

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on August 4th, 2026, 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 few members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session for Contractual Matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the July minutes. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck presented two requests for design. The first is structure 20-107-190 located on 185th Street over Hidewood Creek replacing the existing 30 foot long concrete and timber bridge with a new 2-11 foot by 8 foot box culvert with a speed design being reduced to 35 mph. 3) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the Request for Design Exception of 35 mph for project 20-107-190. All voted yes and the motion carried. The second being structure 20-151-200 located on 186th Street over Cobb Creek to replace the existing 28 foot long steel and concrete bridge with a new 3-9 foot by nine foot box culvert. The requested exception from standard is reducing headwater elevation by .4 feet below the roadway low subgrade shoulder elevation. 4) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the proposed 10-year design headwater elevation of .6 feet below the roadway low subgrade shoulder elevation on project 20-151-200. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck reached out to Kibble for a better price on a 6M130 mowing tractor and set up. Kibble quoted \$210,448.64 and Diamond quoted \$222,441. Receiving the tractor is six months out. 5) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the Kibble quote for the tractor 6M130 tractor and the mowers at \$210,448.64. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck explained they are chip sealing 28 miles in Deuel County this summer which is down from the previous summer. 6) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the road oil purchase of \$454,994.04. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #2 CLAD Executive Director Deb Adkins

Adkins presented her quarterly report. She discussed RAIF funding and noted that Deuel County receives a similar amount of funding compared to larger, more populated counties.

Adkins provided an update on the Beautification Grant, which assists Deuel County businesses with signage and other property improvements. Since CLAD began administering the program, there has consistently been at least one applicant per quarter.

Adkins reported that it has been a busy year with the Applied Digital and Missouri River Energy projects. She also provided an update on the USDA Rural Business Development Grant, which is currently in progress. A biomass study is being conducted for the entire community. If the project moves forward, it could benefit Crystal Springs Feeds by providing opportunities related to its by-products.

Tech Ord held a successful groundbreaking in June. Approximately 85% of Tech Ord's employees are from Deuel County. The expansion is expected to add approximately 25-30 production positions and five or more administrative positions. The expansion will also allow for additional types of detonators and assembly pods within the building.

Adkins also reported that Shane Dahl plans to construct storage units in the industrial park and that Midwest Ag has expanded. The industrial park water project was completed last Friday.

The CLAD office is now in control of 100% of DADI's debt and assets following the dissolution of DADI. New signage has also been installed for Wildlife Estates. Adkins concluded by noting that several additional expansions are currently underway.

7) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve quarterly funds in the amount of \$5,000.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #3 Public Hearing 10:00 AM Omitted Property

Parker explained a new SDCL requires digestors to be added to the tax roll. The property value for the digester belonging to Brookings Biogas LLC is \$1,940,210. 8) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the omitted property, Brookings Biogas LLC to be added to the tax roll in the amount of \$1,940,210. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #4 Steve January

January discussed Power On Midwest for the 765kV line has been contacting Deuel County residents about a waiver for the 2000-foot setback. January stated his neighbor was offered \$1,500 to sign a set back from his residence of 950 feet. They explained they only had a week to sign the agreement. January told his neighbor to refer to a lawyer. January reported the incident to the PUC. PUC stated they are not involved in the easement process or the eminent domain process; Circuit Court makes the decisions. Mary Nosbush asked what the county process for permitting the 765kV lines were. Grabow responded Deuel County can put setbacks in place but the PUC has final say.

Item #5 10:12 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters

9) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:35 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

10) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the Provisional Budget 3.5% 1.29% growth and remainder of stored CPI. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

11) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to pay all of the warrants as presented. All voted yes and motion carried.

Paid Early: CITY OF WATERTOWN 6,260.30 911 SURCHARGE, WELLMARK BCBS 24,454.70 HEALTH INSURANCE

Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 585.30 SUPPLIES, ASTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2862.46 FIRE REVERSION, ASTORIA LEGION 50.00 PRECINCT RENT, AT&T MOBILITY 246.24 UTILITY, AT&T MOBILITY 40.54 ULILITY, BEV MAGEDANZ 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, BJERKE SANITATION 150.00 GARBAGE, BLAINE FRANKEN 265.00 ELECITON WORKER, BLOM TOWNSHIP 33456.00 RAIF REIM., ABIGAIL BRANDENBURGER 79.00 FASHION JUDGE, BRANDT FIRE DEPARTMENT 7176.33 FIRE REVERSION, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 783.45 REPAIRS, BX CIVIL & CONTRUCTION 22467.94 CULVERT, CARLA BRUINSMA 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, CARTNEY BEARING & SUPPLY CO 39.68 SUPPLIES, FOELL, PC 200.00 PROF SERVICES, CINDY BOHLEN 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 2097.10 PUBLISHING SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT 18188.67 FIRE REVERSION, CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP 52.00 POCKET GOPHERS, COLLEEN BOEKE 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 2115.20 TECH, D&G EXCAVATING 31000.00 CONTRACT WORK, DAKOTA RIDGE INC 50.00 PRECINCT RENT, DARLENE

BUSCHENFELD 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, DEB ADKINS 30.00 COUNTING BOARD, DEBRA HUBER 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, DYLAN AMDAHL 30.00 COUNTING BOARD, ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV 68.03 PEST CONTROL, ERIKA HALL 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, ESTELLINE FIRE DEPT. 2542.53 FIRE REVERSION, FAY BUCHHOLTZ 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, GARY FIRE DEPARTMENT 6548.79 FIRE REVERSION, GERALD ABERLE 30.00 COUNTING BOARD, GOODWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT 4642.62 FIRE REVERSION, HENDRICKS FIRE DEPT 824.76 FIRE REVERSION, HOLLAWAY BRIDGE & CULVERT 13500.00 CONTRACT WORK, ITC 167.10 INTERNET, JANELLE LORENZEN 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, JANICE ENGELSTAD 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, JOAN CROOKS 205.00 ELECTION WORKER, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 305.40 SUPPLIES, JONI KANABLE 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, JULIE BARTELS 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, JULIE HENDRICKSON 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, JUNE KLEMMANN 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, HALEYJURRENS 93.50 FASHION JUDGE, KAREN FIEBER 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, KAREN RAYE KEIMIG 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, KAY GIESEL 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, L G EVERIST INC 20578.39 PEA ROCK, LINDA BROKSIECK 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LINDA DAILEY 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LINDA GOODROAD 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, LORETTA TVEDT 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, MAC'S HARDWARE 32.83 REPAIRS, MARY MEWHERTER 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, MATTHEW SCHMALZ 267.07 OVPMNT VIN 199398, NANCY BARONDEAU 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, BYRON NOGELMEIER 30.00 24/7 program, NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP 4315.00 REPAIRS, DENNIS NOSBUSH 230.20 REPAIR, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 49.99 UTILITY, OFFICE PEEPS INC 508.11 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 81.96 UTILITIES, POSTMASTER 164.00 STAMPS, REBECCA KRAUSE 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, REVILLO FIRE DEPARTMENT 1119.00 FIRE REVERSION 911.5R 127.50M, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 194.94 REPAIRS, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 765.69 PROF SERVICES, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2912.65 FUEL, SDAAO 500.00 SCHOOL, SHARLENE DEBOER 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, SHERRI KRAUSE 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 581.53 SUPPLIES, STUART ALMOS 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, TAMMY KREIN 265.00 ELECTION WORKER, TEESDALE LAW OFFICE, PLLC 109.80 CAA, TORONTO INC 50.00 PRECTINCT RENT, TORONTO FIRE DEPARTMENT 4808.61 FIRE REVERSION, TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS 4041.93 ANNUAL MAINT FEE, KRISTIN A WOODALL 193.80 TRANSCRIPTS,

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

June Payroll

Commissioners \$10,979.19, Election \$454.50, Auditor's Office \$15,061.44, Treasurer's Office \$12,245.42, State's Attorney's Office \$9,061.50, General Government Building \$7,268.46, Director of Equalization Office \$18,728.69, Register of Deeds Office \$9,693.74, Veteran Service Officer \$1,544.30, GIS \$750.34, Sheriff's Dept. \$50,515.15, County Assist \$392.05, 4-H \$1,500.93, Extension Office \$4,178.19, Weed & Pest \$6,856.41, Planning & Zoning \$6,084.94, Road & Bridge \$73,918.36, Civil Defense \$428.57

July Payroll

Commissioners \$10,979.22, Election \$474.97, Auditor's Office \$11,231.15, Treasurer's Office \$17,938.84, State's Attorney's Office \$9,246.85, General Government Building \$8,172.02, Director of Equalization Office \$17,512.01, Register of Deeds Office \$9,922.96, Veteran Service Officer \$1,544.29, GIS \$750.34, Sheriff's Dept. \$57,338.14, County Assist \$392.05, 4-H \$2,236.42, Extension Office \$4,667.46, Weed & Pest \$6,768.66, Planning & Zoning \$6,064.88, Road & Bridge \$78,640.12, Civil Defense \$428.57

August 4th, 2026
Regular Meeting

Adjournment

There being no further business 12) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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