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Vice-Chairman Brandon Flanagan called the special meeting of the Lawrence County Commissioners to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted at 3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2020 in the Administrative Annex Building of the Lawrence County Courthouse located at 90 Sherman Street, Deadwood, SD with Commissioners Daryl Johnson, Richard Sleep and Randy Deibert. Absent-Randall Rosenau.

All motions were passed by unanimous vote, by all members present, unless stated otherwise.

AGENDA: Moved-Seconded (Deibert-Sleep) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

COVID-19: Discussion was held on the current pandemic of the COVID-19 outbreak. Bruce Outka, Deputy State's Attorney, gave an update on the recent department head meetings.

Brian Dean, Sheriff, stated that his staff is meeting to develop contingency plans regarding a number of issues, and that he is very satisfied with organizational progress.

Paul Thomson, Emergency Manager, stated that multi-jurisdictional meetings have been set up.

Moved-Seconded (Johnson-Sleep) to appoint Vice-Chairman Flanagan as the point of contact for all questions related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Motion Carried.

Wade Huntington, Department of Health, gave an update how the Department of Health is handling the COVID-19 outbreak. Huntington stated that a hotline has been set up for the public.

Tim Agena, General Government Buildings, gave an update on the cleaning plan for the County campus buildings.

Moved-Seconded (Deibert-Sleep) to allow Tim Agena, General Government Buildings, the ability to adjust the shifts and hours of his staff to meet the increased demand for cleaning. Motion Carried.

Allan Bonnema, Highway Superintendent, stated that his staff has been doing additional cleaning. Bonnema noted there are few public visitors to his office.

County customers are encouraged to do as much business online as possible.

Moved-Seconded (Johnson-Flanagan) that online mailing fees be waived until further notice. Motion Carried.

Greg Dias, Information Systems & Technology, stated that he is in the process of setting up devices, so, if the need arises, employees can work from home.

Moved-Seconded (Deibert-Flanagan) to give the department heads the discretion to allow staff to remain home owing to the COVID-19 outbreak until further notice, and further, to authorize employees to use sick leave, including allowing employees to have a negative balance. Any such negative balance shall be offset by later accrued sick leave time. Motion Carried.

The Commission encourages employees who are returning from travel to self-quarantine.

PETITION FOR VACATION OF PUBLICLY DEDICATED HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY: Moved-Seconded (Deibert-Johnson) to move the discussion of the Vacation of Publicly Dedicated Highway (pursuant to SDCL Ch. 31-3) LEGAL: A PORTION OF GOBBLER ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE VACATED BETWEEN LOT 20 OF BLOCK 2 AND LOT 8 OF BLOCK 1 IN WILD TURKEY ESTATES A SUBDIVISION OF TRACT A OF WILD TURKEY ESTATES LOCATED IN GOVERNMENT LOTS 1 & 2, S1/2 NE1/4, N1/2 SE1/4 AND SE1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 1, T6N, R1E, BHM; GOVERNMENT LOT 4 OF SECTION 31, T7N, R2E, BHM; GOVERNMENT LOTS 3, 4, 5 and 6, SE1/4 NW1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 6, T6N, R2E, BHM; TRACT A OF PINE OAK SUBDIVISION IN THE S1/2 SW1/4 OF SECTION 6, T6N, R2E, BHM; ALL IN LAWRENCE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA AFFECTING THE LANDOWNERS: Larry and Connie Andrews, Jessy and Stacie Dietrich to April 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Motion Carried.

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Moved-Seconded (Deibert-Sleep) to set March 20, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. as a follow-up meeting for the COVID-19 updates. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN: 4:16 p.m. There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Flanagan adjourned the meeting. Motion Carried.

Date Approved

Brandon Flanagan, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:

Brenda McGruder, Auditor