

October 18, 2022  
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Homan presiding. Those present were Commissioners Gary DeJong, Steve Rhody, Roger Kreutner and Judith Homan. Gary Jaeger was absent. Also present was Auditor Pam Lynde, Scott Fieber and Harry Mewherter. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and was then called to order.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

**9:00 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck**

Broksieck met with the Commissioners and presented several highway department updates. 2) Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to declare old culverts as scrap metal and sell. All voted yes and motion carried. Broksieck said repairs on 175<sup>th</sup> Street one mile east of Mortz, that had been damaged by Invenergy, will be started; they plan on grinding off asphalt this year and leave as gravel this winter and finish next year. He had secured several quotes to do the work; All State Pavement Recycling and Stabilization \$89443 with completion date of Nov. 22; Loiseau Construction \$55325 completion of Nov. 22; Bowes Const. \$39325 with completion date of Nov. 18. 3) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to approve quote of Bowes Construction in the amount of \$39325 for work on 175<sup>th</sup> Street. All voted yes and motion carried.

Discussion was held on establishing criteria to award Rural Action Infrastructure Grants. Townships will pay for engineering, hydrological studies, planning materials and other costs as necessary to plan for and complete the projects. Townships will submit copies of paid invoices and cancelled checks to the Auditor's Office to receive 80% of awarded funds using the RAIF Reimbursement Request Form. Townships will receive 50% of awarded funds on small structure replacement when the project begins. The remaining costs will be reimbursed after the project is completed using the RAIF Reimbursement Request. 4) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to adopt Resolution #22-35 To Establish Criteria to Award Rural Action Infrastructure Funding. All voted yes and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #22-35**

**TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA TO AWARD RURAL ACTION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

WHEREAS, in 2021 SDCL 31-34 (Rural Action Infrastructure) was enacted to provide funding for counties and townships to inventory their small structures, identify needs and plan improvements and to fund construction, rehabilitation, and maintenance of small structures on township highways;

WHEREAS, in 2021, Deuel County received its share of funds from the State of South Dakota and as required, inventoried its small structures, identified needs and planned improvements of certain small structures;

WHEREAS, in 2022 Deuel County received its share of the \$3 million additional funds to award rural access infrastructure grants to local public agencies, including townships;

WHEREAS, as statutorily required, Deuel County created a Rural Access Infrastructure Fund (“RAIF”) in which to deposit moneys it received under SDCL 31-34;

WHEREAS, SDCL 31-34-4 creates a process for townships to apply for RAIF grants;

WHEREAS, SDCL 31-34-5 requires county commissions to consider certain criteria in awarding RAIF funds; now it is hereby

RESOLVED that Deuel County hereby establishes the criteria to be considered in awarding Rural Access Infrastructure grants as follows:

1. Traffic use of the highway;
2. Public safety;
3. Residential, commercial, recreational and other uses of the highway;
4. Cost of the project; Cost Share: may vary; Township at least 20%; County 80%
5. Length of detour if the project is not completed;
6. Number of residences, farms and ranches served by the project;
7. Contribution from township or others to the project and ability of township to fund the project without utilizing the rural access infrastructure fund;
8. Confirmation the project is not located on a no maintenance or minimum maintenance road;
9. Hydrological impact (H&H Study);
10. If the highway does not terminate into a field entrance, driveway, single residence, farm or ranch;
11. The application, or group of applications, that best serves the citizens of this state; and
12. Any other matters deemed applicable by the board of county commissioners

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2022

By the Deuel County Commission:                      Chair \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: County Auditor \_\_\_\_\_

Grant applications must be submitted to the Highway Superintendent by Oct. 31; Jan. 15 is deadline for Commissioners to award grants.

**9:45 Sheriff Cory Borg – Executive Session SDCL 1-25-2-(1) Personnel Matter**

Borg talked about the possibility of refurbishing the 2009 Tahoe. He will get quotes from Performance Towing and Fritz Chevy. He said that on Saturday the Clear Lake repeater went down and he contacted West Central Communications to repair it.

5) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter. All voted yes and motion carried. Chair Homan declared the Commission out of Executive Session at 10:15.

### **10:15 County Health Nurse Quarterly Report**

County Health Nurse Tammi Baer met with the Commissioners and gave them a quarterly update of the Community Health Nurse Office activities. She gave an overview of the immunizations and client contacts for the quarter. They are still giving Covid vaccinations and having flu shot clinics. Immunizations rates remain good at local agency; Staff training has been done; she has applied to be a designated VAX CHAMP for medical center and was accepted so training began in Sept. Flu shot clinics have been held in several locations; WIC waiver remains in place which allows appointments to be completed over the phone; Maternal Health screen for high risk pregnancies; Child adolescent Services; developmental screenings performed on WIC appointments; Back to School Fair held on Aug. 11 as conducted 237 vision screenings and 194 hearing screenings; Influenza doses done in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter totaled 337.

### **10:30 Weed Supervisor Keith Goens**

Goens met with the Commissioners and gave them an update of the Weed Dept. He talked about spray and the amount that was purchased because formula changed and price will be higher next year . 6) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve payment of travel expense for Goens to attend the district meeting in Stratford. All voted yes and motion carried.

### **11:00 Emergency Manager Sheila Monnier**

Monnier reported on several items. 7) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to sign LEMP Grant 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report. All voted yes and motion carried. She held a LEPC meeting a couple weeks ago and is in the process of applying for LEPC grant for 2023. The County recently received notice of a HMEP grant award for the development of a Hazardous Materials Plan. HAZMAT will be 1000.00 match and will work with First Dist. on that and will be updating the LEOP plan as well. She said she has gone out to most town board meetings to inform and discuss the Brick Grant process that is available. She will be attending training in Chamberlain November 3.

### **11:15 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matter**

8) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue. All voted yes and motion carried. Chair Homan declared the Commission out of Executive Session at 12:00 noon.

9) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to not renew the contract with Multi Business Solutions Inc. for Human Resource Services for 2023. All voted yes and motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Warrants, Plat**

10) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to approve warrants paid early and those presented. All voted yes and motion carried. Paid early: Health Equity 20.00 Flex, SD Dept. of Labor 263.37 Reemployment Assistance Benefit, Clear Lake Area Development 4500.00 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Funding; Taxes: Schools 103601.47, Towns 39215.32, Townships 107974.29, EDWD 413.02, Rural Fire 2098.37, Upper Deer 5.91: H-D Electric 593.97 Utilities, SDACO 162.00 M&P, SD Dept. of Revenue 155570.77 Funds Due To State, Tri-State Water 46.20 Water Warrants as presented:  
Basin Const & Drain Tile, 324249.20 Box Culvert Project 20-108-200, Brookings Deuel Rural Water 39.00 Utilities, Century Link 358.79 Utilities, Inter-Lakes Comm Action Inc 1263.50 October Support, ITC 2221.27 Phone/Internet, Northwestern Energy 10.00 Utilities, Ottertail Power Co 1424.12 Utilities, Tyler Technologies, Inc 449.00 VSO Program Renewal, West Central Communication Inc 10657.00 Vehicle Equipment/ Homeland Security Grant,

City of Watertown 3935.37 911 Funds, Brookings Deuel Rural Water 173.35 Water Hwy Dept.

11) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to approve Plat of Goens and Hansen Addition in the SE1/4 of 22-116-50 and Resolution #22-36. All voted yes and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**  
**#22-36**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **“Goens and Hansen Addition located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 116 North, Range 50 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18th day of October, 2022

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

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County Auditor,  
Deuel County, South Dakota

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

There being no other business Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn.

Pam Lynde, County Auditor  
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Judith Homan, Chairman