

March 3, 2020
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Jaeger presiding. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Rhody, Jaeger, Kreutner and Homan. Also present was Auditor Mary Korth and members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes:

2) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 4th and 20th. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Highway Superintendent Jamie Hintz

Hintz met with the Commissioners to discuss several issues.

Hintz received information from Banner on the Temporary Stream Crossing for the Gruener property in the Hidewood for the structures being built there. Banner proposed two options for a culvert crossing at different costs. Banner also gave other alternatives to the County regarding the crossing issue with Mr. Gruener. The County could decide to not invest in a crossing altogether, the County could put in a crossing using an option given by Banner, a temporary crossing could be installed by the County but it could conflict coordinating with the contractor, or compensate Mr. Gruener on what he feels is fair given the time and distance it would be to access his pasture. Ed Gruener was present for all discussion. Gruener presented a map of his land and was concerned where the crossing would be as space is very limited according to the contractor and Gruener. Discussion was held between Gruener and Hintz on building a crossing. Gruener had many areas of concern with building a crossing such as room for larger construction vehicles. Hintz stated the contractor (Lehtola) bid the project and would definitely work with Mr. Gruener in all areas as well as having solutions to any problems that may arise. Hintz will be in communication with Lehtola closely to make sure they comply. Gruener had a large concern that the structure being built has smaller dimensions and therefore would decrease the flow which is unacceptable. Hintz stated legally the flow cannot be downsized. The calculations have been examined and everything is in place for the structure to be an improvement. Gruener expressed his frustrations about the lack of communication between himself and the County. A main concern about the time frame is that he has cattle in that area until June 1st and doesn't want construction to begin and disrupt his operation. Chairman Jaeger suggested Gruener come up with a plan of what he can work with for his farming operation. The contractor wants to start prior to June and Gruener feels that is simply unacceptable. Gruener had explored other options but wants the Commissioners to see the situation first hand. The Board and Hintz will visit the area and communicate with Mr. Gruener. Commissioner Kreutner wants to know when the resolution is reached and that the Board is fully informed.

Hintz informed the commissioners it was time to renew our Bridge Consultant for the County. Banners and Associates Inc has always worked well with Deuel and Hintz gave them the recommendation. 3) Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to approve Banner Associates Inc. to

the be Bridge Consultant Engineer for Deuel County and sign the Joint Powers Account Force Agreement with SDDOT. All voted yes and motion carried.

Hintz stated he was approached by another private person that was interested in purchasing a blade and was inquiring about rates.

Discussion was held on gravel bids and Hintz said there will need to be a bid for gravel this year.

Hintz received culvert bid information from TrueNorth Steel which was originally presented to Beadle County. As in the past, Deuel County uses the bid given to Beadle County from TrueNorth Steel and accepts their bid for culverts. 4) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to accept the culvert bid from TrueNorth Steel as was originally given to Beadle County. All voted yes and motion carried.

Hintz said wind tower companies have asked if the road use agreement allows for use during load limit times.

Discussion was held on roads and spring barricades in preparation for spring flooding.

9:45 Scott Pulse and Jesse Bromel Avangrid

Jesse Bromel from Avangrid Wind met with the Commissioners. Bromel wants to extend the Agreement for Use and Restoration of Haul Roads to September 1, 2021 as weather conditions have not cooperated in the past and they want to be prepared in the event of a spring blizzard. 5) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the extension to September 1, 2021 on the Amendment to Agreement for Use and Restoration of Haul Roads with Avangrid on Tatanka Ridge. The agreement will be reviewed by State's Attorney John Knight. Bromel gave updates on the Tatanka Ridge project and addressed any questions and concerns as well as introduced liaisons for communications. He also said there would be meetings with landowners to keep communication open on the project moving forward.

10:15 Treasurer Jennifer Mewherter

Mewherter presented one application for the Elderly Assessment Freeze for the 2019 payable 2020 assessment year. The applicant missed the April 1 deadline in 2019 but otherwise qualify for the real property tax assessment freeze provided under SDCL 10-6A-4. 6) Rhody moved seconded by Homan to approve the Elderly Assessment Freeze for 2019 payable 2020 and abate difference in taxes (in 2020) on the parcel due to lower valuation. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:30 Sheriff Cory Borg

Sheriff Borg approached the Commissioners to discuss wages for Deputy Kory Kellen as his duties have changed being a K-9 handler. A pay increase is in line with what the Highway Patrol would suggest for a K-9 handler. 7) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the pay increase of \$1.00 per hour or \$2080 per year for Deputy Kory Kellen. Kellen's annual salary will be \$40,039.96 as of February 20th, 2020. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:45 DADI Deb Lessman with Cody Eastman

Lessman and Eastman met with the Commissioners to discuss the future of Deuel Area Development Inc. (DADI). Director Joan Sacrison was present and announced her retirement with DADI as of May 2021. Eastman, a board member of DADI approached the Commissioners as he would like to see a replacement for Sacrison but did not know if the commissioners felt a full time position would be feasible. If there is a full time position available, he would like to see a three year commitment for budgeting for that position. He is hoping that a new person would come in and overlap with Sacrison. He furthermore wanted to examine Sacrison's job description and see if it should be changed or evolved. He asked no decisions be made at this time but now is

the time to be thinking about this position for the future. Chairman Jaeger gave his opinions and comments about expectations of the position and what the county currently gives to DADI in office space and funding. Eastman spoke of the challenges to rural communities and keeping young people in the communities. Much of the concerns involve infrastructure and perhaps that will be a big part of the role of the future economic developer. DADI is county wide and not just Clear Lake and many of the smaller communities in the county are not able to give funding. Discussion was held on whether to keep DADI county wide or confine to Clear Lake. Sacrison said there should be long term goals examined. Lessman said smaller communities are passionate about growing but funding is a problem. Lessman said a part time position would be hard to fill for the vision DADI has, expecting new ideas and long term commitments. Lessman and Eastman will be presenting these same ideas to the Clear Lake City Council. They will also approach Scott Amundson of DADI to meet with the Board to discuss this further.

11:00 Drainage Board/Charles Langerock

8) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn as County Commission and reconvene as Drainage Board. All voted yes and motion carried.

Charles Langerock requested a permit to drain on the N1/2NE1/4 of 28-115-49. Proposed length of the drain is 2600 feet using 5" tile, Area affected for drainage will be 3 acres. Adjoining landowners had signed Permission To Drain. 9) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve and issue Drainage Permit #D20-04 to Charles Langerock to drain on above described property. All voted yes and motion carried.

11:15 Drainage Board/James Jenson

James Jenson requested a permit to drain on the W1/2NW1/4 28-116-47 as a renewal. Proposed length of the drain is 600 feet using 5-6" tile, Area affected for drainage will be 40 acres. Adjoining landowners had signed Permission To Drain. This was a renewal from April 2019 as that permit will be expiring. This is an extension of the original permit. 10) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to approve and issue Drainage Permit #D20-03 renewal to James Jenson to drain on above described property. All voted yes and motion carried.

11) DeJong moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn as Drainage Board and reconvene as County Commission. All voted yes and motion carried.

Misc/Travel

12) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the travel request of Jodi Theisen to attend the FEMA Flood Plane Management Training Class in Watertown on March 10th. All voted yes and the motion carried.

11:30 State's Attorney John Knight

13) DeJong moved, seconded by Homan to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel All voted yes and motion carried. Chairman Jaeger declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

11:50 Highway Superintendent Jamie Hintz

14) DeJong moved, seconded by Homan to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purpose of a personnel matter. All voted yes and motion carried. Chairman Jaeger declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 12:05 p.m.

15) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to advertise for a full time Highway Superintendent. All voted yes and motion carried.

Public Comments

Jim Dailey was present and questioned the Board if any decisions or discussion will be held about Lake Alice. The commissioners stated decisions will not go forward until the results of the meeting with the agencies at the State level are discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Courthouse Basement

The commissioners looked at the basement and plans to surplus the property that has accumulated. Discussion was held on the Treasurer's vault as that is where a high mold concentration was found. Treasurer Jen Mewherter was present and will be helping in the process to remove many of the books no longer needed or required to keep in her vault. Discussion was held on the process of mold cleaning and the floor.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Cash Balance Sheet

16) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the cash balance sheet for the month of February. All voted yes and motion carried.

DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE	FEB 2020
CASH TOTAL	\$ 2,901.06
CHECKS TOTAL	\$ 13,361.42
CASH ITEM	\$ 0
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF	\$ 50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$ 16,312.48
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 682,606.44
MM DNB NATIONAL BANK	\$ 4,062.70
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO	\$4,702,616.77
CREDIT CARDS	\$ 532.43

CD'S	\$250,000	DNB		\$ 250,000.00
		FIRST BANK &		
		\$0 TRUST		
REVOLVING LOAN				\$ 117,542.12
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS				\$5,773,672.94
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:				
GENERAL				\$2,490,007.57
SP REVENUE FUNDS				\$2,840,851.07
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS				\$ 442,814.30
townships	\$59,113.37	cities	\$29,699.64	
schools	\$196,004.38	rural fire	\$3,638.39	
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH				\$5,773,672.94

17) Rhody moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve the Plat of Ravenhorst Feedlot Addition in N1/2E1/2SW1/4 Lot D 5-114-50 and Resolution #20-06. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION

#20-06

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **“Ravenhorst Feedlot Addition, Located in the North Half, the East Half of the Southwest Quarter, and Lot D of Section 5, Township 114 North, Range 50 West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota”**, which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2020.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

County Auditor,
Deuel County, South Dakota

Annual Financial Report 2019

The 2019 Annual Financial Report was presented by Auditor Mary Korth. Discussion was held on the report. 18) DeJong moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the unaudited 2019 Annual Financial Report of Governmental Funds-Modified Basis and publication of said report on the condition that State Legislative Auditor Glenda Goens has approved the report. All voted yes and the motion carried.

County Assistance

19) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve County Assistance #20-02 county burial. All voted yes and motion carried.

Courthouse Windows

Commissioner Jaeger met with AJ Gingerich of The Window Place from Milbank, SD about replacing the windows in the Courthouse. He has had experience replacing other courthouse windows. The current windows in Deuel Courthouse are too tall for one large window. Manufacturers no longer make windows that large. Discussion was held on the window styles before prices would be examined. There are approximately 47 windows in the courthouse. Window replacement would be done in phases.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

20) Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to approve all warrants as presented and those paid early to avoid service charge. All voted yes and the motion carried A&B Business Solutions 226.29 Supplies, A-Ox Welding Supply Company In 174.07 Rental/Supplies, Al's Tool Distributing 119.00 Supplies, American Solution For Business 233.64 Supplies, At&T Mobility 381.48 Utilities, Avera Occupational Medicine-Mi 123.55 Pro Service, Banner Associates Inc 469.00 Pro Service, Bend Rite Custom Fabrications 7140.12 Minor Equip, Bjerke Sanitation 275.00 Utilities, Borns Group 1789.20 Pro Service, Boyer Trucks 233.54 Supplies, Brian's Glass & Door Inc 290.00 Repairs, Butler Machinery Co 1508.67 Repairs/Supplies, Cartney Bearing & Supply Co 34.78 Repairs, Credit Collections Bureau 1.70 Lien, Clear Lake Building Center 1264.29 Repair/Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 233.46 Utilities, Clear Lake Courier 475.32 Publishing, Codington County Auditor 2470.00 Prisoner Care, Dakota Riggers & Tool Supply 2002.11 Supplies, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 17392.16 Supplies/Repair, Deuel County Motor Supply Inc 611.03 Repairs/Supplies, Deuel County Treasurer 14732.56 Tax Account, Dcn Insurance 835.20 Workers Comp Fee, Dust-Tex Service Inc 108.85 Rental, Equipment Blades Inc 1886.76 Repairs/Supplies, First Bank & Trust 1160.48 Supplies, Fritz Chevrolet Inc 196.40 Repair, Gates Htg & Airconditioning 484.66 Repair, Helena Agri-Enterprises, Llc 3231.00 Supplies/Weed, Hillyard/Sioux Falls 5929.26 Minor Equip, Inter-Lakes Comm Action Inc 1666.75 Support, Itc 2027.00 Utilities, Johnson Controls 575.94 Repair, Kibble Equipment Llc 184.24 Repairs, Lewis & Clark Bhs 178.00 Pro Service, Blue Tarp Financial, Inc 15.16 Supplies, Craig Magedanz 60.92 Travel/Weed Meeting, Maynards 40.11 Supplies, Mebulbs 358.29 Supplies, Menards 161.22 Supplies, Microfilm Imaging Systems 135.00 Rental, Midwest Truck Parts Inc 72.80 Repair, Milbank Ford 1655.40 Repair, Motorola Solutions, Inc 77.66 Supplies, National Sheriffs' Association 65.00 Pro Service, Northwestern Energy 1404.83 Utilities, Office Peeps Inc 1162.91 Repair, Ottertail Power Co 105.82 Utilities, Nathan Palm 59.24 Travel/Meeting, Best Western Ramkota

Hotel 275.97 Travel/Conf, Rc Technologies 150.00 Utilities, Running's Supply Inc 113.96
Supplies, Branden Salzer 62.60 Travel/Weed Meeting, Sanford Health Plan 20.00 Flex,
Sanford Flex 247.01 Fees, Sanford Clinic 2805.00 Health Nurse, Sd Dept Of
Transportation 669.51 Pro Service, Sd Dept Of Transportation 1675.35 Fuel, Sdaao 150.00
Member Fee, Sd Assn Co Hwy Superintendents 275.00 Pro Service, Sdsu Extension
10310.00 4-H Advisor Salary, Rollin Siegfried 100.00 Overpayment Of Taxes, Star
Laundry 131.80 Rental, Sturdevant's Auto Parts 267.79 Supplies, Titan Machinery-
Watertown 53.00 Repairs, Transource Truck & Equip Inc 79.54 Supplies, Ultra Bright
Lightz Llc 905.90 Minor Equip, Ultra-Connecting Point 9258.50 Minor Equip, W.W. Tire
Service Inc 39.90 Repairs, City Of Watertown 3981.46 911 Surcharge, Wheelco Truck &
Trailer Parts 1063.50 Repairs/Supplies, Yankton Co Treasurer 122.50 Pro Service,. Payroll:
Commissioners 8547.35, Election 132.92, Auditor Office 13992.24, Treasurer Office
8510.18, State's Atty Office 8001.59, Gen Building 4230.59, Dir of Equal Office 13477.21,
Reg of Deeds Office 7080.71, VSO 1216.54, GIS 659.46, Sheriff's Dept 28796.58, County
Assist 398.74, 4-H 217.56, Extension 2576.08, Weed 1612.79, Drainage 113.91, Zoning
3870.18, Hwy Dept 80625.37, Emerg Mngmt 3042.65, DNB National Bank 13.01 Payroll
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21) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

Mary J Korth, County Auditor

Gary Jaeger, Chairman

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