

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on May 5th 2026, at 9:00 AM in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Vice Chairman Scott Fieber presiding. Those present were Commissioners Steve Rhody, Scott Fieber, Harry Mewherter and Judith Homan. Jay Grabow was absent. Also present was Auditor Courtney Parker and a few members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda with additions of Auditor Parker discussing a petition received, Todd Boyd discussing the fairgrounds deed, and to remove executive session. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the April Minutes. All voted yes and the motion carried.

### **Appointments**

#### **Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck**

Broksieck presented quite a few items to The Board. First, Broksieck discussed the Gary Gulch project 20-200-114 on County Road 310. 3) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve advertising for bridge project 20-200-114 for bids. All voted yes and the motion carried. 4) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve and sign the right-of-way and utility certificates for bridge preservation on project 20-200-114. All voted yes and the motion carried. 5) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve temporary easements Rick and Jennifer Kolbeck and Larry and Cherie Darr for bridge project 20-200-114. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Next, Broksieck discussed the 20-200-071 bridge project. 6) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve advertising for bridge project 20-200-071 for bids. All voted yes and the motion carried.

In 2024 County received funding to help rehab the project on the Gorder Road or County Road 313, project #20-050-273. Mark Junker from Banner said there were concerns with the bridge so the Deuel County Highway Department removed the asphalt pad instead of waiting for the contractor to do it. The removal of the asphalt uncovered deck problems to the point where there will be a new load limit applied. Rebar in the concrete is showing. Junker stated Banner does not recommend advertising for this project due to the problems. He believes instead of rehab the bridge should start over. A box culvert could replace this bridge. It is in worse shape then they had thought when they applied for funding through the BIG program. Junker and Broksieck stated they will have a meeting with SDDOT to discuss options since Deuel County was approved for the BIG grant with this bridge. Broksieck stated the bridge will now be rated poor from fair. Broksieck explained they will put material down on the bridge until they have more of a plan. In the meeting with SDDOT the load limits will be decided.

7) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve a travel request for highway secretary Lisa Jorvig to travel to McCook County for software training. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Mike Fieber, Mayor of Goodwin, wants to know if there's a "Slow Moving Children At Play" signs they can put up in Goodwin. Broksieck said he would have to order them but will be in contact with Mike.

Lastly, the mix the City of Gary got quoted for their sewer project is not a road worthy mix, so Broksieck bumped up the quality for heavy traffic. In total they would need 3866 square yards of material for the block and a half on Coteau Street quoted at \$104,550 in total. Laura Street 2 inch matt 2533 square yards \$34,194 on that section. \$138,744 total for all the asphalt. To have DG grind 4 inches off the block and a half \$31,000. All said and done \$175,000. The City of Gary's totals are not taken out of the amounts. They will have to

figure out their totals once the project is done with the engineers. Broksieck is quoting the total amount for the entire project. 8) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the City of Gary Coteau and Laura Streets, piggybacking off of the the City of Gary's quote and contract. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**Item #2 Gary Givers**

The Gary Givers ask that the streets Laura and Coteau be shut down for their street dance held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. 10) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the streets to be closed on Laura and Coteau for their street dance on July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**Item #3 Veteran Service Officer Lynna Speier**

Speier gave her quarterly report. Speier is outreaching to Post 49 (Clear Lake) with a goal to become known participant at the American Legion, Post 109 (Gary). Speier continues to stay involved in trainings. Claims: 8 Veterans served, 5 newly submitted, 4 open claims, 8 completed claims for benefits and 8 for other services. The estimated annual impact for 2025 is \$227,336.52.

**Item #4 States Attorney Craig Evenson**

Evenson received the Banner packet on the Lake Cochrane discrepancies. These discrepancies need to be cleared up before anyone can look into a grant for a walking path. Evenson will begin working on the problems.

**New Business**

11) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve Crystal Springs Malt Beverage License for 2026-2027. All voted yes and the motion carried.

The board discussed the new ½ cent sales tax program. The estimated revenue from South Dakota Department of Revenue estimated \$588,074. The Commission would like to think on this before a decision is made.

12) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve a new computer from TwoTrees in the amount of \$1,940 for the Zoning Office. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Parker informed The Board a referendum petition was filed for B2022-01-09A. 291 signatures were validated which surpassed the 156 that were needed. Parker explained the petition was passed on the legal counsel for the final approval. Parker has not received confirmation on petition at this time.

Todd Boyd discussed the issue of fairgrounds quick claim to give softball diamond, baseball diamond, or football field to city and/or school. Boyd discussed the issue of property lines and asking adjoining property owners to swap land or the right to purchase some land.

**Approval of Warrants:**

13) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to pay warrants as presented. All voted yes and motion carried.

**Paid Early:** IBC 2,718.74 MERP Employee Claims, IBC 100.53 MERP Employee Claims, IBC 279.50 MERP Admin Fees

**Transmittals:** Schools \$3,494,890.70, Townships \$497,139.75, Towns \$285,945.89, EDWD \$7,729.62, Upper Deer Creek \$31.47, Rural Fire \$44,502.38

**Warrants:** A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 298.90 SUPPLIES, KAYLA ADEN 21.20 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, AT&T MOBILITY 330.58 UTILITIES, AUSTIN LAW OFFICE 682.28 CAA FEES, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 53.40 UTILITIES, CASSANDRA BEHNKE 24.00 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, BJERKE SANITATION 350.00 GARBAGE, LANDEN BROWN 28.20 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 204.00 REPAIR, CHASE CROCKER 35.20 JUROR FEE

& MILEAGE, CINTAS CORP 223.93 RUGS, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 251.22 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 1422.14 PUBLICATIONS/SUPPLIES, COLE'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC 14213.00 FUEL, COLLIN GODFREY 31.00 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 2111.45 PROF. SERVICE, DACOTAH BANK 1440.84 OVR PMT TAXES, DAKOTA DATA SHRED 87.61 SHREDDER RENTAL, DAKOTA RIGGERS & TOOL SUPPLY 276.67 SUPPLIES, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 1097.67 DELINQ TAXES, DEB BROKSIECK 1758.55 OVR PMT TAXES, DSC COMMUNICATIONS 2498.87 RADIO/WIRE REPAIR, ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV 62.99 PROF FEES, ELECTION SYSTEMS& SOFTWARE INC 768.43 MEDIA SET-UP FEES, FIRST BANK & TRUST 643.81 CC STATEMENT, FISHER SAND & GRAVEL CO 5238.53 SUPPLIES, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 377.28 SUPPLIES, GUNDERSON HOLLY 31.00 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, KELLY KING 26.80 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, JEANETTE KJENSTAD 24.00 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, KNOWINK, LLC 22496.72 POLL PADS & SOFTWARE YEAR 1&2, JEFFERY KNUTSON 15.60 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, SHERRI KRAUSE 33.80 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, LAJUANNA WATT 63.66 REFUND TAX MONEY, LOKEN LAND MANAGEMENT 352.04 OVR PAYMENT TAXES, ANNIE MAGNUSON 10.00 JUROR FEE, MICHAEL MCNAMARA 10.00 JUROR FEE, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 90.00 SCANNER RENT, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 1103.91 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 620.55 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 92.72 UTILITIES, POWERPLAN OIB 621.45 REPAIR, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 911 UTILITIES, RODNEY OR JULIE SPARTZ 833.59 OVR PAYMENT TAXES, DUANE RUNGE 26.80 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 233.99 REPAIRS & SUPPLIES, SCANDINAVIA TOWNSHIP 57391.28 RAIF REIMBURSEMENTS, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 5057.44 BRIDGE INSP. PROF SERVICE, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 137850.31 EOM FEES, SDACO 538.00 M&P FEES, SDML - AFFILIATES 135.00 2026 SPRING CONFERENCE, KELLY SIEH 21.20 JUROR FEE & MILEAGE, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO, INC 661.25 SUPPLIES, STERZINGER CRUSHING INC 31250.00 GRAVEL SUPPLIES, TRUENORTH STEEL INC 1651.40 SUPPLIES, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES 475.94 VSO ANNUAL SOFTWARE, VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC 1000.00 PROF. SERVICE

**Public Comment**

Mary Nosbush wanted to express her concern with Deuel County and The City of Gary giving support funds to Gary Hudiburgh's non-profit, SotaSoDak.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business 14) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Courtney Parker, Auditor

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Jay Grabow, Chairman

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