

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on August 20th, 2024 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 Homan to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of appraisal quote for Lake Alice Project. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

2) Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to pay warrants as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Taxes: Schools: 43,273.11; Townships: 1,072.99; Cities: 3,483.72; EDWD: 57.72; Rural Fire: 284.55

Paid Early: CITY OF WATERTOWN 3,975.82 911 SURCHARGE; ANTELOPE VALLEY TOWNSHIP 33,755.08 RAIF REIMBURSEMENT, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 120.90 UTILITIES, BJERKE SANITATION 75.00 HWY UTILITIES, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 2652.96 SUPPLIES & REPAIRS, DEUEL COUNTY MOTOR SUPPLY INC 367.12 REPAIR & SUPPLIES, H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 268.14 UTILITIES, ITC 174.60 HWY UTILITIES, MCLEOD'S 809.93 ELECTION & SHERIFF SUPPLIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 12.30 UTILITIES, TRI STATE WATER INC 27.55 SUPPLIES,

Current Warrants: A-OX WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY IN 55.05 RENTAL, STUART ALMOS 63.10 JUROR & MILEAGE, ALEXANDRIA ANDERSON 76.20 HE/CO JUDGE, JAMES ANDERSON 95.85 AG/HORT/WOOD/ELEC. JUDGE, MELISSA ANDERSON 16.55 JUROR & MILEAGE, APPEARA 178.61 RUGS, BANNER ASSOCIATES INC 10545.81 PROF. SERVICE, BROOKINGS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE 807.50 PRISONER HOUSING, WATERTOWN FORD CHRYSLER 11.38 REPAIR, ROGER BROKSIECK 69.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU 1.70 POOR LIEN RECOVERY, CENTURY LINK 358.79 911 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 45.97 SUPPLIES, CONNECTING POINT 11555.00 ANNUAL CONTRACT, DALAN DAHL 69.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, SUSAN DEJONG 50.00 JUROR, DIAMOND MOWERS LLC 66.05 REPAIR, KEITH DIEKMAN 19.17 JUROR & MILEAGE, ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV 62.99 PROF. FEES, JOHN EILERTSON 319.32 SHEEP/GOAT/BEEF JUDGE, DARWYN ENGESSER 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, FIRST BANK & TRUST 1193.64 CC STATEMENT, FISHER SAND & GRAVEL CO 2360.70 SUPPLIES, FLEETPRIDE 52.96 REPAIR, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 399.65 REPAIR, AVERY GILCHRIST 194.21 RABBIT JUDGE, JAY GRABOW 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, GREEN ROBY OVIATT LLP 2268.40 CAA FEES, KYLE GREENE 50.00 JUROR, H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 487.48 REPAIR, JOHN HALL 10.00 JUROR, HEIMAN INC 365.00 EXTINGUISHER INSPECTIONS, JOSHUA HOEKE 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, JANN HORNER 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, COLE HOYER 119.54 DAIRY JUDGE, DELVIN HUTCHINS 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 1594.00 AUGUST SUPPORT FUNDS, JEBRO INC 158832.14 SUPPLIES, KIBBLE EQUIPMENT LLC 956.96 REPAIR, MARLENE KING 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, MELISSA KLOOS 10.00 JUROR, DAVID KORINEK 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, KOYLA KRUSE 74.89 JUROR & MILEAGE, LYNDA LANNERS 21.79 JUROR & MILEAGE, ALAN LOUNSBERY 49.30 JUROR & MILEAGE, HOLLY LUNDEN 88.65 VISUAL ARTS JUDGE, BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC 69.94 SUPPLIES, JOHNATHON MARTINMAAS 10.00 JUROR, MICHAEL MCMULLEN 10.00 JUROR, MENARDS 50.91 SUPPLIES, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 90.00 RENTAL, SHEILA MONNIER 76.20 VISUAL ARTS JUDGE, ALAN MONNIER 69.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, DANAY NIELSEN 63.10 JUROR & MILEAGE, MARY NOSBUSH 70.96 CLOTHING JUDGE, GRACE OLINGER 127.40 SWINE JUDGE, OFFICE PEEPS INC 741.67 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 1159.14 UTILITIES, SHANNON PERSHING 33.58 JUROR & MILEAGE, STUART PLUCKER 230.17 POULTRY JUDGE, POSTMASTER 146.00 STAMPS, PRAIRIE LAKES HEALTHCARE SYS 85.00 BLOOD DRAW, BAILEY RAML 42.75 JUROR & MILEAGE, ROGER RAUEN 52.10 OVERPAYMENT REG., SANFORD HEALTH 530.00 BLOOD DRAWS, ROCHELLE SCHMIDT 140.39 PHOTO JUDGE, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 3391.84 FUEL SUPPLIES, SD SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

640.00 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, SIOUX VALLEY CO-OP 360.00 SUPPLIES, LYNN SLANEY 69.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, BOBBIE SMUNK 63.10 JUROR & MILEAGE, DANIEL STROHSCHN 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, AARON SVEC 180.89 OVERPAYMENT PROP. TAX, HANNAH SWENSON 33.58 JUROR & MILEAGE, BONNIE TEKRONY 24.41 JUROR & MILEAGE, DAVID TOL 21.79 JUROR & MILEAGE, RUTH TVEDT 72.27 JUROR & MILEAGE, KARI VOGT 29.65 JUROR & MILEAGE, AMY WAGNER 68.34 JUROR & MILEAGE, LESLIE WARD 10.00 JUROR, ALEXIS WARREN 10.00 JUROR, JENNIFER ZIRBEL 133.84 FOODS JUDGE,

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck gave updates to what has been going on in the highway department. Broksieck presented a quote from Traffic Solutions of \$79,744.50 to stripe all 39 miles of roads that were chip sealed. This quote is from the state bid. Deuel County received STIP funds in the amount of \$10,070.99 to help funds striping county roads. 3) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the striping quote for the 39 miles of chip sealed roads from Traffic Solutions of \$79,744.50. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck presented two SourceWell contract quotes for new equipment to be installed on their new truck they will receive around December 31st, 2024. The first quote from Sanitation Products is for \$136,476.00 and the second is from Northern Truck Equipment for \$155,982.00. 4) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the quote from Sanitation Products of \$136,476.00 for truck setup. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on putting a slow or machinery sign near Ross Stroschein’s place. Sheriff Borg doesn’t advise we do because the signs aren’t required to be followed and he doesn’t believe it will slow down traffic. Broksieck stated the flashing Northbound stop sign by Goodwin stopped working. He gave a rough quote of \$1,800.00 to fix. The board believes these are a great tool to help stop traffic. There was discussion held on the increased amount of traffic on 478th avenue from Highway 28 to Highway 22 due to Highway 15 being closed. Broksieck stated he thinks implementing a 4-Way Stop at every intersection or every necessary intersection would be the best solution. The board agreed with Broksieck and stated we need to help the township with the problem since the reason the increased traffic is due to construction and closure of Highway 15.

9:30 AM – Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen

Theisen presented one plat to the board. 5) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the plat of “**Frensco Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 116 North, Range 50 West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota**” and Resolution 24-24. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION

#24-24

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**Frensco Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 116 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 20th day of August, 2024.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

County Auditor, Deuel County, South Dakota

9:45 AM – Conservation District Manager Lily Ruhd

Ruhd gave a brief update on the happenings in the Deuel County Conservation District. Ruhd explained that they had a rough start to the season with their cooler and no till drill breaking down causing them to purchase new equipment totaling \$43,000.00. Ruhd stated they can start planting on May 1st but this year she couldn't start until the middle of May because of the cooler quitting and the wet spring we had. They planted 26 acres of trees this year and next year there is already a demand of 6-7 plots. Grabow asked how the conservation district charges. She explained the cost is per foot for land when they plant. Hand planting brings in more income because it is \$5 per tree. Potted stock is \$20-30 per tree. If the producer requests the use of the drill at \$18 an acre for self-service or \$35 full service. The producers are in charge of getting it and bringing it back. Ruhd requires 50% down before they put the trees in and is still waiting \$18,000 from producers. 6) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the support funds of \$6,000.00 for the Deuel County Conservation District. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:00 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Litigation Matters & (1) Personnel Matters

7) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) & (1) to discuss litigation matters and personnel matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. At 10:00 AM the Board went into executive session regarding litigation matters and at 10:16 AM the Board of Commission moved to personnel matters. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:05 AM. No action taken.

New Business

Discussion was had on 4-H & Extension's laptops. Currently they are operating on 10 – 15-year-old computers and are starting to show their age. 8) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve moving three laptops from Civil Defense inventory to 4-H & Extension inventory. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve three things on the provisional budget: (1) the GIS salary will move from \$2,000.00 to \$7,000.00 with the hiring complete of a new Director of Equalization, (2) raise health insurance 6.2% (currently was raised 3% but with new information from Risty Benefits we need to raise it another 3.2%), and (3) add a \$15,000.00 transfer to Civil Defense instead of using the cash applied balance. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Lake Alice quote for appraisal work under \$20,000.00. 10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the appraisal quote from Northern Plains Appraisal LLC for \$19,000.00 with the addition of \$200 per hour for litigation. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Public Comment

Sheriff Borg briefly stated two Deuel County businesses failed alcohol stings on August 17, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business 11) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

Jay Grabow, Chairman

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