Board members in attendance by phone: Laura Armstrong, Lance Lehman, City Council; Jason Culberson, Rapid City Fire Chief; Don Hedrick, Rapid City Police Chief; Gary Sortland, Fire Service Board

Others in attendance: Dustin Willett, Director; Alexa White, Deputy Director

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:32am by Jason Culberson.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nothing brought forth.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Authorize EM Director Dustin Willett to sign individual contracts on behalf of Pennington County Emergency Management between Emergency Management and necessary Emergency COVID-19 Homeless Shelter Staff – Willett explained that Norma Rendon was recruited and contracted to run the Shelter through her non-profit, Where All Women Are Honored/Winyan Wicayounihan Oyanke. In turn, she found staff and contracted them to work at the Shelter. Ms. Rendon would invoice EM once each week on Tuesday for staff wages and EM paid invoices in the weekly voucher run on Wednesdays. This arrangement worked well until Ms. Rendon contracted the virus and was hospitalized. We have no access to her and have been unable to speak with her. We learned she was the only signatory on the account and Shelter staff have been working 24/7 without pay. Some staff have already been lost because of this. For the Shelter to continue to operate, we need to find a way to pay staff. I have spoken with the Pennington County Auditor, Human Resources Director, the State’s Attorney and the SD State Auditor. Together we have developed language for the contracts, which have been approved by the above-noted individuals/agencies. The EMUB has authority to allow/approve EM to enter into these contracts with Shelter staff. Discussion was had on the pros and cons of entering into these contracts. Motion to authorize EM Director, Dustin Willett to enter into professional service contracts with Shelter staff by Hedrick, Armstrong second. Roll call vote – Armstrong, aye; Culberson, aye; Hedrick, aye; Sortland, aye. Motion passed, (pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1.2, all votes taken by roll call). Willett thanked attendees for participating on short notice. The first payroll will be submitted on Wednesday the 22nd and paychecks available no later than Friday the 24th.

Willett relayed he has spoken with Whelchel who has requested additional meetings to discuss long term solutions for the community and shutdown operations at LaCrosse St. Emergency COVID-19 Homeless Shelter.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session was not necessary during this meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Sortland, Hedrick second. Roll call vote – Armstrong, aye; Culberson, aye; Hedrick, aye; Sortland, aye. Motion passed, (pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1.2, all votes taken by roll call). Meeting adjourned at 9:51am.