

May 10, 2021
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman DeJong presiding. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Jaeger, Rhody, Kreutner and Homan. Also present was Auditor Korth. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

1) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

2) Jaeger moved, seconded by Homan to approve the minutes of the regular meetings April 6th and April 20th. And approve the minutes for special meeting April 13th. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 State's Attorney Jared Gass

Invenergy/Deuel Harvest Wind Energy LLC has made application for Occupancy Right of Way for County Roads with all the proper requirements met under SDCL 31-26-1. State's Attorney Gass has reviewed the application and made his recommendation to approve. Deuel County Highway Department previously has given their recommendation to approve. The Highway Department was not present for today's commission meeting. The hearing was held in the Commission room at 9 a.m. with proper notice given to affected entities. Calvin Musch from Portland Township was present for the hearing for discussion. Musch had concerns about the process and about the future effects on township roads. 3) Jaeger moved, seconded by Homan to approve and sign Deuel Harvest Wind Energy LLC Application for Occupancy Right of Way of County Roads. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:15 4-H Advisor Deb Lessman

Lessman met with the Commissioners to discuss the status of the Deuel County Complex and storage for the Shooting Sports trailer throughout the summer months. Shooting Sports season ended in April. She was wondering if there were summer events to be held in the building and if there would be any concerns with the trailer being stored there. The commissioners didn't think there would be any issue and will look at the space in person. She spoke of need for a ladder and extra tables with a table cart and will look into costs for purchase. Discussion was held on signage for the complex.

9:30 Director of Equalization Donna Rhody

Interviews have been held for an Appraiser for the Director of Equalization Department. Director Rhody was present with Thomas Pauli for introductions. 4) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to hire Thomas Pauli full time in the Director of Equalization office as an appraiser (once certified). Current starting wage (uncertified) is \$16.05 to begin May 10th. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:00 Malt Beverage Hearing

A public hearing was held on the application of the Crystal Springs Ranch Rodeo Association Inc. for a special four day on sale malt beverage license for the Crystal Springs Ranch Rodeo event. Cody Krause was present for Crystal Springs and gave some updates on the rodeo for the 75th anniversary. Discussion was held on security as well. Chairman DeJong spoke on behalf of the Board about costs to the County as far as road maintenance and law enforcement. The Board would like the CSRR Association Board to consider sharing some of the costs incurred due to the Rodeo. Sheriff Borg was present for discussion. CSRR also provides their own security. Krause reported on costs related to the security they provide though they have no one able to be deputized. Krause also reported on the high expense on campgrounds and that they've lost money on that over the last few years. Much discussion was held on revenue vs. expenses that the Rodeo brings to the County. Krause thanked the County for all their support. No other public comment was made for this hearing.

5) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve and issue the special four day on sale malt beverage license for June 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2021 to Crystal Springs Ranch Rodeo Inc., Clear Lake, SD on the SE4SW4 31-116-48. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:30 HR Representative Natalie Remund

Remund met with the Commissioners to give updates and discuss several items. She had been reviewing the current Deuel County Personnel Policy Manual and is in the process of updating it for implementation within the next few months. She requested that a committee be formed to address any concerns and issues with the updates of the manual.

Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matter

6) Kreutner moved, seconded by Jaeger to move into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for a personnel matter. All voted yes and motion carried.

7) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to have Chairman DeJong declare the meeting out of executive session at 11:23 a.m. All voted yes and motion carried.

11:00 Sheriff Cory Borg

Sheriff Borg met with the Commissioners to discuss the upcoming Crystal Springs Ranch Rodeo. There are four reserves that work Rodeo for the Sheriff's Department. State law normally prohibits reserves from collecting pay unless it is an emergency situation or a major event. Borg feels Rodeo qualifies for compensation. 8) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to pay \$240.00 per day to each Sheriff Reserve Officer over Rodeo (4 days). This would be upon approval of LET (Law Enforcement Training) that the reserves can receive compensation. All voted yes and motion carried.

11:30 State's Attorney Jared Gass

Attorney Todd Boyd was present to meet with the Commissioners and State's Attorney Jared Gass to discuss a property matter in Bemis. The land in question is described as Lots H1 and H2 in SE1/4 of 20-116-50, Deuel County, SD – approximately .558 acres. Boyd is representing an adjacent property owner interested in purchasing these lots. Attorney Gass explained the process and was available for questions. The land will be reviewed and the process will be followed to sell the land to the interested party.

State's Attorney Gass updated the Commissioners on his recommendation for the County to revise their resolution regarding Covid-19. Resolution #20-11 reflected the Governor's "Back to Normal" plan and did not place any restrictions on businesses within the County other than six feet of social distancing to be encouraged. Gass suggested leaving the resolution in place for now as businesses are not negatively impacted by encouraging social distancing. The Board will not amend any resolution at present time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Cash Balance Sheet

9) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the cash balance sheet for the month of April. All voted yes and the motion carried.

DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE

APR 2021

CASH TOTAL

\$ 3,188.72

CHECKS TOTAL					\$ 143,607.41
CASH ITEM					\$ 0
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF					\$ 50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND					\$ 146,846.13
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE					\$ 841,323.69
MM DNB NATIONAL BANK					\$ 4,063.27
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO					\$7,294,335.42
CREDIT CARDS					\$ 471.22
CD'S	\$250,000	DNB			\$ 250,000.00
		\$0	FIRST BANK & TRUST		
REVOLVING LOAN					\$ 26,339.15
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS					\$8,563,378.88
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:					
GENERAL					\$4,462,027.15
SP REVENUE FUNDS					\$1,671,939.65
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS					\$2,429,412.08
townships	\$188,914.84	cities	\$26,705.99		
schools	\$1,756,321.37	rural fire	\$35,688.42		
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH					\$8,563,378.88

Courthouse Steps Falls/Tax Abatement

Auditor Korth brought up concerns about continuing falls on the Courthouse steps from the second floor landing to the first floor. None of the most recent incidents have been reported to liability insurance as none of the injured has filed a claim. However, there is documentation in the form of video from the Sheriff's Office. There were nearly identical falls 7 times in less than a month. After reviewing the video, Korth thought the biggest culprit is that the handrail does not extend to the last step. The County has done due diligence in accordance with Safety Benefits, Inc. on setting up preventative measures to try to decrease the falls. This includes numerous signs and warnings. Mask use and hurried behavior also seem to be contributing factors. Discussion was held on the handrail being extended but this may involve contacting the State as it is part of the historical integrity of the courthouse. Discussion was held on putting in a middle handrail on that area of the steps. More preventative measures will be investigated.

Auditor Korth presented an application for abatement of taxes and presented it to the Board.

10) Jaeger moved seconded by DeJong to approve lowering the 2020 valuation on a parcel that qualifies for the Disabled Veteran's exemption and abate the tax difference for 2020 taxes due 2021. Roll call vote Jaeger aye, Rhody aye, Kreutner aye, DeJong aye. Homan abstained from the vote

Discussion was held about a concern brought up by maintenance that a lawnmower for the grounds has failed and there is need for a different one as the current one is beyond repair. 11) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to trade in the Hustler mower for another mower from Roelefsen Implement for \$5300.00 after trade. All voted yes and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

12) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve all warrants as presented and those paid early to avoid service charge. All voted yes and the motion carried. *Warrants To:* A&B Business Solutions 145.83 Supplies, A-Ox Welding Supply Company In 44.87 Rental, Jeffrey T Engesser 235.00 Supplies, Appera 347.79 Rental, At&T Mobility 200.20 Utilities, Auto Value Parts Store 6.49 Repair, Banner Associates Inc 486.50 Pro Service, Brookings Deuel Rural Water 36.00 Utilities, Bituminous Paving Inc 702.00 Supplies, Bjerke Sanitation 270.00 Utilities, Bratland Law 2364.10 Caa, Brock White Company Llc 93.75 Supplies, Marty Brown 500.00 Deductible Met, Butler Machinery Co 4891.76 Repair/Supplies, Credit Collections Bureau 732.74 Liens, Certified Language Line 11.55 Interp Cust Code 85498, Clear Lake Building Center 195.43 Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 181.81 Utilities, City of Wtn 3861.66 911 Surch, Clear Lake Courier 762.05 Publishing/Supplies, Clear Lake Veterinary Clinic 44.35 Pro Service, Codington County Auditor 8840.00 Prisoner Care and \$108.00 SV Comm Meeting, Cole's Petroleum Products 25006.28 Supplies, Waste Connections Inc 57.32 Rental, Dakotabilities 360.00 Pro Service, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 1679.03 Supplies/Utilities, Deuel County Motor Supply Inc 467.67 Repair/Supplies, DC Treas 1164.72 Tax Acct, Dcn Insurance 3087.50 Insurance, Ecolab Pest Elimination Div 54.00 Pro Service, Farm & Home Publishers, Ltd 1150.00 Plat Books, First Bank & Trust 845.05 Credit Card, Gary Legion 750.00 Donation For Baseball, Glacial Lakes And Prairies 77.50 Repair, Goodwin Township 357.00 Gopher Bounty, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 750.50 Utilities, Helena Agri-Enterprises, Llc 212.50 Supplies, Herrick Township 812.00 Gopher Bounty, Hillyard/Sioux Falls 247.58 Supplies, Inter-Lakes Comm Action Inc 1735.75 Support, Itc 2130.83 Utilities, L G Everist Inc 14559.67 Supplies, Deb Lessman 162.04 Conf/Travel, Maynards 38.76 Supplies, Menards 52.69 Supplies, Microfilm Imaging Systems 180.00 Rental, Multi Business Solutions Inc 1500.00 Pro Service, Newman Traffic Signs 3618.33 Supplies, Northwestern Energy 1065.82 Utilities, Office Peeps Inc 1419.29 Supplies, Ottertail Power Co 1100.75 Utilities, Pheasantland Industries 1047.87 Supplies, Prairie Lakes Healthcare Sys 85.00 Pro Service, Ramkota Hotel&Conference Cente 606.00 Conf, Rc Technologies 150.00 Utilities, Ron's Saw Shop 41.98 Supplies, Running's Supply Inc 303.99 Supplies, Sanford Flex 310.82 Flex Fees, Sanford Health 2340.00 Pro Service, Sanford Health Plan 15.00 Fsa Fees, Sanford Clinic 2861.10 Health Nurse, I Seuser 80.47 Overpayment, Sd Dept Of Transportation 2295.00 Pro Service, Sd Dept Of Transportation 2117.46 Supplies, State Of Sd 160.00 Pro Service, South Dakota Dept Of Revenue 114920.00 Mv&Rod&Excise Tax Fees, Sdaco 290.00 M&P Due To State, Sd Public Assurance Alliance 88450.03 , R Sherman 9.00 Overpayment, Sioux Falls Two Way Radi 11446.89 Repair, Titan Machinery-Watertown 122.88 Repair,

Transource Truck & Equip Inc 1225.95 Repair, Tri State Water Inc 17.97 Supplies, Truenorth Steel Inc 57971.00 Supplies, Ultra-Connecting Point 2128.00 Proserv, Wheelco Truck & Trailer Parts 31.62 Repair. *Payroll*: Commissioners 9481.19, Election 130.29, Auditor Office 14993.29, Treasurer Office 9143.54, State's Atty Office 7824.15, Gen Building 4925.84, Dir of Equal Office 9620.02, Reg of Deeds Office 7803.97, VSO 1289.55, GIS 652.71, Sheriff's Dept 31363.82, County Assist 397.36, 4-H Service Center 235.38, Extension 3364.43, Weed 1582.89, Zoning 4974.64, Hwy Dept 58134.69, Emerg Mngmt 3489.81, DNB National Bank 12.87 Payroll Proc.

Public Comments

None at this meeting.

13) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to adjourn. All voted yes and motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Mary J Korth, County Auditor

Gary DeJong, Chairman

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