

January 5, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday January 5th at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairperson Judith Homan presiding. Those present were Commissioners Gary DeJong, Judith Homan, Roger Kreutner, Gary Jaeger and Steve Rhody. Also present were Commissioners elect Jay Grabow, Scott Fieber and Harry Mewherter, Auditor Pam Lynde, Auditor elect Courtney Parker and several members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance 1) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of December 6 and 20 and special meeting of December 29, 2022. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Homan asked for any old business. Rhody said he had called the window company and they will be getting back to him on repairs needed. There being no other business, 3) Kreutner moved, seconded by Jaeger to adjourn as 2022 Board. All voted yes and the motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

The swearing in of the newly elected county officials was held. County Auditor Pam Lynde swore in the following officials:

Jay Grabow – Commissioner District 1
Scott Fieber – Commissioner District 3
Harry Mewherter – Commissioner District 5
Casey Severson – Register of Deeds
Cory Borg - Sheriff

ELECT CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIR OF BOARD

County Auditor Pam Lynde then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2023. Mewherter nominated Homan for Chairperson; seconded by Grabow and asked that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Homan. All voted yes.

Fieber nominated Rhody for Vice Chairman; Mewherter seconded the nomination and asked that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rhody. All voted yes. The Commission for 2023 was seated and Chairperson Homan called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICIAL BANKS & NEWSPAPER, BOARD APPOINTMENTS, APPOINT TREASURER

4) Grabow moved, seconded Fieber to approve the Committee Assignments for 2023. All voted yes and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2023

Jay Grabow: Zoning Board Member; Courthouse grounds; Fair/Extension Office; Director of Equalization, Highway Dept.
Harry Mewherter: Sheriff's Dept.; First District Member; Glacial Lakes Tourism; Human Services; Salary Committee

Scott Fieber: Planning & Zoning Board Alternate, Director of Equalization Office, Auditor's Office, Soil Conservation, Highway Dept., Emergency Management

Steve Rhody: Weed Board, First District Association Local Government; ICAP Register of Deeds Office; Planning & Zoning Board Alternate; Salary Committee, Treasurer's Office, DADI Rep.

Judith Homan: Register of Deeds Office, Treasurer's Office, Auditor's Office, Health Ins., Sheriff's Dept., Health Nurse Office; Veteran Service Office

5) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to declare the DNB National Bank and First Bank and Trust Toronto Branch as the official depositories for the county and the Clear Lake Courier as the official newspaper for Deuel County and any area paper of greater circulation as needed. All voted yes and the motion carried.

6) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to reappoint Jamie Broksieck as Highway Superintendent for two years (through 2024). All voted yes and the motion carried.

The appointment of Veteran Service Officer was tabled until the next meeting.

Comments from new State's Attorney Craig Evenson: Evenson introduced himself and said he will have varied office hours.

APPOINTMENTS

9:15 Jamie Broksieck Highway Superintendent

Broksieck met with the Commissioners to discuss several highway related matters. Broksieck said they have already used a large amount of salt sand with the last blizzard and have been out plowing snow after the recent snowfall. Broksieck said the Commissioners will need to look over applications for Rural Access Infrastructure grants that can be awarded to townships for projects that qualify under the RAIF regulations. Township will be contacted to come in and explain these projects to the board.

9:30 EM Director Sheila Monnier

Monnier reported on damage due to the storm of December 12-15. Widespread damage was seen throughout the county. Did have power lines down in several areas; H-D is still gathering data concerning damage. She requested the Commission declare a disaster and request the Governor to petition the President of the US to declare Deuel County, SD an emergency/disaster area. 7) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to adopt Resolution 23-01 Resolution for Declaration of Emergency/Disaster. All voted yes and motion carried. Monnier said she needs to attend a class on Feb. 21 in Yankton for Crisis software training. 8) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to pay travel expenses for training in Yankton on Feb. 21. All voted yes and motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER RESOLUTION #23-01

WHEREAS, Deuel County South Dakota, has suffered damage, brought on by a severe wind, snow and ice on Dec. 12-15 2022; and

WHEREAS, Deuel County has committed all available resources and taken all possible actions within the jurisdictional boundaries to combat and to alleviate the emergency/disaster and local resources are not adequate to cope with the situation.

WHEREAS, Deuel County recognizes that all municipal, tribal and rural electric cooperatives, utility companies, farmers and ranchers have taken all possible actions within the jurisdictional boundaries to combat and to alleviate the emergency/disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Deuel County Board of County Commissioners for, and on behalf of the citizens of Deuel County, request the Governor of the State of South Dakota to petition the President of the United States to declare Deuel County, South Dakota an emergency/disaster area.

Dated this 5th day of January 2023.

Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Pam L. Lynde, Auditor

10:00 Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matter

9) Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to move in to Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss a personnel matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairperson declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:00.

NEW BUSINESS

Cash Balance Sheet and Cash Sheet for 2022

10) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Cash Balance Sheet for December and sign and approve the Treasurer's Cash Sheet as of 12-31-22. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT
WITH TREASURER**

END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE	December-22
CASH TOTAL	\$ 1,120.40
CHECKS TOTAL	\$ 3,362.13
CASH ITEM	\$
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF	\$ 50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$ 4,532.53

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE					\$ 219,789.13
MM DNB NATIONAL BANK					\$ 4,063.90
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO					\$11,662,043.42
CREDIT CARDS					\$ 118.16
CD'S	\$250,000	DNB			\$ 250,000.00
		FIRST BANK & TRUST			
REVOLVING LOAN					\$ 34,574.92
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS					\$12,175,122.06
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:					
GENERAL					\$4,835,118.93
SP REVENUE FUNDS					\$7,060,265.05
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS					\$ 279,738.08
townships	\$35,923.03	cities		\$15,352.97	
schools	\$40,017.56	rural fire		\$691.53	
					\$12,175,122.06

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH

Misc. Items; Authority to Pay Claims Early, Reimbursement, Zoning Board Pay, Cell Phone Reimbursement, Salary Resolution

11) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to allow auditor's office to pay claims early, license or tax payment overage, if necessary, (before a meeting) in order to avoid late payment fees. All voted yes and the motion carried.

12) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to pay Zoning Board members \$125 per meeting plus mileage. All voted yes and the motion carried.

13) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to reimburse Sheriff Deputies, Director of Equalization, Hwy Superintendent, Auditor, and Janitor \$50 for cell phone. All voted yes and motion carried.

The Salary Resolution was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Public Comments

Jim Dailey asked that consideration be given before hiring former county personnel.

Approval of Warrants:

14)Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to pay warrants as presented. All voted yes and motion carried. AT&T Mobility 240.24 Utilities, Bjerke Sanitation 205.00 Garbage, Codington Co Search & Rescue 1500.00 Prof Services, City Of Clear Lake 164.72 Utilities, Clear Lake Courier 1221.50 Publishing/Supplies, DCN Insurance 909.50 Dc Ambulance Policy Premium, DCN Insurance 968.64 Workers Comp, Gary DeJong 375.00 Zoning Meetings, First Dist. Assoc Local Gov't 7000.00 Prof Services, Gunderson & Evenson 1096.30 CAA, GIS Workshop, LLC 1022.00 Annual Fee, Gary Jaeger 721.90 Zoning Meetings/Mileage, Roger Kreutner 445.38 Zoning Meetings/Mileage, Lenzen Chev-Buick Inc 32.50 Refund Overpay Taxes, Deb Lessman 293.69 Dues/Travel/Supplies, Minnehaha Co Auditor 247.35 Mental Illness Board, Northwestern Energy 1950.76 Utilities, Office Peeps Inc 337.20 Supplies, Quadient Leasing 672.63 Postage Machine Rental, RC Technologies 150.00 Utilities, Sanford Clinic 3105.55 Health Nurse, Sanford Health Plan 23192.63 January 2023 Health Ins, SD Dept Of Transportation 636.14 Fuel, SDML Worker's Comp Fund 32288.00 Workers Comp Fund, Streicher's 509.99 Supplies, Vanguard Appraisals, Inc 1200.00 Fees, City Of Watertown 500.00 NE SD RIEM Payment, Monica Hanten 123.04 Overpayment of Taxes.

There being no further business Grabow moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Pam L. Lynde, Auditor

Chairperson, Judith Homan

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