

April 4, 2023  
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 3rd, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairperson Homan presiding. Those present were Commissioners Scott Fieber, Judith Homan, Jay Grabow, Steve Rhody and Harry Mewherter. Also present was Deputy Auditor Pam Lynde. The meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve minutes of March 7 with amendment of Deuel County Ambulance Volunteer name Blaine Pederson needs to be corrected to Blaine Franken and Lisa Pedersen and approve minutes of March 21 and 27. All voted yes and the motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

3) Grabow moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the updated Investment Policy. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on the quotes for a different copier for 4-H and Extension. 4) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve and purchase from Office Peeps a Toshiba e-Studio 2520AC for total price of \$4979. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Additional information on recording of County Commissioner meetings was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

##### **9:15 Jamie Broksieck Highway Superintendent**

Broksieck presented bids for Deuel County Highway 312 Asphalt Concrete Overlay project to the Commissioners. Broksieck stated the bids were opened on Monday, April 3rd 2023 with Banner Associates Inc. as the engineering consultant. Three bids were received: Bituminous Paving with bid of \$1,572,227; Bowes Construction \$1,998,514.80; Duininck Inc. \$1,719,831.25. Differences in bids stemmed from asphalt prices and pre-existing plants. The project contains six miles of road to be overlaid. 5) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the bid of Bituminous Paving in the amount of \$1,572,227 for Deuel County Highway 312 Asphalt Concrete Overlay project. All voted yes and the motion carried. The bid includes striping of the road. Broksieck also talked about repairs to county road #513 Deuel County Haul Road Restoration Project and that adding three additional miles to the project would cost approximately another \$758,000. He said the last mile is in worst condition. Broksieck recommends repairing/overlaying the entire road; bid pricing of product used in the additional three miles will be the same. 6) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to add additional three miles of county road #513 to Deuel County Haul Road Restoration project. All voted yes and motion carried. Broksieck said he will advertise for BIG Grant project funds for Bridge 20-200-163 on county road 375 with estimated cost of 1.5 million and grant coming in at 1.1 million. 7) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to advertise for bids to replace Bridge 20-200-163 and apply for BIG Grant to fund the project. Bid letting will take place May 10 at 10:00 a.m. All voted yes and motion carried. The final draft of the revised Haul Road Agreement will be addressed at the next meeting.

**9:30 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(1) Personnel Matter**

8) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow 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 9:50 A.M.

**10:00 Kirk Phinney with Ottertail- Astoria Plant**

Phinney explained and gave specifics on the new Astoria On Site Fuel Inventory Project; Astoria Station is a 245-megawatt simple-cycle natural gas combustion turbine situated over by Astoria. Why is Ottertail building on site fuel inventory; Reliability benefits ensures Astoria Station can operate when pipeline gas supply is limited or renewable generation is unavailable; customer financial benefits provides customers rate stability by: protecting against volatile natural gas market prices during extreme weather events; overall design of on-site inventory project; conceptual design; OTP evaluated fuel oil and liquefied natural gas; schedule for construction is in 23 regulatory proceedings and development, 24 start construction; 26 in service; what is LNG; liquefied natural gas is natural gas that has been cooled to the point that it condenses to a liquid, which occurs at a temp. of approximately -262 degrees at atmospheric pressure; volume is reduced 600 times allowing for more economical transport and storage; LNG is colorless, non-toxic, lighter than air; non-corrosive; flammability limits 5%-15%; no residue; conceptual rendering of on-site fuel storage; very established industry; Ottertail estimates the project will provide an additional \$445,824 in tax revenue; Ottertail will apply for the discretionary formula for property tax will apply to the new project; 20%; 40%; 60%; 80%; 100% in year five.

**10:30 Kari Johnston with Human Service Agency**

Johnston gave an overview of the Human Service Agency. Serenity Hills opened in 1997 with 15 bed capacity with it being the first halfway house in the state to serve individual with a dual diagnosis. A safe room was added in 2011; current location was sold and in May of 22 they moved to temporary location and will be located on the same campus as the main agency when construction of new building is complete. In 2021 the Human Service Agency was one of two communities to receive the RFP to build an Appropriate Regional Facility; will have four beds and be able to hold an individual for up to five days; additional building to house patients is located west of Human Service Agency main agency. Johnston also requested a 3% funding increase from the county for the 2024 budget year.

**11:00 Snow Removal on County Roads – Calvin Musch**

Calvin Musch asked what the schedule was for plowing county roads; he is a resident of Portland Township; He said that the blading of County Road #1 is one road in Portland that is getting questioned; he asked what the agenda was for plowing; Broksieck said that in snow storm or after they typically do asphalt roads first. Portland hired Stoltman to clean and blade their township roads and had to open two miles of county road; Broksieck said in some areas they had to run blades in front of trucks to get through; county road #1 is not highly populated road; Broksieck said they had almost 300 miles of roads to blade during a very rough winter.

**11:15 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matter**

9) Grabow moved, seconded Fieber to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter. All voted yes and motion carried. Chair Homan declared Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:25. 10) Mewherter moved, seconded by

Rhody to accept resignation/retirement of Scott Ruby effective June 15 and advertise for full time janitor position. All voted yes and motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Abatement; Cash Balance Sheet**

An application for abatement of taxes was received on parcel #753 for property located on NW1/4 of 28-114-47 due to May 12<sup>th</sup> storm damage. Two grain bins were destroyed in storm. 11) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve abatement of portion of taxes payable in 2023 on affected (destroyed or damaged) bins only in amount of \$168.77, on above describe ed property. All voted yes and motion carried.

12) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the March 2023 Cash Balance Sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT  
WITH TREASURER**

<b>END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>March-23</b>
CASH TOTAL	\$1,296.40
CHECKS TOTAL	\$18,260.55
CASH ITEM	\$-
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF	\$50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$19,606.95
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$501,557.24
MM DNB NATIONAL BANK	\$4,063.96
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO	\$10,709,847.17
SD FIT	\$1,000,000.00
CREDIT CARDS	\$209.40
CD'S       \$250,000   DNB	\$250,000.00
\$0   FIRST BANK & TRUST	
REVOLVING LOAN	\$35,260.48

<b>GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>					<b>\$12,520,545.20</b>
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:					
GENERAL					\$4,839,689.49
SP REVENUE FUNDS					\$7,036,217.62
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS					\$644,638.09
townships	\$87,562.23	cities	\$54,233.10		
schools	\$286,641.40	rural fire	\$5,790.75		

**TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH** **\$12,520,545.20**

**Warrants**

13)Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the current warrants presented and those paid early. All voted yes and the motion carried. A&B Business Solution 203.14 Supplies, A-OX Welding Supply 247.89 Rental/Supplies, APPEARA 211.44 Rug Rental, AT&T Mobility 240.24 Utility, Auto Value Parts Store 413.82 Repair, Todd Ball 65.30 Juror Fee/Mileage, Banner Associates 21547.20 Engineering Services, Bjerke Sanitation 280.00 Garbage, Borns Group 1961.93 Professional Services, Boyer Trucks 2423.29 Repairs, Brock White Co. 11590.82 Repairs, Taylor Bublitz 56.12 Juror Fee/Travel, Butler Machinery Co 2830.68 Repairs, Credit Collections Bureau 1.70 Collection Fees, CL Building Center 15.10 Supplies, City of CL 177.89 Water/Sewer, CL Courier 2431.50 Publications/Supplies, CL Veterinary Clinic 157.64 Supplies, CL Fire Dept. 11180.57 Bunker Equipment, Codington County Auditor 2206.98 Prisoner Care, Cole's Petroleum 31677.32 Fuel, Corporate Warehouse Supply 1679.65 Supplies, Cowboy Country Stores 81.98 Fuel, Dakota Riggers & Tool 1952.65 Supplies, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 5404.88 Repairs/Supplies/Utility, Deuel County Motor Supply 556.89 Supplies/Repairs, Elizabeth DeBoer 50.00 Juror Fee, Equipment Blades Inc 25827.40 Repairs/Supplies, First Bank & Trust 1742.70 Supplies/Repairs Credit Card, Fritz Chevy 1349.42 Repairs, Galls 1148.39 Uniforms/Supplies, Gary Fire Dept. 14830.61 Bunker Equip., Dwayne Gorder 65.30 Weed Meeting/Mileage, Green, Roby, Oviatt 1262.50 CAA, Debra Gruener Juror Fee/Mileage, Kathryn Haas 58.16 Juror Fee/Mileage, Hidewood Township 64.50 Gopher Bounty, I-State Truck 12.76 Repairs, ICAP 1278.33 Service Worker Support, Kibble Equip. 985.13 Repairs, Josefina Koopmans 172.44 Professional Services/Mileage, M&T Fire & Safety 531.00 AED Batteries, Blue Tarp Financial 1272.38 Supplies, Craig Magedanz 63.26 Weed Meeting/Mileage, Master Burn 238.93 Repairs, Matthew Bender & Co 172.16 Law Books, Maynards 11.48 Supplies, Milbank Ford 617.94 Repairs, Minnehaha Co Auditor 101.00 MI Board, Nosbush Plumbing 3469.39 Furnace at 4-H Serv. Center, NorthWestern Energy 2864.05 Utilities, Office Peeps 7867.47 Copier/Supplies/Repair, Ottetail Power 133.12 Utilities, Nathan Palm 61.22 Weed Meeting/Travel, Elizabeth Peterson 64.28 Juror Fee/Mileage, Powerplan OIB 11485.34 Hwy Repairs/Supplies, Quadient Leasing USA 672.63 Postage Machine Lease, Cindy Anderson 10.00 Supplies, Rob's Locker 826.25 Weed Meeting Catering, Running's Supply 598.61 Supplies, Branden Salzer 65.30 Weed Meeting/Mileage, Sanford Health 166.00 Blood Draws,

Sanford Clinic 3105.55 Health Nurse Payment, Lynn Simon 53.00 Supplies, SD DOT 242.07 Professional Services, SDDOT 742.11 Supplies, State of SD 40.00 Blood Draw, Robert Shearer 67.34 Juror Fees/Mileage, Sioux Valley Coop 690.00 Supplies, William Taylor 50.00 Juror Fee, Transource Truck & Equip Inc 399.00 Repairs, Lonnie Vick 70.40 Juror Fee/Mileage, Westmor Industries LLC 150.00 Repairs, Wheelco Truck & Trailer 845.96 Repairs, Health Equity 3.80 Flex Claim, NY Life 268.60 Life Ins, DC Treasurer 26.70 Lic. Plates Hwy., Deuel County Ambulance 361.75 FEMA Volunteer Grant, CL Fire Dept. 361.75 FEMA Volunteer Grant, Gary Fire Dept. 361.74 FEMA Volunteer Grant.

**Adjournment**

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

Chairperson  
Deuel County Commission

Attest:

Pam Lynde, Deputy Auditor

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