Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of Proceedings

January 30, 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 Auditor Dahl and States Atty. Katelynn Hoffman.

Motion by Kaufman, seconded by Hybertson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Hybertson, seconded by Van Hove, to approve the January 23, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public offered to give comments at this time.

COUNTY BUSINESS

Hwy. Supt. Kent Austin met with the Board to discuss that he got the snow blower fixed as the clutch went out. The blade they bought, the 2-year warranty went off January 15, 2024, and the other blade the warranty goes off next month. Austin advised that he would like to extend the warranty on the newer blade that expires next month, and there are multiple extended warranties to choose from. Austin advised that he is looking at a lease or finance at 0% or a very low interest rate. Austin said that he would do more research on financing and report back to the Board.

State’s Atty. Katelynn Hoffman met with the Board to advise them that she was in contact with Tegra Group about the consulting contract and the few changes that needed to be made and Tegra Group agreed with all of them and signed it. The changes were just to change the name of the agreement, nothing to do with the terms of it, the contact person and the exhibits that were attached were for the 2 steps of the scopes of service. Step 1 or exhibit A would be for what would apply for now and exhibit B what would apply to keep him on after a bond if it passes. We are able to terminate his services at any time which is part of the agreement. It would be $6500.00 per month. The contract was signed by Chairman Miller. Hoffman advised that she spoke with Robbi from Deep Foundation Group, they are the ones that did all the shoring, and the equipment that stays here and the rent on that will be $4,450.00 a month. There were also some recommendations that were made in the ISG report regarding checks on the equipment every 30 days and she was not sure that had been completed. Hoffman called Deep Foundation Group and they stated that they will come out at the end of last week. Hoffman asked about the cost, and she didn’t think he realized this was going to be a long-term deal and would be able to do the checks every 30 days as part of the rental agreement. Hoffman asked if he would be willing to sell the equipment instead of renting it and he didn’t give a specific amount on it, but he would consider it. Deep Foundation Group also does trusses and would be able to provide a price for the roof that sits over the courtroom. Hoffman also asked Deep Foundation Group about the one-year evaluation, which was recommended in the ISG report, Robbi said that he would follow up with that and it would also be part of the rental agreement. Hoffman stated that they talked about the trusses, however, Robbi stated that any of those repairs would be temporary for 3 to 4 years. Hybertson stated that it would be in our best interest to weigh it if we keep renting and keep it in place, or can we fix the roof and the cost of it even if it is for 3 to 4 years to get by. Chairman Miller asked if Robbi gave any inkling of a time frame if we wanted to fix that part of it and when that could happen. Hoffman stated he did not give a timeline for that, the only timeline that he provided was that if he fixed the roof, it would be short term of the 3 to 4 years that the trusses and the temporary repairs would last and suggested that Hoffman visits with the Board and Dick Strassburg. Ciampa asked if we should go out for bids to fix the roof. Hybertson stated that it should be part of Tegra Group process, because they are going to determine for the public’s purpose and our purposes how much it is going to cost to fix it or new. Van Hove stated that there is no cost to go out for bids to keep everyone honest and he would like to see two bids. Hoffman stated that she will visit with Robbi and Dick again. Hoffman advised that she has moved her office from the Sheriff’s Office to the jury room. Hoffman stated that last week was the first week being in Salem for court and everything went well as they are being kind and accommodating.

Veteran’s Service Officer Tom Sparrow met with the Board for his award presentation due to retiring and his years of service.

Interim Sheriff Jamie Buteyn met with the Board to give introductions of all deputies. Trevoy Shaw and Brendan Feldhaus, the two new deputies Buteyn stated they are going over policies and state laws. Nolan Clark stated it has been a pleasure for him since he started the first part of January and a really easy transition for him. It plays to his strengths to be able to train the new deputies as a certified field training officer. Clark stated the two new deputies already in the short week and a half already impressed both himself and Buteyn by their willingness to be present in the moment, and to take their training serious. Buteyn stated that Brent Booth will be starting full time February 12, 2024 and only needs to have one more full-time deputy to be at full staff. Buteyn also stated that Linda Luke will be done soon, and he has posted the Administration Assistant job. The Board advised Buteyn to reach out to Kent Austin to see if his guys would be able to help demolish the jail cells for more evidence space.

COUNTY ASSISTANCE CASE #1-24

The Board reviewed a request from Avera Heart Hospital for County Assistant case #1-24. Motion by Van Hove, seconded by Ciampa, to deny case #1-24, due to not enough information to determine indigency. Motion carried.

COUNTY ASSISTANCE CASE #2-24

The Board reviewed a county assistance application Case #2-24 a request for a county cremation. Motion by Ciampa, seconded by Hybertson, to approve the application. Motion carried.

MERIT RAISE

DEPUTY AUDITOR

Motion by Ciampa, seconded by Hybertson, to approve Coral Nordmann a $1.00 raise per hour. New hourly salary $22.52 effective for 2/3/24 payroll. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Van Hove, seconded by Hybertson, to enter into executive session at 9:41 A.M. for public safety per SDCL 1-25-2(6) C. Motion carried.

Chairman Miller declared executive session over at 10:37 A.M.

CLAIMS

Motion by Kaufman, seconded by Hybertson, to approve the following claims. Motion carried.

AFLAC 1662.90 p.r., Colonial Life 1352.46 p.r., New York Life 208.65 p.r., Payroll Taxes 22,720.68 p.r., SDRS 20,607.14 p.r., SD Supplemental Retirement Plan 500.00 p.r., Wellmark 39,827.21 p.r., total 86,879.04.

RAISES

Martin Dahl will receive a .30 cent hourly probationary period raise, new hourly salary of $19.02 effective for the 2/3/24 payroll.

Karlene Schoenwald will receive a .62 hourly anniversary raise, new hourly salary of $32.14 effective for the 2/3/24 payroll.

PAYROLL

January 20, 2024 payroll: Commissioner 6250.00, Auditor 3600.75, Treasurer 5882.25, State’s Atty. 6856.00, Janitor 2101.80, Assessor 5712.77, Register of Deeds 3692.25, Veteran Service 828.96, Sheriff 16,000.02, 24/7 66.30, Parker Law 3442.97, Chancellor Law 291.86, Davis Law 121.03, Emergency Management 1333.80, Hwy. 43,392.75, Extension 1337.26, Weed 444.60, Planning & Zoning 481.48, total 101,836.85.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Next meeting, a regular meeting, is set for February 06, 2024.

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TURNER COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Mick Miller, Chairman

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Misty Dahl

Turner County Auditor

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