THE BOARD OF BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 9:38 A.M. August 8, 2017. Commissioners present were Harms, Walton and Richards. Commissioner Kling was absent.

Chairman Stan Harms called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Richards Second by Walton to approve the corrected meeting agenda as presented by Auditor Jensen. The correction is due to the fact that Ms. Connie Baier who is a representative with the Community Action Team will have to be rescheduled to visit with the Commissioners at a different date and time. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to table the minutes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to authorize payment of the payables per the computer printout as presented by Auditor Elaine Jensen. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to schedule a Special Budget Meeting for Tuesday, August 15, 2017 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Register of Deeds Paula Walker came before the Commissioners to inform them that the Postage Meter had been relocated to her office.

Treasurer Lensegrav came before the Commissioners to discuss the constructional changes to the counter in her office that still need to be completed.

There were no travel requests.

There were no abatements.

Todd & Sheila Collins came before the Commissioners to clarify that the SD DENR Waste Management Program deems (Joe Dirt Septage) as exempt from solid waste permit requirements. Therefore the Statement of Resolution they had previously asked for from the Board of Butte County Commissioners approving a Land Application Site for Lot 1 of Antelope Acres Subdivision is not required.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards that the Board of Butte County Commissioners acknowledge receipt of documentation from SD DENR – Waste Management Program that (Joe Dirt Septage) which is owned by Todd and Sheila Collins is exempt from solid waste permit requirements. The documentation is on file with the Butte County Auditor. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Bryant and Karrol Herman came before the Commissioners to discuss the condition and the dust on the Whitewood Valley Road. Their opinion is the road bed was not prepared correctly before the Calcium Chloride for dust control was applied to the road. There was too much rock put down and the blade operator didn't mix the rock in with the remaining dirt and gravel that was on the road therefore a good road base was not created before the application was applied.

They also stated that the hole in the Whitewood Valley Road River Bridge has not been repaired thus causing more harm to the structure of the bridge, the ditches are not mowed and there is an overgrowth of trees in the County Right of Ways. These are all safety hazards that need to be attended too.

Motion by Richards Second by Walton to approve an Application For Occupancy On The Right Of Way Of County Highways for Gary LaDue to trench and backhoe a livestock water line on the Mail Road. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to approve an Application For Occupancy On The Right Of Way Of County Highways for West River Cooperative Telephone Company to vibratory plow or directional bore underground for the installation of a fiber optic cable in the northwest vicinity of Nisland, SD. This installation will provide phone, high speed internet and TV services to rural Butte County residents in the area northwest of Nisland, SD. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

The Butte County Highway Activity Report for July was distributed to the Commissioners.

Court Administrator Shawn Sorenson came before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of moving Court Services over to the building that was previously occupied by the Butte County State's Attorney. The Commissioners will discuss the request.

Al Schaefer, Auditor in Charge with Legislative Audit came before the Commissioners to inform them that he and Bruce Hintz who is also from Legislative Audit will be performing a financial and compliance audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of December 31, 2016.

Motion by Richards Second by Walton to authorize Chairman Harms to sign the engagement letter that was provided to them by Auditor in Charge, Al Schaefer explaining the services they will provide to Butte County for their auditing services. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

The Board of Butte County Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:50 p.m.

The Board of Butte County Commissioners reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Sheriff Lamphere came before the Commissioners to discuss the items on the agenda pertaining to his department.

Sheriff Lamphere distributed the July Activity Report.

Sheriff Lamphere and the Commissioners discussed the expansion of the Sheriff's office in the basement of the Butte County Courthouse. No action was taken.

Butte County State's Attorney Cassie Wendt came before the Commissioners to discuss the items on the agenda pertaining to her department.

Butte County State's Attorney Cassie Wendt distributed the July Activity Report which included the number of inmates that are currently being held at the Meade County Jail.

Butte County State's Attorney Cassie Wendt will proceed by sending the Schreier/Potter Real Estate Tax dispute onto Small Claims for collection.

The abatement of Real Estates taxes concerning the Reisland Property that was acquired through a Sheriff's sale by the Belle Fourche Development Corporation was discussed. No action was taken.

Motion by Richards Second by Walton to go into an Executive Session at 1:50 p.m. with State's Attorney Cassie Wendt regarding Qualifications for Employment. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Harms declared the Executive Session out at 1:55 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to go into an Executive Session at 1:56 p.m. with State's Attorney Cassie Wendt regarding Dispatch Issues and Lack of Access to NCIC Reports. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Harms declared the Executive Session out at 2:18 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Richards Second by Walton to authorize Chairman Harms to sign the Exploration Agreement and Option To Lease Agreement Between Butte County and American Colloid Company. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

The Board of Butte County Commissioners are proposing to pass a Wheel Tax Ordinance which would impose an additional tax at a rate of five dollars per wheel for vehicles weighing over six thousand pounds, with the total wheel tax not to exceed eight wheels or \$40.00 per vehicle. The Ordinance would go into effect on January 1, 2018.

Tom Davis and Tom Pepin were both present asking why an increase in the wheel tax is necessary.

At the present time Butte County has three bridges that have been closed due to bridge inspections stating the structures are not safe for travel. That number of bridges is expected to rise. The South Dakota Department of Transportation created funding through a Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) for repair, engineering and replacement of Bridges. In order for Butte County to compete with the other 65 counties in the State of South Dakota additional points are needed. The awards are based on a complex point system. The proposed increase in the wheel tax would increase Butte County's points from four to ten therefore helping to maximize Butte County's efforts to compete for the award.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to table the First Reading of the Wheel Tax Ordinance until Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to enter into an Executive Session at 2:50 p.m. with Sheriff Fred Lamphere, Dispatch Supervisor Vicki Greenwood and State's Attorney Cassie Wendt pertaining to the Performance of Employees. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Harms declared the Executive Session out at 3:05 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to authorize State's Attorney Cassie Wendt to hire a Deputy State's Attorney at the rate of pay of \$61,000.00 per year. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Sheep Field Specialist Dave Olilla came before the Commissioners to provide an SDSU Extension Update on Sheep production in the surrounding area. Topics that were talked about was the decline in the number of sheep producers, the inconsistent sheep market, the generational transition and the huge toll that predators take on the sheep numbers.

A presentation of the County Site Analysis Program was given by Western Ag Development Representatives – Bob Weyrich and Kristen Benidt. A copy of the study is readily available at the Butte County Auditor's office and the Butte County Extension office.

Chairman Milo Dailey from the Butte County Historical Society came before the Commissioners to supply them with information and to update them with information regarding any future remodeling projects to the Butte County Courthouse.

Chairman Dailey reiterated the importance that people must be aware of the fact that the Butte County Courthouse is on the Historic Preservation Registry. Before any changes are made to the interior or exterior of the Courthouse the County must receive guidance and comments from the State Historic Preservation Office which is located in Pierre, SD.

Committee Reports were given.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

SALARY

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/PLANNING \$5678.60, AUDITOR'S OFFICE \$5706.06, BUILDINGS \$2441.34, COMMISSIONERS \$3401.27, DISPATCH \$12,873.17, ELECTION \$437.06, EM/911 \$769.24, EXTENSION \$1260.01, HIGHWAY DEPT/WEED CONTROL \$27,089.93, INFORM TECH \$65.04, JUDICIAL \$47.25, NURSE'S/WIC OFFICE \$1260.00, REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE \$2943.02, SHERIFF/JAIL DEPT \$13,538.78, STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE \$7129.77, TREASURER'S OFFICE \$5800.02, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE \$700.86

COUNTY SHARE FICA

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$6732.85

SDRS RETIREMENT

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$5045.22

GROUP INSURANCE

BUTTE COUNTY SHARE \$34,690.30

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RENEE BACHMAN \$100.00, MAPPING AND PLANNING SPECIALIST \$5,439.75, YANKTON CO SHERIFF OFFICE \$100.00, CHARITY KEIL \$40.00, BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT \$1,500.00, SD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY \$3,090.00, JON DILL \$171.02, LUCY M LEWNO \$223.96, RAPID CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL \$1,421.73, BROSZ ENGINEERING INC \$1,440.00, JAMIE DINKEL \$127.36, CHANEL KEIL \$20.00, BARNAUD LAW FIRM \$827.25, STURGIS AMBULANCE \$252.53, SHAWN FISCHER \$50.00, MARK KATTERHAGEN \$15.00, ROBERT WILLIAMS \$45.20, STACI L REINDL \$13,390.12, DOUBLE STAR COMPUTING \$3,565.70, SHOPKO PHARMACY-STURGIS \$92.13, DARCY LOCKWOOD \$15.00, TWO GUYS AND A TRUCK \$2,150.00, KAREN PAIGE HUNT \$1,250.00, PENNINGTON COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY \$215.00, CHRISTOPHER SCHMOKER \$20.00, BRANDI STALEY \$20.00, ELLIOT RAMIREZ \$20.00, KCH LAW \$192.06, JOSEPH ELLINGSON \$723.23, MIKE HOOPINGARNER \$20.00, RAPID CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL \$511.25, GRADY KEIL \$20.00, JOHNS & KOSEL ATTORNEYS AT LAW \$4,997.80, JACK BROOKER \$85.40, DAVID KLOPFENSTEIN MD \$38.50, BLACK HILLS FAMILY PRACTICE \$298.29, ALFREDA DAVIS \$10.84, RYAN STARK \$35.20, SHAWN BEGUIN \$13.36, NIKKI BURGHDUFF \$10.84, ANDREW WEISHAAR \$10.84, RYAN STEDILLIE \$101.68, ALEXANDRA PETERS \$106.72, BRUCE CARLSON \$16.72, FRED LAMPHERE \$31.84, LESLIE C SNOOZY \$10.84, TWYLA NELSON \$10.84, KRISTA BARKER \$14.20, HENRIETTA COOPER \$11.68, BETTY KNAPPEN \$10.84, DUANE ALBRIGHT \$36.88, MARYANNE DARLING-REICH \$103.36, MICHELLE FETERL \$11.68, LESLY FREESE \$10.84, KATHLEEN FREIER \$105.04, EVERETT GOOD \$31.84, PAULA HALSTEAD \$10.84, STEPHANIE HOBBS-VETTER \$10.84, CHRISTINE JEWETT \$12.52, DARCY JOHNSON \$12.52, JOANN LANGE \$11.68, LEEANN MAUCH \$34.36, TRENT MAYER \$136.96, SANDY MILLER \$31.00, KELLY MOORE \$108.40, RYAN NELSON \$103.36, REVA POTTER \$11.68, KENNETH RILEY \$12.52, DOUGLAS RUZICKA \$10.84, ROBERT SISK \$26.80, GREGORY ODLE \$22.60, KENDRA STORM \$10.84, TARA TENNIS \$31.00, TIANA TINGEY \$101.68, MIKE WOLFF \$33.52, KAYLEEN AMES \$11.68, GENE BAKER \$32.68, DALE BALL \$12.52, JULIE BRUNNER \$14.20, GLENDA BURKE \$28.48, RONALD CHESHIER \$35.20, KELSEY DVORAK \$14.20, MARCIE GLEASON \$12.52, HAROLD HORMAN \$24.28, CRYSTAL KIDD \$10.84, WILLIAM KING \$10.84, MEGAN KLOCEK \$10.84, RYAN LARSON \$15.88, JOHN MCCOY \$14.20, JAMES MCMAINS \$10.84, KRYSTIN PATE \$101.68, LISA SCHNEIDER \$101.68, SHANE SCHWENDER \$103.36, ALBERT SPERB \$20.08, JANET UTESCH \$10.84, ROBERT HELLEVANG \$11.68, DEAN BENSON \$10.84, RICHARD BRENNAN \$10.84, BILLYE TRACY \$10.84, NICOLE WEISHAAR \$15.04, WAYNE BRATCHER \$14.20, RANDY JAUKKURI \$39.40, CHEYENNE CONRY \$13.36, TREVOR TRIPP \$10.84, JEFFERY OGRADY \$10.84, WALTER CRAGO \$12.52, JAMES JENSEN \$13.36, LISA SELZLER \$11.68, TYLER FERRIS \$116.80, CAROL CHARLES \$31.84, BONNIE GOODROAD \$133.60. KEITH JENSEN \$15.04, JACOEBI MOORE \$11.68, MELANIE ANDERSON \$10.84, WAYNE STARK \$11.68, ALLEN STEIGER \$10.84, JOSHUA BACH \$11.68

PUBLICATIONS

RAPID CITY JOURNAL \$531.59

RENTALS

A & B BUSINESS EQUIPMENT \$342.48, CULLIGAN \$53.00, CLUTTER BUSTER I STORAGE \$230.00, DJ CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT \$700.00

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

BUTLER MACHINERY \$197.56, EDDIE'S TRUCK CENTER \$140.63, SCOTT PETERSON MOTORS \$78.70, WEST TIRE & ALIGNMENT \$426.66, WESTERN COMMUNICATIONS INC \$150.00, BICKLE TRUCK & DIESEL SERVICE \$34.80, TOWN OF NISLAND \$531.85, SERVICE FIRST INC \$622.76, A-G-E CORPORATION \$7,395.00, G & R CONTROLS \$1,265.31, GREG CORNETT \$492.66, DIAMOND MOWERS INC \$65.90, DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$1,305.77

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

MCLEODS \$187.47, DAKOTA LUMBER \$3,665.46, RAPID DELIVERY \$29.90, ROUNDUP BUILDING CENTER \$19.99, WELLS PLUMBING \$15.95, SD DEPT OF TRANS \$2,723.67, SAND CREEK PRINTING \$594.45, STEREOS N STUFF \$186.92, K&K KUSTOMS \$10.25, ALL AROUND AUTO LLC \$302.11, RUNNINGS SUPPLY \$2,449.45, CREATIVE CULTURE INSIGNIA \$773.25, VIEVU \$125.00, ANCHOR DRILLING FLUIDS \$14,815.50, NEWELL HARDWARE AND SUPPLY \$17.48, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS \$62.88, MG OIL COMPANY \$7,501.95

CONFERENCE & TRAVEL

PIZZA HUT \$69.95, SDACO \$525.00, STADIUM SPORTS GRILL \$352.70, MICHELLE MAY \$315.20

UTILITIES CITY OF BELLE FOURCHE \$569.08, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$3,772.96, BUTTE ELECTRIC COOP \$173.50, WEST RIVER COOP TELEPHONE CO \$119.46, AT&T MOBILITY \$40.75, VAST BROADBAND \$60.65, REFUSE SOLUTIONS \$273.90, BUTTE-MEADE SANITARY \$69.00, A TO Z SHREDDING \$59.50, CENTURYLINK \$998.07, CENTURYLINK \$8.10
OTHER RYAN OR JAMIE SMEENK \$26.00

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: Stan Harms, Chairman

ATTEST: Elaine Jensen, Auditor