

January 21st, 2025
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on January 21st, 2025, 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) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda with the additions of abatements and approval of RAIF applications. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the meeting minutes from December 3rd, 17th, and 31st. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck discussed a few topics with the board. First, he discussed a new load limit resolution with the board. Broksieck asked the board if they would like to continue the 7 ton per axel limit, as he feels the load limit is appropriate. 3) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the Load Limit Resolution #25-02. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION #25-02

A RESOLUTION SETTING WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENTS ON DEUEL COUNTY HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways; and
WHEREAS, the Deuel County Board of County Commissioners desires the enforcement of weight limitations on Deuel County roads as set forth by the Deuel County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the limit on Deuel County highways shall be set as seven (7) ton per axle on all asphalt surface roads when limit signs are in place; and The South Dakota Highway Patrol be and hereby is authorized and requested to enforce weight limitations on Deuel County highways.

BE IT further RESOLVED that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

Vote of the Deuel County Board of County Commissioners: 5 Yea Nay
Dated this 21st day of January, 2025.

Jay Grabow, Chairman
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor
Deuel County

4) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the surplus of scrap iron. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck is getting together a bid process for a side dump. He will advertise on January 28 and February 4 and open the bids at the regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Broksieck gave the board the current haul road agreement with Invenergy for the new proposed wind farm. Mark Junker, Craig Evenson and Jack Hieb looked over the haul road agreement. The agreement added things that were absent from the last haul road agreement. The agreement states it is protecting the best interest of Deuel County. There was discussion on if the project is approved? Broksieck confirmed it is not as of this time.

Item #2 Health Nurse Tammy Baer

Baer presented her semi-annual report. She stated that all immunizations are remaining steady. She did multiple flu clinics held throughout the entire county. Baer stated that Goodwin was a large turnout this year. The public really enjoys having multiple different locations to get their immunizations. Nurse completed the annual kindergarten and 6th grade immunization audit for Deuel School. She stated that a Vaccine for Children site visit was preformed and the program meets all requirements. Baer continues with the WIC program to provide essential services to expecting mothers and children. Nurse participated in the Public Health Nurse Services meetings, Public Health Alliance meetings and WIC meetings.

Item #3 at 9:10 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1(1) Personnel Matters

5) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 9:15 AM. No action was taken.

Item #4 Veteran Service Officer Dennis Evenson

D.Evenson gave his quarterly report. Home health care is a big help right now to veterans in need. The VA has stepped up to help provide that assistance. One of his Veterans passed away this past month. He stated that if anyone knows any local people in need of any medical equipment to contact him. D.Evenson is going through medical records right now that takes time. He explained that one of his veterans had exposure to jet fuel and has hearing loss from jets. Grabow stated the board would like to reappoint Dennis Evenson for another year to teach a new Veteran Service Officer about the duties of a VSO. The county would appoint two individuals, Dennis Evenson and a new incoming VSO. Evenson agreed that having the new VSO learn from him would be a good transition and added the VA would probably have some ideas of people who would be willing to step in as well. He stated there is training in May, August and September for Veteran Service Officers.

6) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to appoint Dennis Evenson as a Veteran Service Officer and to appoint a second Veteran Service Officer for 2025. The second VSO will learn from D.Evenson for a year to prevent any lapse in services for our Deuel County veterans. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #5 Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg presented a Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan. First District would create the plan. They would start by getting a grant to cover funds so there is no cost to the county to create the PDM. PDM benefits the county if there is a natural disaster. For example, if we have a generator for the courthouse on the PDM plan and there is a natural disaster, then anything attached to the PDM can be replaced at an 80% state funded/20% county funded rate. 7) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve First District to create the Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Borg also presented his annual report. He stated that everything stayed pretty steady from the year prior.

Borg stated the Deuel County Fire Departments had a meeting and the county funds available for fire departments was discussed. Each department will be looking for something different. Some are looking for fire trucks, air compressors, bunker gear, additions to fire halls, etc.

Item #6 Plainview Dairy Representative Ben Stout

Stout presented the approval letter from the Board of Economic Development for a Reinvestment Program payment on the construction of Plainview Dairy will return to Deuel County. The total amount of the Reinvestment Program payment shall be lesser of \$1,530,000 or 51% of the actual state sales/use tax paid on eligible project costs incurred during the project. The total sales tax is estimated between 2-2.5 million. Stout is estimating it between 1-1.5 million dollars. Stout stated he thought funding for the road would need roughly \$500,000-\$600,000. Stout suggested a percentage of these funds be assigned to helping the road. Banner Associates is the contracted engineering company for road work. C.Evenson will create a Memorandum Of Understanding between Plainview Dairy and Deuel County to ensure transparency for everyone involved. C.Evenson stated he will have a spot for Blom Township officials to sign to acknowledge the document exists. C.Evenson will also look over the documents Deuel County is required to sign for funding approval. Both the MOU and the funding approval documents will be brought to the next commission meeting on February, 4th, 2025.

Item #7 Gary Fire Department Representative Darren Engesser

Engesser discussed the need for a new brush fire truck. He stated their current brush fire truck is 1994 GMC with an odometer reading of 80,589 miles. Discussion was had on 80,000 miles on a brush fire truck is a lot of hard miles bouncing across fields, pastures, etc. Engesser stated there are 26 members of the Gary Fire Department and average 18-21 volunteers per call. Wildland and brush fires is the majority of their calls. The Gary Fire Department has looked at a few different options for cabs and chassis in comparison to having one built. They received a quote from Fritz Chevrolet for \$59,885 but still have a few quotes coming in. Grabow stated they are trying to balance all the funds set aside between all fire departments. Fieber wants to make sure the funds are as evenly distributed as possible. Borg asked if the county has any preference on if the departments should purchase within Deuel County. Grabow stated that whenever an opportunity comes to buy within Deuel County we should. However, if there is a quote that comes in 10-15% cheaper, then the best of tax payer money should be taken into consideration. 8) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve support funds from the Fire Department Assistance Assigned Fund for the Gary Fire Department in the amount of \$60,000 to help purchase a new brush fire truck. The Gary Fire Department will fund the remainder of the purchase. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #8 at 10:35 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1(1) Personnel Matters

9) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:48 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to appoint Gary Jaeger as the First District member at large. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on Deuel County's transfer fees on real estate. Grabow was contacted by Kent Roe about how much lower Deuel County is in comparison to other counties. The topic was tabled until next meeting to provide for more research to be done.

11) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the two quotes from Connecting Point in the amounts of \$262.50 for three battery backups for Equalization Office and \$229.45 for a new battery for server. All voted yes and the motion carried.

12) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approved 13 RAIF eligible applications from Blom, Clear Lake, Goodwin, Lowe, Havana, Portland and Scandinavia Townships. All voted yes and the motion carried.

13) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve three abatements for elderly and disabled and the veteran program. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants:

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

Transmittals: Schools: 81584.21, Townships: 65883.74, Towns: 34815.81, EDWD: 238.01, Rural Fire: 1187.30

Paid Early: H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 516.12 UTILITIES, JOHNSON CONTROLS 412.80 FILTERS, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 73.95 UTILITIES, TRI STATE WATER INC 35.90 SUPPLIES

Warrants: A-OX WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY IN 55.05 RENTAL, APPEARA 263.53 RUGS, ARDY'S BAKERY 20.00 DC BUCKS REIMB, AUSTIN LAW OFFICE 1313.00 CAA FEES, AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 216.16 REPAIRS, BRANDT CAFE 20.00 DC BUCKS REIMB, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 1.66 REPAIR, CENTURY LINK 341.40 UTILITIES, FOELL, PC 320.00 DOT HEALTH CARDS, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 5.99 SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 56.00 ANNUAL PAPER SUBSCRIPTION, CLEAR LAKE AREA DEVELOPMENT 5000.00 1ST QTR SUPPORT, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 2863.37 SUPPLIES/REPAIRS/UTILITIES, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 42044.43 PRE-PAID TAXES, DSC COMMUNICATIONS 477.50 EQUIP FOR VEHICLES, FLEETPRIDE 10.86 SUPPLIES, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 92.32 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 1812.32 REPAIR, HIGH MOUNTAIN 100.00 DC BUCKS REIMB, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 2645.42 JANUARY SUPPORT, LORI GODFREY 180.00 DC BUCKS REIMB, MENARDS 780.40 SUPPLIES, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 180.00 SCANNER RENT JULY & JAN, MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INF 100.00 2025 DUES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 613.70 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 1109.94 UTILITIES, PROLINE INC 62.50 SUPPLIES, RON'S SAW SHOP 289.97 REPAIR, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 59.98 SUPPLIES, SANFORD HEALTH OCCMED 125.00 DRUG TESTS, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 4127.14 FUEL, SDACO 881.21 2025 DUES, SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 553.11 SUPPLIES, STATE 4-H OFFICE -TAGS ETC. 42.00 TAGS & ENVELOPE SUPPLIES, 9322 MAGGIE LANE 339.00 VEHICLE EQUIP, CITY OF WATERTOWN 6819.68 911 SURCHARGE

Public Comment

Craig Magedanz wanted to discuss the weed department. He stated Keith Goens was originally hired as salary and then moved to hourly to spray. The weed board and commission reviewed the job description in 2016. Rhody talked to Grant County and they have a full-time person which is \$52,000 as well as Hamlin County is around \$54,000 which is also full time. Grabow asked if there was a possibility to put Goens on a mower to maximize our assets when conditions aren't right for spraying. Magendanz thought that could be an option.

Adjournment:

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

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor
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Jay Grabow, Chairman