

Wednesday 17, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday January 17th, 2024. 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 Rhody to approve the agenda with the addition of appointment at 10:45 AM from Craig Evenson, States Attorney. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM - Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck met with the commissioners to discuss a few highway department related matters. Broksieck presented a right of way occupancy for Sioux Valley Energy by Berwald's. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the right of way occupancy for Sioux Valley Energy. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Grabow and Fieber will help conduct interviews for the mechanic position with Broksieck.

Broksieck presented a repair quote and two new brush quotes for snow removal around the courthouse. The current brush broke during snow removal. Midwest Machinery Co. quoted a 52-inch John Deere brush for \$5,100.00 and a 60-inch John Deere brush for \$5,900.00. Kibble Equipment quoted a 52-inch John Deere brush at \$5,793.00 and the 60-inch John Deere brush at \$6,864.00. The repair quote to fix the old broken brush (2006 Model) from Kibble Equipment was \$1,804.70. 3) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the purchase of the 52-inch John Deere brush from Midwest Machinery Co in Madison, MN to fix the brush for snow removal for around the courthouse. All voted yes and the motion carried.

The board discussed the RAIF reimbursement process. They wanted to make sure that the townships didn't have to pay for projects up front before the county reimbursed them. Many townships can't afford to pay for the projects without this funding and the board wanted to make sure that the townships wouldn't be discouraged from applying for the grants or completing the projects. Parker will send a letter to the townships stating how the reimbursement process works and then the townships will share with their contractors. 4) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve process for RAIF funding by reimbursing each township per project, 80% of total invoices as presented on RAIF invoice tracking sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:30 AM – Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg met with the commissioners to discuss a few different topics for the sheriff's department. 5) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the 2024 Brookings County Jail Contract at \$95.00 per day per inmate. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Next on the agenda, was the Watertown Police Department RIEM contract. The contract is \$500.00 per year. This allows us to get on their server and see 911 calls. 6) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Watertown Police Department RIEM contract at \$500.00 for 2024. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Borg explained that the sheriff's office needs new bullet resistant vests. The vests Borg is looking to replace expire this year. The bullet resistant vests have to be replaced per policy as the company won't stand behind them after they expire. He presented two quotes for six vests from Streichers for \$10,678.00 and Balco Uniform at \$10,806.78. 7) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the purchase of six bullet resistant vests from Streichers at \$10,678.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Borg explained a few items needed for the new vehicle and that he would apply for Homeland Security Grants to help with the cost. 8) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve Borg to apply for Homeland Security Grant. All voted yes and the motion carried.

The new patrol vehicle is from Wagner Auto, off of the state bid, and it will come around March or April. Borg will receive a more accurate date soon. The blue Tahoe will be replaced with the new Durango. Borg gave a few estimates verbally but the board requested typed estimates for the equipment needed to outfit the new Durango. This topic was tabled until next meeting.

Borg gave a brief report that the abatement process for removing asbestos in the Good Samaritan building is currently being done.

10:00 AM – Joint Meeting with Planning and Zoning Board

Theisen presented a plat to the board of Commissioners and the board of Zoning and Planning. Reason for joint meeting is a time sensitive plat that was originally planned for January 8th meeting but was postponed due to weather. Zoning board members present were Jay Grabow, Mike Dahl, alternate Scott Fieber, and via teleconference was Chairman Dennis Kanengieter. Chairman Kanengieter called the meeting to order. Motion by Dahl, seconded by Grabow to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried. Motion by Grabow, seconded by Kanengieter to recess as the Board of Adjustment and reconvene as the Planning Commission. All voted yes and the motion carried. Fieber stated he does not have any conflict of interest and does not have any financial interest in the plat of Fieber First Addition. Zoning and Planning Commission met with the Deuel County Board of Commission to discuss the Plat of Fieber First Addition in the SE1/4 Section 15, Township 116 North, Range 50 West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota. Dahl made a motion seconded by Grabow to approve and recommend passage of the Plat to the County Commission. All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow moved, seconded by Kanengieter to adjourn as the Zoning and Planning Board of Commission. All voted yes and the motion carried. The Board of Deuel County Commission discussed the plat.

9) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the plat of Fieber First Addition Located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 116 North, Range 50 West of the 5th P.M. Deuel County, South Dakota and Resolution 24-02. All voted yes and the motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISION RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 24-02

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **“Fieber First Addition Located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 116 North, Range 50 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 17th day of January, 2024.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

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County Auditor
Deuel County, South Dakota

10:15 AM – CLAD Director Sarah Salzer

Salzer gave a review on the 2023 4th quarter; grant funds received \$35075.00- AARP grant for water fountain station at Lavin Field was \$12,275.00, AARP grant for Sled Library \$800.00 and SDGOED Childcare grant \$22,000.00. Sled library will be behind Hidewood Estates. CLAD partnered with Healthy Hometowns. SDGOED childcare grant \$22,000.00 was being worked on with Gate City Development. They conducted a county wide survey to determine childcare needs in Deuel County. CLAD will start compiling the results of the survey and go from there on what is needed. Residential and industrial lots are now listed with Christa Bittner, Real Estate Professionals. Salzer explained that there has been a lot of interest and they hope to get some sold this year. Chase the Ace was won by Barb Stowell. She received \$5,913 and just over \$7000 will go back to county for projects. When Chase the Ace started, they were striving for a riding barn, however with the amount of funds received, CLAD will look at different projects. Salzer explained she helped five townships apply for the RAIF grant and will continue to help townships going forward. Salzer requested CLAD's quarterly funds. Grabow asked for a financial statement as the board of commission is requiring that now. Approval of funds is being tabled until next meeting when Salzer presents financials. Salzer wanted to clarify that Calvin Rans has been in contact with her on the desired projects in Clear Lake, but they have not worked together yet as he stated at the December 19th, 2023 meeting.

10:30 AM – County Health Nurse Tammy Baer

Baer gave report on 2023 4th quarter. Baer explained that 123 food packages have been issued which is estimated at \$9,140.98; WIC appointments are up 32 from 3rd quarter 26; Ages and Stages Developmental Screenings are up 11 from 3rd quarter 6; immunizations increased substantially due to flu vaccine season 3rd quarter- 288, 4th quarter- 456. Baer explained that she did her annual presentation to Deuel School for Growth and Development and developmental screenings are also routinely completed on children under the age of five in office. She will provide fluoride varnish and referrals for routine dental care. Baer is an active member of Healthy Hometown committee and is seeing positive changes within the community thru that.

10:45 AM – States Attorney Craig Evenson

Evenson spoke on predecessor States Attorney getting reimbursed for health insurance premiums. Evenson talked with John Knight and he negotiated a contract so he wouldn't take health insurance. Jared Gass did receive insurance reimbursement when he was elected. Evenson will get the amount of his current health insurance and present that at the next meeting.

11: 40 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Consulting with Legal Counsel

10) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) to consult with legal counsel. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Board of Commission out of Executive Session at 11:50 AM.

New Business

11) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to set March 25th, 2024 at 10:00 AM as Student Government Day at the Deuel County Courthouse for students of Deuel and Deubrook Schools. All voted yes and the motion carried.

12) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to sell the unused Emergency Management pickup. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Grabow brought up different ideas on the county 4-H/Extension facilities and what necessary maintenance and repairs are needed. He explained that agriculture is such an important part of our communities that we need necessary facilities to house and support that.

Approval of Warrants

13) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to pay warrants as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Paid Early: H-D Electric Coop, Inc. 732.90 – Utilities, Northwestern Energy 566.61 – Utilities, Tri-State Water Inc. 29.05 – Supplies, South Dakota Department of Revenue 652.57 – Excise Tax, South Dakota Department of Revenue 176.77 – Sales Tax 2nd Half 2023,

Current Warrants: New York Life 290.75 2024 Life Ins., New York Life Insurance Co 270.38 2024 Life Ins., Sanford Health Plan 26848.74 Health Ins. 2024, A-Ox Welding Supply Company In 779.62 Supplies, Appera 188.33 Rug Rental, August 17th 50.00 DC Bucks Reimb., Brookings Co Sheriff's Office 665.00 Prisoner Fees, Brookings Deuel Rural Water 114.50 Utilities, Codington Co Sheriff's Office 2341.12 Prisoner Fees, Century Link 358.79 Utilities, Cowboy Country Stores 320.00 DC Bucks Reimb., Deuel County Conservation District 3000.00 1st Qtr Funds 2024, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 2792.24 Dc Bucks Reimbursement, Deuel County Treasurer 46473.32 Delinquent Tax Acct., First Dist. Assoc Local Gov't 12463.00 2024 Support, Fritz Chevrolet Inc 1761.86 Repairs & Maintenance, Grease Monkey Truck 309.89 Repairs, Hidewood Meats 270.00 Dc Bucks Reimb., Human Service Agency 3649.00 1st Qtr Appropriations 2024, Inter-Lakes Comm Action Inc 2894.00 Support, Johnson Controls 11822.82 2024 Service Contract, M & T Fire Safety 1100.59 Minor Equip., Mcleod's 52.33 Supplies, Microfilm Imaging Systems 90.00 Rental, Office Peeps Inc 126.74 Supplies, Ottertail Power Co 1100.58 Utilities, Sanford Clinic 3478.03 Health Nurse 2024 Contract, Dean Schaefer Court Reporting 12.00 BMI Services, SD Dept Of Health 160.00 Prof. Services, SD Dept Of Transportation 1071.73 Fuel, South Dakota Dept Of Revenue 86824.64 Dec 2023 EOM Fees, Toronto 1 Stop 130.00 DC Bucks Reimbursement, Ultra-Connecting Point 1939.25 Connect Care Services,

Public Comment

Jacob Beutler stated he appealed assessment in 2023. He stated he saw a 30% increase in assessed value and 37% increase in taxes. He did a comparison to Steve Rhody's taxes and wanted to know what the difference was. Director of Equalization Donna Rhody addressed his issues and explained South Dakota Codified Law requires the Equalization Office to assess on operating units.

Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

Jay Grabow, Chairman

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