

February 15, 2011
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday February 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Hanson presiding. Those present were Commissioners Anderson, Hanson, Jaeger, Boone and Pederson. Also present was Auditor Pam Lynde.

Approval of Agenda 1) Boone moved, seconded by Pederson to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:05 Jamie Hintz Highway Superintendent

Hintz discussed several highway related issues with the Commissioners. Hintz recommended hiring Kirk Berge to fill the position of light equipment operator/truck driver. 2) Boone moved, seconded by Jaeger to hire Kirk Berge for above described position at 11.50 per hour. All voted yes and the motion carried. Hintz presented the construction change order on project P6608(03) Deuel County road #375. 3) Anderson moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve and sign change order for project P 6608(03) Deuel County PCN 02D7 Asphalt Concrete Surfacing for a decrease of \$100. All voted yes and the motion carried. Rental rates of equipment for 2011 were discussed. It was decided to raise rates of blading from 44.00 to 46.00, snow removal with wing from 49.00 to 51.00 and mowers from 30.00 to 34.00. 4) Anderson moved, seconded by Boone to adopt Town and Township rental rate schedule for 2011. All voted in favor of and motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
2011 TOWNSHIP & TOWN RATES**

Hourly rate-With Operator

Motor Graders:

Blading	\$46.00
Snow Removal with wing	51.00
Plus additional for overtime, when needed	

Hourly rate-Without Operator

Trucks:

Dump Truck	30.00
Pickup	10.00
Sander	30.00
Semi Tractor/Truck	65.41

Tractors:

Backhoe/Loader	42.00
Dozer & Excavator	35.00
Utility Tractors	20.00
Payloader	75.00

Mowers & Tractor	34.00
Other Equipment:	
Tow Packer	10.00
Self Propelled Packer	20.00
Steel Faced Roller	15.00
Oil Distributor & Truck	55.00
Power Broom-Pull type	45.00
Power Broom-Hydraulic	70.00
Chip Spreader	30.00
Rotary Snow Blower-Loader	90.00
Lo-Boy Trailer	50.00
Tiltbed Trailer	50.00
Gravel Trailer	50.00
Equipment Trailer	50.00

These rates apply to the equipment only, there will be an additional hourly charge for the operator and overtime, when needed.

5) Jaeger moved, seconded by Anderson to declare as surplus cutting edges and other miscellaneous scrap iron and sell. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:15 Margo Sample

Margo met with the Commissioners to discuss the fence along the county road going east along Technical Ordinance Inc. Tec Ord. has moved the fence back from the gate going west along the road. She stated that the placement of the fence has caused extensive drifting of snow this year and asked if it could be moved back. She and other neighbors along the road asked if something can be done to help with the snow problem. Highway Superintendent Hintz will check into it further and the county Commission will send a letter to Tec Ord. requesting they move the fence back from the entrance to the east because of snow build up along that section of road.

9:30 Dr. Charles Sherman

Dr. Sherman visited with the Commissioners about the development of a crisis room at the Serenity Hills half way house. He said the proposal is to modify one room at Codington County expense, to make that room a safe room for potential suicidal residents. The room will be used to evaluate persons in mental health crisis. He stated that presently they go to jail. He said they hope to create this room at Serenity Hills for protective custody hold and could hold for mental health hold for 24 hours and the hope is to reduce commitments to the state mental hospital. Sherman said he is visiting all area counties to tell them about the prospect of the mental health hold. He said there will be cameras in the room for safety purposes and if the persons present any kind of difficulty they will be taken to jail. Sherman said he will keep the Commission informed on the progress of the project.

10:00 Tammy Baer Community Health

Baer gave the Community Health report for the last quarter of 2010. WIC, (Women, Infants & Children's) participants have increased to 88 in Dec. and she said it will likely rise to 100 by end of month. Baer also said they are busy with the foot care clinics and presently have 22 participants. She stated they have a contract with the state

Dept. of Social Services that helps offset costs of the nurse aid visits and presently also have a school contract with Deuel School for nursing services on an as needed basis.

10:15 Dan Sievers and Heather Kockelman DNB National Bank

Sievers and Kockelman met with the Commissioners and gave an overview of the bank interest rates and services that the bank offers. Sievers stated they appreciate the business the county does with the bank and hope they can strengthen the relationship. He stated that interest rates are of high importance and he feels they are competitive on rates and would like to continue to grow together. He again thanked the county for their business and investments with DNB National Bank.

10:30 Toni Hible DOE Value Changes for 2011

Hible presented the unfactored valuation totals for 2011. She stated that the total value of the county for 2011 assessments is \$534,032,543. Hible said the productivity method was in place for 2010 with the township adjustment based on productivity. Hible stated that AG land values will be up about 9.5% over last year's values; Several towns will see an increase in lot values; She stated the last full reappraisal was done in 92' and then in 2004 the buildings at Lake Cochrane were reappraised. They did a reappraisal of the lots only at Lake Cochrane for 2011 with the lot values increasing approximately 25% this year. Hible stated that the remainder of town lots will be reviewed this summer, with that being the last segment of the reappraisal. Hible will be leaving to take a position in Jamestown ND. The Commissioners thanked her for her service to the county and wished her well in her new position.

11:30 Deputy State's Attorney John Knight

Knight met with the Commissioners concerning several issues. He stated that he has corresponded with a citizen over a drainage complaint. He said the Gilley valuation appeal hearing from 2009 and 2008 will be held the middle of May.

11:45 Mike Smith Highway Dept.

Smith met with the Commissioners to discuss the county wage scale. He presented wage scale classification on grade 11 and grade 12 for 2010 and 2011; He expressed concern on how the scale is implemented. Deputy State's Attorney Knight stated that wages are frozen and employees receive the same as they did last year even though they moved up a year on the scale which is credited to their longevity.

OLD BUSINESS

6) Boone moved, seconded by Jaeger to move into executive session at 11:35 a.m. to discuss personnel issue. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Hanson declared the Commissioners out of executive session at 11:45. 7)Jaeger moved, seconded by Boone to advertise for the full time position of Director of Equalization. All voted yes and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Warrants

8) Jaeger moved, seconded by Pederson to approve warrants paid early. All voted yes and the motion carried. Ottertail Power 1204.96; US Postmaster 2000.00 Postage for Machine.

Police Contract Town of Brandt

9) Pederson moved, seconded by Anderson to approve the police contract with the Town of Brandt for 2011. All voted yes and the motion carried.

County Assistance

An application was presented for county assistance for a hospital bill on behalf of #11-01. Discussion was held on the application. 10) Pederson moved, seconded by Boone to table action on the application until the bill is back from the Dept. of Social Services for repricing. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ES & S Agreement

11) Pederson moved, seconded by Boone to approve and have the Chairman sign the Election Systems & Software Election Services Agreement Renewal, from January 1 2011 to December 31, 2013. All voted yes and the motion carried.

The Commissioners/Welfare workshop will be held March 16 & 17 in Pierre and the Township weed annual meeting will be held at the 4-H Service center March 4.

Adjournment

There being no further business Anderson moved, seconded by Jaeger to adjourn until the March 1 regular meeting.

Chairman Donald Hanson
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Pam L. Lynde, Auditor

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