CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 20, 2023

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in the Commissioner Room of the Clark County Courthouse. Chairman Knock called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present at the Courthouse: Chris Sass, Francis Hass, Terry Schlagel, and Wallace Knock, Sara Gjerde present via zoom. Auditor Tarbox also present.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**: No one appeared.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to approve the June 20, 2023 agenda. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2023. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

**TAX DEED PROPERTY**: Treasurer Reis and WS Jenkins met with the board to discuss mowing and upkeep on the tax deed property acquired by the County. Motion by Schlagel, second by Gjerde to request WS Jenkins and the weed department to maintain the properties at this time. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY:** Adam Polley with IMEG met with the board to discuss County Road 17 (Carpenter road). He discussed the timeline for bidding and doing the work. Bids will be taken this fall with work to be done in 2024 and 2025. No action needed.

**HIGHWAY**: Alex Hohertz with Riverview met with the board to discuss maintenance on County Road 33, which is the road that runs by the Riverview Dairy 5 miles south of Clark. All work and costs of repair at this time will be covered by Riverview Dairy.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to recess as County Commission and Convene as Board of Adjustment. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

Commissioner Knock called the meeting of the Board of Adjustment to order and pointed out that the meeting is being conducted by teleconference and that Luke Muller from First District, will be serving as staff and parliamentarian support. Luke Muller present at the Courthouse. Items to be added to the Agenda by the Board members include discussion regarding a zoning map. Chairman Knock extended an invitation for citizens to schedule time on the Board of Adjustment agenda for an item not listed under the Board of Adjustment portion. There were none. Chairman Knock asked Board members if there were any Ex parte Communications or potential Conflicts of Interest that the rest of the board needs to be aware of, there were none and the board proceeded.

**APPROVE AGENDA**: Motion by Sass, second by Gjerde to approve the Board of Adjustment Agenda. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

The next agenda item includes a request by East River Electric for conditional use to operate an electrical transmission line. East River is seeking to construct approximately eight (8) miles of electrical transmission lines along 171st Street, current transmission lines was constructed in 1952 and will be updated. Chairman Knock called for a motion to approve conditional use. Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to approve the Conditional Use. Luke Muller with First District gave a report of the conditional use request. He provided a map that defines where the poles and lines will be placed. Chairman Knock opened the public hearing for East River’s application. Bruce Nelson, Jerae Wire with East River Electric and Dave Eide with Codington Clark Electric were present. Jerae Wire informed the board moving the lines to the right of way will allow better access to the poles and lines and be better for land owners. Dave Eide with Codington Clark Electric spoke in favor of this project as it also will benefit his organization. Chairman Knock opened the hearing to public testimony. Bruce Nelson spoke expressing concerns of the twists and turns the project has going around certain properties and trees rather than going in a straight line. There was no further testimony and the public hearing was closed. Board questions were addressed. Luke asked the questions for the findings of fact relating to the conditional use. Luke restated the motion: The motion is to approve the conditional use permit to operate an essential public service (transmission line) on the property owned by East River. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to adjourn the Board of Adjustment and continue our County Commission agenda. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

**AMBULANCE**: Motion by Sass, second by Gjerde to accept resignation of Drey Reihe and allow AA Angermeier to advertise for additional staff. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

**CONTRACT**: The board discussed Connecting Point managed care monthly fee program. No action taken.

**COURTHOUSE**: The board discussed placing a garage north of the Courthouse. Additional information and costs will be reported back to the board.

**BULL RIDING EVENT**: Cassie Kottke met with the board to discuss the possibility of hosting a bull riding event at the Fairgrounds. The board informed her they had no objection to the event at the Fairgrounds. She will need to contact other groups to coordinate her event. No action taken.

**TOWNSHIP BONDS**: Motion by Hass, second by Schlagel to approve Clark County 2023 bonds. All bonds have been received and are on file in the Auditor’s office. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

**HOLIDAY**: Auditor Tarbox informed the board that Governor Noem has declared Monday, July 3, 2023 as a holiday, courthouse will be closed.

**RESOLUTION 19-23**: Motion by Hass, second by Sass to approve Resolution 19-23 which dissolves Clark County TIF District #1. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO 19-23**

**A RESOLUTION DISSOLVING TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT #1, COMPRISING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES WITHIN**

**THE DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS,** on May 13, 2008, the Clark County Commission approved, per SDCL 11-9-5, the project plan for, and creation of Tax Incremental District #1 within Clark County, South Dakota; and,

**WHEREAS,** on November 6, 2008, the Clark County Commission approved Resolution No. 19-

08, which initiated and authorized a $111,200 Tax Incremental Revenue Note; and,

**WHEREAS,** the money necessary to satisfy the loan principal and accrued interest has been received by the County in the total amount of $170,442.27; and,

**WHEREAS,** the County Commission is therefore authorized to dissolve this TIF pursuant to

SDCL 11-9-46(2);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County of Clark that pursuant to SDCL 119-46(2), the County Commission dissolves Tax Incremental District #1; and,

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that after payment of the loan principal and interest, all funds, if any remaining in the TIF #1 fund shall be distributed pursuant to SDCL 11-9-45.

Passed and approved this 20th day of June, 2023.

/s/Wallace Knock\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Clark County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

/s/ Christine Tarbox \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

County Auditor

Clark County, South Dakota

**COURTHOUSE REPAIRS:** Clerk of Courts Aguayo met with the board requesting a professional cleaning crew for third floor when repairs are completed. She will contact cleaning companies and report back to the board.

**REPORTS:**  Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve the following reports.  Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde, Schlagel and Knock. Motion carried.

AUDITOR’S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER  
 Cash on hand…………………….., ………………..… 1,329,358.26

Money Market…………………………..………………… 5,343,288.91

CD’s…………..…………………………………………… 800,000.00  
Checking Account…………….………………………… 1,648,927.78 TOTAL:……………..……………… …..……………… 9,121,574.95

These funds include all funds administered by the county including: General Fund

$5,335,391.74, Restricted Cash General fund: 1,302,278.00, Road & Bridge: $1,036,608.18,

911 Service Fund: 57,591.07, ED: **-**13,265.92, Domestic Abuse: 115.00, 24/7 –$19,113.44, ROD Mod/Pres: $6577.93, Rural Access Infrastructure fund: 218,174.41. County TIF: 262,535.10. **Trust & Agency Funds $896,456.00 which are funds returned to schools, towns, townships and special districts.** TOTAL: $9,121,574.95.

**ROD Fees**: May recording fees 1955.00, Transfer fees: 1848.00, Births: 25.00, Deaths: 95.00, Marriages – 30.00, Copy money: 73.50, Misc, 108.00. TOTAL: 4134.50.

**Ambulance**: 14,083.05, **Sheriff**: Mileage 28.32 Civil fees $400.00.

**CLAIMS**: Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to approve the following claims and allow the Auditor to issue payment. All voting aye. Motion carried. GENERAL FUND: Watertown Fire Department -60% of run -1907.14, Wellmark Advantage Plan – refund – 728.63, AUDITOR: Office Peeps- paper 54.80, PMB-0112 – user fees/access fees 99.25, Wageworks – cobra costs 12.90, TREASURER: Clark County Treasurer – postage 175.65, Office Peeps- supplies 28.77, STATES ATTORNEY: Department of Health – blood draw-230.00, Prairie Lakes Hospital – blood draw 85.00, COURT: SD Assn of Co Commissioners – 2nd qrt assessment 587.00, PUBLIC BUILDINGS: City of Clark -water 106.87, Cook’s Wastepaper – garbage fees 40.75, Northwestern Energy – utilities 1034.60, Star Laundry - rugs 49.96, DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Clark Co Treasurer -postage 9.85, SHERIFF: Clark Co Treasurer – postage 82.60, PRISONER CARE: Codington Co Auditor -= prisoner care 2470.00, Day County Sheriff’s Office – prisoner care 255.00, AIRPORT: Northwestern Energy -utilities 148.84, AMBULANCE: AAA Collections – collection fees 294.67, Cardmember Service – fridge/cable/cord -251.79, City of Clark -water 84.07, Clark County Treasurer – postage 63.00, Northwestern Energy- utilities 270.14, Star Laundry -laundry 31.96, SOC SERV FOR AGED: Inter Lakes Comm Action – comm service/June 1603.42, MENTAL ILLNESS BOARDS: Lewis & Clark BHS – BMI-184.00, EXTENSION: Cardmember Service-reference material – 109.90, Office Peeps - copy machine rent/paper- 362.66, Star Laundry - rugs 30.40, US Postmaster – stamps 552.00, WEED: 212 Truck & Trailer Repairs – service call/truck starter – 662.08, Cardmember Service -supplies 41.54, City of Clark - utilities 66.97, Cook’s Wastepaper – 54.75, Northwestern Energy – utilities 122.73, Oscar’s Machine Shop-supplies 55.52, Van Diest -herbicides/pesticides 6646.75, ROAD & BRIDGE: 212 Truck and Trailer Repair -outside repair – 300.11, Best Western Ramkota Hotel -lodging 82.00, City of Clark -water- 66.97, Cook’s Wastepaper -garbage 54.75, Diesel Machinery – parts 380.76, Midway Service/Vollan Oil – fuel 9360.58, Northwestern Energy – utilities 704.66, RC First Aid – first aid 85.50, Sanford Health Network – new hire exam 75.00, SDPAA-insurance rental trucks 1320.40, Star Laundry – towels 36.24, 911 Service – City of Watertown – 911 surcharge 3078.75, CIVIL DEFENSE: First Line Apparatus Training – textbooks/training 1255.00. TOTAL: 36,396.68.

**PAYROLL**: AUDITOR: 5564.44, TREASURER 9939.91, STATES ATTORNEY: 4648.60, COURTHOUSE: 2850.26, DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 5591.56, REGISTER OF DEEDS: 3729.80, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 409.13, SHERIFF: 9283.39, CORONER: 181.59, NURSE: 938.21, AMBULANCE: 13,596.10, EXTENSION: 1407.31, WEED: 3809.13, ROAD & BRIDGE: 41,428.48, EMERGENCY & DISASTER: 1068.13. TOTAL: 104,446.04.

**ADJOURN**:  Motion by Hass second by Gjerde to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. until next regular meeting Tuesday, July 6, 2023. All voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Christine Tarbox Wallace Knock, Chairman

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