

THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS was brought to order by the Chair James C Jibben, at 8:30 a.m. on January 7, 2025, with Commissioners Joel Arends, Jim Schmidt, Michael Poppens and Tiffani Landeen present. Alicia Cafaro, Deputy Auditor, served as Clerk of the Board. Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney Drew DeGroot was also present.

Judge Rachel Rasmussen administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected County Commissioners Douglas Putnam and Betty Otten.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

MOTION by Landeen and seconded by Otten to approve the agenda and removed Regular Item #9 from agenda because it will be addressed in Regular Item #4. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Otten to elect Commissioner Tiffani Landeen to be the 2025 chair. No public input was heard. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

MOTION by Otten and seconded by Putnam to elect Commissioner Jim Schmidt to be the 2025 vice chair. No public input was heard. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

Payroll: \$ 475,861.16

Commissioner's \$8,425.83; FICA 498.71, Medicare 116.63, SDRS 157.81
Auditor's \$16,047.27; FICA 924.97, Medicare 216.32, SDRS 954.13
Treasurer's \$21,286.49; FICA 1,181.77, Medicare 276.38, SDRS 1,265.50
States Attorney's \$77,735.34; FICA 4,482.66, Medicare 1,048.36, SDRS 4,589.62
Gen Gov Bldg \$19,003.43; FICA 1,042.34, Medicare 243.77, SDRS 1,128.68
DOE \$42,928.51; FICA 2,462.03, Medicare 575.80, SDRS 2,503.97
ROD \$8,610.21; FICA 464.69, Medicare 108.68, SDRS 510.91
VSO \$2,594.09; FICA 152.46, Medicare 35.66, SDRS 155.65
GIS \$7,025.94; FICA 397.64, Medicare 93.00, SDRS 417.36
IT \$11,095.25; FICA 645.93, Medicare 151.07, SDRS 660.02
HR \$5,693.48; FICA 310.51, Medicare 72.62, SDRS 338.91
Sheriff's \$112,378.02; FICA 6,566.93, Medicare 1,535.81, SDRS 8,319.44
Jail \$21,432.65; FICA 1,309.10, Medicare 306.16, SDRS 1,351.23
County 4-H \$4,541.80; FICA 267.33, Medicare 62.52, SDRS 269.80
Weeds \$1,377.80; FICA 85.42, Medicare 19.98, SDRS 82.67
P & Z \$13,387.45; FICA 823.12, Medicare 192.50, SDRS 785.24
Highway \$55,966.61; FICA 3,255.40, Medicare 761.34, SDRS 3,193.23
Communications \$36,592.69; FICA 2,135.33, Medicare 499.39, SDRS 2,166.92
EM MGMT \$4,141.17; FICA 235.40, Medicare 55.05, SDRS 246.01
Airport \$2,911.11; FICA 180.49, Medicare 42.21, SDRS 174.67
24/7 \$2,686.02; FICA 166.53, Medicare 38.95, SDRS 214.88

Reports:

Mileage Reports: Assessor's Office – November/December 2024

Emergency Management – December Mileage

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) 4th Quarter spending report

Cover Letter – May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP; RE: Application for Pipeline Permit by SCS

Recognition of significant anniversaries: January 2025

Jeanne Oakland, Buildings and Grounds – 16 Years

MOTION by Arends and seconded by Putnam to move Consent Agenda Item #4 to the end of the Regular Agenda. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Nay” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends to approve the consent agenda. Public input was heard. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends to approve the 12.24.2024 County Commissioner Meeting minutes. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED WHEREAS SDCL 12-15-11 made it the responsibility of the County Commissioners of each county to set the fee for precinct election officials of all units of government in the county. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the fee for precinct election officials in Lincoln County be set at \$200.00, and election superintendent at \$250.00, for each election. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 12-15-7 such election officials be allowed a fixed fee for attendance at a meeting called by the County Auditor for instruction on election laws and the duties of the judges and clerks of election as follows: \$25.00 compensation for election officials plus \$0.65/mile, or the established county rate, roundtrip. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be one cell phone provided by one precinct worker per polling place, and a \$20.00 fee will be issued for the usage of the phone for only that day. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the person delivering the poll-books and ballot boxes to the County Auditor’s Office at the county seat shall receive the county rate for mileage as established pursuant to SDCL 7-7-24, for miles necessarily traveled in going to and returning from making the delivery (SDCL 12-15-11). The county rate for mileage is \$0.65 per mile. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the judges, clerks, Resolution Board, Counting Board, and any other personnel deemed necessary by the County Auditor for receiving ballot boxes, supplies, and for tabulating ballots be allowed \$15 per hour. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Absentee Precinct personnel deemed necessary by the County Auditor for conducting Absentee Precincts be allowed \$15 per hour plus \$0.65/mile, or the established county rate, roundtrip. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditing Board personnel deemed necessary by the County Auditor for conducting the Post-election Audit be allowed \$15 per hour plus \$0.65/mile, or the established county rate, roundtrip. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment of rent for polling places be \$50.00 per precinct, not to exceed \$100.00 per polling place. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint the following as precinct polling places for 2025: Precinct 02-21 – Hudson Fire Hall, 310 4th St., Hudson; Precinct 06 – Canton Methodist Church, 621 E. 4th St., Canton; Precinct 08 – South Lincoln Rural Water, 28647 472nd Ave., Beresford; Precinct 11-14 – West Prairie Lutheran Church, 46788 282nd St., Lennox; Precinct 12 – Shalom Lutheran Church, 1000 Maple St., Harrisburg; Precinct 13-14 – New Day Church, 27365 472nd Ave, Harrisburg; Precinct 15 – Shalom Lutheran Church, 1000 Maple St., Harrisburg; Precinct 16 – Lakota Event Hall, 46954 272nd St., Tea; Precinct 20 – Canton Methodist Church, 621 E. 4th St., Canton; Precinct 23-13 – Worthing Fire

Station, 403 Louise Ave, Worthing; Precinct 24-01 – Tea City Hall, 600 E. 1st St., Tea; Precinct 24-02 – Tea City Hall, 600 E. 1st St., Tea; Precinct 24-03 – Tea City Hall, 600 E. 1st St., Tea; Precinct 25 – First English Lutheran Church, 120 E. 2nd Ave., Lennox; Precinct 26 – Beresford City Library, 115 S. 3rd St., Beresford; Precinct 27 – Old Liberty School/Heritage Center, 200 E Willow St, Harrisburg; Precinct 29 – Old Liberty School/Heritage Center, 200 E Willow St, Harrisburg; Precinct 30 – Canton Methodist Church, 621 E. 4th St., Canton; Sioux Falls 1-11 – First Evangelical Free Church, 2601 W. 69th St., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 1-12 – Trinity Reformed Church, 7301 S Louise Ave, Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 1-13 – Central Church, 3100 W. Ralph Rogers Rd, Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 1-14 – Central Church, 3100 W. Ralph Rogers Rd., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 1-15 – First Evangelical Free Church, 2601 W. 69th St., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 1-16 – Central Church 3100 W. Ralph Rogers Rd., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 1-18 – Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 2208 W. La Quinta St., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 1-20 – Living Word Free Lutheran Church, 7901 S. Meredith Ave, Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 2-10 – Faith Baptist Church, 601 W. 57th St., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 2-11 – Faith Baptist Church, 601 W. 57th St., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 2-12 – Linwood Wesleyan Church, 1101 E. 57th St., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 2-13 – Linwood Wesleyan Church, 1101 E. 57th St., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 2-15 – Faith Baptist Church, 601 W. 57th St., Sioux Falls; Sioux Falls 2-16 – Spirit of Peace Church, 6509 S Cliff Ave, Sioux Falls. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint members to the Joint Board of Mental Illness as follows: Tricia Syverson and Ann Schiltz (Lincoln County residents) be appointed as a regular lay board member of the Board of Mental Illness and Lincoln County Review Board for Developmental Disabilities effective immediately; and Linda Van Beek, Francie Miller, Laurie Wernke, and Sean Kooistra (Lincoln County residents) be appointed as alternate lay board members of the Board of Mental Illness and Lincoln County Review Board for Developmental Disabilities effective immediately; and Betsy Koch (Minnehaha County resident) to be appointed as a regular lay board member of the Board of Mental Illness effective immediately; and Mona Helseth and Sue Coomes (Minnehaha County residents) to be appointed as alternate lay board members of the Board of Mental Illness effective immediately. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint the official depositories of Lincoln County as follows: Farmers State Bank – Canton, Security Savings Bank – Canton, Premier Bank – Hudson, US Bank (2013 Leased Acct & 2016 Leased Acct, 2023 Lease account), PMA Financial Network (SD FIT). MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint the location for Chattel Mortgage Sales to be at the main entrance of the Courthouse in Canton. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint and authorize the Emergency Manager, Harold Timmerman, as Lincoln County Designee to request resources from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture's Wildland Fire Division. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Auditor to schedule and advertise all necessary public hearings for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, vacate highway/plat/right-of-way, Taxing Districts, Airport Hanger lease transfers, and Medical Marijuana Licenses as needed in the year 2025. MOTION

by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to re-appoint Terry Fluit to the position of Lincoln County Highway Superintendent per SDCL 31-11-1. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to re-appoint Kenneth S. Snell to the position of Lincoln County Coroner per SDCL 7-7-1.4. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve administrative changes to add omitted property to the assessment rolls of the County in the amount of \$120,441 for the tax year 2023 for parcel 250.52.01.008 a parcel in the City of Lennox. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve administrative changes to add omitted property to the assessment rolls of the County in the amount of \$145,124 for the tax year 2024 for parcel 250.52.01.008 a parcel in the City of Lennox. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve abatement of taxes for 2024 payable in 2025 on a parcel in the Township of Dayton, parcel 099.49.08.E10A, in the amount of \$5,746.30 due to fire destroying structure on 12/01/2023. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve abatement of taxes for 2024 payable in 2025 on a parcel in the city of Harrisburg, parcel 270.70.04.004, in the amount of \$2,854.62. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to declare as surplus, remove from inventory and dispose of the following items from the Highway Department: Item 1526, 2004 Falls Truck Wing, Serial# 941604. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2024-2025 renewal of Uniform Alcoholic Beverage Application for Raj & Sons Fuel LLC (RL-5723) at Carlson Tract 2 in the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4, 31-96N-50, 46018 SD Hwy 46, Beresford, Lincoln County, SD 57004. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve an increase the hourly pay for Mental Illness Board Qualified Mental Health Professionals and Court Appointed Attorneys from \$110.00 per hour to \$120.00 per hour and pay mileage at \$1.00 per mile effective January 1, 2025. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve and authorize the Chair to pay Helms & Associates Engineering fees from 2024 for the South Ramp Construction at the Marv Skie/Lincoln County Airport.

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve and authorize the Chair and Auditor to execute the second quarter single signature sheet for the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant.

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve 2025 Commercial Garbage Hauler/Recycling Collection Licenses for the following entity: RBS Sanitation, INC. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the fourth quarter 2024 Highway Fund Transfer Request--fuel/equipment/labor cost transferred to the Highway Fund from and in the amounts as follows: Auditor (Elections) \$2,058.14; Buildings & Grounds \$1,299.55; Emergency Management \$408.80; Equalization \$997.62; Planning and Zoning \$652.71; Sheriff \$8,906.14; State's Attorney Office \$234.63; Tea Airport \$112.02; Weed Control \$259.20; Totaling \$14,928.81. Transfer effective 12/31/2024.

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to set the date and time for the FIRST READING to occur January 14, 2025, and the SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING to occur between 8:30 a.m. and adjournment of the January 28, 2025, Board of Commissioners Meeting for an Ordinance of Lincoln County, SD, changing the zone of the property described as Iken's Tract 2, SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 21-T99N-R51W Perry Township from the A-1 Agricultural District to the C Commercial District and amending the Official Zoning Map of Lincoln County. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve a step increase for Chris Hogan, Deputy Sheriff, in the Sheriff's Office, effective the first day of the biweekly pay period following 12/27/24, SO1/8 at \$36.76/hr. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING was held as advertised to consider an application for the transfer of a Retail (On sale) Liquor License to operate outside a municipality from Raj & Son Fuel, LLC. to Larsen Logistics, LLC, at Carlson Tract 2 in the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4, 31-96N-50, 46016 SD Hwy 46, Beresford, Lincoln County, SD 57004. The applicant was not present. Public input was not heard.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to approve an application for the transfer of a Retail (On sale) Liquor License to operate outside a municipality from Raj & Son Fuel, LLC. to Larsen Logistics, LLC, at Carlson Tract 2 in the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4, 31-96N-50, 46016 SD Hwy 46, Beresford, Lincoln County, SD 57004. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION: Betty Otten, Commissioner, introduced Ryan Brunner, Senior Policy Advisor and Director of Legislative Relations under Governor Noem and Kellie Wasco, Secretary of the Department of Corrections, to present a report from the Department of Corrections staff on the proposed men's prison. Public input was heard.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Harold Timmerman, Director of Emergency Management and Harley Ferguson, Planner for the South Eastern Council of Government (SECOG) presented information and requested that the Board approve a resolution appointing Harold Timmermann as applicant agent for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program. Public input was not heard.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commission is interested in submitting a funding application for either the HMGP or BRIC funding programs for an update to the 2023 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan of Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of South Dakota Office of Emergency Management (SD OEM); and WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commission is required to appoint an Applicant Agent for the purpose of signing documents and assuring the completion of all application documents; and WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Lincoln County Commission appoints Harold Timmerman as the Applicant Agent, hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Lincoln County; and WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commission, a public entity established under the laws of the State of South Dakota, authorizes the submittal of this application and to file it with SD OEM for the purpose of obtaining Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 93-288 as amended), or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Commission appoints Harold Timmerman as the authorized Applicant Agent. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Paul Anderson, Commission Administrative Assistant, asked for Board action to appoint members to boards and committees. Anderson also asked the Board to reschedule the regular Board of Commissioners meetings scheduled for September 9, 2025 and November 11, 2025. Public input was heard.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint members to the following boards & committees: Airport Liaison Board Member: Jim Schmidt; Airport Liaison Board Member, Alternate: Tiffani Landeen; City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board: Toby Brown; Emergency Management Communication System Member: Doug Putnam; Emergency Management Services, Commission: Jim Schmidt; Emergency Management Services, Coordinator: Harold Timmerman; Inter-Lakes Community Action, Inc.: Jim Schmidt; Inter-Lakes Community Action, Inc. Alternate: Betty Otten; JDC Juvenile Board: Tiffani Landeen; Lincoln County Weed Board: Doug Putnam; Planning and Zoning Board: Betty Otten; Planning and Zoning Board, Alternate: Jim Schmidt; School/Police Liaison Officer: Joel Arends; School/Police Liaison Officer, Alternate: Betty Otten; Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Tiffani Landeen; Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Alternates: Jim Schmidt; Sioux Metro Growth Alliance: Joel Arends; Sioux Metro Growth Alliance, Alternate: Betty Otten; Sioux Valley Regional Railroad Authority: Doug Putnam; South Dakota Wildland Fire Division Designee: Harold Timmerman; Southeastern Council of Governments-Executive Board: Jim Schmidt; Southeastern Council of Governments-Executive Board, Alternate: Tiffani Landeen; Southeastern Council of Governments-Urbanized Development Board 1: Joel Arends; Southeastern Council of Governments-Urbanized Development Board 2: Betty Otten; Southeastern Council of Governments-Urbanized Development Board 3: Doug Putnam; Southeastern Council of Governments-Urbanized Development Board, Alternates: Toby Brown, Terry Fluit; Southeastern Mental Health Board of Directors: Joel Arends; Southeastern Mental Health Board of Directors, Alternate: Tiffani Landeen. MOTION by Otten and seconded by Schmidt. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Nay" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to reschedule Regular Board of Commissioners Meetings scheduled for September 9, 2025 and November 11, 2025 for Thursday, September 11, 2025 and Thursday, November 13, 2025 respectively. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Schmidt. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Sheri Lund, Auditor, asked the Board to designate three legal newspapers per SDCL 7-18-3. Lund presented information to the Board and asked for Board action to reduce the budget authority in the Commission budget. Lastly, Lund asked the Board to appoint one (1) commissioner to the Rural Access Infrastructure Improvements Funds (RAIF.) Public input was not heard.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to designate the following three newspapers to be Lincoln County's legal newspapers; The Dakota Scout, Tea Weekly and the Lennox Independent. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Otten. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Nay" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to reduce the Board of Commissioners budget by \$181,653.19 within the personal service for the removal of the position of the Commission Administrative Officer as follows: 101-4111-411000 Wages \$142,928.38; 101-4111-412000 OASI \$10,934.02; 101-4111-413000 Retirement \$8,546.90; 101-4111-415000 \$19,243.89. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Schmidt. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Commissioner Betty Otten to the Rural Access Infrastructure Improvements Funds (RAIF.) MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Traci Humphrey, Human Resources Director, presented to the Board the Commissioners' salaries for 2025 and asked for board action to approve. Public input was heard.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commission is committed to attracting citizens of the highest quality to public service by establishing salaries for elected officials based upon the respective duties of each office as well as the fiscal concerns of the county; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2025, as approved for the budget for fiscal year 2025, the salary for each member of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners shall be set at \$29,513.38. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Putnam. Arends: "Aye" Otten: "Nay" Schmidt: "Nay" Putnam: "Aye" Landeen: "Nay". Motion failed.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commission is committed to attracting citizens of the highest quality to public service by establishing salaries for elected officials based upon the respective duties of each office as well as the fiscal concerns of the county; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2025, as approved for the budget for fiscal year 2025, the salary for each member of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners shall be set at \$31,136.62, a 5.5% increase. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Otten. Arends: "Nay" Otten: "Aye" Schmidt: "Aye" Putnam: "Nay" Landeen: "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Jared Narum, Highway Assistant Superintendent, informed the Board of the results of the bid letting on December 18, 2024, for a road widener. There was only one bid received from Butler Machinery Company in the amount of \$77,848.41. No public input was heard.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to award bid for road widener to Butler Machinery Company for \$77,484.41. MOTION by Arends and seconded by Schmidt. Arends: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye”. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER BRIEFING: Commissioner Landeen read a resolution into the record regarding county employees and elected officials attending educational events at the county’s expense. Auditor Sheri Lund expanded on the resolution with details regarding budget details. Public input was heard.

WHEREAS SDCL §7-7-25 states that the Board of County Commissioners, by Resolution, may authorize county officials to attend educational conferences, meetings, and conventions held and conducted within a 500-mile radius of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 104 N Main, Canton, SD for up to three days, pertaining to the betterment and advancement of county government; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Highway Superintendent, Auditor, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, State’s Attorney, Sheriff, Director of Equalization, Planning and Zoning Director, IT Director, 911 Coordinator, Building Superintendent, Human Resources Director, GIS Director, 4-H Advisor, Emergency Manager Director and their respective staff, be authorized to attend conferences, meetings, and conventions for the purpose set forth in SDCL §7-7-25 and that the mileage and necessary expenses to attend such be allowed. This Resolution shall be for the fiscal year 2025. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Otten. Arends: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye”. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comments were heard.

COMMISSIONER REPORT (INFORMATIONAL ONLY):

Commissioner reports were given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to enter Executive Session at 10:52AM for the following purposes; Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee--the term "employee" does not include any independent contractor, SDCL 1-25-2(1) and consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters, SDCL 1-25-2(3).

MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED to exit Executive Session at 11:56AM. MOTION by Schmidt and seconded by Arends. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Arends and seconded by Otten to adjourn at 11:57AM until 8:30 AM on January 14, 2025. Arends: “Aye” Otten: “Aye” Schmidt: “Aye” Putnam: “Aye” Landeen: “Aye”. Motion carried.

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

Tiffani Landeen, Lincoln County Chair

Attest: _____

Alicia Cafaro, Lincoln County Deputy Auditor

Approved: January 14, 2025

Please publish the week of January 20, 2025