

January 17, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 17 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 by tele communications, Steve Rhody and Harry Mewherter. Also present was Auditor Pam Lynde and Auditor elect Courtney Parker. The meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda 1) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Jamie Broksieck Highway Superintendent

Broksieck discussed several highway related issues with the Commissioners. The Township Rural Access Infrastructure grant applications that were received, were reviewed. Broksieck suggested assigning two Commissioners as committee members to review the township applications for Rural Access Infrastructure grants. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to assign Fieber and Mewherter to be committee members and Rhody will be a substitute. All voted yes and the motion carried. Fieber and Mewherter will set a meeting up with townships and give report back to the full Commission. Broksieck recommended load limits be set at 7 ton per axle and 40 ton gross with exception of county road 311 483rd Ave from SD Hwy 28 S one mile to 483rd Ave and 195th St will be legal loads with a truck speed limit of 35 mph year round. 3) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to adopt the load limits as stated above. All voted yes and motion carried. Broksieck is working on equipment and radio quotes and will present quotes at next meeting.

9:20 Cory Borg Sheriff

Borg met with the Commissioners to discuss several items. 4) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to apply for Homeland Security Grant to replace 2015 Tuff Books for patrol cars. All voted yes and the motion carried. 5) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve the jail contracts with Brookings County at 95.00 a day and Beadle County at 95.00 per day for 2023. All voted yes and the motion carried. 6) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the police contract with the town of Astoria for 2023. All voted yes and the motion carried. 7) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve travel requests for Sheriff's Office as follows: March 27-29 in Pierre Deputy Criminal Class; Jan. 25-27 Borg in Pierre for Sheriff Assoc. meeting; April 11-13 Deadwood for Sheriff Assoc. meeting; pistol instruction May 1-4 in Pierre; deputy to sex crimes class July 17-21 in Vermillion; deputy to advanced interview Aug. 28-30 in Pierre; Sept. 25-28 Borg in Aberdeen for Sheriff's Association Conference. All voted yes and the motion carried. Borg talked about the need to order ammunition for the 2024 budget year as orders need to be placed in order to receive the product on time. Borg will get quotes with shipping costs and come back with those figures at the next meeting.

Several statistics from the Sheriff's report were: 2055 calls for service; cases 1231, out of those numbers there were 216 crashes, 17 sex crimes, 48 assist other agency, 12 suicide threats, 54 alarm calls, 142 animal complaints, 12 assaults, 98 citizen assists, 35 civil matters, 24 domestic violence, 31 juvenile calls, 257 traffic complaints, 34

transports, 63 welfare checks, 21 warrants served, and 12 mental health. Not counted in the calls for service were 207 civil papers served, 22 civil executions and 2470 contract hours with towns. Juveniles had the biggest difference and was double. Mental health issues were up substantially. The Sheriff's department issued 288 drivers licenses last year.

9:40 Sarah Salzer Clear Lake Area Development

Salzer met with the Commissioners and gave a report of the activities of Clear Lake Area Development and requested first quarter budget funds. Recap of 2022: Chase the Ace to raise funds for the 4-H grounds. The funds will go towards building a new shed that is enclosed so it can be used for other events as well. 40% of the pot goes to person that chooses the ace of spades, 40% goes to the project and 10% goes to the organizations that help sell the tickets. The other 10% goes to whoever's name is drawn in the weekly drawing. In 2022 they obtained their 501c3 status for the non-profit. CLAD received the land transfer for the former airport property from the City of Clear Lake and are using that to develop into industrial and residential lots. On behalf of Clear Lake Area Development they are requesting funds to be able to continue to do the work they are doing and continue to enhance Deuel County as a whole. 8) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to grant to CLAD \$4,500 for first quarter. All voted yes and motion carried.

9:50 Shelia Monnier Emergency Manager

Emergency Manager Shelia Monnier presented 1st Quarter LEMPG report for approval of matching funds from the state. 9) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to sign and approve LEMPG report. All voted yes and the motion carried. Monnier also discussed the Disaster Declaration. The state is working on the disaster declaration \$450,000 damage in Deuel from H-D Electric. Monnier said snow removal overtime hours may also qualify.

11:00 Dennis Evenson Veteran Service Officer

Veteran Service Officer Dennis Evenson met with the Commissioners to discuss the officer position. Evenson addressed the board and described what he does as VSO. The vision of the SDDVA is to have a voice for veterans and to advocate for and provide the pathway for all veterans and their families to receive the benefits that are due to them. There are seven core functions of the VSO. One is to provide ongoing training and supervision to our state's network of County and Tribal Veterans Service Officers in all areas of federal and state laws and programs pertaining to veteran's benefits. Another is to ensure the protection, privacy and integrity of all veteran claimant personal identity data, medical information, and VA claim/military data and do so with an ethical and legal obligation. He has computer files on 350 and physical files on 330 of the veterans in Deuel County.

11:30 Tammy Baer County Health Nurse

County Health Nurse Tammy Baer gave a quarterly report of the health nurse office activities. Sanford, Dept. of Health and Deuel County are in a partnership for community health services with a contract signed by all entities. Flu clinics for the school were held on 9/28/22 and 10/5/22. Between the two clinics there were 200 students and staff that were vaccinated. Immunizations remain good at local agency with high immunity in our community. She continues to audit kindergarten and sixth grade students to make sure all have up to date immunizations. Sanford Clear Lake had weekly flu shot clinics that began on 9/22/22 through October. After that time frame, flu vaccinations

were to be made by appointment. WIC still has the federal waiver in place, which allows appointments to be completed over the phone. However, most have transitioned back to in-person appointments. The in-person appointment allows nurse to collect weights, heights, hemoglobin testing, assess resource needs, maintain nurse-client rapport, and provide referrals. July through December there were 171 WIC food packages issued. On the maternal health side of things they continue to screen women for high-risk pregnancies. They also offer referrals, resources and educational information in monthly visit either via phone or in person appointment. Child and adolescent services allow children under the age of five to have routinely developmental screenings to be completed. Baer explained that there is also an oral health screening completed and if fluoride varnish is needed, it is applied. Baer is actively involved in local "Healthy Hometown" committee and she sees positive changes occurring. Their current project is contacting DOT for safe crosswalks. Baer has been in contact with tobacco prevention coordinator to provide education to middle school students in October on vaping.

11:50 Joe Uckert

Joe Uckert with the American Legion Post 49 discussed holding Student Government Day which allows students to attend court in session and also allows them to go to different county offices to learn about what each office does. 10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to hold Student Government Day on March 13 with Deuel and Deubrook senior students attending. All voted yes and motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rhody had contacted contractor for both windows that need to be replaced. He said the contractor will be here on a Friday within the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Misc. Items; Charges for Copies and Plat Books; Appoint Veteran Service Officer; Salary Resolution; Appoint At Large Member to First District; Requests of Abatement of Taxes Due to Storm Damage; Copy Machine Quote-Auditors Office; Interest Rates on County Funds; Reappoint Zoning Board Members, Terms Are Up;

11) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve Plat Book fee of \$30 and Copy fees of \$.25 per copy in Auditors office. All voted yes and the motion carried.

12) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to appoint Dennis Evenson as the Veteran Service Officer to 2027 with the requirement that quarterly reports be presented to the Board and posting of contact information including location, phone and hours be advertised in local newspaper as well as posted on the county website. All voted yes and motion carried.

13) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve the purchase of a Surface Pro computer from Ultra Inc. approximate cost of \$1200 for Weed Dept. All voted yes and motion carried.

14) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve Salary Resolution 23-02. All voted yes and motion carried.

#2023-02

SALARY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Deuel County Commission must establish and publish salaries of all officials and employees of the county in January following the statutes set forth under SDCL 6-1-10. (Monthly or hourly where applicable) Scott Fieber 1798.99; Harry

Mewherter 1798.99; Jay Grabow 1798.99; Steve Rhody 1842.68; Judith Homan 1798.99; Courtney Parker 3940.29; Stacy Irish 17.28 hr.; Jennifer Mewherter 4258.03; Theresa Martinmaas 17.68 hr.; Craig Evenson 4855.81; Rita Schiefelbein 20.11 hr.; Scott Ruby 20.88 hr.; Jamie Hintz \$18.98 hr.; Donna Rhody 5393.89; Debra Meguire 20.10 hr.; Thomas Pauli 19.70 hr.; Casey Severson 4427.98; Renae Engelkes 18.09 hr.; Dennis Evenson 1276.67; Cory Borg 5253.75; Tyrel Wik 4080.25; Mike Burns 4624.50; Dillon Krosch 3697.17; Matt Nutter 3835.83; Kory Kellen 3929.50; Mindi Dailey 20.10 hr.; Rebecca Burns 17.01 hr.; Jamie Broksieck 4737.20; Lisa Jorvig 18.52 hr.; Richard Eidet 22.40 hr.; Marty Brown 25.56 hr.; Kirk Berge 23.58 hr.; Dana Nelson 22.12 hr.; Dallas Olson 22.40 hr.; Jeff Swanz 21.68 hr.; Jaime Araiza 20.60 hr.; Ryan Severson 19.91 hr.; Ryan Bjerke 20.02 hr.; Jacob Salanoa 19.76 hr.; Chris Sturm 19.49 hr.; James Perkins 21.53 hr.; Wyatt Gauger 19.34 hr.; Preston Stokes 19.08 hr.; Dawn Fritz 23.33 hr.; Keith Goens 1636.32 (18.50 hr. spraying); Jordan Mack 14.96 hr. custodial; Sheila Monnier 23.23 hr.; Jodi Theisen 4234.01 plus 125.00 per zoning meeting;

Longevity pay as given in the past is now included in the hourly or salary rate of each employee according to their continued years of service.

The county pays the single health insurance premium benefit for full time employees (and an additional 25% of two party, employee plus children and family policy) and life insurance benefits through a 125-cafeteria plan. Clothing allowance for the Emergency Manager will be \$125 paid in lump sum with first payroll check of the year.

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Mileage		.51 per mile
	(plus lodging and registration)	
	MEALS AT STATE RATE	
Breakfast		6.00
Lunch		14.00
Dinner		20.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deuel County Commission of Deuel County does hereby adopt the Salary Resolution 2023-01 for the year 2023.
Dated this 5th day of January, 2023.

Pam L Lynde, Auditor

Chairperson

15) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to appoint Gary Jaeger as the at large member for 1st District Assoc. of Local Government Board. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Request for abatement of taxes was received from Anthony Kallhoff for property located on Lot 2 Lazy K Add. in W1/2 NW ¼ 15-115-47 due to May 12th storm damage. The house was totally destroyed along with several buildings. Request for abatement of taxes was received from Douglas Gantvoort for garage located on SW1/4 (AKA E1/2 SW1/4 & GOV LOTS 3-4) 30-115-49 due to May 12th storm damage. 16) Rhody moved,

seconded by Fieber to approve abatement of 2/3 of taxes payable in 2023 on affected (destroyed or damaged) buildings only, on above abatement applications. All voted yes and motion carried.

Current copier in the Auditor's Office is 12 years old and cannot be repaired as parts are no longer made. Auditor's Office received quote for a Toshiba e-Studio 325AC in the amount of \$6,610 from Office Peeps which includes a \$500 trade in of old copier. Auditor's Office will secure quotes for the purchase of computer that is needed as well.

17) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the purchase of computer and Toshiba copier as quoted for Auditors office. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Interest rates on county funds were discussed. South Dakota FIT has higher interest rate. Homan and Rhody will see if we can secure a better rate locally and will address at the next meeting.

18) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to reappoint Mike Dahl and Dennis Kanengieter to the Zoning Board with terms expiring at the end of 2024. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Warrants

19) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve current warrants and those paid early. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Paid Early: Health Equity – Flex - \$66.04, Healthy Equity – Flex fee- \$10.00, Healthy Equity- Flex - \$59.05, SD Department of Revenue – Excise Tax - \$70.73, SD Department of Revenue – Sales Tax- \$160.24, Deuel County Treasurer – Tax Account Prepay - \$43,724.03, Terry Haas – Overpaid Taxes/Refund - \$61.22, City of Watertown – 911 funds - \$3,976.75; First Bank & Trust 5286.66 Credit Card; Ottertail Power Co 1253.52 Utilities; Leila Kruse – Overpayment of Taxes- \$100.00, Ronald Smith – Overpayment of Taxes- \$301.00, Ottertail Power Co- 33.66- Utilities, Daytona Mazda – Overpayment of Taxes- \$28.50, Health Equity – Flex Claim - \$18.95

Current: Brookings Deuel Rural Water 42.60 Utilities, Bjerke Sanitation 75.00 Garbage, First Dist. Assoc. Local Gov't 1801.70 Revolving Loan Interest, H-D Electric Coop, Inc. 951.79 Utilities, New York Life 294.94 December 2022 Life Ins. Tax, Northwestern Energy 260.84 Utilities, South Dakota Dept. Of Revenue 86668.82 Fees, SDACO 132.00 M & P Due To State, Tri State Water Inc. 30.31 Water, ITC – Internet - \$2,162.13,

Taxes: Schools 40017.56, Towns 19060.68, Townships 45397.77, East Dakota Water Dev District 159.56, Rural Fire 691.53, Upper Deer Creek 3.42

Adjournment

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

Chairperson
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Pam L. Lynde, Auditor

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