

March 5th, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on March 5th, 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 and a couple members from the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session for Personnel Matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the minutes from February 6th and 20th. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck met with the commissioners to discuss a few highway department related matters. Deuel County received two grants from the SDDOT 2024 Preservation Bridge Improvement Grant. The two that were awarded were roads; County Road 313 or 471st Ave, the Gorder Road Bridge, \$772,800.00 and road County Road 310 or 486th Ave, Gary Gulch in the amount of \$910,800.00. There were four rehab applications submitted and one replacement application. Banner is doing engineering on the projects. 3) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve Preston Stokes' resignation and to advertise for the open position. All voted yes and the motion carried. Broksieck asked if the county is taking over ownership from the township for Plainview Dairy. Grabow explained that until the township turns the road over to the county there's nothing we can do. Grabow asking if more pea rock is going to be hauled and Broksieck confirmed. 4) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve bid letting for March 5th through March 19th and all bids must be received by March 19th at 10:00 AM with the opening of bids on March 19th at 10:15 AM. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:30 AM – 1st District Representative Todd Kays

Kays presented his yearly report for 1st District. Kays explained that Mewherter is the Deuel County representative with Gary Jaeger being the at large representative. 1st District gets its funding from three directions; 53% fees for service, 26% state and federal grants/contracts, and 20% dues that each county pays. 1st District has 12 full time employees that help do anything from applications, projects, planning and research, technical and financial specialties, program support and promotion. 1st District also manages revolving loan funds like Deuel Counties. Grabow asked if the revolving loans can have whatever stipulations set in place by the Deuel County Commissioners and Kays confirmed. 1st District received many grants in 2023; grants \$19,938,100.00 and dues of 2023 \$309,415.00. Those dollars that were received by Deuel County are \$34,364.00.

9:45 AM – Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg presented the Astoria Police Contract. 5) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Astoria Police Contract. All voted yes and the motion carried. Borg also talked about the Deuel County Ambulance with Mark Law. The Gary and Deuel Ambulance services have co-oped together. So far it has been working well. Law explained he is happy to co-op and look forward to working together. Law explained that the State conducted a survey of 400 interviews (ems.sd.gov has the full report for anyone that wants to read) to provide a 7.5 million dollars in grant money for regionalizing, scheduling, and training equipment. The deadline for applying is March 15. Law asked for a letter of support of the Deuel County Ambulance to be given to Brenda Schake to give Deuel County the best chance at receiving funds. 6) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to have Auditor Parker draft a letter for the Chairman to sign to include in application. All voted yes and the motion carried. Deuel County Ambulance is trying to help out more with patient transfers. Borg stated that when they get a call, they may be 7th or 9th on the calling list. Law explained there's a new law allowing one medical professional in back and one

medical professional driving the ambulance which may help with transfers because it will require less people for the transfer. They also explained that the hospital has been helping to provide nurses to help transfer which has helped a lot.

10:41 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel Matter

7) Mewherter 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. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:15 AM. No action was taken.

Old Business

Discussion was held on the round roof rental of the round roof building at the fairgrounds. 8) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the rental stipulations for the round roof building of \$50.00 per day, \$250.00 deposit that will get returned if nothing is damaged or excessively dirty. The renter will be responsible to provide proof of liability insurance and restrooms for the public. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the new ITC phones. 9) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the new ITC phones and prices. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve Auditor Parker to advertise for sealed bids for the old emergency management pickup. All voted yes and the motion carried.

New Business

Auditor Parker informed the board that the 2023 annual report has been completed, filed and will be published in the upcoming paper. Discussion was had on the 250% for inclement weather.

Discussion was had on the DADI office space and phone line that DADI hasn't been actively using. 11) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to no longer provide DADI office space in the Deuel County Courthouse and to discontinue their phone line with ITC. DADI has 14 calendar days from the day the letter is served to them, to have all items removed from the courthouse. Three voted yes; Grabow – yay, Fieber – yay, Homan – yay, Rhody and Mewherter abstained and the motion carried.

12) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve a spending limit of \$2,500.00 for the highway department. All voted yes and the motion carried.

13) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the new Taco Pump Seal for the boiler in the basement from Johnson Controls at \$1,240.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

14) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the 2024 February Cash Balance Sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER
END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE- FEBRUARY 2024**

CASH TOTAL		\$	1,494.23
CHECKS TOTAL		\$	9,836.38
CASH ITEM		\$	-
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF		\$	50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND		\$	11,380.61
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$	313,724.98
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO		\$	4,244,890.61
SD FIT		\$	1,001,726.86
CREDIT CARDS		\$	1,935.00
CD	DNB	\$	250,000.00
	FB&T	\$	-

INTERST EARNED \$15,459.83			
REVOLVING LOAN		\$ 36,968.69	
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS		\$ 5,860,626.75	
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:			
GENERAL		\$ 3,435,621.66	
SP REVENUE FUNDS		\$ 1,897,976.97	
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS		\$ 527,028.12	
Townships	\$70,983.89	Cities	\$31,836.24
Schools	\$243,250.35	Rural Fire	\$5,079.05
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH		\$ 5,860,626.75	

15) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Emergency Management fund transfer of \$10,000.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

16) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to close the courthouse on noon on Good Friday, March 29th for the Easter Holiday. All voted yes and the motion carried.

17) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve travel for three commissioners to the Sioux Valley Commission meeting on March 13th in Huron, SD. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

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

Paid Early: New York Life \$270.38 Insurance, Sanford Health \$26848.74 Insurance, Hillyard 678.07 Supplies, New York Life \$290.75 Life Insurance

Current Warrants: A&B Business Solutions 102.35 Supplies, Patricia Wolf 28.00 Service, Appera 139.60 Rug Rentals, AT&T Mobility 294.28 Utilities, Avera Mckennan Hospital 790.00 Admittance - Ment Handicap, Brookings Co. Sheriff's Office 760.00 Housing, Bjerke Sanitation 290.00 Utilities, Butler Machinery Co 165.49 Supplies, Child's Voice Route #6361 150.00 Prof. Service, Clear Lake Building Center 24.97 Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 178.08 Utilities, Clear Lake Courier 840.85 Feb. Publishings, Cole's Petroleum Products, Inc 19877.16 Fuel Supplies, Connecting Point 10.00 Supplies, Deuel County Motor Supply Inc 1559.02 Repairs & Supplies, Equipment Blades Inc 740.98 Repairs, Geotek Engineering & Testing 1600.00 Prof. Fees, Hillyard/Sioux Falls 471.97 Supplies, Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention 598.92 Convention Stay, ITC 1908.89 Utilities, Kibble Equipment 17.41 Supplies, L G Everist Inc 12526.28 Supplies, Deb Lessman 190.38 Travel & Conference, M & T Fire And Safety 3095.00 Equipment, Blue Tarp Financial, Inc 17.98 Repairs, Maynards 27.71 Supplies, Microfilm Imaging Systems 90.00 Rental, Midwest Machinery Co. 5100.00 Brush Attachment, Napa Auto Parts 42.17 Supplies, New York Life 290.75 Life Ins., Byron Nogelmeier 170.00 24/7 Scram, Northwestern Energy 1594.20 Utilities, Office Peeps Inc 436.28 Supplies, Opus Vtr Inc. 79.27 Overpayment Tax & Lic., Ottetail Power Co 90.70 Utilities, Pizza & Burger Shack 60.00 D.C. Bucks Reimbursement, Powerplan Oib 6335.07 Repairs, Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center 114.00 Conference Stay, RC Technologies 150.00 911 Utilities, Running's Supply Inc 13.02 Repairs, Sd Dept Of Public Safety 2730.00 Teletype Service, South Dakota Dept Of Revenue 133602.16 Eom Fees, SDACC 480.00 1st Qtr Clerp Funds, SDACO 722.00 Conference, Sd Municipal League 115.00 Conference Fee, Streicher's 817.00 Clothing, Transource Truck & Equip Inc 164.10 Repairs & Supplies, Transwest - Sioux Falls 701.93 Repairs, Wheelco Truck & Trailer Parts 155.90 Repairs & Supplies, Kristin A Woodall 49.00 Transcripts

Payroll

February Payroll: Commissioners \$10,228.65, Election \$133.57, Auditor's Office \$10,832.31, Treasurer's Office \$11,538.59, State's Attorney's Office \$8,497.55, General Gov't Building \$6,698.09,

Director of Equalization Office \$17,747.59, Register of Deeds Office \$9,507.24, Veteran Service Officer \$1,443.04, GIS \$759.13, Sheriff's Dept. \$43,136.14, County Assist \$400.92, Extension Office \$4,550.07, Weed & Pest \$2,258.06, Planning & Zoning \$5,641.39, Road & Bridge \$82,586.74, Civil Defense \$430.95

Public Comment

Jim Dailey wanted an update on the Zirbel land lawsuit. Grabow explained that Lisa Marso, our attorney, will meet with the Commission in Executive Session on March 19th to discuss the matter.

Adjournment

There being no further business 19) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor
Published one time at the approximate cost of _____.

Jay Grabow, Chairman