

December 19, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 19th at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairperson Judith Homan presiding. Those present were Commissioners Steve Rhody, Scott Fieber, Jay Grabow, Harry Mewherter, and Judith Homan. Also present was Auditor, Courtney Parker. There were many people from the public in attendance. The meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance. 1) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck presented different updates to the board. He explained snow removal was out this last weekend moving snow and that it was a good test run for the seasonal equipment.

Broksieck stated that Waylon Blasius with Banner Associates, rough estimated about \$100,000.00 for the engineering portion of the three miles of roads by Plainview Dairy. This included geological reports, hydraulic studies, etc. Broksieck explained there are 13 structures on those three miles up to the dairy that would need new culverts. Broksieck estimated that it would roughly cost about \$16,000.00. He also stated that there is about 705 feet of trees that need to be removed along that stretch. Grabow explained that he would like Blasius to breakdown the costs in sections of the two miles and then the additional 3rd.

Broksieck stated they are taking trees out currently along the Revillo road. He also stated they are still looking for a mechanic.

9:30 Sheriff and Emergency Manager Cory Borg

Borg brought two police contracts to the board for approval. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve police contracts for the Town of Brandt and Town of Goodwin. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Borg explained that he received a contract for FEMA and he advised the board not to sign. The contract talks about LEMP Grant that the county can no longer get reimbursed from since an elected official is in the Emergency Manager position. The board questioned if FEMA would still come if we had an emergency if we didn't sign the contract. Borg stated they would and this contract only pertains to the LEMP grant that we no longer qualify for.

Borg presented a MOU for Codington County Search and Rescue. 3) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the \$1,500 MOU contract for Codington County Search and Rescue. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:40 Executive Session- Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel Matters

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 9:45 A.M.

9:50 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) Contractual Matters

5) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) to discuss a contractual matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairperson Homan declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:15 A.M.

10:15 DADI Representative Randy Keimig & Volunteer Calvin Rans

Keimig and Rans (volunteer, not affiliated with DADI) brought a few requests to the board. DADI requested \$18,000.00 for their yearly funding support. The board of commission would like minutes/reports on what has been happening within DADI in 2023 before their yearly funding is granted. DADI and Rans asked for funding support for a new park/dog park and housing complex. The housing complex would replace the Good Samaritan facility. Keimig explained they have been in contact with CLAD and are working with them to complete grants to help fund these projects. The board also wants financial reports explaining what these projects will cost and studies showing the projects are needed/wanted in the county before the funding is granted for any project.

10:30 Lori Entenman

There was discussion held on Lake Cochrane Sanitary District form, easements for public access and LCSD ordinances. Entenman explained her lengthy process to get her Lake Cochrane Sanitary District Form signed by LCSD officials due to sewer setbacks and stipulations which are required for a building permit. It was also brought up that the public access by Entenman's property isn't big enough to get boats in. Discussion was held about who has authority to put signs up and determine where easement is. Entenman suggested that LCSD publicly publish their ordinances somewhere, giving the public the right to access those documents upon request.

10:45 Plainview Dairy Representatives Ben Stout and Kes Knevelbart via Telephone

Both Stout and Knevelbart were unable to attend the meeting in person, but were available by teleconference. The board thought the email that was sent prior to the meeting explaining road construction practices was sufficient information where the teleconference wasn't necessary. Per the email from Paul Kostboth, managing partner from A1 Development Solutions, explained that they have been in contact with SDDOT and they will ensure public safety during the 2025 Highway 28 road construction by either building up alternate roads, the use of pilot cars or a combination of thereof. SDDOT ensured this is their standard of practice on all SDDOT road construction projects and are both confident and committed to ensuring this project is held to the same standard.

11:05 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) Contractual Matters

6) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) to discuss a contractual matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairperson Homan declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:30 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Firewall; Close & Move Money Market Funds to General Checking; Accept Paul Brandts Resignation; Accept Pam Lynde's Resignation; Surplus Drone

7) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the firewall license for the next 3 years from Connecting Point. All voted yes and the motion carried.

8) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve moving funds from DNB Money Market 4604.23 account to the General Checking account due to lack of interest made and no benefit to account. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the resignation of weed board member, Paul Brandt. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the resignation of deputy auditor, Pam Lynde. All voted yes and the motion carried.

11) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to surplus and destroyed the drone as it no longer meets FAA requirements any longer. All voted yes and the motion carried.

WARRANTS

12) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve warrants presented and those paid early. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Warrants Paid Early: H-D Electric Coop, Inc 727.96 Utilities, Northwestern Energy 225.44 Utilities, Ottertail Power Co 23.51 Utilities, RC Technologies 150.00 911 Utilities, Tri State Water Inc 19.20 Utilities, City of Watertown 4,008.36 911 Surcharge; Health Equity \$25.00 Employee Claim; South Dakota Dept of Revenue 193.98, Excise Tax; Health Equity 5.00 Flex Fee;

Taxes: Schools- 509,343.17; Towns- 39,954.97; Townships- 49,155.78; Upper Deer- 7.42; East Dakota Water Dev.- 1,949.28; Rural Fire District- 10,754.91; Crystal Springs TID- 648.71;

Current Warrants: A-Ox Welding Supply Company In 51.83 Rental, Patricia Wolf 24.75 Clothing Exp., Auto Value Parts Store 64.82 Supplies, Brookings Co. Sheriff's Office 1140.00 Jail Housing, Brookings Deuel Rural Water 114.50 Utilities, Bjerke Sanitation 75.00 Garbage Utilities, Watertown Ford 554.30 Repairs/Supplies, Brandt Cafe & Lounge 160.00 D.C. Bucks Reimb., Paul Brandt 919.66 Meetings/Mileage, Butler Machinery Co 2718.97 Repair/Supplies, Cartney Bearing & Supply Co 281.36 Repairs, Credit Collections Bureau 1.70 Poor Lien Recovery, Codington Co. Sheriff's Office 1710.00 Jail Housing, CDW Government 10950.29 Equipment, Century Link 358.79 911 Utilities, Foell, Pc 160.00 Prof. Fees, Clear Lake Building Center 690.99 Supplies, Cole's Petroleum Products, Inc 28621.13 Supplies, Michael J Dahl 875.00 Meeting/Minutes, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 3600.20 D.C. Bucks Reimb/Maintenance, Kevin Deboer 982.10 Meeting/Minutes, Fastenal Company 45.66 Supplies, Scott Fieber 125.00 Meeting/Minutes, Foley & Foley Law Office P.C. 1263.78 CAA Fees, Fritz Chevrolet Inc 50.00 D.C. Bucks Reimb., Dwayne Gorder 65.30 Meeting/Mileage, Jay Grabow 530.60 Zoning Meeting/Minutes, Gworks 1083.00 Doe Prof Fees, Hidewood Township 30.00 Pocket Gophers, Inter-Lakes Comm Action Inc 1278.33 December Support, Dennis Kanengieter 724.45 Meeting/Minutes, Kibble Equipment LLC 129.39 Repairs, Lewis & Clark Bhs 213.00 BMI Fees, Blue Tarp Financial, Inc 1206.64 Supplies, Craig Magedanz 52.02 Mileage Reimb, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. 179.10 Books, Milbank Ford 2441.94 Repairs, Office Peeps Inc 472.29 Supplies, Ottertail Power Co 1000.07 Utilities, Nathan Palm 61.22 Meeting/Mileage, Pamela Bretz 5.78 Refund Excess Taxes, Pheasantland Industries 3339.63 Supplies, Powerplan OIB 2275.42 Repairs/Supplies, Rogge Excavating Inc. 195000.00 Supplies, Ron's Saw Shop 520.63 Repairs, Running's Supply Inc 29.58 Supplies, Branden Salzer 65.30 Meeting/Mileage, So Dak Department Of Health 165.00 Professional Fees, Sd Dept Of Transportation 30318.69 Supplies, Sd State's Attorney's Assn. 793.85 2024 Assn Dues, Sodak Gardens 271.00 D.C. Bucks Reimb., Sterzinger Crushing Inc 31813.89 Supplies, Ultra-Connecting Point 2144.25 Prof Fees, W.W. Tire Service Inc 8416.69 Repairs/Supplies, West Central Communication Inc 2641.53 Equipment, WheelCo Truck & Trailer Parts 289.41 Repair/Supplies, Kristin A Woodall 114.75 Transcripts, **November Payroll:** Commissioners 9734.11, Election 298.28, Auditor's Office 17538.53, Treasurer's Office 10173.08, State's Attorney's Office 8055.54, General Gov't Building 4993.18, Director of Equalization Office 16023.90, Register of Deeds Office

8690.79, Veteran Service Officer 1374.33, GIS 725.10, Sheriff's Dept. 41308.97, 4-H 47.13, Extension Office 4112.61, Weed & Pest 3550.20, Planning & Zoning 4963.21, Road & Bridge 78218.02.

Public Comment

Steven and Monica Zirbel and Mitch Koehn, Zirbel's attorney, asked what the board's decision was on their tract of land. The board informed them under SDLC 41-1-1(18) they decided it is not isolated.

Adjournment

There being no further business Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to adjourn the Commission meeting.

Chairperson Homan
Deuel County Commission

Attest:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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