

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on October 21st, 2025, 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. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda with the additions of purchase of road salt and executive session for contractual matters. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck presented a quote for a 7x7 precast-box culvert from Rinker Materials for \$86,691.50. This culvert would replace an existing structure on County Road 313 (Gorder Road). Discussion was had to get two bids even though it is a state bid to make sure they are the best price. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to purchase the box culvert from Rinker Materials for \$86,691.50. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Next, Broksieck discussed the need for a new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickup. State bid from Beck's Motors quoted a custom 2026 Chevy Silverado Crew Cab Pickup at \$52,821. The pickup is a gas. Getting the $\frac{3}{4}$ ton would be a much better fit for towing rather than the $\frac{1}{2}$ ton pickup they currently have. Broksieck stated the Chevy is \$2,000 cheaper than a Ford on state bid and finding someone to work on Fords is more difficult. 3) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to purchase the 2026 Chevy Silverado Crew Cab Pickup for \$52,821 from Beck's Motors. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Third, Broksieck presented a Right of Way Occupancy application for Cory Homan. C.Homan will have a waterline running across the road for cattle. They are going to trench it as of right now but may have to bore it due to the large matter in the road. The application requires applicant to pack in dirt after trenching. 4) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the right of way occupancy application for Cory Homan. Vote is as followed: Homan abstains, Mewherter- aye, Fieber- aye, Rhody- aye, and Grabow- aye. Motion carries.

Lastly, Broksieck presented a quote for road salt. The county will get two truckloads (averaging 26 ton), from O'Neil Nebraska. The City of Clear Lake and the City of Gary will get some from the county. 5) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve two truckloads, roughly 26 ton averaged, from Blackstrap Inc in O'Neill, Nebraska totaling \$8,400. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Next meeting Waylon Blasius from Banner Associates will be at the next meeting to talk about the Hunt road.

Item #2 9:30 AM Joint Meeting with Zoning and Planning Commission- Rezoning

A joint public hearing with the Deuel County Commissioners and the Deuel County Planning Commission was held regarding the request of petitioners/owners William & Julie Moe for a zoning change on a portion of Gov Lots 4-5-7-8 & 9, Less Exceptions, Section 7, Township 116N, Range 48W, Deuel County, South Dakota.

Upon platting, the property will be known as Lots 1 & 2, Block 1 of Moe Addition, located in Gov Lot 4 of Section 7, Township 116N, Range 48W. The request is to rezone the property from "AG" Agricultural District to "LP" Lake Park District. Deuel County Board Planning Commission member DeBoer made a motion, seconded by Kanengieter, to recommend to the Deuel County Board of Commissioners the rezoning of Lots 1 & 2, Block 1 of Moe Addition, Gov Lot 4,

Section 7, Township 116N, Range 48W, Deuel County, South Dakota, from “AG” Agricultural District to “LP” Lake Park District, contingent upon the applicant signing and filing a Letter of Assurance with the plat at the Deuel County Register of Deeds. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Motion by DeBoer, seconded by Grabow, to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners the Plat of Lunden Second Addition located in SW1/4 of Section Twenty-five (25), Township One Hundred Thirteen (113) North, Range Forty Nine (49) West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Kanengieter, seconded by DeBoer. Motion passed unanimously.

Following adjournment, the Deuel County Commissioners held the First Reading of Ordinance B2022-01-08A. 6) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to have the second reading on B2022-01-08A on November 4th, 2025 at 9:30 AM. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #3 Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen

Theisen presented four plats.

7) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the plat of “**Lunden Second Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 113 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,**” and Resolution 25-16. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 25-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**Lunden Second Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 113 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,**” which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2025.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Deuel County, South Dakota

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8) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve plat of “**LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1 OF MOE ADDITION IN THE COUNTY OF DEUEL, SOUTH DAKOTA, Located in Government Lot 4, Section 7, T116N, R48W of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,**” and Resolution 25-15. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 25-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1 OF MOE ADDITION IN THE COUNTY OF DEUEL, SOUTH DAKOTA, Located in Government Lot 4, Section 7, T116N, R48W of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,**” which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

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9) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve plat of “**Anderson Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 115 North, R49W of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,**” and Resolution 25-17. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 25-17

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**Anderson Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 115 North, R49W of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,**” which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

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10) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve plat of **“HOEKE ADDITION IN THE COUNTY OF DEUEL, SOUTH DAKOTA, Located in the West Half (W1/2) of Section 13, T117N, R49W of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,”** and Resolution 25-18. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 25-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **“HOEKE ADDITION IN THE COUNTY OF DEUEL, SOUTH DAKOTA, Located in the West Half (W1/2) of Section 13, T117N, R49W of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota,”** which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

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Item #4 Legislative Audit Auditor David Weidler

David Weidler and Natalie Zirbel lead the entrance conference for the 2023 and 2024 audit. Grabow discussed adding in an audit of the Sheriff's Office evidence room. Weidler stated they do a reconciliation and that meets the Department of Legislative Audit's requirements but he could look into it. Parker stated there is no conflict of interest with Natalie Zirbel conducting Deuel County's audit. 11) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Chairman to sign the entrance letter for the 2023 & 2024 audit. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #5 Plainview Dairy representative Kees Knevelbaard

Knevelbaard presented a map of noted spots on Blom Township roads where there is some needed attention and a quote from Basin Construction for \$26,553.62 to fix the spots. The soft spots will be dug out, aggregate filled in, fabric, and then class 5 filled in on top. Grabow stated this is the same process the county follows to fix roads. This should fix the spots permanently so they should not have to be fixed in coming years. Knevelbaard stated this year during silage season and the closure of Highway 28 there was a lot of traffic and damage to roads around the dairy. Plainview Dairy will pay for the work on the roads, but asked to be reimbursed from the RPP Funds, whenever they are distributed. Mewherter clarified this would be within the 65% they have already committed to fixing the roads. Knevelbaard just wanted to make sure he is keeping the board up to speed on things. Grabow explained the RPP money will be split between Blom Township, surrounding townships, Plainview Dairy and the County to make sure the roads are in good condition. Blom Township officials stated there are more spots than what is indicated on the map. Homan told both the Township and Plainview Dairy officials to meet before the next commission meeting to discuss other spots on the road that may need to be fixed and present at the next commission meeting. 12) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve reimbursement of RPP funds to Plainview Dairy for fixing Blom Township roads. All voted yes.

Item #6 Weed Superintendent Keith Goens

Goens asked the board for travel and lodging to the State Conference Deadwood on February 17, 18, 19 and 20. Goens asked that one board member also come therefore Deuel County is eligible for grants. 13) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve lodging and travel expenses for Goens and one other board member to go to the State Conference in Deadwood, SD on February 17th-20th. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #7 Veteran Service Officers Dennis Evenson & Lynna Speier

Evenson and Speier presented their quarterly reports. Evenson has been working with Speier and been transferring everything over as Evenson's retirement from the Veteran Service Officer nears. Speier explains how the government shutdown has affected the Veterans. Currently, the Sioux Falls office is closed but are trying to work remotely. But services are scaled down and slower than normal. Veteran Service Officer's in counties are still processing claims as they are funded from the counties. Speier's report stated there are three prior claims, five newly submitted claims, two complete claims and a total of \$5,474.37 per month plus a one-time payment totaling \$7,137.44 in community revenue. Speier and Parker will work together to give Evenson a retirement party.

Item #8 Risty Benefits Consultant Dan Johnson

Johnson reported the medical plan with Wellmark will go up 7.52%. The MERP plan saved the county \$39,117.19 (after claims paid to employees). These savings can be put towards any benefit. The Dental plan will increase 6.8%, vision plan received a rate pass and Life and AD&D rate pass. Dental plans from principal and delta were compared. Principal was a richer benefit than the Delta. Vision plans from Principal VSP and Delta Vision Eye Med were compared but Principal was the better plan. Wellmark is changing and will require anyone who is enrolled in a Wellmark insurance plan and is 65 or older will need a drug card. Grabow stated that Deuel County will work with any employee that is 65, on our medical insurance and needing help receiving a drug card. Johnson explained Masa Access is a comprehensive coverage and care for emergency transportation. MASA will cover emergency trips via ambulance, air ambulance, hospital to hospital transportation and repatriation near home coverage. 79% of all ground ambulance rides could result in an

out-of-network bill. MASA would cover the charges for only \$8 per month per single or \$17 per month per family. 13) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to pay the MASA Access single premium of \$8 per month for all full-time employees. If the full-time employee opts for family coverage, the difference will be deducted from their payroll. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #9 Tax Deed Review

Discussion was had on a payment plan for back owed taxes. Applicant explained the situation is different now and he has reliable vehicles and is working a full-time job. Applicant offered to pay \$600 a month. 14) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve a \$400 a month payment plan for back owed taxes. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #10 at 11:34 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters

15) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:51 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

16) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve two liquor licenses for Stateline SGB LLC, Package Off-Sale Liquor and Retail On-Sale Liquor Licenses. All voted yes and the motion carried.

17) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve MOU between DSU v. Deuel County. All voted yes and the motion carried.

18) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the WIC contract for Deuel County for office space. All voted yes and the motion carried.

19) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve seven employees to attend the Sioux Valley commission meeting. All voted yes and the motion carried.

20) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the September Cash Balance Sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE- SEPTEMBER 2025

CASH TOTAL		\$	1,315.67
CHECKS TOTAL		\$	32,637.34
CASH ITEM		\$	12.00
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF		\$	50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND		\$	34,015.01
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$	700,378.50
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO		\$	4,942,982.35
SD FIT		\$	-
CREDIT CARDS		\$	4,184.81
CD	DNB	\$	250,000.00
	FB&T		-
INTEREST EARNED: \$12,915.92			
REVOLVING LOAN		\$	46,033.60
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS		\$	5,977,594.27
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:			

GENERAL				\$ 4,735,941.11
				\$ 458,574.53
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS				\$ 783,078.63
Townships	\$100,837.14	Cities	\$38,819.05	
Schools	\$377,366.44	Rural Fire	\$4,961.09	
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH				\$ 5,977,594.27

Difference

= \$ -

21) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to approve December 26th as holiday pay for Deuel County Employees. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

22) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to pay all warrants. All voted yes and motion carried.

Paid Early: MERP 279.50 Admin Fees, MERP 420.00 Employee Claims, Agri Partners 9329.28 Weed Spray, Brookings Deuel Rural Water 168.10 Utilities, DC Farmers 930.02 Repairs/Maintenance/Utilities, DETCO 2064.66 Supplies, Gary Quail 126.28 Overpayment of Taxes, H-D Electric 297.20 Utilities, NW Energy 14.41 Utilities

Transmittals: Schools 377,366.44, Townships 121,236.41, Towns 47,740.71, EDWD 870.74, Rural Fire 4,961.09,

Warrants: A-OX WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY IN 56.62 RENTAL, BROOKINGS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE 1417.50 PRISONER HOUSING, BOWES CONSTRUCTION INC 650065.08 OVERLAY PROJECT, CENTURY LINK 341.40 UTILITIES, CINTAS CORP 142.11 RUGS, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 290.96 SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE AREA DEVELOPMENT 5000.00 3RD QTR FUNDS, CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP 5148.92 RAIF REIMB. & POCKET GOPHERS, COLE'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC 2295.68 FUEL, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 112.20 PROF SERVICE 365, DAKOTA DATA SHRED 73.07 PROF. SERVICE, DAKOTABILITIES 180.00 4TH QTR SUPPORT, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 1073.88 D. HENTGES REFUND, DOMAIN LISTINGS 288.00 ANNUAL WEBSITE SERVICE, ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV 62.99 PROF. SERVICE, FOERSTER TESTING LIMITED 1850.00 CORE SAMPLES, GREEN OVIATT LAW LLP 476.00 CAA FEES, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 95.10 REPAIR, JOHNSON CONTROLS 521.93 REPAIR, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 180.00 AUG & SEPT RENTALS, NANCY CHRISTIANSON 1206.06 OVR PAYMENT TAXES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 270.00 SUPPLIES, POWERPLAN OIB 347.81 REPAIR, SANFORD HEALTH OCCMED 166.00 DRUG TESTS, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 803.59 FUEL, TWIN VALLEY TIRE INC 314.75 REPAIR, W W TIRE SERVICE INC-WTN 4304.16 REPAIR, CITY OF WATERTOWN 6361.94 911 SURCHARGE,

October Payroll

Commissioners \$10,647.37, Election \$134.25, Auditor's Office \$11,643.03, Treasurer's Office \$12,314.81, State's Attorney's Office \$8,680.87, General Government Building \$6,228.04, Director of Equalization Office \$18,927.27, Register of Deeds Office \$9,567.31, Veteran Service Officer \$3,001.55, GIS \$749.03, Sheriff's Dept. \$49,575.96, County Assist \$402.64, 4-H \$85.70, Extension Office \$4,214.95, Weed & Pest \$7,632.99, Planning & Zoning \$5,756.25, Road & Bridge \$75,072.78, Civil Defense \$428.08

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business 23) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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