

October 1, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on October 1, 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) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve minutes from September 4th and 16th. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Department Head Meeting

Grabow wanted to talk to the department heads about being leaders of the county. He stated how great Deuel County is to live and that the leaders of Deuel County are the department heads and Board of Commission. Grabow stated he thinks we can do more to improve our service to the tax payers of Deuel County. When someone walks into your office or calls you on the phone; treat them and act honestly. Integrity is something we need to hold high. Grabow stated it is essential in treating our fellow coworkers with the same respect. Help each other out if you can. Everyone needs to be reminded, even Grabow, to be the best leaders you can to lead the county and state. Grabow wanted to thank each department for always greeting him with a smile, we just ask that you continue to do well for our county. Grabow stated that if there's something he can do better, please let him know.

9:15 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck explained that he took two of the more critical bridges first from the bridge inspection presentation at the last commission meeting with Mark Junker from Banner, and had two quotes for hydraulic studies and bid ready plans drawn up as per the direction of the Board of Commission. One of the more critical bridges is the Eastman Bridge structure number 20-153-210 located on 187th street (township road) over Cobb Creek. Banner will be revising the hydraulic study to see if the bridge needs to be replaced with something bigger or keep at the suggested size. 3) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the hydraulic study that will not exceed the amount of \$14,000.00 for structure number 20-153-210. All voted yes and the motion carried. Another bridge that is in more of a critical state is the Miller Bridge structure number 20-008-220 located on 188th street (Highway 314) over the Hidewood Creek. Deuel County desires to apply for funding through the SDDOT BIG program to replace the bridge so Banner will create a Bid Review Ready application will be submitted to gain an additional 10 points which will allow the bridge to move above 50 points which is the minimum threshold to be eligible for the BIG program. 4) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the Bid Review Ready plan for structure number 20-008-220 not exceeding \$79,000.00. All voted yes and the motion carried. The commissioners will review the hydraulic studies and then take the next step in communicating with the affected parties. The above structures are listed in the 5-Year Road and Bridge plan. 5) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve and adopted the 2024 5-Year Road and Bridge plan. All voted yes and the motion carried.

2008 Ford 200,000 is in tough shape as its been sitting at Milbank Ford since late July. First, they thought it was a wiring issue but have recently found the problem is an internal oil pump. Grabow asked Broksieck to look at state bid for a new vehicle.

9:30 AM – Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg discussed the need for two new vehicles in 2025. Borg stated SD state bid for a Dodge Durango is \$43,066.00, Iowa state bid is \$42,682.50, or Borg found a company out of Indiana that sells police package vehicles outright for a 2024 Dodge Durango it was \$46,662.50 or Dodge Charger for \$38,327.50. It would be April 2025 before we receive the car if we order now. Borg stated there are

about 2500 to 3000 miles put on a vehicle in a month. By the time we replace the car it will have substantially more. One of the vehicles needing to be replaced is the K-9 unit which runs all the time due to having a dog in the car. This vehicle has a lot more hours on the car than a normal vehicle. Homan stated we can't put deputies in Chargers because of the snow and ice. She believes we drive more on ice and snow than we do on nice roads so she doesn't feel it is worth their safety to save \$5,000.00. 2012 Tahoe 138,000 needs to be replaced as well as the 2018 Dodge Charger. Borg also explained why we should surplus the spare car as well since it has no equipment in it. The spare is the 2019 Dodge Charger that has 143,000 miles on it. When the deputies use the spare, they have to move their equipment over. In addition to purchasing the vehicles, it costs about \$5,000.00 to equip the vehicles. Discussion was had on selling the three vehicles only resulting in about \$10,000 to \$12,000.00. 6) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the purchase of 2 Dodge Durangos on South Dakota state bid, contract number 43066 in the amount of \$43,066.00 each. Also, to Surplus the 3 vehicles including 2012 Chevy Tahoe, 2019 Dodge Charger, and 2018 Dodge Charger. All voted yes and the motion carried.

7) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the two law enforcement contracts with the Towns of Toronto and Astoria. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Borg stated since he had to leave the commission meeting to go to training in Watertown, he wanted to brief the commission on the complaints the Sheriff's office received on Stateline Sports Bar and Grill since there was an appointment with them later in the commission meeting. Back in June, the sheriff's office got reports of Stateline Sports Bar and Grill selling alcohol to minors. Borg spoke with the owner about it. However, a few months later, Borg explained that they also failed a sting. The Board explained they would like to know what they could change in their policy to prevent this going forward. The Board will let them know if they fail to correct it the County will not renew their license and there will be more stings at their location.

Borg also wanted to speak on the terrible and unfortunate explosion in Gary. Borg commends the first responders for a job well done. Borg said that everyone worked together and assisted as they needed to in such a sensitive situation. He said high quality training pays off and that's why training is so important.

10:00 AM – 2nd Reading of Ordinance B2022-01-07

Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen presented the Public and Private Utilities Ordinance B2022-01-07 and the second reading was held. 8) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to adopt Ordinance B2022-01-07. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:15 AM – 2nd Reading of Ordinance B2022-01-08

Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen presented the CAFO Ordinance B2022-01-08 and the second reading was held. 9) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to adopt the CAFO Ordinance B2022-01-08. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:30 AM – 2nd Reading of Ordinance B2022-01-04A Rezoning

The Board of Commission held the second reading for Ordinance B2022-01-04A. The Ordinance would issue a change in zoning classification for Lynn Farms LLC (Jon Gorder) that is described as the remainder of the property outside the one thousand (1,000) feet of the established high-water line of Lake Cochrane in Gov Lot 1 of Section Eight (8), Township One Hundred Fourteen (114) North, Range Forty-even (47) West of the 5th P.M., Norden Township, Deuel County, South Dakota, to "LP" Lake Park District from "AG" Agricultural District. 10) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve Ordinance B2022-01-07. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:35 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters

11) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss personnel matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:54 AM. No action was taken.

11:00 AM – Stateline Sports Bar and Grill

Stateline Sports Bar and Grill's owner Blaine Merritt met with the commissioners to talk about the renewal of the liquor license due to the failed sting. Merritt contacted the sheriff's office and didn't get a phone call back. Borg called in May about complaints of serving minors and underage drinking. Merritt explained that some of the problem is college kids coming back and presenting fake IDs. Another problem is 18-year-olds can drink with their parents and then they get comfortable and stay when their parents leave. Merritt said it would help if the County made an ordinance for 21 years and older with or without your parents for the county. Merritt states he hasn't seen an incident report yet on the failed sting. Merritt explains he is not hearing and seeing the same thing the Sheriff's office is so he'd like to have communication back and forth. Merritt explained he is taking care of the situation and trying to help make it a safe community. What he is hoping is to have the charge thrown out on technicalities and to require TIPS training with the presence of the Deuel County Sheriff's Office. He would like to repair the relationship with the Deuel County Sheriff's Office. Grabow will have Borg contact Merritt.

11:16 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Litigation Matters

12) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-231) to discuss personnel matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:28 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

Gary Historical Association is requesting support funds. The Board of Commission asked that anyone that is asking for support funds to send a financial report. Parker will send the request to them and the topic was tabled until next meeting.

Johnson Control submitted a quote to Deuel County for the fall maintenance kit for the boiler and temp sensors for the chiller in the amount of \$1,418.44. The Board of Commission asked what the yearly maintenance contract covers if not yearly required maintenance. Parker stated that our contract with Johnson Control's auto-renews on 10/2/2024 if we didn't let them know before then. The Board asked Parker to request a meeting with Johnson Controls before we renew and to talk about the quote for the fall maintenance kit and chiller parts. This topic is tabled until next meeting.

13) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the purchase of spray for the weed department in the amount of \$7,300.00. All voted yes and the motion carried. Discussion of county roads are done and the township roads are being started on 10/01/2024.

Approval of Warrants

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

Paid Early: THREE RIVERS 820.30 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT, THREE RIVERS 200.00 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT, PRINCIPAL LIFE COMPANY 1,373.88 LIFE/DENTAL/VISION INSURANCE, WELLMARK BCBS 19,557.57, TRYSTEN STUDEMANN 70.29 OVERPAYMENT ON TAXES,

Current Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 117.70 SUPPLIES, APPEARA 311.98 RUGS, AT&T MOBILITY 417.84 UTILITIES, AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE-MI 120.00 PROF. FEES, BANNER ASSOCIATES INC 12505.24 PROF. FEES, BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA 1070.00 TRAVEL & CONFERENCE, BJERKE SANITATION 320.00 GARBAGE, CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU 1.70 POOR LIEN COLLECTION, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 1461.32 SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 1221.78 PUBLICATIONS, CLEAR LAKE VETERINARY CLINIC 172.62 SUPPLIES, COLE'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC 1530.38 SUPPLIES, CONNECTING POINT 1957.25 PROF. SERVICE, DAKOTA PORTABLE TOILETS, INC 225.00 TOILET RENTAL, DIAMOND MOWERS LLC 1694.81 SUPPLIES, ELECTION SYSTEMS& SOFTWARE INC 3048.54 PROF SERVICE & SUPPLIES, FEDEX 5.86 PROF. SERVICE, FLEETPRIDE 409.25 REPAIR, FOLEY & FOLEY LAW OFFICE 1129.02 CAA FEES, HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC 106.00 SUPPLIES, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 13.96 SUPPLIES, DEB LESSMAN 673.93 TRAVEL & CONF. REIMB., BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC 155.79 SUPPLIES, MAYNARDS

52.95 SUPPLIES, MCLEOD'S 989.60 SUPPLIES, MENARDS 120.37 SUPPLIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 45.74 UTILITIES, BARBARA OLSON 17.19 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 100.00 OFFICE 365, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 87.27 UTILITIES, OTTER TAIL 3000.00 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, PESTS B DEAD LLC 415.00 QTRLY PEST CONTROL, POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC 1633.88 REPAIR, QUADIENT LEASING USA INC 672.63 POST MACHINE RENT, BRENDA REDWING 25.20 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, RICHARDSON, WYLY, WISE, 4410.70 PROF. SERVICE, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 496.93 REPAIR & SUPPLIES, SANFORD HEALTH 91.00 BLOOD DRAW, SANFORD CLINIC 3198.67 HEALTH NURSE, SANFORD HEALTH OCCUMED 280.00 DRUG TESTING, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2834.37 FUEL SUPPLIES, SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 1939.93 SUPPLIES, SODAK GARDENS 16.00 SUPPLIES, TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS 86013.17 PVMNT STRIPING, TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIP INC 259.39 REPAIR, TRUENORTH STEEL INC 15507.60 SUPPLIES, VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY 10723.20 SPRAY SUPPLIES, WES JENNINGS 250.00 PROF. SERVICE, KRISTIN A WOODALL 63.75 TRANSCRIPTS, YANKTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE 50.00 PAPERS SERVED

Payroll

September Payroll: Commissioners \$10,228.66, Election \$133.63, Auditor's Office \$11,088.10, Treasurer's Office \$11,174.85, State's Attorney's Office \$8,134.64, General Gov't Building \$6,637.24, Director of Equalization Office \$9,359.85, Register of Deeds Office \$9,513.42, Veteran Service Officer \$1,443.05, GIS \$749.16, Sheriff's Dept. \$45,381.18, County Assist \$401.04, 4-H \$122.36, Extension Office \$3,964.13, Weed & Pest \$3,254.91, Planning & Zoning \$5,479.82, Road & Bridge \$73,487.94, Civil Defense \$431.29

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business 15) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

Jay Grabow, Chairman

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