

RESOLUTION 2013-63

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER AND MAYOR
TO SIGN EMERGENCY SERVICES AND/OR EQUIPMENT USE AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the blizzard that struck the City of Sturgis on October 3rd has place created a significant demand upon the city and its employees to respond to the emergency created by the store, debris cleanup and significant water flow which continued days after the blizzard had passed, and

WHEREAS, the City's Emergency Response Team as established in accordance to Title 29 has and is continuing to meet to respond to the significant damage throughout the community and to mitigate the loss of property and personal injury and as such has required the use of contracts to assist in the cleanup and mitigation efforts, and

WHEREAS, at the meeting on October 8th the Meade County Commission passed an Emergency Declaration to start the process of obtaining any available state and/or federal assistance to deal with the blizzard, debris and flooding emergency, and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted the City Manager form of government in place of the traditional Mayor and alderman form of city government, and

WHEREAS, the blizzard caused very substantial damage to the City through down power lines, fallen trees and limbs, and damaged and destroyed structures, and

WHEREAS, the immediate melting of the snow following the blizzard required the city to respond to flood advisories and a flood warning issued by the National Weather Service, and

WHEREAS, the City employees simply did not have the time nor equipment to accomplish, under those extreme weather conditions and in that short period of time, everything that needed to be done to prepare the City for the predicted flooding, and

WHEREAS, the City has on numerous occasions in the past authorized the City Manager to sign contracts on behalf of the city for necessary and required supplies and services, and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes it was necessary and very much in the best interest of public safety for the entire community to do all that was possible in very limited time to prevent the risk of serious flooding within the city of Sturgis, and

WHEREAS, keeping debris out of the creek beds and drainages locating within the City is the best means to get the full benefit of past flood improvements that have been located in the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager brought and may need to bring on several private contractors and/or volunteers to give emergency support to the efforts of City employees, and

WHEREAS, it was is necessary for the immediate and future preservation of the health and safety of the residents of the City to have the assistance of those private contractors to protect the health and safety of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Sturgis City Council hereby ratifies those contracts signed by the City Manager for such emergency assistance and Mayor Mark Carstensen is authorized to co-sign those contracts to demonstrate that the City Council has ratified and approved those agreements. Further, the City Manager and Mayor Mark Carstensen are authorized to sign similar contracts for emergency services and/or equipment and/or volunteers for the next sixty (60) days.

Dated this 21ST day of October, 2013.

CITY OF STURGIS

Mayor Mark Carstensen

ATTEST:

Fay Bueno
City Finance Officer

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