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THE BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENE AT 10:00 A.M. on Friday, October 18, 2013 for a Special Emergency Meeting. Commissioners present were Kling, Smeenk, Ager and Geis. Commissioner Fernen was present via a phone conference.

Chairman Kling called the special meeting to order.

Sheriff Lamphere and Highway Superintendent Don Adams came before the Commissioners to give an update on the livestock carcass disposal, tree debris cleanup and road conditions. Regional Coordinator Brent Kolstad from the Office of Emergency Management and John Culverson were both present.

A mini EOC center will be activated in the Commissioner's Room at the Butte County Courthouse while the disposal and cleanup from the storm continues. Per the request of the Butte County Commissioners, the Office of Emergency Management has sent two tree chippers with a crew of 20 men each to Butte County to help with the removal of the extensive tree debris in the County Roads Right of Ways.

Livestock carcasses that are in the County Roads Right of Ways will be removed first and taken to the disposal site near Fruitdale, SD before livestock from private livestock producers will be considered. Once the County Roads Right of Ways has been cleared, the Butte County Commissioners will set the timeframe of October 21 – 27, 2013 for private livestock owners to bring their livestock carcasses to the County Roads Right of Ways. Butte County Dispatch must be notified first and then Butte County will haul the carcasses to the pit which is located near Fruitdale, SD.

Commissioner Smeenk wanted to thank Chairman Kling for his outstanding efforts in organizing the necessary measures that were needed for Butte County to proceed with the livestock disposal and cleanup from the recent storm disaster.

Sheriff Lamphere came before the Commissioners to discuss a serious radio connectivity issue that now exists since the 90% near completion of the Internet Protocol-based Voice and Data 911 Controller system in the Dispatch center.

The radio connectivity issue has become an Emergency Situation in the Dispatch center. Sheriff Lamphere is working on a \$50,000.00 grant to help with the expenditure.

Motion by Geis Second by Smeenk to approve an expenditure of \$53,125.00 to restore the radio connectivity and proceed with the completion of the Internet Protocol-based Voice and Data 911 Controller system update in the Dispatch center. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Fernen asked for *Major Account Manager* Eric Erickson from CenturyLink to be present at the November 5, 2013 Commissioner's meeting to explain the radio connectivity issue.

Motion by Geis Second by Smeenk to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 p.m. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:
Kim W. Kling Chairman

ATTEST: Elaine Jensen, Auditor