, HR updated the Commission of the following new hires:
  - a) Amber Maidens, HR, beginning 10-7-24 2 days per week at a rate of \$21/hour.
  - b) Scott Storms as Department of Equalization Director beginning 10-7-24 at a salary of \$56,500 annually.
  - c) Kody Schonebaum as full-time Highway Department equipment operator beginning 10-7-24 at a rate of \$23.18/hour.
2. Fish noted two positions remain unfilled; 1 Sheriff's Deputy and 1 Highway sign position. The sign position will be an independent position from equipment operator.

## **K. Commission**

1. Mail call –
  - a) letter from SD GFP re: land acquisition/trail head Mickelson Trail. The public comment period will take place at SD GFP meeting November 7-8, 2024. This is a private land purchase of a small tract of land located in Pringle.
  - b) letter from Dylan Frank re: senior project/proposed bicycle race. Commissioner Busskohl sent Frank a ROW Occupancy Permit; no Commission approval is needed.
2. Meeting Schedule – none.
3. Meeting Reports – Linde attended Historical Society meeting; Conservation Board; SO interviews; Lintz will attend Fair Board tonight. He noted there are not enough funds for a new building—other options will be considered; Busskohl

attended Planning, Highlands VFD fundraiser, Custer City Council, Lincoln Day Dinner; Hartman attended SO interviews, Highlands VFD fundraiser.

**L. Executive Session**

1. Motion to enter into Executive Session as per SDCL 1-25-21(1) Personnel was made by Buskohl; seconded by Hindle; vote taken, all aye; motion carried. Executive Session entered into at 8:24 AM and concluded at 9:22 AM with no action taken.

**M. Adjourn**

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Hindle to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 AM. The next meeting will be at 8:00 AM, October 23, 2024 in the Commissioner's Room in the Custer County Courthouse.

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Jim Lintz, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Cox, Custer County Deputy Auditor

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