CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Clark County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 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, Sara Gjerde, Terry Schlagel and Wallace Knock. Also present Auditor Tarbox.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**: None.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Gjerde, second by Sass to approve the April 15, 2025 agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Hass to approve the minutes of the April 1- County Commission, April 8-Board of Equalization and April 8, County Commission.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMBULANCE**: AA Hoefert met with the board to present Ambulance rosters for Clark Station I and Clark Station 2. Several changes were made to the rosters. Motion by Gjerde, second by Schlagel to approve Ambulance rosters with corrections. All voting aye. Motion carried. Rosters are on file in the Auditor’s office.

**AMBULANCE**: AA Hoefert also informed the board Desmet Emergency Rescue has an ambulance cot for purchase for Clark Unit 189B. Cost is $1,000.00. Other repairs have been completed to Unit 189B and the unit will be put into service. AA Hoefert informed the board he will be attending a Certified Ambulance Privacy Officer Course which will certify him to teach HIPPA course to ambulance staff and other local agencies.

**AMBULANCE**: AA Hoefert reported that the WiFi booster did not work at Station II, Willow Lake. He is requesting purchase of a cell phone booster, which actually mounts to the ambulance to boost the cell phone signal to the tower. He informed the board there is a ninety day money back guarantee if it does not work. Motion by Sass, second by Hass to allow purchase of the cell phone booster. Cost will be $629.99. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMBULANCE**: AA Hoefert also informed the board that a vent pipe needs to be replaced in the roof of the ambulance building. This issue was noticed as the roof is being repaired. J&J Heating will make the necessary repairs. He also questioned if employees are to be paid if the ambulance is taken out for a parade or a public service event. Board determined those are public relation events and employees will not be paid. Board also discussed when a rig needs repairs out of town it will be the responsibility of the Ambulance Administrator to get the rig to the location. County will not pay salary for another employee.

**HEARING**: At 8:30 a.m. the time specified, public hearing was held for temporary on sale malt beverage and temporary on sale liquor license for Clark County Riders for event May 29, 2025 to June 1, 2025. No one appeared. Motion by Sass, second by Gjerde to approve the temporary licenses. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to approve and allow Chairman to sign the agreement between Clark Co and Asphalt Surface Technologies for Microsurfacing projects. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**: Motion by Gjerde second by Hass to recess as the County Commission and convene as the Board of Adjustment. All voting aye. Motion carried. Also present via zoom Luke Muller, and present at the Courthouse P&Z Director Reidburn and SA Fjelland. Also present Peggy Nelson and Pam Cole at the Courthouse and Jerae Wire representing East River Electric available via zoom.

Chairman Knock called the Board of Adjustment meeting to order.

Next item on the agenda is items to be added to the Agenda by Board members or staff. There were none and Chairman Knock then extended an invitation to citizens to schedule time on the Board of Adjustment agenda for items not listed. There were none. Chairman Knock then asked if any board members had any Ex parte Communications or potential conflicts of interest that the rest of the Board or public may want to be aware of. There were none and meeting proceeded.

**AGENDA**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to approve the Board of Adjustment agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The first item of new business is a request by East River Electric for a conditional use permit to operate an electrical transmission line in Richland, Hague, and Lake Townships. Motion by Hass, second by Hass to approve this request. Luke gave report regarding the request. He informed the board that East River currently operates a transmission line from the current substation in the NE 1/4 of Section 30 in Lake Township, straight south, parallel to 425th Avenue in to Spink County. That line will be retired. The intent is to supply/loop the same substation from the west rather than the south. The line is being replaced due to age, technology and possible conversion to 115K V line and to move the line. Chairman Knock opened the public hearing. Jerae Wire spoke on behalf of East River Electric regarding the project, including information regarding easements and reasons for the path or the replacement line. Chairman Knock then opened the hearing for further public testimony. Peggy Nelson addressed the board with concerns about losing the Country landscape with placement of the poles and valuation of her property. She questioned the route of the poles and did inform the board she opposes the project. Jerae did indicate that they did an extensive survey to map the route of the poles and that this was the best route. There was no further testimony and the public hearing was closed. Board questions were answered. AMENDMENT: Motion by Hass, second by Gjerde to add condition that East River Electric follow up with Mrs. Nelson in regards to noise control from the lines and correct the issue if need be. All voting aye. Motion carried. Luke asked the questions for findings of fact relating to the variance and restated the motion: The motion is to approve the conditional use permit for public utility with conditions as amended. Voting aye: Sass, Hass, Gjerde and Knock. Voting nay: Schlagel. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to adjourn the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as County Commission. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION**: Joe Waldner, Michael Waldner, Johnny Hofer, Phillip Waldner and Jeremy Lund Attorney representing Mayfield Colony appeared to discuss the conditions for access to the commercial property. Attorney Lund and Mayfield personnel are looking for alternatives for the road issue. Discussion was held regarding why the County requests paved roads to commercial property and the options that Mayfield Colony has to access the property. Costs were also discussed. Attorney Lund questioned what the primary concern was with the road being paved. Attorney Lund questioned what the alternative to this problem would be for Mayfield. Discussion was held regarding concerns and lack of alternatives. The board informed them they can build a road between the current plant and the new facility, get the state to approve a new approach or build their own road to Highway 25.

**EMERGENCY MANAGER**: EM Lewis informed the board that AA Hoefert will be getting certified and will be able to instruct the HIPPA course to local agencies.

**EMERGENCY MANAGER**: Motion by Sass, second by Hass to approve and allow Chairman to sign 2nd Quarter Single Signature Report for LEMPC. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 11-25**: Plat not available.

**DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION**: DOE Reidburn met with the board to request purchase of a new computer as his outdated. Necessary computer equipment will be purchased from Office Peeps. Purchase price is $1900.00. Motion by Gjerde, second by Sass to allow purchase. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPERATING TRANSFER**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Gjerde to approve operating transfer from County General to Emergency Manager account in the amount of $24,645.00. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**AIRPORT**: Motion by Sass, second by Schlagel to approve and allow Chairman to sign request for FAA Approval of Agreement of Transfer of Entitlements for airport funds. All voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**: Motion by Schlagel, second by Sass to deny the claim to Ken’s Fairway Food and approve the following claims and allow Auditor to issue payment. All voting aye. Motion carried. GENERAL FUND: Michelle Bolin – tax deed proceeds 3893.38, Sean Bolin – tax deed proceeds 915.71, Robert Grigg – tax deed proceeds -140.47, Patricia Riddle -tax deed proceeds – 6283.43, Keith Waples Estate – tax deed proceeds – 620.97, COMMISSIONERS: US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems – fuel 92.29, JUDICIAL: Certified Languages International – interpreter – 13.20, AUDITOR: ITC-service 143.10, PMB-0112 -user fees 244.50, TREASURER: ITC-service 106.40, Ramkota Hotel – Pierre – lodging 112.00, SDACO – registration fee – 200.00, STATES ATTORNEY: Department of Health -blood draw 100.00, Thomson Reuters-West Publishing – online software subscription 493.11, COURT: Green, Roby, Oviatt, Cummings -court appointed atty 180.00, PUBLIC BUILDINGS: City of Clark – water – 179.10, Clark Ace Hardware - -supplies – 228.89, Cook’s Wastepaper – garbage – 46.00, Culligan – water 135.75, Dacotah Bank – supplies- 144.34, ITC-service– 41.17, Star Laundry – rugs – 74.36, DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: ITC-service – 54.50, Office Peeps – office 365 NEC annual -110.00, REGISTER OF DEEDS: Great America Financial Service – copy machine rent – 95.87, ITC—service – 39.05, VETERANS OFFICER: ITC-service – 27.65, SHERIFF: Clark Community Oil – fuel 1243.12, ITC-service -124.81, JB’s Repair – change oil/filter- 159.10, US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems – fuel-87.80, AIRPORT: Northwestern Energy -utilities -243.42, AMBULANCE: Arrow Manufacturing – steel fender-560.41, Bound Tree Medical – supplies 1469.21, City of Clark – water -95.40, Clark Ace Hardware – supplies- 103.08, Clark Community Oil – fuel – 480.68, Dacotah Bank – chair/cartridges -429.41, De Smet Rescue – Stryker power cot – 1000.00, Heiman Inc – fire extinguisher inspection- 45.00, ITC-service 106.10, Katy Hoefert – 12 T-shirts -168.00, Northwestern Energy – utilities – 573.49, Powerful Signal LLC-antenna-655.76, US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems – fuel -109.35, SOC SERV FOR AGED: Inter-Lakes Comm Action – comm service/March – 2019.17, MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Human Service Agency – agency/Serenity Hills – 3661.75, EXTENSION: ITC-service-52.25, Star Laundry – rugs -30.40, WEED: City of Clark – water-83.20, Clark Ace Hardware – supplies 105.35, Cook’s Wastepaper – garbage – 61.00, Dacotah Bank – supplies – 140.78, ITC -service -104.00, Brian Jenkins – tail gate/shipping – 552.24, Northwestern Energy – utilities -2016.05, Tony’s Collision Center -parts/labor-2020 Ford – 8318.79, Westside Implement – supplies -277.46, URBAN & RURAL DEVELOPMENT: Choose Clark County – yearly appropriation – 20,000.00, ROAD & BRIDGE: 212 Truck & Trailer Repairs – repair- 133.25, Bierschbach Equipment – motor -269.89, City of Clark – water – 83.20, Clark Ace Hardware – supplies 108.22, Clark Community Oil – propane – 54.00, Cook’s Wastepaper & Recycling – garbage – 61.00, Crafco Inc. -mastic sealant-25,470.32, Dacotah Bank -supplies-78.45, Grainger – furnace filters- 542.16, I-State Truck Center – parts – 50.23, IMEG Consultant’s – CR 6-design development – 3000.00, ITC-service -90.25, Matheson Tri-Gas – supplies -411.97, Menards – supplies – 103.84, Northwestern Energy -utilities – 1466.37, Oscar’s Machine Shop – supplies 45.00, South Dakota Federal Property – supplies- 42.00, Safety Service – install plow mount/sander- 13,160.00, Sioux Rural Water System – water -57.50, Star Laundry – laundry – 121.75, Sturdevant’s Auto Value – parts-1279.62, TrueNorth Steel – supplies – 873.76, US Bank Voyager -fuel-83.05, Westside Implement – parts -2626.34, 911 SERVICE: ITC-service–145.23, CIVIL DEFENSE: ITC-service – 27.59, Mack’s -oil change – 108.90, US Bank Voyager – fuel – 53.49, REGISTER OF DEEDS: Microfilm Imaging Systems -software/scanner rent – 314.25. TOTAL: $110,653.45.

**PAYROLL**: AUDITOR: 6138.30, TREASURER 5785.55, STATES ATTORNEY: 4995.72, COURTHOUSE: 3098.50, DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: 6090.93, REGISTER OF DEEDS: 4254.69, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE: 434.00, SHERIFF: 7375.92, AMBULANCE: 10,602.16, WEED: 4258.06, ROAD & BRIDGE: 48,092.73, EMERGENCY & DISASTER: 1101.76. TOTAL: $102,228.32.

**REPORTS:**  Motion by Hass, second by Sass to approve the following reports. All voting aye. Motion carried.

 AUDITOR’S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER
Cash on hand……….………………….., ……………….. 2,231,885.41

Money Market…………………………..………………… 7,696,749.56

CD’s…………..…………………………………………… 800,000.00
Checking Account…………….………………………… 56,916.62 TOTAL:……………..……………… …..……………… 10,785,551.59

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

$7,752,003.95, Road & Bridge: $1,357,088.05, 911 Service Fund: 64,573.90, ED: **- $**-37,003.62, Domestic Abuse: 75.00, 24/7 -- $19,363.44, ROD Mod/Pres: $9,616.54, Rural Access Infrastructure fund: 335,762.11. County TIF: 482,796.90, **Trust & Agency Funds. which are funds returned to schools, towns, townships and special districts – 801,275.32.** TOTAL: $10,785,551.59.

**ROD Fees**: January recording fees 2455.00, Transfer fees: 1558.50, Births: 45.00, Deaths-115.00, Marriages – 30.00, Copy money: 67.00, Misc,- 303.00. TOTAL: 4573.50. Sheriff: Mileage- $., Civil fees $.

**ADJOURN**:  Motion by Gjerde, second by Hass to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. until next regular meeting Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. All voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Christine Tarbox Wallace Knock, Chairman

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