Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of Proceedings

April 16, 2024

The Turner County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 A.M. Present were Chairman Miller, Ciampa, Hybertson, Kaufman & Van Hove. Also present were States Atty. Katelynn Hoffman and Auditor Dahl.

Motion by Van Hove, seconded by Ciampa, to approve the agenda with removing Jennifer Bertrand & Kevin Hinrichs from Equalizations. Motion carried.

Motion by Hybertson, seconded by Van Hove, to approve the April 09, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Hohman from Canton running for District 16 Senate wanted to sit in and listen to how an efficient Board is run. He has heard that this was one of the better functioning County Commissioner Board in this part of the state. He is not a big politician, so he needs to find out what are some of the problems. He has heard that property tax relief is one of the big ones.

COUNTY BUSINESS

Hwy. Supt. Kent Austin met with the Board to discuss approving a driveway application. Austin discussed the old jail cells and how the Sheriff’s Office wants them out of there but is it worth the work with the property across the street. The Board asked what kind of a time frame, what the dollar and cents would be and manpower to get this done. Austin advised that it would be 2 to 3 guys for four days to be able to cut it all up into smaller pieces and hall away. Austin advised that they have quite a bit going on right now but would be able to fit it in if need be. There are some load bearing beams there and they would not be able to touch them. Chief Deputy Sheriff Brent Booth advised that they are out of room and would need the space to be able to continue the inventory process. He is scared that if we don’t do something about it now, we could run into some legal issues. Administrative Evidence Deputy Erik Dods advised that there are 6781 physical items to be inventoried yet and needed to be stored. The Board asked Austin if he is prepared and has the tools to do this and he responded with all he doesn’t have is the time. It was decided that we would outsource the work to be done. Austin advised that all the flag poles are ready and if they would go on the front curbside. He was advised by the Board to place them there.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Brent Booth met with the Board to advise that he received an estimate back on the Tahoe that was damaged by the deer. The final number is $6700.00 plus and wanted to know if we should put in an insurance claim. Van Hove advised that he would call the insurance company and get back to us. He also advised the Board that the two recruits that are in Pierre have passed phase one and will be done by the end of May.

States Atty. Katelynn Hoffman met with the Board to advise them that she received the survey from Eric Meyer yesterday. Dick Strassburg with Tegra Group called her yesterday about the tours that are scheduled for April 24th and 25th, at one point they were going to be overnight and now we would make it just a day trip on the 24th and either the 25th or 26th. We would tour Hutchinson County, Hanson County and Minnehaha County on the first day. The second day would be to Worthington and Mankato, MN. They will get back to us on the final dates. She advised that the trial is still for the week of May 13th, no date has been set for the other trial yet. She advised that the judge did find a speaker system that is available that they would be able to use.

DRIVEWAY APPLICATION

Motion by Hybertson, seconded by Van Hove, to approve a driveway application for Brad Stevens/Precision Probing, LLC NE ¼ 4-96-52. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion by Kaufman, seconded by Van Hove, to reconvene as the County Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

Case #5 Jess & Irma Dornbusch – Sanborn’s Addition 6 & 7 Blk. Parker City. Motion by Van Hove, seconded by Hybertson, to accept the Assessor’s recommendation & set the total assessed valuation at $170,551. Motion carried.

Case #6 John & Lynn Smith – Plucker tract 2 in the SE ¼ 12-100-52. Motion by Ciampa, seconded by Hybertson, to accept the Assessor’s recommendation & set the total assessed valuation at $574,598. Motion carried.

RECESS AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motion by Kaufman, seconded by Van Hove, to recess as the Board of Equalization. Motion carried.

CASH TRANSFER

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Motion by Van Hove, seconded by Hybertson, to approve a $30,000.00 cash transfer from the General Fund to the Emergency Management Fund. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Motion by Ciampa, seconded by Hybertson, to declare a desk & file cabinet surplus property to be junked. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Van Hove, seconded by Hybertson, to enter into executive session at 10:19 A.M. for personnel matters per SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried.

Chairman Miller declared over at 11:32 A.M. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

RAISES

Erik Dodds will receive a .30 cent hourly probationary period raise: new hourly salary $23.18 effective for the 2/17/24 payroll.

Misty Dahl will receive a .62 cent hourly anniversary raise: new hourly salary $27.11 for the 4/13/24 payroll.

CLAIMS

Motion by Van Hove, seconded by Ciampa, to approve the following claims. Motion carried.

Rowan & Carol Doorn 270,000.00 land, Turner County Treasurer 2365.68 fees, total 272,365.68.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kaufman, seconded by Hybertson, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting, a regular meeting, is set for April 23, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TURNER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Mick Miller, Chairman

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Misty Dahl

Turner County Auditor

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