

June 20th, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20th, 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 and Deputy Auditor Brooke Pederson. The meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance. 1) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion a road at Lake Cochrane. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck asked the commissioners to approve scrap metal for surplus. 2) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the surplus of scrap metal at highway shop. All voted yes and the motion carried. Discussion was held on the new Restoration and Haul Road Agreement that will be used for large projects (example wind tower development). Broksieck had Mark Junker with Banner Associates (engineering firm) as well as two states attorneys, Craig Evenson and Taree Nesvold, look over the agreement to ensure the best protection for Deuel County. 3) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the new Large Project Restoration and Haul Road Agreement. All voted yes and the motion carried. Broksieck discussed the need for a new backhoe. He quoted two new backhoes, a 410P John Deere for \$174,000.00 and a 420 Butler Cat for \$157,193.00. The board asked if a used one would be sufficient. Broksieck stated it probably would, but just didn't have the quotes. Grabow stated he isn't a fan of purchasing a used one. Mewherter asked if the old backhoe is worth anything and if we could sell and put money towards a new one. Broksieck stated it is but he has to figure out where to sell it and how much its worth. The topic was tabled. There was also talk on snowblowers. Grabow stated that he would like to look at snowblowers before backhoes because they are more of an essential need to the county. This topic was also tabled. Discussion on new blades was had due to the blade in Brandt has 170,000 hours on it. A new blade costs around \$400,000.00. This topic was tabled. Broksieck stated that he is going to get quotes on snowblowers and bring them to a future meeting. Broksieck stated that the road restoration construction project is going good now. Grabow stated he has gotten calls from Dave Hunt about his road. Grabow talked about donating his time to do the project since the county already has the fabric.

10:00 Greg Richter with Connecting Point/Ultra

Richter explained the current support system through Connecting Point and what is covered and what is not. Currently the server is the only thing under contract. He explained the new program they offer would support the server, with firewall, network switches, the backup appliance and all county PC's. This would help tremendously with security. Response time is around 30 minutes with the new Connect Care system. Connecting Point ranks the problem from minimal, medium and severe. Travel and on-site work are covered under the new Connect Care program. The board discussed that it is essential to keep our system safe. 4) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the new Connect Care system with the addition of two PCs from Sheriff's office. All voted yes and he motion carried.

10:45 Sheriff and Emergency Manager Cory Borg

Borg stated that the Sheriff's office is not doing driver's licensing this week due to Crystal Springs Rodeo and the other things going on in the community. The sheriff's office will be open from Wednesday and Thursday will be open from 1 pm - 1 am, Friday and Saturday 8 am - 3 am. Borg presented two firework permits that need approval. 7) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve firework permits for the Crystal Springs Rodeo June 21-24 and Stateline Fireworks on June 30. All voted yes and the motion carried. Borg discussed weapon sights for their AR15s. Currently their weapons have a vortex sight but the sight is not holding their zero. Borg looked at a few quotes for sights but they were all pretty close. He presented an EOTech sight which are known for holding their zero well. These new sights provide markers at 200 yards, 50 yards and 7 yards, ranges of which best suite the department. The 200-yard marker is used out in county, 50-yard marker would be for in town and 7-yard marker is for house/school. They are \$700 apiece and the sheriff's department needs six. The \$4,200.00 is currently in sheriff's department budget. 8) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the purchase of six sights from EOTech at \$700.00 apiece. All voted yes and the motion carried. Borg presented the idea of a new security camera system since the current server is having a few problems. ITC cannot service this current system as it is not supported anymore. Borg believes the current system was installed in 2016. ITC quoted new system for \$14,461.01. This includes 16 cameras, adding a camera on each floor to see both East and West sides, as well as a new sever. Grabow asked if we could get more quotes. Commissioners tabled the topic and talked about adding this to next year's budget.

Borg switched roles and talked about Emergency Management topics. Borg presented the idea of Emergency Management trainings for the fire departments in Deuel County. Borg explained that Chris Noeldner with First Line Training and Apparatus provides pumper truck training. The cost is \$300.00 per training. Borg explained that each truck operates differently and training on trucks in their own department would be more beneficial than holding combined trainings with trucks they aren't familiar with. Since there are six departments in Deuel County there would be six trainings at each fire department. 5) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the pumper training for all six fire departments in Deuel County. All voted yes and the motion carried. Borg moved all emergency management supplies out of the old emergency management office and into Sheriff's office. He found many radios that are not on P25 network but would work on Analog system. Since the radios aren't useable for county purposes he asked to surplus radios and give to fire departments that are in need. Even with donating 17 radios, the sheriff's office will have 12 additional radios ready in case of emergencies. 6) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to surplus 17 emergency management radios and give to fire departments in Deuel County. All voted yes and the motion carried. The six emergency management laptops that were found when moving supplies will come to the auditor's office and replace older ones as needed.

11:00 Cory Borg with Gary Fire Department/Gary Ambulance

Borg presented the business plan for the Gary Ambulance. A mock inspection was held and everything needed for passing state inspection is in the new Gary Ambulance. Medications that aren't required but would be nice to have stocked in the vehicle haven't been purchased. These are things such as EPI Pens, Narcan, etc. Gary Fire will submit the application this week. The state then has two weeks to a month to review it and issue licensing. The Gary Fire Department and Deuel County Ambulance

did have a meeting about the new Gary Ambulance. They want to work together to provide the best service to our Deuel County citizens. Commissioners asked if they have enough people to staff the new ambulance. Borg responded that there is enough to staff the ambulance including six EMTs, one paramedic, one nurse and six drivers. Two additional people have also showed interest in taking the EMT class. Borg suggested the idea for the new Gary Ambulance to follow the Gary Fire District for coverage area. Borg also asked for \$10,000.00 to help fund and further stock the new ambulance. 7) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the coverage area to follow Gary Fire District as well as fund \$10,000.00 as long as the state licenses the vehicle. All voted yes and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Requests; Change of Date for July Commissioner Meeting; July 3rd

8) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve travel requests for four Commissioners to attend STIP meeting in Watertown, SD on June 28th and Register of Deeds, Auditor and Deputy Auditor to Connecting Point/Ultra training in Pierre, SD on August 2nd. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve July 6th as first meeting in July for Regular Commission meeting due to the 4th of July landing on the first Tuesday of the month. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to close the Courthouse and outlying office on July 3rd following the direction of Governor Noem for state offices and employees. All voted yes and the motion carried.

There was discussion on a Lake Cochrane Road through the Shady Beach area. The topic was tabled until further information is gathered.

Warrants

11) 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: HealthEquity- \$5.00- Flex Fee, Ottertail Power Co- \$898.06- Utility, SD Dept of Rev-\$2339.86- Predatory Animal, Ottertail Power Co-\$174.57- Utility, Ottertail Power Co-\$113.36- Utility, RC Technologies-\$150.00- 911 Utility, State Motor Vehicle-\$186,356.11- State Motor V Fees, SD Dept of Rev- \$274.00- DL Fees, Delinquent Tax-\$72.37-Delinquent Taxes, Reg of Deed Fees-\$220.00- ROD Fees, SDACO-\$306.00- M&P

Taxes: Schools-\$500,947.21, Townships-\$46250.49, Cities-\$28242.75, EDWD-\$1871.60, Upper Deer Creek-\$10.10, Lake Cochrane Sanitary District-\$280.50, Rural Fire- \$10,449.84

January Payroll: Commissioners 10672.06, Auditor's Office 14486.34, Treasurer's Office 10041.60, State's Attorney's Office 7427.03, General Gov't Bldg. 6584.06, Director of Equalization Office 15300.21, Register of Deeds Office 8485.22, Veteran Service Officer 1374.33, GIS 725.10, Sheriff's Office 43819.88, Extension Office 3393.86, Weed & Pest Dept. 1837.49, Planning & Zoning 5270.75, Road & Bridge Fund 92431.49, EM 4514.62

February Payroll: Commissioners 9730.05, Auditor's Office 14573.71, Treasurer's Office 10333.84, State's Attorney's Office 7849.84, General Gov't Bldg. 6360.99, Director of Equalization Office 16023.89, Register of Deeds Office 8567.44, Veteran Service Officer 1374.34, GIS 725.10, Sheriff's Office 39822.31, Extension Office

3818.09, Weed & Pest Dept. 2117.70, Planning & Zoning 5121.25, Road & Bridge Fund 82558.21, EM 4031.98

March Payroll: Commissioners 9806.61, Auditor's Office 11544.38, Treasurer's Office 9851.59, State's Attorney's Office 7392.73, General Gov't Bldg. 6858.41, Director of Equalization Office 15399.59, Register of Deeds Office 8423.55, Veteran Service Officer 1374.34, GIS 725.10, Sheriff's Office 44243.43, Extension Office 3420.37, Weed & Pest Dept. 1891.49, Planning & Zoning 5005.56, Road & Bridge Fund 90125.20, EM 2867.39

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

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

Chairperson Judith Homan
Deuel County Commission

Attest:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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