

February 18th, 2025
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on February 18th, 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 Rhody to approve the agenda with the addition of Exec. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen

Theisen presented her yearly report for 2024 – 21 new houses (up 12 from 2023), special permitted uses 9, additions 21 (down 8 from 2023), grain bins/hoppers 21 (up 9 from 2023), shelterbelts 6 (down 11 from 2023), total permit fees \$11,335 (down from 14,735.353 in 2023) and 27 plats filed (up 9 from 2023). Theisen also presented the fee schedule for 2025. Only change was for special meetings from \$400 to \$900 to cover the cost to the county. Rezoning will still be together with the commission and zoning boards. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the fee schedule for 2025. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Deuel County Zoning & Building Permit Fees

(Effective February 18, 2025)

Building Permits ----	\$40
Conditional Use---	\$250
Variance ---	\$250
Shelter Belt Variance ---	\$100
Appeal to BOA-Hearing---	\$900 (requires a special meeting)
Special Permitted Uses ---	\$40
Lake Park District Grading Permit/Landscaping Permit---	\$40
Fireworks Licenses, short term ---	\$25
Fireworks Licenses, long term ---	\$250
Concentrated animal feeding operations ---	\$1500 - Class A
(Includes Conditional Use fee)	\$1000 - Class B
	\$500 - Class C & D over 500 head
	\$250 - Class D under 500 head
Wind Energy Systems---	\$1/\$1,000 Est. Construction Cost, incl. labor
Rezoning any district ---	\$300
Special meeting ---	\$900
Shelterbelt permits ---	\$0
Right to Farm for new home, Register of Deeds---	\$30
Final Plat, Register of Deeds ---	\$60
Zoning Plat fees ---	\$25, plus \$5 per lot in a Subdivision
Flood Plain permits ---	\$0

Item #2 Astoria Fire Department

Astoria Fire Department members Jesse Christianson and Bailey Landmark came to express their need for funding for their fire hall. Astoria Fire Department put up the new fire hall in 2024 at roughly \$500,000. The reason for their new fire hall was due to the old one not having heat, so they would have to drain the fire trucks in the winter months. They have an outstanding line of credit for their building of \$179,221.57. Astoria Fire Department is actively doing fundraising to help offset the cost. The next fundraiser will be a breakfast feed on Palm Sunday, April 13th, 2025, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Christianson stated that they will also have open house during Astoria Days with a band and food. 3) Mewherter moved,

seconded by Rhody to approve \$60,000 to Astoria Fire Department to help in paying down their fire hall line of credit. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #3 States Attorney Craig Evenson

Evenson wanted to discuss a summer intern, Aftyn Heitkamp, with the board and get their approval for Gunderson and Evenson LLP's intern to oversee Deuel County items as well. Funding will not come out of county budget, Gunderson and Evenson LLP will be funding the intern. Evenson hopes to bring the intern to commission and zoning meetings, court proceedings and anything local government related to help with gaining experience. The board agreed to have the intern overseeing local government items as well.

Item #4 at 9:40 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1(3) Consulting with Legal Counsel

4) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Consulting with Legal Counsel. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:00 AM. No action was taken.

Item #5 10:00 AM Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck – Side Dump Bid Opening

Parker presented to Broksieck one bid from Frame Aligners, Inc./DBA Side Dump Trailer Sales quoting a Triple Axel side dump at \$68,115. There is a four-week lead time. 5) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the bid from Frame Aligners, Inc. for a Triple Axel Side Dump in the amount of \$68,115. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #6 Toronto Fire Department

Toronto Fire Department representative Doyle Trooien asked the board for \$59,920 for 14 sets of bunker gear. Grabow stated that they shouldn't buy all 14 if they do not need right away. 6) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve funding for the Toronto Fire Department in the amount of \$59,920 for 14 sets of bunker gear. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #7 Plainview Dairy Representative Ben Stout

Stout wanted the paperwork for the Reinvestment Payment – RPP -25-01 Application to be signed. This paperwork is to approve the grant funding for the reimbursement of sales tax. 7) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the Reinvestment Payment RPP 25-0. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #8 Clear Lake Fire Department

Clear Lake Fire Department representatives Chief Eric Eversman and Assistant Chief Andrew Rathbun came to express their need for a rescue jack. Heiman Fire Equipment quoted a rescue jack at \$57,359.20. Clear Lake Fire would respond to any mutual aid call if the jack was needed. 8) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve funding support in the amount of \$57,359.20 for a rescue jack from Heiman Fire Equipment. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #9 City of Brandt Mayor DJ Tesch

Tesch discussed with the commission a few old buildings that they would like to remove/tear down. One of those buildings being the museum, however it is still under the Deuel County Historical Society. The Deuel County Historical Society dissolved quite sometime ago so there is no one to sign off for a quit claim deed. Evenson thinks there's an avenue to get this done. It is tax exempt so there's been no property taxes. City wants to own it so they can clean it up as the ceiling and floors are completely gone. Grabow asked if it can be condemned and the process start that way. Evenson stated that may be a route they can take. Evenson will look into the different options available.

Item #10 at 10:30 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1(3) Consulting with Legal Counsel

9) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Consulting with Legal Counsel. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:00 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

10) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the January 2025 Cash Balance sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER
END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE- JANUARY 2025**

CASH TOTAL				\$1,176.40	
CHECKS TOTAL				\$32,408.18	
CASH ITEM				\$ -	
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF				\$50.00	
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND				\$33,634.58	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE				\$304,486.03	
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO				\$4,129,201.27	
SD FIT				\$1,081,422.27	
CREDIT CARDS				\$1,743.22	
CD				DNB	\$250,000.00
				FB&T	-
INTEREST EARNED: \$13,468.27					
REVOLVING LOAN				\$44,163.96	
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS				\$5,844,651.33	
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:					
GENERAL				\$3,708,062.81	
SP REVENUE FUNDS				\$1,470,789.52	
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS				\$557,650.62	
Townships	\$38,613.18	Cities	\$35,086.10		
Schools	\$270,018.40	Rural Fire	\$4,847.42		
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH				\$5,736,502.95	

Difference= \$108,148.38
(Checks from first meeting in February)

11) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve travel requests for the Treasurer, Auditor, and Deputy Auditor to the SDACO Spring Workshop in Pierre on May 14 & 15. All voted yes and the motion carried.

12) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve moving the first regular meeting in March from March 4th to March 3rd because of Student Government Day. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants:

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

Transmittals: Schools: 81,584.21, Townships: 65,883.74, Towns: 34,815.81, EDWD: 238.01, Rural Fire: 1,187.30

Paid Early: DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 1351.02 SUPPLIES/UTILITIES, GOODWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT 60000.00 SUPPORT FUNDS, H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 570.80 UTILITIES, TRI STATE WATER INC 27.55 SUPPLIES, CITY OF WATERTOWN 6422.51 911 SURCHARGE,

Warrants: A-OX WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY IN 56.62 RENTAL, APPEARA 129.68 RUGS, AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 48.36 SUPPLIES, BANNER ASSOCIATES INC 19673.00 PROF. SERVICE, BROOKINGS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE 9405.00 PRISONER HOUSING, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 77.00 UTILITIES, CENTURY LINK 341.40 911 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 594.98 SUPPLIES, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 286.81 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 477.14 PUBLICATIONS/SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE VETERINARY CLINIC 87.01 SUPPLIES, COLOURS INC 232.72 REPAIR, CONNECTING POINT 52.00 MS OFFICE 365 TREAS., DAKOTA DATA SHRED 73.07 PROF SERVICE, EASTSIDE EQUIPMENT 107.42 REPAIR, ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV 62.99 PROF. FEES, FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, LTD 245.00 50" DIRECTORY MAP, FIRST BANK & TRUST 4058.83 CC STATEMENT, FLEETPRIDE 36.86 REPAIR, FOLEY & FOLEY LAW OFFICE 342.00 CAA FEES, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 473.07 REPAIR, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 409.85 SUPPLIES, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 1245.42 FEB SUPPORT, ITC 1354.35 UTILITIES, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 96.40 REPAIR, JOHNSON CONTROLS 12413.40 ANNUAL CONTRACT, LUNDY'S BAR & GRILL 60.00 DC BUCKS REIMB., M & T FIRE AND SAFETY 150.00 SUPPLIES, BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC 9.67 REPAIR, MACKSTEEL WAREHOUSE, INC. 16.91 REPAIR, CRAIG MAGEDANZ 67.42 WEED MEETING/MILEAGE, MCLEOD'S 341.71 SUPPLIES, SHANE MOBERG 54.20 OVERPMT TAXES, MARLO MUNDAHL 92.00 OVERPMT TAXES, DENNIS NOSBUSH 698.70 REPAIR, OFFICE PEEPS INC 877.07 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 1082.78 UTILITIES, RAMKOTA HOTEL&CONFERENCE CENTE 109.00 HOTEL - SHERIFF CONF., RON'S SAW SHOP 71.97 SUPPLIES, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 132.69 SUPPLIES, BRANDEN SALZER 70.10 WEED MEETING/TRAVEL, SANFORD CLINIC 6685.22 DEC./JAN. HEALTH NURSE, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 698.65 FUEL, STATE OF SD 80.00 PROF. SERVICES, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO, INC 80.00 REPAIR, YANKTON CO TREASURER 168.00 MI HEARING,

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment:

There being no further business 14) 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