

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 additions of the parade in Gary, executive session contractual matters and speed bumps. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the May Minutes. All voted yes and the motion carried.

### **Appointments**

#### **Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck**

Broksieck didn't have much to discuss with the commission. New speed bumps were placed around Lake Cochrane, however commissioners had calls from concerned residents regarding the one by Stateline during Memorial Day weekend. The speed bump by Stateline was removed the following Monday. The Lake Cochrane Association will have a meeting on June 6th to discuss the speed bumps.

Briefly discussed items were the Hunt road will be done in July, Base One will be injected on June 15th on the Gorder Road, Bowes will pave the Gorder Road after Highway 28 and the box culvert is in the ground its just not covered up yet.

#### **Item #2 9:30 AM County Canvass of 2026 Primary and Special Election**

The Board of Commissioners convened as the Election Canvassing Board. The board canvassed the votes for the June 2, 2026, Primary Election. Voter turnout for Deuel County was 54%. The Commissioners Canvassed the vote total in each precinct of the county with the following results:

Total Precincts Reporting	10
Total Ballots Counted	1009
<u>Republican United States Senator</u>	
Justin McNeal	255
Mike Rounds	710
<u>Republican United States Representative</u>	
Marty Jackley	725
James Bialota	205
<u>Republican Governor</u>	
Larry Rhoden	211
Jon Hansen	228
Dusty Johnson	178
Toby Doeden	374
<u>Republican State Senator, District 04</u>	
Timothy Begalka	683
Stephanie Sauder	293
<u>Republican State Representative, District 04</u>	
Gary William Hudiburg III	74
Ryan Kohl	364
Fred Deutsch	426
Dylan C Jordan	440

Kent Roe	241
<u>Republican County Commissioner, District 5</u>	
Tony Alan Quail	113
Harry Ellis Mewherter	92

The board canvassed the votes for the June 2, 2026, Special Election. Voter turnout for Deuel County was 43%. The Commissioners Canvassed the vote total in each precinct of the county with the following results:

Total Precincts Reporting	10
Total Ballots Counted	1343

Referred Ordinance B2022-01-09A

Yes	438
No	901
Over	1
Under	3

By random draw, the board drew races for the Post-Election Audit that will be held in the court room on June 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Grabow drew US Senator Race and Precinct 3. Grabow drew the Republican State Senator, District 4 Race and Precinct 9. Audit results will be shared with the board at the meeting held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

3) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the 2026 Primary Election Canvass. Roll Call Vote: Homan-Aye, Mewherter-Aye, Fieber-Aye, Rhody-Aye, Grabow-Aye. Motion carries.

4) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the 2026 Special Election Canvass. Roll Call Vote: Homan-Aye, Mewherter-Aye, Fieber-Aye, Rhody-Aye, Grabow-Aye. Motion carries.

**Item #3 Sheriff Cory Borg**

Sheriff Borg presented the Grant County Jail Contract. Grant County wanted to add an end date to the contract but the rate has not changed from \$105 per inmate per date. 5) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Grant County Jail Contract with the addition of the end date. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Borg presented two Fireworks Permits for outside the window of when you can shoot fireworks off per state law. Both permits are from Powerhouse Fireworks, first permit is for Crystal Springs Rodeo and the second permit is for June 27<sup>th</sup> at his shop. Borg discussed with both Clear Lake and Gary fire chiefs and they have no issues with it. If the county issues a burn ban the permits are automatically voided per the contract. 6) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve both fireworks permits for Powerhouse Fireworks. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Borg discussed the AED external defibrillator reads heart rhythm and decides if the person needs a shock or not. Currently, there is one in every patrol car, County Courthouse, 4-H Complex and 4-H Service Center. AEDs are not manufactured anymore and quit making the batteries for them. Four of the AEDs currently are only at half battery life. Borg had two extra batteries but can't purchase anymore. Borg explained why we had the current style as they were compatible with the Deuel County Ambulances. Zoll has an AED that takes CR123 batteries. Borg presented two quotes, M&T Fire out of Volga at \$2,170 per AED totaling \$19,530 and AED Superstore is \$2,082 per AED totaling \$18,738. 7) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the purchase of nine AEDs from M&T Fire in the amount of \$19,530. All voted yes and the motion carried. The old will be destroyed.

Borg stated the Deuel County Ambulance Board unanimously approved 80% to Clear Lake and 20% to Gary funding split. 8) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the Deuel County Ambulance a check in the amount of \$75,000 resulting in 80% going to Clear Lake and 20% going to Gary. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**Item #4 9:13 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters & 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters**

9) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for Personnel Matters and SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. The board moved to Legal Counsel discussion at 9:32 AM. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 9:39 AM.

10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve hiring Kristine Guttermsson as the new deputy auditor at \$20.68 with all benefits included. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**Old Business**

11) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve and sign the roof contract with Skywalker Roofing in the amount of \$69,873. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**New Business**

Discussion was had on a county lien for court appointed attorney lien. An individual contacted the Auditor's office asking if the lien could be written off due to the charges being dropped. Borg investigated the file and his research showed the case was not dismissed and it was ordered to deferred prosecution. The commission chose not to write off the lien.

12) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the Gary Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup> and the close the streets for the parade. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**Approval of Warrants**

13) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to pay all of the warrants minus the travel and conference of the States Attorney due no travel request. All voted yes and motion carried.

**Paid Early:** US POSTMASTER 1000.00 POSTAGE, US POSTMASTER 700.00 POSTAGE, IBC 80.00 MERP, IBC 267.32 MERP, IBC 27.88 MERP, PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE 1,781.65 INSURANCE, WELLMARK BCBS 22,489.92 HEALTH INSURANCE,

**Warrants:** A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 275.42 SUPPLIES, AGRI-TECH 201.00 EID TAG SUPPLIES, AT&T MOBILITY 286.78 UTILITIES, AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 72.93 REPAIR, AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE-SF 75.40 DRUG TESTING, BJERKE SANITATION 350.00 GARBAGE, LANDEN BROWN 68.20 JUROR & MILEAGE, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 1114.43 REPAIR, CHILD'S VOICE ROUTE 6361 175.00 PROF. SERVICE, CINTAS CORP 258.18 RUGS/SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 4.22 REPAIR, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 254.60 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 3566.02 PUBLICATIONS & SUPPLIES, COLOURS INC. 87.16 REPAIR, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 2111.45 IT PROF. SERVICES, COWBOY COUNTRY STORES 85.49 SUPPLIES, CHASE CROCKER 75.20 JUROR & MILEAGE, LARRY & CHERIE DARR 540.00 COMPENSATION, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 1187.30 SUPPLY/REPAIR, ELECTION SYSTEMS& SOFTWARE INC 810.55 EXPRESS VOTES, FIRST BANK & TRUST 2423.37 CC STATEMENT, FIRST DIST. ASSOC LOCAL GOV'T 13222.00 JOINT COOP AGMT SUPPORT '26, FISHER SAND & GRAVEL CO 7135.98 SUPPLIES, FLEETPRIDE 189.38 REPAIR, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 479.96 REPAIR, GARY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION 2000.00 SUPPORT FUNDS, COLLIN GODFREY 71.00 JUROR & MILEAGE, HOLLY GUNDERSON 71.00 JUROR & MILEAGE, FRANCIS HAUGER 360.00 LAWN FERTILIZER, HOLLOWAY BRIDGE & CULVERT, INC 17548.50 BOX CULVERT WORK, ITC 1409.01

UTILITIES, GERALD JELEN 20.33 OVERPAYMENT TAX, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 584.65 REPAIR, JEFFERY KNUTSON 55.60 JUROR & MILEAGE, SHERRI KRAUSE 73.80 JUROR & MILEAGE, L G EVERIST INC 4215.45 PEA ROCK, BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC 213.11 SUPPLIES, LEE MACK 100.00 POCKET GOPHER HOST, ANNIE MAGNUSON 50.00 JUROR, MAYNARDS 125.58 SUPPLIES, MCLEOD'S 499.19 ELECTION SUPPLIES, MENARDS 300.13 SUPPLIES, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 90.00 SCANNER RENT, NORDEN TOWNSHIP 102.00 POCKET GOPHERS, DENNIS NOSBUSH 326.32 MAINTENANCE, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 664.21 UTILITES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 694.32 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 95.20 UTILITIES, POSTMASTER 162.00 ANNUAL PO BOX SUBSCRIPTION, POWERPLAN OIB 1937.67 REPAIR, RAMKOTA HOTEL&CONFERENCE CENTE 564.00 HOTEL STAY, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 911 UTILITIES, RICHARDSON, WYLY, WISE, 800.00 PROF SERVICE, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 67.27 SUPPLIES, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 20.30 BRIDGE INSP. SERVICE, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 151861.87 EOM FEES, SDACO 222.00 M&P FEES, KELLY SIEH 61.20 JUROR & MILEAGE, SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 1030.91 SIGNS, SIOUX VALLEY CO-OP 348.00 SUPPLIES, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO, INC 631.78 REPAIR & SUPPLY, STERZINGER CRUSHING INC 46569.00 ROCK SUPPLIES, W W TIRE SERVICE INC-WTN 1168.37 REPAIR, WATERTOWN BOBCAT 45.88 REPAIRS,

### **April Payroll**

Commissioners \$11,426.76, Election \$482.17, Auditor's Office \$12,686.80, Treasurer's Office \$12,656.92, State's Attorney's Office \$9,375.17, General Government Building \$6,574.36, Director of Equalization Office \$19,533.34, Register of Deeds Office \$10,139.26, Veteran Service Officer \$1,544.29, GIS \$750.34, Sheriff's Dept. \$52,525.36, County Assist \$392.05, 4-H \$0, Extension Office \$4,926.77, Weed & Pest \$2,673.17, Planning & Zoning \$6,085.35, Road & Bridge \$86,255.23, Civil Defense \$428.57

### **May Payroll**

Commissioners \$10,979.22, Election \$833.71, Auditor's Office \$12,147.56, Treasurer's Office \$13,348.74, State's Attorney's Office \$8,747.83, General Government Building \$7,070.56, Director of Equalization Office \$19,204.00, Register of Deeds Office \$10,060.65, Veteran Service Officer \$1,544.29, GIS \$750.34, Sheriff's Dept. \$50,382.71, County Assist \$392.05, 4-H \$120.27, Extension Office \$4,468.36, Weed & Pest \$2,989.43, Planning & Zoning \$6,114.03, Road & Bridge \$77,779.34, Civil Defense \$428.57

### **Public Comment**

Steve January thanks everyone for being professional the last few months and he loved seeing democracy in action.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business 14) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Courtney Parker, Auditor

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Jay Grabow, Chairman

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