

Chairman Mark Behrens convened the adjourned session with Feucht, Koedam, Birkey, and Herman present. Motion carried assumes unanimous vote unless otherwise stated.

Conservation Director Craig Van Otterloo and Conservation Board member Todd Reinke presented the FY21 and FY20 re-estimates. Van Otterloo discussed the areas that increased and decreased. The asphalt project was finished last year. Van Otterloo plans to crack seal some of the parking lots and possibly replace some segments of the trail that are cracked. Van Otterloo also requested additional funding for the nature center project. Currently there is \$1,325,000 put towards the project, but Van Otterloo states the funding is \$608,000 short. The Board asked if there have been private donors yet to the project. Van Otterloo states that he has had several individuals state they will donate, but first want to see "dirt being turned". Van Otterloo is also hopeful to receive dollars from Pheasants Forever and plans to apply for a couple grants. The funds currently secured are: \$100,000 Foundation, \$500,000 county funds (\$250,000 hotel/motel, \$250,000 sub fund), \$250,000 LCRF grant, \$375,000 71000 account, and \$100,000 REAP. After discussion, the Board encouraged Van Otterloo and the Conservation Board to raise as much through donations as possible. The Board agreed to give another \$200,000 from the sub-fund to the project, with the possibility of more if donations do not come in. It was also asked the 50% for tourism from the hotel/motel dollars could be expended in advance and repaid once received. This would be a question that would need to be asked to the auditing firm as neither Smit nor Deputy Krull knows. The Board stated that all available funds (REAP, donations, etc.) must be used before additional dollars will be given above the \$700,000 from the County sub fund. It was also agreed to allow Van Otterloo to continue with the 30% retention of camping fees and 100% retention of cabin rentals, permanent camp sites, and online reservations in to the 71000 account for FY21. Van Otterloo stated the Conservation Board will be making their final decision on the bid at their next meeting, Feb. 12. Van Otterloo will also keep the Board up to date on the progress of the project once started in April.

Sheriff Stewart VanderStoep presented the FY20 re-estimates and FY21 budget. Vander Stoep explained that FY20 has been a trying year on the budget so far. Additional unexpected expenses were incurred and notice of no more Lincoln County prisoners will all affect the current year. Vander Stoep went through expenses and revenues. Board asked about the law enforcement contracts and Vander Stoep stated they will be updated again in FY22. Salary increases were approved as presented.

Lisa Rockhill, Disability Service Coordinator and Shane Walter, Director of Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region presented the mental health budget. Walter would like to see Rockhill's salary increase to be more in line with the other county DSC's in the region. Walter recognizes that it is still the County's decision as to where it is set but is working towards having the

DSC's in the Region have similar pay set on knowledge, work attitude, and experience in the field. Walter would like to see the Governance Board set a floor for starting pay but recognizes that said floor would start when attrition happens within the region and new DSC's are hired. This amount is \$360,118. It was stated that the jail services program seems to be going well with the process getting smoother. FY21 per capita amount is \$30.49 with a population number of 11,811, making the amount raised \$360,118. This will more than double the current mental health levy. There is a small fund balance that could be used to slightly lower the levy this year yet, but then there would be a large jump for FY22. After much discussion it was decided to increase the levy this year and send all dollars to region besides the administrative amount that the County keeps for Rockhill.

Rockhill also went through the General Relief budget. It was agreed to increase the funeral payment to \$1,800 with the inclusion that all county funerals will be cremation. Rockhill will update the ordinance to match the increase and cremation. The Board requested this be put on the Feb 11 agenda.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:30 to review more budgets.

Treasurer Russ Hopp joined the meeting to discuss budget items with the Board. The Board asked how much longer the motor vehicle office would remain closed from noon to 1:00 pm. Hopp explained that Blauwet is still doing the DOT training modules for the State on driver's license. Hopp estimates that Blauwet should be done with training and be able to take the testing in April/May. Once this is done, the office will reopen over the noon hour. The Board asked other questions regarding the investments and interest rates.

The Board also reviewed the other departments that had not yet been gone through. The Board revisited the ambulance director salary. It was decided to set the salary at \$42,000 for FY21. The Board also increased the EMT scheduled call time by \$0.50/hour (\$4.00 to \$4.50) and the on a call time by \$0.50/hour (\$10.00 to \$10.50) for FY21.

The Board asked to have the following dollars designated of the sub fund: \$450,000 for RR Utilities Grant Match, \$700,000 for Nature Center, \$300,000 for Annex building replacement, \$50,000 for ambulance rig for FY21.

Minutes from the 2-4-2020 meeting will be reviewed and approved at the February 11th meeting.

There being no further business there was a motion by Birkey, seconded by Feucht to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST
County Auditor

APPROVED
Chairman

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.