

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on November 7, 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 Parker to approve the agenda with additions of 2025 4-H MOU, Banner Associates contract for Surveying Services/Engineering Services for Lake Alice Road, and Motion to hire Matthew Stormo as an appraiser in the Equalization office. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the minutes from October 1, 10, and 15. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck talked about the RAIF applications he received. There were 11 townships that turned applications in. Antelope Valley has road that curves out to Minnesota but comes back to South Dakota that they have a structure on, so trying to figure out how that will work.

Broksieck stated he looked into what the state bid is for a 1 ton dually diesel pickup. State bid is \$62,000.00 and Fritz Chevrolet quoted him \$60,000.00. He will be looking further into these quotes to make sure they are similar.

Banner looked at 172nd and 482nd roads and took pictures of the cracks and damage. Banner sent to Duinick as warranty work. Cracks are around 70-80 yard long. Cracks going all the way down.

9:15 AM – CLAD Director Sarah Salzer

Salzer presented the new executive director Deb Adkins. Adkins introduced herself and explained various community related activities she’s involved in. She wishes to visit all retail businesses in Deuel County. Grabow explained there are many other businesses she could visit as well. Salzer and Adkins are getting together a brochure into Glacial Lakes Tourism in Watertown for advertising. Adkins will reach out to each town and have their own spread in Glacial Lakes Tourism. They have worked on RAIF applications with township officials and called every township to see if they needed any help. Salzer and Adkins helped six or seven townships this year with applications. Salzer stated this would be her last commission meeting. The board thanked her for all she did and wished her well. 3) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve 4th quarter support funds of \$4,500.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:30 AM – Canvass General Election

The Board of Commissioners convened as the Election Canvassing Board. The board canvassed the votes for the November 5, 2024, Primary Election. Voter turnout for Deuel County was 74%. The Commissioners Canvassed the vote total in each precinct of the county with the following results:

Total Precincts Reporting	10
Total Ballots Counted	2329

Presidential Electors

Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz	528
Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat	13
Donald J. Trump/JD Vance	1717
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr./Nicole Shanahan	40

United States Representative

Sheryl Johnson 404
Dusty Johnson 1856

Public Utilities Commissioner

Forrest Wilson 389
A.Gideon Oakes 122
Kristie Fiegen 1645

State Senator, District 04

Stephanie Sauder 1748

State Representative, District 04

Kent Roe 1297
Dylan C. Jordan 1322

Supreme Court Justice Retention

Yes 1609
No 319

Constitutional Amendment E

Yes 751
No 1514

Constitutional Amendment F

Yes 1303
No 957

Constitutional Amendment G

Yes 669
No 1611

Constitutional Amendment H

Yes 643
No 1593

Initiated Measure 28

Yes 545
No 1712

Initiated Measure 29

Yes 742
No 1544

Referred Law 21

Yes 794
No 1442

By random draw, the board drew races for the Post-Election Audit that will be held in the court room on November 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Grabow drew Precinct 6. Grabow drew the US Representative for the Statewide contest and for the random draw contest he drew Amendment F. Audit results will be shared with the board at the meeting held on November 19th. 4) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the Official Canvass for the 2024 General Election and approve the random draw post-election audit races. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:00 AM – Public Hearing for Blackfork Malt Beverage License

A public hearing was held for Blackfork for their Malt Beverage and South Dakota Wine License. There was discussion on what the intended purpose was for the license. Blackfork representative, Neal Ruhd stated they just want to be able to offer the beer to their customers and that they have no intention on being a bar-like facility. 5) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the Malt Beverage and South Dakota Wine License to Blackfork Farms. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:20 AM – Sheriff Cory Borg

6) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the police contract for the City of Brandt. All voted yes and the motion carried.

7) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the removal of the burn ban. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:15 AM – Burts

Burts discussed their tax deed contract with the commission. They are currently behind on the payments to catch up back taxes and Treasurer Jennifer Mewherter has started the tax deed process per SDCL. Burt explained her husband is trying to get a job and things have gone wrong and they have fallen behind. Total delinquent taxes that are due are \$3,935.97. The payments are going to delinquent taxes first. For now, the board asked Jennifer to put the tax deed process on hold and to have monthly reviews with Jennifer to see if payments have been made.

10:15 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters

8) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter 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 10:30 AM. No action was taken.

10:30 AM – Veteran Service Officer Dennis Evenson

Evenson presented his quarterly report. He gave a few brief examples of things he’s helped veterans with this quarter, 100% compensation for the veteran, DIC dependent to widow, and trying to provide handicap assistance to a family. The VA is changing the way claims are submitted. Evenson is working with Guy Arnold, his supervisor, to get documents submitted.

New Business

9) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the October 2024 Cash Balance Sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

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

CASH TOTAL	\$ 3,489.10
CHECKS TOTAL	\$ 198,680.49
CASH ITEM	\$ -
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF	\$ 50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$ 202,219.59
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 513,494.61
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO	\$ 6,708,569.54

SD FIT				\$ 1,081,339.67
CREDIT CARDS				\$ 2,426.97
CD		DNB		\$ 250,000.00
		FB&T		-
INTERST EARNED: \$15,838.96				
REVOLVING LOAN				\$ 40,893.98
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS				\$ 8,798,944.36
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:				
GENERAL				\$ 6,001,037.09
SP REVENUE FUNDS				\$ 211,900.84
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS				\$ 2,586,006.43
Townships	\$179,902.79	Cities	\$251,076.37	
Schools	\$1,916,967.34	Rural Fire	\$36,315.89	
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH				\$ 8,798,944.36

10) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the health insurance quote from Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield in the amount of \$21,648.42 per month. All voted yes and the motion carried.

11) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the keyless entry for all offices \$1205.23. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the performance evaluations. Grabow stated maybe an HR consultant to come in to help us perform correct performance evaluations.

12) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Malt Beverage Liquor License for Stateline Bar and Grill. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on the Christmas Holiday. \$100.00 Christmas Bucks

13) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve quotes from Connecting Point for the switch \$2,096.26 and access points \$1,872.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

14) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the MOU for 2025 4-H in the amount of \$11,525.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

15) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to approve hiring Matthew Stormo as deputy/appraiser in the office of equalization at \$23.96 per hour with a six-month probationary period and a \$3,000.00 increase after certification has been passed. All voted yes and the motion carried. All voted yes and the motion carried.

16) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Banner contract in the amount of \$15,000.00 for engineering services on the Lake Alice Access Road. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

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

Paid Early: GLENWOOD TOWNSHIP 24617.28 RAIF REFUND, PRINCIPAL LIFE INS. COMPANY 1426.88 VISION/DENTAL/LIFE INS, WELLMARK BCBS 20033.94 HEALTH INSURANCE, NEW YORK LIFE 267.16 LIFE INSURANCE, PORTLAND TOWNSHIP 27,403.83 RAIF REIMBURSEMENT, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 4547.39 DELINQ TAXES, FIRST BANK & TRUST 3273.19 CC STATEMENT, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 70.30 UTILITIES,

Current Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 117.70 SUPPLIES, APPEARA 308.07 RUGS, AT&T MOBILITY 2524.28 UTILITIES, BROOKINGS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE 237.50 PRISONER HOUSING, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 86.45 UTILITIES, CARLY BERGSTADT 64.74 JUROR & MILEAGE, SONJA BETTENDORF 19.60 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, BJERKE SANITATION 290.00 GARBAGE, BLACKFORK RANCH LLC. 19.05

OVERPAYMENT TAXES, BLACKSTRAP INC. 3840.50 SUPPLIES, GREGORY BLUM 66.08 JUROR & MILEAGE, BOWES CONSTRUCTION INC 855.26 SUPPLIES, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 11361.64 REPAIR, CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU 1.70 POOR LIEN COLLECTION, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 1324.98 SUPPLIES, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 179.74 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 2651.77 OCTOBER PUBLICATIONS, CLEAR LAKE VETERINARY CLINIC 87.01 SUPPLIES, COLE'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC 21856.67 SUPPLIES, CONNECTING POINT 3889.23 IT PROF. SERVICE/DOE COMPUTERS, COWBOY COUNTRY STORES 39.20 SUPPLIES, DAKOTA DATA SHRED 108.11 SHRED SERVICE, DAKOTA PORTABLE TOILETS, INC 225.00 TOILET, DAKOTABILITIES 180.00 4TH QTR FUNDS, DAKOTALAND FCU 940.65 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 129.48 REPAIRS, DIAMOND MOWERS LLC 470.06 REPAIR, DUININCK, INC 5223.19 SUPPLIES, TINA DURBIN 63.40 JUROR & MILEAGE, ELECTION SYSTEMS& SOFTWARE INC 70.67 TEST BALLOTS, JOHN FIEBER 8.84 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, KAYLA FIEBER 67.42 JUROR & MILEAGE, RICK FIEBER 521.31 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, FIRST BANK & TRUST 19.04 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, FOERSTER TESTING LIMITED 500.00 PROF. FEES, DANIEL GATES 50.00 JUROR, DWAYNE GORDER 1615.52 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, GRANGE TOWNSHIP 48.00 POCKET GOPHERS, H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 420.21 REPAIR, LEO OR GINGER HANTEN 70.08 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, DOROTHY HOWARD 66.08 JUROR & MILEAGE, I-STATE TRUCK CENTER 129601.00 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK EQUIP, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 3188.00 NOVEMBER SUPPORT FUNDS, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 148.92 REPAIR, LONNIE KRAUSE 885.44 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, LENSLOCK INC. 39980.00 5 YR EQUIP & SERVICE PROGRAM, DEB LESSMAN 81.32 SUPPLIES/TRAVEL, MICHAEL OR LAURIE MAGEDANZ 2065.57 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, CRAIG MAGEDANZ 67.42 WEED MEETING/MILEAGE, MENARDS 91.12 SUPPLIES, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 90.00 RENTAL, NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP 245.00 REPAIR, DENNIS NOSBUSH 157.86 REPAIR, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 66.11 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 1555.00 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 1013.72 UTILITIES, NATHAN PALM 64.74 WEED MEETING/MILEAGE, OWEN PETERSON 501.91 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, RAMKOTA HOTEL 114.35 HOTEL STAY, ADAM RAML 83.50 JUROR & MILEAGE, DEAM RAMLO 36.00 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 911 UTILITIES, RICHARDSON, WYLY, WISE, 2155.70 PROF. SERVICE, CLARK ROGNESS 7000.00 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, SCOTT RUBY 50.00 JUROR, SANFORD HEALTH 91.00 BLOOD DRAW, SANFORD CLINIC 3198.67 HEALTH NURSE CONTRACT, SANITATION PRODUCTS INC 136476.00 TRUCK BODY EQUIPMENT, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 4158.48 PROF. FEES, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 99808.65 EOM FEES, SDACO 224.00 M&P FEES, SDSU - DEPT. OF ANIMAL SCIENCE 45.00 RED BOOKS, DENNIS SHERMAN 72.78 JUROR & MILEAGE, SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 3645.52 SUPPLIES, SPINK COUNTY AUDITOR 28.00 SV MEETING REG FEE, MATTHEW THOMAS 70.10 JUROR & MILEAGE, TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIP INC 2094.36 REPAIR, DOYLE TROOIJEN 345.58 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, TRUENORTH STEEL INC 14094.00 SUPPLIES, VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY 10723.20 SPRAY SUPPLIES, W.W. TIRE SERVICE INC 1663.98 REPAIR, WEST CENTRAL COMMUNICATION INC 708.01 REPAIR, WIESNER FAMILY LLP 3103.73 OVERPAYMENT TAXES, KRISTIN A WOODALL 170.00 PROF SERVICE,

Payroll

October Payroll: Commissioners \$10,791.67, Election \$133.63, Auditor's Office \$11,257.25, Treasurer's Office \$11,359.87, State's Attorney's Office \$8,406.84, General Gov't Building \$6,461.78, Director of Equalization Office \$12,911.21, Register of Deeds Office \$9,395.28, Veteran Service Officer \$1,443.04, GIS \$740.98, Sheriff's Dept. \$45,253.27, County Assist \$401.05, 4-H \$0.00, Extension Office \$4,202.57, Weed & Pest \$5,660.88, Planning & Zoning \$5,479.82, Road & Bridge \$82,325.50, Civil Defense \$431.29

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business 18) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor
Published one time at the approximate cost of _____.

Jay Grabow, Chairman