**FALL RIVER COUNTY MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2016**

The Fall River Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on June 21, 2016. Present: Michael Ortner, Joe Allen, Joe Falkenburg, Deb Russell, Ann Abbott and Sue Ganje, County Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

The agenda was reviewed for conflicts; no conflicts were noted. ALL MOTIONS RECORDED IN THESE MINUTES WERE BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded Allen by to approve the agenda as written.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Falkenburg to approve the minutes for June 9, 2016. Ortner abstained due to absence from the meeting and with all others voting yes, the motion passed.

CP-2016-#05 met with the Board to request assistance. Motion by Russell, seconded by Falkenburg to deny CP-2016-#05 application for assistance as applicant’s household income is above income requirements.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Abbott to approve the date of July 19th, 2016 at 11:00 am to set the Hearing for the vacation of Dudley streets and alleys.

Board reviewed letter from the US Forest Service and no action was taken.

Board received notification in the form of the letter from Southern Black Hills Water System that SBHWS is taking sign-up for the Cascade area of Fall River County. Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Russell to fully support the sign-ups for Southern Black Hills Water System in the Cascade area.

Commissioner Falkenburg presented information on the railroad crossing that had been recently blocked for an extensive amount of time. Considering the responses from railroad, the Commission agreed to take no action unless the situation happens again.

Lyle Jensen, Building Supervisor addressed the Commission on the jail water meter. Jensen was notified by the City of HS that the existing meter was improperly reading the water. An estimate of $500 was given for the past uncharged water bills, Jensen got an estimate of $500.00 to install a new meter, which the City of HS will purchase. It was agreed to pay for the installation of the new meter.

Frank Maynard, Emergency Management met with the Board to speak about the existing fire danger and asked for input. Motion by Russell, seconded by Falkenburg to approve a ban on any fires south of the Cheyenne River when the grassland fire index is above low. Fires north of the Cheyenne River are authorized by the Black Hills National Forest and the State of SD (BH Fire Protection District). At this time there are no open burnings in the BH Fire Protection District.

Maynard also addressed the Board to inform them of FEMA class’s he attended, that Homeland Security Grant reimbursement paperwork has been sent to the State for the purchase of the 2015 Honda Ranger, and advised of three recent fires and a signal one accident.

Maynard also presented Commissioner Russell with a FEMA Certificate for the ICS 402 training she took at the Commissioner Workshop she attended in March of this year.

Keith Andersen of Andersen Engineering met with the Board to present a plat for Caroline Curl. Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Russell to approve plat as follows:

**FALL RIVER COUNTY RESOLUTION #2016-15**

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the County Commissioners of Fall River County, South Dakota, Lazy BS North Tract and Lazy BS South Tract containing Govt. Lot 2 (less lot H1, Lot H2, RR Row, Lot 2A, Lot A and Metes and Bounds description) also containing the SE ¼ NW ¼ (Less Lot H1, Lot H2, RR Row and Lot A, All in Section 31, T8S, R3E, BHM, Fall River County, South Dakota

WHEREAS, it appearing to this Board that the system of streets conforms to the system of streets of existing plats and section lines of the county; adequate provision is made for access to adjacent unplatted lands by public dedication or section line when physically accessible; all provisions of the County subdivision regulations have been complied with; all taxes and special assessments upon the property have been fully paid; and the plat and survey have been lawfully executed,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said plat is hereby approved in all respects.

Dated at Fall River County, South Dakota this the 21st Day of June, 2016.

/s/ Michael P Ortner Michael P Ortner, Chair

ATTEST: Fall River County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Fall River County Auditor

Bob Evans, Fall River County Sheriff me to present the Forest service Patrol agreement. Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Abbott to approve the Forest Service Agreement for Antelope Patrol and further authorize the Chairman to sign the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement 14-LE-11020700-002.

Evans advised that there was more work to be done before the ankle bracelet program could go into effect.

Jim Sword, State’s Attorney met with the Board to request hire approval. Motion by Russell, seconded by Abbott to approve the hire of Nancy Whiting as an Administrative Assistant, $10.00 per hour as per union contract, effective June 13th, 2016.

Discussion on proposed section line improvements was held as a follow up from the prior meeting. Jerry Brammer was also present. A copy of the Custer County Article VI- Section Line Highways that was presented at the June 9th, 2016 meeting was again reviewed, with discussion on improvements, damages, etc . This will be put again on the next agenda.

Randy Seiler, Highway Superintendant, met with the Board to present the work order for Brosz Engineering to start surveying the Chilson Bridge. No action was taken. Seiler spoke of a bid off of another county for a gravel truck, but due to actions by that county, an email was sent to legislative audit for an opinion. Discussion was held on gravel, and that Hills Material’s annual bid for the Maverick pit is $9.25/ton for 2016, but due to amount of gravel they are putting up our county they will do it for $7.25/ton.

Discussion was held on the barricades put up at the Red Canyon Bridge on Old Highway 18, which was done by the contractors that got the bid for the bridge repair. A preconstruction meeting was held, but Seiler or the State DOT representative was not invited. A meeting has been set for June 22, 2016 with the contractors, and 2 commissioners will attend with Seiler. With the current 3 ton limit on the Chilson Bridge, discussion was held on what the County could do during the bridge work on the Red Canyon Bridge for a temporary detour. Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Russell to see if the project contractor will allow use their temporary easement, or for the county to hire a contractor for construction of a road around Red Canyon Bridge during repairs. This motion is made on an emergency measure for the health and public safety of county citizens.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Abbott to move to executive session for legal at 10:10 am as per SDCL 1-25-2(3). Exited executive session at 10:50 am.

A break was held at 10:50 am. Public comments were heard by the Board at 10:55 am. Karen Meston commented on the recent newspaper article about the county’s support to the library and gave the history of how the current library was funded, and the amount of people who worked on the project, including county people. Meston was disappointed in the county support, and is against the fee for county residents, and asked for continued support. John Koller questioned the immediate access for the area between Red Canyon Bridge and spoke briefly on the Chilson Bridge plans.

The Commission heard Budget requests for the 2017 fiscal year.

The Boys and Girls Club requested $6,000.00 which is the same as their 2016 request.

The hearing for transfer of KOA License and temporary malt beverage permit was held at 11:00 am, as advertised.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Abbott to approve the transfer of the Hot Springs KOA license from Tinisu Springs LLC to Zest LLC.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Russell to approve a temporary malt beverage license for the Hat Creek Grill to allow for sales on July 1st and 2nd of 2016 at the Redneck Rally.

Dan Cullen, the Veteran Service Officer of the Fall River County presented his budget to the Board, as well as his quarterly report.

Heidi Bell from 2-1-1 Helpline requested $1,500.00 from the County to continue to answer 2-1-1 calls, suicide crisis and volunteer connections, the same as 2016.

Jennifer Grey from Aspire was supposed to attend the meeting by phone and when she was called there was no answer.

Brian Spitzer from the Miss South Dakota Pageant met with the Board to request $1,000.00, the same as 2016 budget.

Carol Sides and Bob Pharus from the Historical Museum presented their budget of $5,000.00 for the Historical Museum in Hot Springs, the same as 2016.

Doug Austin from Addiction Recovery of the Black Hills requested $12,000, the same as 2016.

Nina Steinmetz of Weed and Pest for the County of Fall River presented her 2016 budget and informed the Board of the grant funds that have been awarded anticipated and gave updates on Mosquito treatments in the County and Weed suppression activities.

Susie Simkins, Director of Equalization, presented the final Pay 17 Valuations to the Board. Simkins also reported on the Conference in Spearfish, SD and Vanguard Training in Chamberlain, SD. Simkins also requested the Boards approval to purchase some additional Vanguard Modules as they are currently 30% discounted, and she has the budget funds. Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen to approve 2016 purchase in the amount of $1,600.00 for three new Vanguard Modules.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Russell to move to executive session for personnel and legal matters, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and SDCL 1-25-2 (3) at 12:17 pm. Board came out of executive session at 12:50 pm.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Allen to approve raises for the Department of Equalization to the following: Susie Simkins from $39,760.00 annually to $41,840.00 annually; Francis Denison from $14.08 per hour to $15.08 per hour; Cindy Peacock from $10.81 per hour to $11.81 per hour, LaVella Birkland from $10.25 per hour to $11.25 per hour.

Motion by Falkenburg, seconded by Russell to move to executive session for personnel, as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 12:51 pm. Board came out of executive session at 1:05 pm.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Russell to approve the following raises: Kathy Timmins from $11.56 per hour to $12.56 per hour; Joyce Farrell from $11.83 per hour to $12.83 per hour; Jamie Padgett from $9.50 per hour to $10.25 per hour and Full Time and for the new hire to be $1 per hour above base union rate.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Falkenburg to adjourn as Board of Commissioners at 1:09 pm.

/s/ Michael P Ortner

Michael P Ortner, Chairman

Board of Fall River County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Sue Ganje

Sue Ganje, Fall River County Auditor