

July 18, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18th at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairperson Homan presiding. Those present were Commissioners Steve Rhody, Scott Fieber, Judith Homan, Jay Grabow and Harry Mewherter. Also present was Auditor Courtney Parker. The meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the agenda with additions of request of Nathan Tjaden to hold auction at fairgrounds, extension complex security codes, and executive session. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Judge Dawn Elshere

Judge Dawn Elshere (via teleconference) and Third Circuit Court Administrator Jenny Hammrich talked about how the sound system in the courtroom is not working efficiently. Hammrich stated that the microphones having problems are the ones that run on batteries. The hard-wired microphone for Judge Elshere is the only one that works properly. Currently the only person anyone can hear is Judge Elshere and no one else. This makes things very hard for the court recorder to do her job. The current provider was called but the service call was weeks later and the repair didn't fix the problem. A quote was received from AVI Systems Inc. for \$21,853.93. AVI Systems Inc. serves many courtrooms surrounding Deuel County and all of the courtrooms having no problems for many years. The microphones will be hard wired and as well as adding a couple more microphones to help with sound. 2) Grabow moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the new sound system from AVI Systems Inc. at \$21,853.93 for the Courtroom. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:15 Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg presented the commissioners with a new city police contract rate of \$40.00 per hour for 2024. The current city police contract rate is \$38.25 per hour and the current cost to Deuel County is roughly \$47.38 per hour. Borg explained this would help lessen the gap from what we charge to what it costs the county. 3) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the new city police contract rate of \$40.00 per hour for 2024. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:30 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck presented a few different items to the board. Broksieck presented the BIG Grant Agreement 20-200-163 County Road 375 Winrow to be approved and signed. 4) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the BIG Grant Agreement 20-200-163 County Road 375 Winrow. All voted yes and the motion carried. He presented three resolutions authorizing submission of BIG grant applications and one adding to the 5-year plan. Resolution #23-22 is to submit an application for consideration of award for the BIG grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs for Bridge #20-008-220 located at 188 St. (Hwy 314) over Hidewood Creek, 1.1 miles west of 468 Ave. (Hwy 15). 5) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to approve Resolution #23-22 for Bridge #20-008-220. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT / LOCAL FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAMS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
#23-22**

WHEREAS, Deuel County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S): 20-008-220; 188 St (Hwy 314) Over Hidewood Creek 1.1 miles west of 468 Ave. (Hwy 518) and

WHEREAS, NA certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan*; and

WHEREAS, Deuel County agrees to pay the 20% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and/or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge funds; and

WHEREAS, Deuel County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application(s) and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge application(s).

Vote of Commissioners/Council: 5-Yes; 0-No

Dated at Clear Lake, SD, this 18th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:

County Auditor/City Finance Officer

Chairman/Mayor

Resolution #23-23 is to add Bridge #20-008-220 to the 5-year plan. 6) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve Resolution #23-23 adding Bridge #20-008-220 to the 5-year plan. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 5 YEAR COUNTY PLAN AMENDMENTS
#23-23**

WHEREAS, Deuel County wishes to amend their previously approved 5 Year County Plan for the Bridge Improvement Grant Program:

ADDITION/REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):
20-008-220; 188 St. (Hwy 314) over Hidewood Creek, 1.1 miles west of 468 Ave. (Hwy 518)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the Amended 5 Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, previously approved on October 26, 2022.

Vote of Commissioners/Council: 5 Yes 0 No

Dated at Clear Lake, SD, this 18th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Chairman

Resolution #23-24 is to submit an application for consideration of award for the BIG grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs for Bridge #20-153-210 located 187 St. over Cobb Creek, 0.4 miles east of 481 Ave. 7) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve Resolution 23-24 for Bridge 20-153-210. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT / LOCAL FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAMS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

#23-24

WHEREAS, Deuel County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):

20-153-210; 187 St. over Cobb Creek, 0.4 miles east of 481 Ave.

and WHEREAS, NA certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan*; and

WHEREAS, Deuel County agrees to pay the NA% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and/or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge funds; and

WHEREAS, Deuel County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application(s) and any required funding commitments.

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Vote of Commissioners/Council: 5 Yes 0 No

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ATTEST:

County Auditor/City Finance Officer

Chairman/Mayor

Resolution #23-25 to submit an application for consideration of award for the BIG grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs for Bridge #20-140-006 located at 480 Ave. over Mud Creek, 0.6 miles south of 166 St. 8) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the Resolution #23-25 for Bridge #20-140-006. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT / LOCAL FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAMS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

#23-25

WHEREAS, Deuel County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):

20-140-006; 480 Ave. over Mud Creek, 0.6 miles south of 166 St.

and WHEREAS, NA certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan*;
and WHEREAS, Deuel County agrees to pay the NA% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and/or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge funds; and WHEREAS, Deuel County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application(s) and any required funding commitments.

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Discussion was held on a concern received about a lack of signage near Brandt to return the speed limit to 55 MPH. Broksieck told the commissioners he would look into the signage issue.

10:00 County Health Nurse Tammy Baer

Baer presented her quarterly report April, May and June to the board. Baer graduated from VAX CHAMP in June; she gave a brief overview from the Northeast Region Staff meeting about changes to vaccines. South Dakota implemented a new electronic immunization registry system on May 1st. This system replaces the old system and allows all medical professionals to share records. Doxy.me is a video chat system that they can use to be able to see patients if weather or other factors prohibit it. Clear Lake Area Development and Baer participated in Healthy Hometown and applied for a grant for a water filling station and bench at Lavin Field and were awarded the funds. Healthy Hometown also have two produce stands available on main street for community members to share or receive produce from one another. Baer also worked with SD DOT and local schools on safe crosswalks. She participated in Northeast region staff meetings on April 20th and June 15th as well as monthly office of Child and Family Services meetings.

10:15 Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen

The joint meeting with the Commissioners/Zoning has been postponed until August 1st. 9) Grabow moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the \$225.00 for the rental of Clear Lake Community Center for the wind tower meeting on August 7. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:20 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(1) Personnel Matter

10) Grabow moved, seconded by Rhody 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 10:35 A.M

NEW BUSINESS

Funds to Conservation District; Handicapped Parking Spots South of Courthouse; Funds to Gary Historical Society; Travel Request

11) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the quarterly funds of \$3000 to the Conservation District. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the handicapped parking spots South of the courthouse and they will look into what repairs/updates need to be done for handicap accessibility.

12) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the yearly funds of \$2000.00 to the Gary Historical Society. All voted yes and the motion carried.

13) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the travel request for the Director of Equalization Office to attend Ultra training in Huron, SD on July 26. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request of Nathan Tjaden to hold an auction at the fairgrounds in September with the board approving the request.

Discussion was had on security codes for the extension complex. The current policy of a one time code will still be used going forward.

WARRANTS

14) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve warrants presented and those that were paid early. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Warrants Paid Early: Central Square Technologies -\$3371.57- Annual Software Sheriff Dept.; State of SD -\$205.67-Excise Tax; Brookings Deuel Water -\$226.20- Utility; H-D Electric -\$517.68- Utility; Ottertail Power Co -\$1524.62- Utility; SDACO -\$192.00- M&P Funds; SD Dept of Revenue -\$186,480.10- Fees to State, Century Link -\$358.79- Utility; SD Dept of Ag -\$35.00- Fee for Applicator License, City of Watertown - \$3943.79 -911 Surcharge

Taxes: Schools- \$161,006.22, Towns: \$28,144.19, Townships- \$85,314.86, Upper Deer- \$2.64, EDWDD- \$85.78, Rural Fire- \$439.97

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

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

Chairperson Judith Homan
Deuel County Commission

Attest:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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