

October 17, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairperson Homan presiding. Those present were Commissioners Steve Rhody, Scott Fieber, Judith Homan, Jay Grabow and Harry Mewherter. Also present was Deputy Auditor Pam Lynde. The meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance. 1) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on placement of SLOW sign by the Ross Strohschein property. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Highway Superintendent-Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck discussed updates he had for the Board. He said they are putting in additional culverts; the Strandburg road going north in Grant County is going to be resurfaced by Grant County, the nine miles to the Deuel County boarder; Broksieck said Deuel will work with them to get entire road resurfaced. On Nov. 7 there will be a discussion with Banner Associates and Duininck concerning contract negotiations on the Invenergy Haul Road and other roads on 175 St., 172 St. and 482 Ave. that were damaged during the Invenergy Wind project. Speed limit on county road 517 by R Strohschein property is now 55 mph; he would like a SLOW sign there; sign will be placed on county road 517.

9:30 Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg met with the Commissioners and discussed several items. Borg requested the purchase of a 2024 vehicle and presented several options and price quotes; Billion Motors-Durango; 46,651; Iowa state bid 40,650; SD State Bid-Durango 42,076; Ford Explorer 47,679; 48,190 Ford pickup; all pursuit rated. He also talked about buying used; state of Missouri refurbished Ford Explorer 29,500; Chicago will sell used patrol cars 21,000 Ford Taurus; SUV 34,000. If buying off the Iowa state bid the County would be dealing directly with dealership. Commissioners asked what are some of the additional items that will have to be added to the vehicles; additional costs will be lights, counsel, decals. 2) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to purchase a Durango off the Iowa state bid at 40,650. All voted yes and motion carried. Borg will check into the possibility of trading in a vehicle when purchasing the Durango.

Borg gave an update on the P25Radio upgrade; is complete except for a couple in Brandt and one in Astoria that need to be programmed; analog system was put in for the Hwy dept also.

Borg talked about the 511 Road Conditions update which will allow the county to update the Deuel County Road conditions with the state doing the state and federal highway systems

9:45 Liquor License Renewal State Line Bar & Grill

The 2024 liquor license renewal applications of Stateline Bar and Grill were presented. 3) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the re-issuance of the Retail on-sale liquor and Package off-sale liquor licenses to Stateline Sports Bar & Grill

located in Cook's Point Addition in the NE1/2SE1/4 4-114-47. All voted yes and motion carried.

9:50 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(1) Personnel Matter

4) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss a personnel matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairperson Homan declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:00 A.M

10:00 County Health Nurse Tammy Baer

Tammy 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. Baer said the case load for WIC was down some; immunizations rates look good; flu shot clinics are appreciated; nurse received immunization champion award; health assessments were completed on kindergarten and 5th grade students; Baer serves on the Healthy Hometown committee with positive changes occurring; painted crosswalks; arranged Tobacco Cessation Coordinator and Tobacco Prevention Coordinator to attend Back to School Fair; education and activities were provided for parents and students regarding hazards of tobacco and vaping use.

10:15 Veteran Service Officer Dennis Evenson

Evenson presented information from the Veteran Service Office. Evenson said he attended the Veteran Service Conference that was held in Sioux Falls; ACT Pact compensation for vets serving in Afghanistan; need to get compensation claims moving; Agent Orange based on exposure; certain chemicals can lead to serious conditions; exposure to many chemicals during the service; Battle of Midway chemicals were stored and there is an exposure rate there also. He said area Legion posts are referring vets to him and is reaching out to them and he also gets referrals from other veterans. The Commissioners thanked Dennis for his work as Veteran Service Officer.

10:45 Ben Stout-Hollywood Dairy-Roads-Haul Road Agreements

Ben Stout met with the Commissioners to talk about the proposed Hollywood Dairy and township and county roads and haul road agreements. There were several township officers and residents of Blom Township in attendance as well as Joey Olsen and Matt Stup managers in partnership of proposed dairy. Stout gave a general update on the project. Al and Jane Moore, township officers asked if the county is interested in taking over the main haul roads; Bruce Harringa said the township would like to see the county take over two miles of township roads to highway 28. Stout said they are still looking at upgrades to the road and the dairy will pay for the upgrades and will need a haul road agreement. Commissioners asked the township why they don't want the road and Harringa said they don't think it will stand up and don't want the responsibility. Commissioners Rhody said he would like to see mile going north included in the haul road agreement; Stout said they would like to do just first two miles now; Grabow said the roads should be looked at by an engineer before the county would take any over; Commissioners said roads and culverts may have to be replaced and the road built up. Stout commented they are open to the idea going north but also think could get by with two miles. Stout said there is grant funding available but the county would have to make application for the funding. Commissioners asked Highway Superintendent Broksieck about taking over the township roads and he said he is concerned about added cost and

budget and more work for County Highway Dept. and doesn't want to take over the roads. Stout said the old haul road agreement with the township is a good one and would be in favor of using language in the agreement with adding the mile north to the agreement if that is what is decided. Chair Homan then opened the discussion for public comment. Warren Wiesner asked which way they were going to go; said there are water problems and bridge problems; all one-way traffic now; roads will have to be fixed up. Grabow said the County will need our engineer to inspect the roads and need to give a report to the county on what will have to be done to get the roads in condition for trucks hauling. He also asked what is the penalty if they (the dairy) don't do what they are supposed to. Homan stated that penalties need to be written into the agreement if they don't follow through with the agreement. Discussion was held on the estimated taxes that would be received when the dairy is complete. If the County would take over the township roads, the township would be giving up some control. Stout said January 2025 is estimated date of opening of the dairy. Commissioner Rhody said the County should take over three miles or nothing. 5) Grabow moved, seconded by Rhody for the County to accept three miles of township roads from Blom Township on 473 Ave commencing from Highway 28 going north up to County Road 517 (three miles) in the NW1/4 of 17-113N-49, with the approval of the state DOT, upon the condition of the completion of the haul road agreement and engineering study of present road conditions stating what would need to be done and to designate chair of the board for signing authority on any agreements or documents. Roll call vote Fieber-yes, Mewherter-yes, Grabow-yes, Rhody-yes, Homan-yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

County Assistance; Holidays in November, December

6) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve County Assistance #23-02 county burial. All voted yes and motion carried.

Discussion was held on holidays in November and December. Governor Noem has given administrative leave for state employees Nov. 24 the day after Thanksgiving and December 26. County holidays do include Thanksgiving and the day after in Nov. and Christmas day and half a day on December 24th. Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year. 7) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to grant employees the ½ day holiday already in policy on Friday December 22 because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. All voted yes and motion carried.

WARRANTS

8) Grabow moved, seconded by Rhody to approve warrants presented and those that were paid early. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Warrants Paid Early:

Cooper Olson 163.83 Overpayment Tax/Reg Fees, Mary Hunt 59.67 Overage Property Tax, South Dakota Dept Of Revenue 136245.07 Fees Due to State, SDACO 322.00 M&P Fees, Brookings Deuel Rural Water 41.00 Utilities, Century Link 358.79 911 Fund Utilities, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 564.26 Utilities, ITC 2055.88 Phones-Internet, Northern Plains Appraisal 36.00 Workshop, Northwestern Energy 25.00 Utilities, Ottertail Power Co 1179.14 Utilities, City of Watertown 4000.53

Warrants:

First Bank & Trust 804.17 Credit Card Purchases, Fritz Chevy 3326.24 Repairs & Maintenance, ICAP 1278.33 Support Service Worker, Western Trust Co. 1811.52 Refund of Overpayment Taxes, Clear Lake Area Development 4,500 Quarterly Allocation.

11:45 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3)-Legal Matter

9) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) to discuss a legal matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairperson Homan declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 12:00 pm

Public Comment

There was no other public comment.

Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to adjourn. All voted yes and motion carried.

Chairperson Judith Homan
Deuel County Commission

Attest:

Pam Lynde, Deputy Auditor;

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