

August 6, 2019
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Rhody presiding. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Rhody, Homan, Jaeger and Kreutner. Also present was Auditor Mary Korth and several members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

1) Jaeger moved, seconded by Homan to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

2) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of July 2nd and July 16, 2019 as well as Special Meeting July 29th, 2019. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Highway Superintendent Jamie Hintz

Hintz met with the commissioners to discuss several matters. He informed the Commissioners of a turbine hauling company Barnhart Crane & Rigging which will be hauling a transformer for Otter Tail Power Co. on county roads with a weight of close to a million pounds. Charges for an overweight permit were discussed. This is traveling through the southwest part of the County likely in early fall. Concerns for the roads and structures were discussed.

Hintz asked the commissioners to authorize the approval for Banner of Brookings, SD to contract the Engineering Services for two box culvert projects located in southwest Deuel County. Furthermore that Banner Associates will be requesting bids for the construction of the Deuel County Box Culvert Projects. This project is all part of the BIG programs. 3) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve Banners for contract of Engineering Services for the Box Culvert Project. All voted yes and the motion carried. 4) Homan moved, seconded by DeJong to approve Banner Associates to request bids for the construction of Deuel County Box Culvert Projects 20-065-189 and 20-065-196. All voted yes and motion carried.

Hintz presented a quote from John Deere for a payloader to be considered for the 2020 budget. Jaeger asked the age of the current payloaders which are 1981 and 2007. The older one was overhauled but still poses problems. The new one presented is needed to carry the blower.

Hintz discussed bridge 20-139-040 that needs replacement in the northern part of the County and presented a quote from Holloway Bridge & Culvert for \$189,875. No bidding necessary as the steel comes from True North Steel. He will bring more information and specs to the next meeting. The replacement will not happen until the summer of 2020.

Culvert deterioration and wash-out was discussed and the concerns for that as well and that they are priority. Hintz also spoke of gravel bids, he spoke to Brownlee Construction and will be receiving gravel soon and it should be an adequate amount.

The Courthouse grounds/maintenance position was discussed with Hintz. The highway department will be helping with grounds keeping, mowing, and any other necessary duties until further notice about the position.

9:30 Weed Supervisor Keith Goens

Goens approached the board to discuss bids on a trailer to haul the Kubota. He explored bids and wanted to get a trailer that the highway department could use as well. Car trailers are

\$5,969 for one quote, which are very versatile or \$4550 for a slightly smaller one. A single axle to only haul the Kubota is \$3500. Goens wants to wait on the decision to see which is a better option for both Weed and Highway departments. The current trailer was only custom made to carry a lighter load like a 4-wheeler and not a larger Kubota with a full water tank. Concerns for keeping within budget as well as buying local was mentioned. He updated the commissioners on the hold off of spraying ditches because of the wetness but hopes to be working on all of that in the fall.

9:45 Director of Equalization Donna Rhody

Rhody approached the board to discuss computer quotes from Ultra Connecting Point. She presented upgrades to Windows 10 and one new computer for \$2522.99. She will see if the installation can coincide with other offices to save costs. 5) Jaeger moved, seconded by Chairman Rhody to approve the installation and new computer systems for the DOE office from Ultra Connecting Point in the amount of \$2522.99 for the 2019 budget year. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:00 Second Reading Ordinance B2004-01-28A

Commissioner Rhody announced this portion of the meeting will be recorded. The second reading of Ordinance B2004-01-27A was held. The Ordinance Amendment would adopt the change to include *an amendment to a Zoning Ordinance in Section 1215.03.2.d – Wind Energy System setbacks. Distance from the Lake Park District located at Lake Cochrane 3 miles, Lake Alice 2 miles and 1 mile from the Lake Park District at Bullhead Lake. To read: Distance from the Lake Park District located at Lake Cochrane: 3 miles; Distance from the Lake Park District located at Lake Alice: 2 miles; And distance from the Lake Park District at Bullhead Lake: 1 mile.* Letters were sent to the Commissioners prior with concerns about the proposed amendment. All letters and emails received were reviewed by the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Kreutner was concerned about the Lake Park District near Lake Alice with comparison to the Lake Cochrane Park District which took 10 years for its development. He feels that is development by Lake Alice should be a concern. He commented on how towers can be moved with different permits. Chairman Rhody asked if he feels there should be a Lake Park District created on the north side of Lake Alice. Kreutner said wind development as well as concerns for locals should be considered. He felt the Board should reconsider to make sure they are doing the right thing. Commissioner Jaeger wanted clarification on when the original Lake Park District at Lake Alice was started. According to Zoning Officer Theisen, it was 2009. Discussion was held on how long it takes for a Lake Park District to develop and that the steps go through the Zoning Board.

Commissioner DeJong brought up the original meeting of the Planning Commission from January 2017 and cited the original ordinance. His feeling the 2 miles from Lake Park District at Lake Alice has always been there with the first intention but failed to be published that way.

Public Comments

On behalf of Deuel Harvest Wind, Lisa Agrimonti stated the Zoning Map controls what dictates the setbacks. This is stated in the Zoning Ordinance and that is how they made their determinations. Cochrane Lake Park District was created before the Zoning Map was created. The current setbacks are set according to the Zoning Map.

Theisen also gave information of the original established districts in paper form for the commissioners to review. Chairman Rhody read from the Zoning Ordinance Article III Section