

August 6, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on August 6th, 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 and a few members from the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda with the addition of Marlin Bjerke and Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters and (3) Contractual Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the minutes from July 2nd and 23rd. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck gave a brief overview of what has been keeping the county highway shop busy the last few weeks. Last fall the commission discussed and received a quote to have someone clean out ditches near the Town of Goodwin to help drainage. Goodwin is also cleaning theirs as well. Dick's Excavation cleaned the county ditches, as well as put in new culverts where they were needed. Broksieck just wanted to remind the commissioners but it is on the list of warrants to approve. Chip sealing is now done for the county. The highway shop will move on to sweeping and striping and onto the 23 blocks in the City of Clear Lake that need chip sealing.

Broksieck presented the total amount the county has into the road repair from the crane ruts on road 477th. The total amount due to county for repairs is \$8,088.51. There was discussion had on charging contractor rate, however the board decided to stay with our current rate.

Broksieck stated the two new employees are doing well. One has passed step 1 of CDL testing and the other is still working on step 1. The county will be paying for their CDL testing.

9:30 AM – State Representative from District 4 Kent Roe

Roe wanted to introduce himself and meet the commissioners from all the counties in his district. Grabow asked why he ran for office. Roe stated he was recruited by a lot of people state wide. He wants to level property taxes and improve infrastructure. Roe is a believer in the CO2 pipeline. He believes the pipeline is just an extension of the plants. Homan discussed the importance of local control and hopes he keeps that in mind.

10:12 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters & (3) Contractual Matters

3) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) & (3) to discuss personnel matters and contractual matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:50 AM. No action was taken.

Old Business

Marlin Bjerke wanted to discuss the noise study results from GeoTek. Bjerke wanted to know why it wasn't done downwind? The commissioners didn't have an answer for him and didn't pick the day GeoTek tested. GeoTek was in contact with Crystal Springs Feeds and made sure the plant would be running the day they tested. The board explained they wanted GeoTek to test a few other chosen spots as well. Bjerke asked why OSHA standards were being used as the reference points. Grabow explained the motion was made to use OSHA standards at the meeting he appealed at and was present for in April. Bjerke stated the noise level that is acceptable for wind towers is 45 decibels. Grabow stated he needs to go to the City of Clear Lake as they have jurisdiction. Grabow stated the board can only lower taxes and cannot do anything about the actual noise of Crystal Springs Feeds as they don't have jurisdiction. Grabow told him to do the testing he needs to prove it is loud and address it with the city. Grabow asked

if Bjerke could let us know how things play out. Bjerke also stated he would like to see the proposed Missouri River Energy Services power plant near Toronto to have an environmental study done.

New Business

4) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the July 2024 Cash Balance sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER
END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE- JULY 2024**

CASH TOTAL		\$	1,405.50
CHECKS TOTAL		\$	16,713.14
CASH ITEM		\$	-
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF		\$	50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND		\$	18,168.64
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$	272,208.53
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO		\$	5,897,892.74
SD FIT		\$	1,054,309.49
CREDIT CARDS		\$	1,162.88
CD		DNB	\$ 250,000.00
		FB&T	\$ -
INTERST EARNED: \$23,180.42			
REVOLVING LOAN		\$	38,931.62
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS		\$	7,532,673.90
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:			
GENERAL		\$	5,205,901.79
SP REVENUE FUNDS		\$	1,954,462.31
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS		\$	372,309.80
Townships	\$31,836.36	Cities	\$24,202.47
Schools	\$43,273.11	Rural Fire	\$37,607.95
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH		\$	7,532,673.90

5) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the Resolution #24-23 of Voter Precinct Polling Locations. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #24-23
VOTER PRECINCT POLLING LOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, Deuel County must establish polling places in each precinct, for the General Election to be held on Tuesday November 5, 2024:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the polling places in each precinct in Deuel County shall be as follows:

<u>Precincts</u>	<u>Locations</u>
1- Altamont Township, Portland Township, Lowe Township, Altamont Inc.	Dakota Ridge Lodge, Altamont
3- Brandt Township, Norden Township, Brandt Inc.	Brandt Community Center
4- Clear Lake Inc. Ward 1	Clear Lake Community Center
5- Clear Lake Inc. Ward 2	Clear Lake Community Center
6- Clear Lake Inc. Ward 3	Clear Lake Community Center

7- Goodwin Township, Goodwin Inc., Rome Township	Goodwin Fire Hall
8- Glenwood Township, Herrick Township, Antelope Valley Township, Gary Inc.	Gary Fire Hall
9- Havana Township, Clear Lake Township, Hidewood Township	Clear Lake Community Center
10- Scandinavia Township, Astoria Inc.	Legion Hall Astoria
11- Blom Township, Toronto Inc., Grange Township	Toronto Community Room/Fire Hall

Dated this 6th day of August, 2024.

Jay Grabow, Chairman
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Deuel County Auditor

Approval of Warrants

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

Paid Early: THREE RIVERS BENEFITS 5,117.29 MEDICAL INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 52.90 EXCISE TAX

Current Warrants: APPEARA 195.65 RUGS, ASTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2193.15 RURAL FIRE REVERSION 2024, AT&T MOBILITY 272.96 UTILITIES, BJERKE SANITATION 215.00 GARBAGE, BRANDT FIRE DEPARTMENT 5498.35 RURAL FIRE REVERSION '24, CARTNEY BEARING & SUPPLY CO 1091.30 REPAIR, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 6.99 SUPPLIES, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 173.90 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 1272.10 PUBLICATIONS, CLEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT 13935.75 RURAL FIRE REVERSION'24, CONNECTING POINT 1957.25 PROF. SERVICE, COWBOY COUNTRY STORES 80.04 SUPPLIES, DAKOTA PORTABLE TOILETS, INC 475.00 TOILET RENTALS, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 81.61 SUPPLIES, DICKS EXCAVATION LLC 17572.48 CONTRACT WORK, DOCKENDORF EQUIPMENT CO. INC 842.50 PROF. FEES, DUININCK, INC 17589.66 SUPPLIES, ESTELLINE FIRE DEPT. 1948.03 RURAL FIRE REVERSION '24, FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, LTD 650.00 2024 PLAT BOOKS, FLEETPRIDE 296.76 REPAIR, GARY FIRE DEPARTMENT 5017.53 RURAL FIRE REVERSION '24, GOODWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT 3557.07 RURAL FIRE REVERSION '24, GREEN ROBY OVIATT LLP 2437.10 CAA FEES, GWORKS 4335.00 SOFTWARE RENEWAL, H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 696.50 UTILITIES, HENDRICKS FIRE DEPT 631.91 RURAL FIRE REVERSION '24, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 128.79 SUPPLIES, ITC 1305.04 UTILITIES, J & L MACHINE & WELDING INC 195.00 REPAIR, JEBRO INC 272378.90 SUPPLIES, DEB LESSMAN 231.30 TRAVEL/SUPPLIES, JODI LOEHRER 77.51 FASHION REVUE JUDGE, SONIA MACK 105.02 FASHION REVUE JUDGE, MAYNARDS 77.53 SUPPLIES, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 1170.00 RENTAL, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 64.74 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 780.24 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 80.25 UTILITIES, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 911 UTILITIES, REVILLO FIRE DEPARTMENT 857.36 RURAL FIRE REVERSION '24, RICHARDSON, WYLY, WISE, 1174.40 PROF. SERVICE, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 17.52 SUPPLIES, SO DAK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 160.00 BLOOD DRAW, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2638.21 SUPPLIES, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 161079.47 EOM FEES, SDACO 212.00 M&P FEES, TORONTO FIRE DEPARTMENT 3684.25 RURAL FIRE REVERSION '24

Payroll

July Payroll: Commissioners \$10,228.63, Election \$239.23, Auditor's Office \$10,872.58, Treasurer's Office \$11,174.84, State's Attorney's Office \$8,212.40, General Gov't Building \$6,055.93, Director of

Equalization Office \$11,818.26, Register of Deeds Office \$9,537.05, Veteran Service Officer \$1,443.05, GIS \$0.00, Sheriff's Dept. \$48,399.17, County Assist \$401.05, 4-H \$1,720.95, Extension Office \$3,786.63, Weed & Pest \$4,849.62, Planning & Zoning \$5,479.82, Road & Bridge \$71,120.76, Civil Defense \$431.29

Public Comment

Al Moore presented what Blom Township gave to Plainview Dairy for haul road agreements. The lighter colored font is what they added. He just wanted to let the commissioners know where the process was.

Director of Equalization Deborah Meguire presented the decision of the Office of Hearing Examiners...“It is the Order of the Hearing Examiner that the decision of the Deuel County Board of Equalization is affirmed. Deuel County has shown by a preponderance of the evidence that Petitioner’s property at issue in this case is properly assessed and valued at \$412,538.” Beutler did not produce enough to overturn the assessment.

Adjournment

There being no further business 7) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor
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Jay Grabow, Chairman