

December 3, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on December 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Jay Grabow presiding. Those present were Commissioners Jay Grabow, Steve Rhody, Scott Fieber, Harry Mewherter and Judith Homan. Also present was Auditor Courtney Parker. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the agenda with additions of Weed Supervisor Keith Goens and Sheriff Cory Borg. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the minutes from November 7th and 19th with corrections on November 7th meeting: 1) motion was seconded by Grabow and to take out names on the tax deed process. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Foreman Marty Brown

Brown gave some rates for doing township work from snow removal and road blading. He stated Broksieck wanted the commission to look at the rates and decide if they would like to raise them for the contracts with townships starting April of 2025.

Brown stated legal counsel Jack Heib wants to draft a letter explaining Duininck is still under contract on county road 6 and 513. If they don't fix the roads, Deuel County can then go to the bonding agency for the warranty work.

Brown updated the commission on the conversation with SDTAT about the RAIF program to see if there's a timeline approved projects need to be done by. SDTAT suggested the county making a resolution to encourage getting the projects done in a timely manner. There will be more discussion on this topic in coming meetings.

9:25 AM – Weed Superintendent Keith Goens

Goens asked for permission to go to state convention. Goens stated the county receives roughly a \$5600-\$6000 grant if you go to state convention. There must be two people that go to the state convention on your county's behalf. 3) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve Goens and one other to go to the state convention in February. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on spraying township and county roads. Homan stated she was asked by a member of the community if the township roads are getting the attention they should. Goens replied that they are. Goens explained that in most counties the townships and/or land owner is in charge of having their land sprayed. He stated the townships were all sprayed once, with some sprayed twice. Grabow stated mowing the ditches may be a task that needs to be completed between the highway department and the weed department if there are days when the weed department can't spray. Grabow stated it is a lot easier to blade roads when the weeds and grass is cut back.

9:40 AM – Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg called in via telephone conference. He explained to the commission that the 2021 Chevy pickup is in the shop at Fritz Chevrolet. He believes it needs a new transmission. Since the transmission will be over \$1,000.00 Borg wanted the commission to approve it but does not know the quote yet. The pickup has roughly 130,000 miles on it. 4) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve a new transmission for the 2021 Chevy pickup. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:50 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters & (3) Contractual Matters

5) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel & (3) Contractual Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:35 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

6) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the end of the year special meeting on December 31st, 2024 at 9 AM. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Policy Book discussion was moved to executive session for personnel matters.

Approval of Warrants

7) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to pay warrants as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Paid Early: ANITA CROSS 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, ASTORIA LEGION POST 103 50.00 ELECTION BUILDING RENTAL, BARBARA SCHIEFELBEIN 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, BEVERLY JOHNSON 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, BLAINE FRANKEN 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, BRITTANEE COLLINS 205.00 ELECTION WORKER, CONNIE RABINE 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, COURTNIIE UCKERT 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, DAKOTA RIDGE INC 50.00 ELECTION BUILDING RENTAL, DENNIS EVENSON 50.00 RESOLUTION BOARD, DIANE BRANDT 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, DONNA ATEYO 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, FAY BUCHHOLTZ 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, SONJA HANSON 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, JANICE ENGELSTAD 205.00 ELECTION WORKER, JUDT HUNT 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, JULIE HENDRICKSON 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, JUNE KLEMMANN 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, KIMBERLY BERWALD 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, KRISTIE THOMAS 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LARK KELLEY 205.00 ELECTION WORKER, LAURA SCHANNING 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LEONA TESCH 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LINDA BROKSIECK 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LINDA DAILEY 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LINDA GOODROAD 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LORETTA TVEDT 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, MARY MEWHERTER 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, NANCY BARONDEAU 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, PATRICIA FOSTER 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, REBECCA KRAUSE 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, SHIRLEY LARSON 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, STEVEN HARFORD 50.00 RESOLUTION BOARD, TAMARA KREIN 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, TORONTO INC 50.00 ELECTION BUILDING RENTAL

Current Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 200.45 SUPPLIES, APPEARA 195.44 RUGS, AT&T MOBILITY 453.24 UTILITIES, AUSTIN LAW OFFICE 1016.22 CAA FEES, BJERKE SANITATION 290.00 GARBAGE, BRIAN'S GLASS & DOOR INC 975.00 REPAIR, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 33.18 REPAIR/SUPPLIES, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 167.50 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 663.74 PUBLICATIONS/SUPPLIES, CONNECTING POINT 2281.85 PROF. SERVICE, DOMAIN LISTINGS 288.00 WEB DOMAIN, EQUIPMENT BLADES INC 10111.50 SUPPLIES, FIRST BANK & TRUST 3971.22 CC STATEMENT, FLEETPRIDE 183.39 REPAIR, FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC 2531.32 REPAIR, GEOTEK ENGINEERING & TESTING 3000.00 PROF. SERVICE, GREEN ROBY OVIATT LLP 1181.50 CAA FEES, ITC 172.35 UTILITIES, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 166.34 SUPPLIES, JOLENE KUSEK 2009.05 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, DEB LESSMAN 294.48 TRAVEL & REG FEES, LYLE SIGNS LLC 1800.00 SUPPLIES, BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC 158.24 SUPPLIES, MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC. 410.20 LAW BOOKS, MAYNARDS 19.87 SUPPLIES, MENARDS 54.97 SUPPLIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 754.27 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 84.14 UTILITIES, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 911 UTILITIES, RON'S SAW SHOP 162.96 REPAIR, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 3647.28 SUPPLIES, SDACO 202.00 M&P FEES, SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE 350.54 HWY ADDN AUTO INS., SD SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 628.85 2025 ANNUAL DUES, TEESDALE LAW OFFICE, PLLC 1933.75 CAA FEES, UNITED SERVICES LLC 179.48 COURT INTERPRETER, W.W. TIRE SERVICE INC 12500.66 REPAIRS, WARNE PLUMBING & HEATING, LLC 1719.45 REPAIR,

Payroll

November Payroll: Commissioners \$10,228.67, Election \$495.50, Auditor's Office \$12,050.00, Treasurer's Office \$11,544.89, State's Attorney's Office \$8,082.80, General Gov't Building \$6,205.23, Director of Equalization Office \$14,455.14, Register of Deeds Office \$9,584.29, Veteran Service Officer \$1,443.50, GIS \$0.00, Sheriff's Dept. \$44,611.44, County Assist \$401.05, 4-H \$0.00, Extension Office

\$4,050.00, Weed & Pest \$4,078.70, Planning & Zoning \$5,479.42, Road & Bridge \$80,440.33, Civil Defense \$431.29

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business 8) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

Jay Grabow, Chairman

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