

March 5, 2019
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday March 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Rhody presiding. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Rhody, Homan and Kreutner. Gary Jaeger was absent. Also present was Auditor Mary Korth. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

1) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 5 and 19. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

2) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:05 Highway Superintendent Jamie Hintz

Hintz presented the weight limit enforcement resolution as presented below. 3) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve resolution 19-04. All voted yes and motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTION
#19-04**

WHEREAS, seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, and
WHEREAS, The Deuel County Board of County Commissioners desires to protect existing Deuel County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars, and
WHEREAS, the Deuel County Board of County Commissioners desires the enforcement of weight limitations on Deuel County roads as set forth and posted by the Deuel County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the limits on Deuel County Highways shall be set as seven (7) ton per axle, on all asphalt roads, during spring thaw period and when limit signs are in place. That the South Dakota Highway Patrol be and hereby is authorized, and requested to enforce weight limitations on Deuel County roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions should be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

Vote of Deuel County Commission:

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Dated this 5th day of March, 2019 at Clear Lake, SD.

ATTEST:

Mary Korth
Deuel County Auditor

Steve Rhody
Deuel County Commission Chairman

Hintz continued discussion on weight limit resolution; Hintz presented the Township rate Agreement effective April 1, 2019. If rates have increased in past it has been in very

small increments, Hintz feels some of the rates should be increased because of damage to equipment. Blading currently is \$58.00 per hour and snow removal \$63.00 per hour, both with operators. Hintz suggested a higher rate. Recommendations were made to wait on the rate increase and revisit the issue in the future. Discussion was held to possibly raise blading and mowing rates and leave snow removal as is for this season. Mowing rate is at \$40.00 per hour without an operator. Rates will likely be increased in future. 4) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to approve township contract and leave rates as is and revisit in future. All voted yes and motion carried. Hintz spoke of JD loader rental, they attached a V-plow on it to help with roads that are now one way because of heavy snow. Hintz spoke of all the roads that are increasingly worse and the difficulties moving the snow with just plows and really in need of the use of blowers. In the past farmers were hired to help with blowing but that type of help is few and far between. Hintz is considering still contacting farmers to help as the weather doesn't look to improve short term, Hintz will be wary of rates and will also contact other counties who have less snow to also help. 5) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to hire outside help for snow removal. All voted yes, motion carried. Hintz hired Dennis Norton to help with snow removal. 6) DeJong moved, seconded by Homan to hire Dennis Norton at a rate of \$17 per hour for the remainder of the season. All voted yes and motion carried. Hintz also spoke of equipment issues, problems with International trucks that keep breaking down, repairs are \$4000 at Titan Machinery. Hintz said Dean Gruener is retired as of March 19th and suggested Justin Bolden promoted to mechanic at a rate of \$20 per hour. 7) DeJong moved, seconded Kreutner by to promote Justin Bolden to mechanic to replace Dean Gruener at the rate of \$19.50 per hour effective upon Gruener's retirement. All voted yes and motion carried. Hintz said State Transportation Improvement Program funds is \$142000 for this year that is paid as a lump sum for road and bridge. Hintz is not receiving many applications for the open position.

9:30 Crystal Springs Rodeo – Marlin Bjerke Malt Beverage License and rodeo information

Marlin Bjerke, member of the Crystal Springs Rodeo Committee met with the Commissioners to talk about rodeo June 26-29 with Extreme Bulls a part of it again even though crowds were down. He spoke of security and pleased with help from Deuel County Sheriff which adds to total security staff upped to 17. He also talked about securing a special event alcoholic beverage license and the possibility of a beer garden, no hard liquor. Further discussion will be held after next meeting. The Deuel County K9 will be more than likely used in the campgrounds this year for any problems that could arise. Next year in 2020 is the 75th anniversary and there will be more events likely at that time such as a band. Improvements have been made to the grounds including LED lighting.

9:45 Mary Korth Deuel County Auditor

Korth met with the Commissioners to talk about the possibility of hiring new personnel in the Auditor's office to replace Marilyn VanLiere in the future. As of current time no new personnel will be hired until Korth is ready and VanLiere will continue to work part-time until further notice.

10:00 Cory Borg

Sheriff Borg was present by phone conference. Borg received a jail contract from Codington County with a rate increase from \$75 per day to \$85 per day to cover costs. Beadle and Roberts counties also have jail contracts with Deuel. 8) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the increase and jail contract with Codington County. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:30 Marty Grabow/Gary Trailblazers

Grabow said he would like permission to close the street in Gary for a street dance July 3rd for the Independence Day celebration. Gary city council was informed and also approved. Discussion was held on the popularity of the events held in Gary during this time. Rhody is concerned with public safety concerns that would arise with a county road being blocked off. 9) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to block the street for the Trailblazers in Gary on July 3rd. All voted yes and motion carried.

11:00 Todd Kayes and Paula Hulscher of First District

Todd Kayes met with the Commissioners and gave an overview of the activities of First District. Kayes is the Executive Director of First Planning District in Watertown. One of 6 planning districts that operate under Joint Powers Agreement that provide technical services to local governments; 11 counties and 76 communities are members of First District. Local representatives are usually tied to business or development; Board meets 3 or 4 times a year to discuss issues going on in the region covered. Funding is provided by dues, state & federal grants/contracts and fees for services. In 2018 Grants and Loans totaled \$28.8 million, of which Deuel County's share was \$365,790. They provide GIS database management, Planning and Zoning administration and several other areas of assistance to Deuel County. The City of Clear Lake received a \$340,000 grant in 2017 for SDDOT Community Access and Gary received \$19,426 via grant for HMGP for generator. Deuel County's share of a District-wide Grant for economic development was \$6,364. Paula Hulscher was not available for the meeting to talk about revolving loan and other loan funds. Kayes provided a printed PowerPoint overview of general activities of First District as well as specific projects that are being done in Deuel County.

11:15 Director of Equalization Donna Rhody

Rhody met with the Commissioners to discuss the 2019 valuations. Clear Lake assessments varied as it was based on reappraisal. Grabow Add'n at Lake Cochrane up 15%; Lake Cochrane up 8% Land and 5% Structure; Small acreages under 20 acres non-ag had no change; Ag land crop county average up 1.48% and non crop up 3.39%. She also discussed growth in Deuel County and presented factors for Ag and Non-Ag.

11:30 Weed Supervisor Keith Goens

Goens met with the Commissioners to discussed several items. He presented information about the upcoming annual meeting in March. He reviewed the Weed and Pest Conference held in February 2019. He discussed grants that Deuel County will be receiving from the State that he has applied for weed control. Poison hemlock grants are available as it is out of control in Deuel County, grows on private land 7 to 10 feet tall is what he has found. The Emerald Ash Borer invasion was discussed. It is of huge concern because the predictions are that all ash trees will be gone in the state within 5 to 10 years

and it is a hazard as the trees fall as they die. He presented bids on a new sprayer and also to get a UTV from Kubota. Sprayers can cost up to \$4500 but Goens can get sprayers locally for much less that would be adequate for his needs. Goens will look further to other bids and will be available and present at the bid letting at the next Commission meeting March 19th.

11:45 State's Attorney John Knight

Knight met with the Commissioners to discuss several items. Crown Ridge representative Brittany Bruce is running into problems with Township Haul Road Agreements. They provided the same agreements as they did in Codrington County but are running into problems with Goodwin and Rome Townships that are not getting approved. She is asking for county involvement to get these agreements approved. Deuel County has no jurisdiction over township governing issues. The County's response will be Crown Ridge will strictly have to deal with the townships on those issues and seek action with townships only on this issue as they are two separate entities and the ordinance states it has to be approved by the authority who has jurisdiction over the road which lies with the townships. Knight also talked about appointing 2 or 4 alternates to the Board of Adjustment and we should follow what our ordinance says which is that our Planning Commission will also be our Board of Adjustment and we will appoint 4 alternates. This is in line with State statute. Also Knight talked about Invenergy reapplying for special exceptions and if Invenergy appeals the judges decision the County will have to decide on how they want to participate in that appeal.

Public Comments

Invenergy representative Gene May was available to let the Commissioners know they are re-applying for Special Exception permit for Deuel North and is working with the Zoning Officer for a target date of April 9th to have that published and completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Cash Balance Sheet

The cash balance sheet for February 2019 was not available and will be approved next meeting.

4H Building

Discussion was held concerning the deterioration of the 4H building and the possibility of purchasing a building in the future. A site was looked at and discussion was held on upgrading fairground buildings and a decision will be made on purchasing a different site and/or how much to invest in upgrading current buildings. Monies in the budget were examined to help make this decision in the future as well as contacting someone from the State Historical Building Preservation and if there is funds available there for future projects.

2018 Annual Report

The 2018 Annual Report for Deuel County was presented to the Commissioners by Auditor Mary Korth. Questions and comments should be directed to former Auditor Pam Lynde as the report was compiled during her term.

Student Government Day will be held Monday, March 18 at the Deuel County

Courthouse

Travel

10) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve travel expense for Jodi Theisen and Kevin DeBoer to attend Zoning Officials training in Pierre March 13 and Theisen in Pierre March 20th and 21st for flood training. All voted yes and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

11) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve all warrants as presented and those paid early to avoid service charge. All voted yes and the motion carried.

A-Ox Welding Supply Company Inc 692.41, Supplies & Rental, American Solution For Business 269.10 Supplies, Auto Value Parts Store 2956.43 Repairs & Supplies, Avera Occupational Medicine 247.10 Prof Services, Bjerke Sanitation 193.00 Utilities, Boyer Trucks 59.28 Repairs, Bratland Law 1526.50 CAA Fees, Butler Machinery Co 13314.17 Hwy Repairs, Credit Collections Bureau 69.70 Fees Paid, Clear Lake Building Center & Rental 23.87 Rental/Supplies, Clear Lake Building Center 85.65 Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 409.83 Utilities/Repairs, Clear Lake Courier 1558.83 Subscription/Publish/Supplies, Clear Lake Veterinary Clinic 131.20 Prof Serv/K-9 Storm, Codington County Auditor 3179.00 Prisoner Care/Supplies/Pro Svc, Cowboy Country Stores 41.73 Fuel, Crossroads Hotel 347.96 Travel, Custom Cage 605.00 Cage For 2019 Charger, D-A Lubricant Co., Inc 1294.70 Supplies, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 13577.77 Repairs/Supplies/Utilities, Deuel County Motor Supply Inc 522.41 Supplies/Repairs, Dk Diesel Injection Inc 4084.60 Supplies & Repairs, Dust-Tex Service Inc 108.85 Mat Rental, Engesser Enterprise 250.00 Supplies, Equipment Blades Inc 12434.92 Repairs, First Bank & Trust 1172.22 Supplies Fox & Youngberg, PC 195.32 Prof Svc, Fritz Chevrolet Inc 52.83 Repairs, Dawn Fritz 29.40 Travel, Hillyard/Sioux Falls 43.10 Supplies, Holiday Inn City Centre SF 120.00 Conference, Inter-Lakes Comm Action Inc 1612.67 Support Community Svc Worker, ITC 2029.71 Phone/Internet, Johnny Towing 45.00 Repairs, Johnson Controls 872.34 Repairs, Kibble Equipment LLC 71.64 Repairs, Macksteel Warehouse, Inc. 55.76 Supplies, Maynards 60.29 Supplies, Microfilm Imaging Systems 170.00 Scan Equip Rental, Mid States Audio Inc 600.00 Prof Serv, National 4-H Council Supply 29.90 Supplies, Nelson Law Office PC 1044.60 CAA Fees, Neopost Usa Inc 158.00 Supplies, Northwestern Energy 1643.31 Utilities, Office Peeps Inc 1014.39 Supplies, Ottetail Power Co 98.93 and 1615.69 Utilities, Powerplan OIB 517.82 Repairs, Prairie Lakes Healthcare System 2740.00 Prof Serv-Prisoner, Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center 436.00 Travel/Conference, RC Technologies 150.00 911 Fund Utilities, RNC Cabinets 50.00 Repairs, Rome Township 104.00 Gopher Bounty, Running's Supply Inc 124.35 Supplies, Sanford Health 331.00 Prof Svc, Sanford Health Plan 15.00, 64.51, 280.34, 74.84 Flex Fees, Sanford Clinic 2777.25 County Health Nurse Contract, Sanitation Products Inc 871.31 Repairs, Schaeffer Mfg Co 702.72 Supplies, SD Dept Of Transportation 1728.71 Fuel, SD Dept Of Public Safety 2730.00 Teletype Svc Jan-June, State of SD 165.00 Prof Svc, SDSU Extension 10010.00 4-H Advisor Salary 2019, Sioux Valley Co-Op 182.85 Supplies, Star Laundry 129.46 Rental, Transource Truck & Equip Inc 688.63 Hwy Repairs, Tri State Water Inc 23.50 Water For Cooler, Two Way Solutions Inc 1844.00 Supplies/Repairs, Ultra-Connecting Point 350.00 Supplies/Prof Serv W.W. Tire Service Inc 5734.20 Repairs, Tommy Harvey Subaru 45.67 Overpayment, DC Treasurer 159.72 tax account, EDWDD

673.03 taxes, Rural Fire Dist 2952.48 taxes, Schools 174289.68 taxes, Towns 15965.00 taxes, Townships 12264.17 taxes, Payroll Processing Fee 12.94, Sanford Health Plan 21574.37 Health Ins, Unum 258.70 Life Ins, Payroll: Commissioners 8299.84, Auditor's Office 11150.76, Treasurer's Office 15038.86, State's Attorney's Office 7684.14, DOE Office 9155.52, Register of Deeds Office 6147.48, VSO 1169.63, Sheriff's Office 30270.12, 4-H Service Center 140.73, Extension Office 2336.96, Weed & Pest 1683.57, Planning & Zoning 3913.87, Road & Bridge Fund 74298.64, General Building 5110.77, Emergency Management 2163.77

12) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

Mary J Korth, County Auditor

Steve Rhody, Chairman

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