

YANKTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

December 28, 2021

The regular meeting of the Yankton County Commission was called to order by Chair Cheri Loest at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Roll call was taken with the following Commissioners present: Wanda Howey-Fox, Joseph Healy, Dan Klimisch and Cheri Loest; Absent: Don Kettering.

There were no conflicts of interest reported by Commissioners.

Action 21558C: A motion was made by Healy and seconded by Fox to approve the meeting agenda. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

There were no public comments. Chair Loest closed public comment.

Action 21559C: A motion was made by Healy and seconded by Fox to approve the following claims: **State's Attorney:** Executive Management Finance (Supplies) \$33.50; **Government Buildings:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$187.13; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$1,687.66; **Register of Deeds:** Executive Management Finance (Supplies) \$33.50; **Safety Center Building:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$587.26; Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$7,401.91; **Sheriff:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$36.54; **County Jail:** SD Special Pay Plan (Vacation/Sick Payout) \$1,082.57; SD Special Pay Plan (Retirement Fee) \$45.00; **Yankton Area Search & Rescue:** Kopetsky's Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$13.56; **Ambulance:** City of Yankton (Utilities) \$125.78; **County Extension:** Vast Business (Utilities) \$772.24; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$73.38; **Highway:** B-Y Water District (Utilities) \$78.00; City of Yankton (Utilities) \$81.53; General Fund \$12,080.03, Road & Bridge \$159.53. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

The Auditor presented contingency transfers as follows: Commissioners \$33,000; Elections \$8,000; Treasurer \$4,000; State Attorney \$3,000; CLERP \$16,000; Veterans \$10,000; Juvenile Detention \$6,000; Catastrophic PR \$1,000; Weed; \$4,000; Economic Development \$25,000; County Buildings \$19,000; M & PR Fund \$500; American Rescue Plan; \$69,500.

Action 21560A: A motion was made by Healy and seconded by Klimisch to approve the contingency transfers as presented. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

Action 21561C: A motion was made by Healy and seconded by Fox to transfer \$1,328,747 from American Rescue Plan to the General Fund for lost revenue from the 2020 COVID crisis. All present voted aye; motion carried, 4-0.

The board discussed CPI adjustment for 2022 salaries and the wage matrix. The board also discussed giving the employees a stipend and to revisit the salary adjustments during budget hearings in 2022. No action was taken.

Commissioner Kettering joined the meeting.

Action 21562A: A motion was made by Healy and seconded by Fox to declare all county employees, excluding county commissioners, as essential workers under the American Rescue Plan Act guidelines as they regularly perform in-person work, interact with others at work, or physically handle items handled by others and are considered critical to protect the health and well-being of the residents of Yankton County. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The board discussed IT quotes received from Infotech Solution, LLC, IT Outlet and Anderson Telecom.

Action 21563A: A motion was made by Healy and seconded by Klimisch to pursue Anderson Telecom for the County IT and reevaluate in 6 months. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

There were no public comments. Chair Loest closed public comment.

Action 21564C: A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Klimisch to adjourn. All present voted aye; motion carried, 5-0.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Cheri Loest, Chair
Yankton County Commission

ATTEST:
Patty Hojem, County Auditor