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RETURNED CHECKS:

Caldwell, Gwendolyn-\$ 25.60-LIC
April Stone-----\$ 56.00-LIC
Lynda Petersen-----\$1,433.00-TAXES
Raymond Henry-----\$ 290.64-TAXES

TOTAL \$4,490,335.92

Dated This 30TH Day of March,2010.

/S/Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, County Auditor of Fall River County.

Applicants for County Assistance met with the Board for electric assistance.

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Allen to approve \$213.51 for electric bill for CP10-10, with repayment schedule. Falkenburg voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Allen to surplus to junk 2- Fellow shredders, inventory #1716 & #1718. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Cassens to set May 18th, 2010 for union negotiations. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Allen to approve the following resolution. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Fall River County Resolution #2010-13

WHEREAS, the Black Hills Association of County Commissioners (BHACC), representing 13 counties, met in Sturgis, South Dakota on March 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, there ensued a discussion of the ongoing issues regarding the V.A. Black Hills Healthcare System and the future of its facilities and services at Fort Meade, Hot Springs and Rapid City; and

WHEREAS, Veterans throughout western South Dakota, eastern Wyoming and northwest Nebraska depend upon these facilities for medical and other services which they have earned because of their past service to this nation and its citizens in defending our precious freedom; and

WHEREAS, it is important to keep strong healthcare services in each of these areas to serve our resident Veterans and never forgetting our Native American Veterans without them having to drive often well over a hundred miles to get those services; and

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WHEREAS, these long time facilities and employees have been an integral and necessary part of the lifeblood of their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the Fall River Board of County Commissioners wishes to show its continued support for our Veterans and their deserved receipt of quality medical services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we strongly urge the Veterans Administration to take a long and careful look at the needs of our area Veterans before making any decisions shifting or cutting back on our area care facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that we urge our Congressional delegations from South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming as well as the American Legion, VFW, DAV and their auxiliaries to pay close attention to the Veterans Administration and its short-term and long-term plans for the Veterans served in all three states.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2010

ATTEST:
/S/Sue Ganje
Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Fall River County

/S/Michael P. Ortner
Michael P. Ortner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Fall River County

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Falkenburg to approve surplus to sell to Shannon County a copy machine for \$400.00. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Ortner discussed the encouragement he has received to apply for the Board of Director's of NACO at large.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Cassens to support the application and appointment of Ortner to the NACO Board of Directors at large position. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Carl Neisner, Building Maintenance met to request hire approval.

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Allen to approve hiring of Joe Mendez full time at a rate of \$9.00 per hour, effective April 21st, 2010; and Richard Kraima, part time at a rate of \$9.00 per hour effective April 12th, 2010. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Neisner briefly spoke of the coverage he has lined up while he is off on vacation.

Lynn Hicks, 211 Helpline, met with the Board to give an update on the service it is now supplying in Fall River County, which has been up and running since the 1st of the year. Ninety-six calls have been received since the implementation of the service, which runs 24/7. Hicks had previously met with the Board and an agreement had been made that when service's become available in Fall River County, the Board would consider a contingency transfer to assist with funding. The Board questioned other financing the program has received, which is mainly by the United Way, grant funding and a small portion by Cities and Counties.

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Cassens to approve a contingency transfer in the amount of \$1,500.00 Ortner expressed concerns about commitments for additional budget expenses.

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Motion by Ortner, seconded by Falkenburg to offer a substitute motion of \$1000.00 contingency transfer for the 211 Helpline funding. With Reaser voting no, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Reaser said he would give \$100.00 to the program and challenged the rest of the Commissioners for their private support.

Nina Steinmetz, Weed Supervisor, met to present quotes for concrete and water line installation for the Weed department shop location near the Highway shop.

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Falkenburg to approve Barker Construction to do concrete in the amount of \$6,539.04 to bring the chemical storage area up to State and Federal guidelines, and to install a water line from the Highway shop to the Weed shop location in the amount of \$965.56. Completion date to be by May 21st, 2010. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Randy Seiler, Highway Superintendent, met to present gas quotes.

<u>8000 Gallons Unleaded Fuel</u>		
Nelson's Oil and Gas-----	Bid-----	\$2.711 per gallon
MG Oil-----	Bid-----	\$2.72498 per gallon

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Allen to accept fuel quote of \$2.711 per gallon for 8000 gallons of Unleaded fuel. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

A date for a surplus sale was discussed. Seiler will contact the City of Hot Springs and Hot Springs School and bring back a list soon.

The road tour was again discussed and the need to view roads that we have had complaints on. The Board will tour roads starting at 1:30 p.m. on May 4th, 2010, and see if another date needs to be set. The regular meeting of May 4th, 2010 will start at 8:00 a.m. Roads designated as "no maintenance" will also be driven.

Tracy Bowman, County Health Nurse, met to present her quarterly report. Bowman spoke on the WIC and Nutrition Program, Maternal and Child Health Program; Women's Health and Reproduction Program; Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity Program and General Public Health Office Activities. The Board gave appreciation for the services provided.

Susan Henderson questioned status of geotechnical testing on the jail site. Holes have been drilled and we are waiting for the report.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Henderson spoke on the possibility of financial problems in the County, bank funding and lack of cash flow. Henderson cautioned the Board on country wide banks and the effects of available money to borrowers. Henderson requested the need to be able to evaluate tax collections and get independent software for the evaluation. Discussion on the current economy and bailout to banks is not working and Henderson inquired if the County can buy Treasury bills. Budgets will need to be cut. Henderson spoke on State budget problems.

Break was taken.

James Sword, States Attorney, Rose Tucker and Bill McDade met with the Board on a Road District issue. Tucker and McDade reside in a Road District, and they were informed that a road that they assumed would be maintained will not be, due to the cost. Tucker is being taxed without her road being maintained. A map of the road was presented. This is just a heads up to the Commissioners, as the County has no jurisdiction with a Road District, and that the States Attorney will assist on a petition to remove the property from the road district.

Casey Derflinger, First Interstate Bank, met with the Board to explain changes within the Bank due to the new ownership. Derflinger confirmed that the FDIC Insurance and state requirements continues to cover all deposits. Cassens questioned ability to get loans and asked about availability of loans First Interstate has for Commerce and Agriculture. Derflinger advised that there is not a loan market due to consumer concerns, loans for homes and autos is business as usual.

Lori Bachand, Treasurer, questioned fees on money market. Derflinger said fees will be waived. The Board said they appreciated Derflinger attending the meeting.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Management met to request additional travel approval for Jason March and Les Madsen to attend the Homeland Security Conference in Sioux Falls June 15th to 17th, 2010. Maynard said this was an allowable expense under the HLS/DOJ Grant.

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Allen to approve travel of Jason March, Deputy Sheriff and Les Madsen to attend Homeland Security Conference in Sioux Falls June 15th to 17th, 2010. Reimbursement will come from DOJ Grant. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week will be April 26th to April 30th, 2010. The Quarterly Activity Report was presented and authorization for Chairman of the Board to sign reports between meetings if needed was requested. The Corps of Engineers is testing the Cold Brook Flood Warning system today.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Reaser to approve the Chairman of the Board to sign Quarterly Activity Report in between meetings, if needed, and reports will be brought to next meeting. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Mary Kaiser, Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative, met with the Board to present the June 1st, 2010 renewal quotes.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Cassens to approve the following bills. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

GENERAL

A&B Business Equipment	Copier	\$ 59.16
Accouter Tire & Auto	Tires & Mount	314.14
Al's Signs	Lettering Sign	148.00
Best Western Ramkota	Travel	162.00
Black Hills Chemical	4-5;#941147	186.96
Bingham, James	CAA	697.00
Black Hills Power	Light Bills	2,193.44
Black Hills Scuba	Inspection	142.00
Cardmember Service	Misc.	1,894.25
Carol Butzman Consulting	Mental Illness	228.83

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CBM Food Service	3-24;STDINV27203	2,242.64
Century Business Leasing	Copier	62.28
Culligan Soft Water	3-31;#999892	84.25
Edgemont Herald Tribune	Publishing	1,131.23
Graphics Plus	2 Rolls Paper	62.00
Hillyard Floor Care Supply	Supply	474.36
Infoprint Solutions	4-4;#4003396	312.00
Jager, Dusty	Best Buy;Remote	296.95
Lyle's Handyman	Water Fountain	97.64
Lynn's Dakota Mart Pharmacy	Prescription	1,022.79
Medical Waste Transport	4-1;#35187	67.21
Moran, Lynn A.	CAA	488.00
Nachtigall, Gene	Rent for COP	500.00
National Sheriff Association	Dues	50.00
Nelson's Oil and Gas	Assistance	117.72
Nortons Sinclair	4-9;#34371; Assistance	40.00
O'Neill, Justin	CAA	215.25
Pennington Co Auditor	Mental Illness	42.00
Pennington Co. Jail	Prisoner Care	1,155.10
Pitney Bowes	Auditor	1,949.22
Quill Corporation	Supplies	1,039.13
Radio Shack	Cable	9.99
Rapid City Journal (The)	Publishing	42.86
Rushmore Communications	3-31;#11190	189.00
SD Assn. of Co. Officials	Workshop	645.00
SDAAO	Registration	100.00
Servall	4-6;#1455289	83.00
Skinner, Matthew L. PC	CAA	422.04
Software Services Inc.	3-31;#11190	320.00
Stan Houston Equipment Co.	3-29;#844947	287.01
Village Repair	Car Maintenance	259.98
West Payment Center	#819497847	30.50
Western SD Juv. Service Center	Juvenile Care	6,600.00
Yellow Bull, Wendell	Travel	47.36

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE

Edgemont , City of	March Water	44.70
Safety Kleen	50216253	452.66

TITLE III NATIONAL FOREST

Edgemont Fires Department	Title III	4,872.00
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

California Cont. Supply Inc.	Rainsuits	129.30
Cardmember Service	Misc.	101.85
Mueller Civic Center	Rent	80.00
Nortons Sinclair	Maintenance	10.00
Pitney Bowes	EM	39.78
Quill Corporation	Supplies	286.91
Timmins, Andreas	Travel	101.00

LEPC GRANT

Burt, Curtis	4-7;4 hrs Oilfields	100.00
Pudwill, Norman	4-7;4 hrs Oilfields	60.00

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FALL RIVER WATERS USERS CDB GRANT FUND

BH Council of Local Government 2nd & Final Payt. 3,750.00

FALL RIVER WATER USERS CDB GRANT FUND

Duffield Construction Inc. Grant 155,347.86

COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND

Tessier's Inc. #84469;#80944A 5,584.70

LAW LIBRARY

Dell Financial Services #146167320 1,011.00

Quill Corporation Toner 133.19

Mike McNeil, US Forest Service, met briefly to advise the Board that they will be getting the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands Map of the Travel Management Plan shortly. 132 miles of roads, 184 miles trails have been designated in the Buffalo Gap Grasslands and the roads and trails will be highlighted. Updates will be given to the Board as needed.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Reaser to recess for lunch, time being 12:01 p.m. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Chairman Ortner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Allen to go into executive session for personnel, time being 1:31 p.m. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

Came out 1:53 p.m.

The meeting moved to the Courtroom for a hearing concerning the future of VA services in Hot Springs.

Meeting was held as previously advertised to discuss future services by the Black Hills Healthcare system. Numerous persons were in attendance as this is a great concern to residents in Fall River County. Invited to the meeting were Jessie Ewing, Representative of John Thune; Joe Roberts, Representative of Tim Johnson; and Tanya Shepard, Representative of Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin. Others present were Larry Wilcox of the State Home; Wendell Yellow Bull, Shannon County Commissioner; Marcia Jackson, Business Manager of the Hot Springs School; Don DeVries, Mayor of Hot Springs; Jim Turner, Mayor of Edgemont; J.R. Steele, Fall River County Veteran Service Officer; Chuck Catlett, Hot Springs Councilman; Carl Atchley, Hot Springs City Councilman; Barry Field, Hot Springs City Councilman; Paul Schuhardt, Hot Springs; George Kotti, Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, Randall Meyers, Hot Springs, Mike Verchio, District #30 Representative; Paul Nabholz, Hot Springs; Susan Henderson, Provo; Curt Nettings, Hot Springs Star; William Paige, Hot Springs; Bill Barlow, SD Commander VFW; Dan Healey, Hot Springs; Lewis Midgett, County Veteran Service Officer of Box Butte, Ne; LaVerle Youngbluth, Hot Springs; Randy Seiler, Highway Superintendent, Fall River County, Casey Derflinger, First Interstate Bank, Hot Springs; Terri Halls, DOE, Fall River County; Frank Maynard, EM, Fall River County, and Jim Sword, States Attorney, Fall River County.

Chairman Ortner opened the meeting, thanking the Representatives of our Congressional Delegates for attending the meeting.

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Ortner read a statement containing questions and concerns that have been discussed by the Commissioners, while also quoting statements made by V.A. Director Pete Henry.

Ortner opened the floor to Commissioners and other individuals.

Testimony was given by the following individuals expressing heartfelt concerns for Veterans if services are discontinued in Hot Springs, the affect to the community, and compliments for the excellent service Veterans receive in Hot Springs: Bill Barlow, Wendell Yellow Bull, Jim Turner, Don DeVries, Marcia Jackson, Louis Midget, Carl Atchley, George Kotti, Paul Schuchardt, Joe Falkenburg, Mike Verchio, Randall Meyers, William Paige, Glen Reaser, Joe Allen, and Anne Cassens.

Ortner thanked all for expressing their concerns and the importance of V.A. services in Hot Springs. The representatives of our Congressional Delegates assured the members of the meeting that the word will get back to our Representative and Senators, with Joe Roberts referring to a letter written by Senator Johnson to Eric Shinseki, V.A. Secretary, written March 17th, 2010, inquiring about the realignment of services at Hot Springs and Fort Meade. Johnson has not received a response to his inquiry at this time.

The Hearing was concluded at 3:12 p.m.

The Commissioner meeting resumed in the Commissioner's meeting room.

Motion by Reaser, seconded by Cassens to go into executive session for personnel, time being 3:18 p.m.

Came out at 3:41 p.m.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Reaser to adjourn, time being 3:42 p.m. With no further discussion and all voting yes, the motion carried.

**Michael P. Ortner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Fall River County**

ATTEST:

**Sue Ganje, County Auditor
Fall River County**