

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the agenda with the addition of the 2025 Police Contract price, equalization office summary on OHE, and Sioux Valley Commissioner Meeting. All voted yes and the motion carried.

### **Appointments**

#### **9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck**

Broksieck didn't have much to discuss with the commission. Broksieck stated he needs to surplus scrap iron. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to approve surplus of scrap iron at the County Highway Shop. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck gave a brief overview on what they are doing now. Currently they are chip sealing. BPI will be done with their project, if they have good weather, by Thursday (7/25/24). He stated that BPI will have to come back to do Grant County's portion because Grant County is still doing work to prepare for BPI.

Broksieck stated that they called Engesser from Gary to come service the generator at the courthouse but he didn't have any way to decode the generator to figure out what was wrong with it. He called Interstate Power Systems and they serviced the machine. Justin Bolden, Deuel County Mechanic, has a few things to finish up the maintenance on it but should be done soon.

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Banner is having a public relations meeting to get feedback on how they are doing. Both Grabow and Fieber will be going to the event.

#### **9:10 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters**

3) Fieber 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. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 9:20 AM.

4) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve Nathan Lovre at \$20.66 per hour and Jayden McCracken at \$20.66 per hour. Both are full time employees with benefits offered. All voted yes and the motion carried.

#### **9:30 AM – Deuel County Ambulance Representative Mark Law**

Law talked to the board about support funds for the ambulance. The Deuel County Ambulance gives them a 401k with up to \$500 per year and have started paying the EMTs compensation, all contingent on how many calls they go on. Now with adding the Gary station, they pay them half of every call they take. Law explained that most calls they go on, the insurance provided is Medicare. Medicare only pays a fraction of what the service is being charged at. They currently want to replace the ambulance but they are three years out at this time. Law is hoping they will make decision as of December 2025. New ambulances are roughly \$450,000 to \$500,000. 5) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve support funds of \$60,000.00 to the Deuel County Ambulance. All voted yes and the motion carried.

#### **9:45 AM – CLAD Executive Director Sarah Salzer**

Salzer talked to the board about support funds for second quarter and 2025. The board asked Salzer if she has stepped down from CLAD. She explained she has but is working to help bridge the gap to when they hire a new Executive Director. She expressed she has thoroughly enjoyed her time with CLAD. 6) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve second quarter funds in the amount of \$4,500.00

to CLAD. All voted yes and the motion carried. 7) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve an increase of \$1,500.00 for year 2025 for \$5,000.00 per quarter. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on hiring Sarah to help part time so she can continue helping the townships with RAIF applications. The County really appreciates Salzer stepping up and helping the townships out. The topic was tabled.

**10:00 AM – Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen**

Theisen presented four plats for the commission to approve. 8) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the plat of “**Block 1 Buyert Second Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 115 North, Range 50 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota**” and Resolution 24-19. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 24-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**Block 1 Buyert Second Addition located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 115 North, Range 50 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 23rd day of July, 2024.

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

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County Auditor  
Deuel County, South Dakota

9) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the plat of “**LOT 1 OF THOMPSON’S THIRD ADDITION, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW1/4 SE1/4) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 115 NORTH, RANGE 47 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**” and Resolution 24-20. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Resolution No. 24-20**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE ABOVE PLAT OF **LOT 1 OF THOMPSON’S THIRD ADDITION, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW1/4 SE1/4) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 115 NORTH, RANGE 47 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA** IS HEREBY APPROVED.

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY, 2024.

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DEUEL COUNTY

10) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the plat of "**LOT 1 OF THOMPSON'S SECOND ADDITION, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 115 NORTH, RANGE 47 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**" and Resolution 24-21. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Resolution No. 24-21**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE ABOVE PLAT OF **LOT 1 OF THOMPSON'S SECOND ADDITION, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 115 NORTH, RANGE 47 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA** IS HEREBY APPROVED.

DATED THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2024.

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CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DEUEL COUNTY

11) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the plat of "**Gabrielson Third Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 115 North, Range 47 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota**" and Resolution 24-22. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution No. 24-22**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: "**Gabrielson Third Addition in the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 115 North, Range 47 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 23rd day of July, 2024.

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

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(SEAL)  
County Auditor, Deuel County, South Dakota

**11:45 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters**

12) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss a personnel matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 12:10 PM.

13) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve Deborah Meguire as Director of Equalization with a salary of \$67,000.00 annually, \$60,000.00 from the DOE budget and \$7,000.00 from GIS including a probationary period for a year with assessments at six months and one year. Benefits are offered. All voted yes and motion carried.

**Old Business**

Discussion was had on the noise study that GeoTek did. There was no decibel sample that was too high. All within normal and acceptable range. The noise study was conducted when Crystal Springs Feed was up and running. The average was 49.00 decibels. Took sampling locations on 15 and 22 which average was 48.7. Marlin Bjerke’s taxes will go back up with the results of the noise study being safe and within OSHA standards.

**New Business**

Discussion was had on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Report. The Board of Commission looked at each individual budget to make sure they are on track for their budget. All funds were within reason.

14) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the June 2024 Cash Balance sheet. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER  
END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE- JUNE 2024**

CASH TOTAL				\$ 2,089.86
CHECKS TOTAL				\$ 17,578.04
CASH ITEM				\$ -
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF				\$ 50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND				\$ 19,717.90
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE				\$ 285,899.40
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO				\$ 6,023,601.38
SD FIT				\$ 1,054,280.44
CREDIT CARDS				\$ 672.60
CD		DNB		\$ 250,000.00
		FB&T		\$ -
INTERST EARNED: \$24,325.90				
REVOLVING LOAN				\$ 38,277.52
<b>GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>				<b>\$ 7,672,449.24</b>
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:				
GENERAL				\$ 5,408,068.19
SP REVENUE FUNDS				\$ 1,773,158.84
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS				\$ 491,222.21
Townships	\$70,734.25	Cities	\$24,574.23	
Schools	\$176,755.45	Rural Fire	\$662.89	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH</b>				<b>\$ 7,672,449.24</b>

The board reviewed the 2025 provisional budget that Auditor Parker prepared. 15) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve and publish the 2025 Provisional Budget including updating the 2025 Policy Book starting with the December 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 – January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 pay period with overtime pay at time and a half and hazard pay (when the courthouse is closed), when active on the road, pay at time and a half. All voted yes and the motion carried.

16) Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to hire Jordan Mack as part time weed sprayer at \$17.50 per hour with no benefits offered. All voted yes and motion carried.

17) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve moving the first regular meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday. All voted yes and the motion carried.

18) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve advertising for two weeks for two assessor/deputies in the Office of Equalization. Applications will be accepted from July 29 through August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. All voted yes and the motion carried.

19) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the new state milage rate of .655 per mile. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on the Sioux Valley Commission meeting held in Watertown on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Three commissioners will go.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Police Contract price. Borg stated break-even is \$52.00, however he did not believe we should charge that. He explained matching CPI at 3% would be an acceptable increase. 20) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve increase to \$41.20 for 2025 Police Contract price. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Deborah Meguire gave a brief overview on OHA. Meguire said it went pretty good and OHA will rule in about a month.

21) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the support funds of Clear Lake Historical Society and Museum of \$2,000.00. They stated since it was only \$2,000.00 they would approve the funds this year without a financial statement, but in 2025 they will require a financial statement before they will approve the funds as they are requiring for every entity that requests support funds from Deuel County. All voted yes and the motion carried.

#### **12:20 PM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters**

22) Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss a personnel matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 12:30 PM.

Commission decided that Grabow and Homan will be the commissioners on the policy committee to revise the current policy book.

#### **Approval of Warrants**

23) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to pay warrants as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**Taxes:** Schools \$176,755.45, Townships \$87,948.00, Cities \$16,510.95, EDWD \$119.11, Rural Fire \$662.89  
**Paid Early:** SD DEPT OF REVENUE \$224.08 EXCISE & SALES TAX, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 215.70 UTILITIES, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 181.37 UTILITIES, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 150.68 REPAIR, FIRST BANK & TRUST 2087.43 CC STATEMENT, GUNDERSON & EVENSON, LLP 50.00 NOTARY PROF. SERVICE, H-D ELECTRIC COOP, INC 727.77 UTILITIES, ITC 1489.49 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 12.68 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 31.17 UTILITIES, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 911 SURCHARGE, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 63.70 SUPPLIES, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 144868.70 EOM FEES, SDACO 228.00 M&P FEES, SECRETARY OF STATE 30.00 NOTARY PROF. FEE, THOMSON REUTERS - WEST 580.89 LAW LIBRARY UPDATES, TRANSWEST - SIOUX FALLS 245.27 REPAIR, TRI STATE WATER INC 27.55 SUPPLIES, CITY OF WATERTOWN 4019.64 911 SURCHARGE, JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 45.00 PROF SERV PAPERS

**Current Warrants:** A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 117.70 SUPPLIES, A-OX WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY IN 306.84 SUPPLIES, DIANE ANDERSON 99.78 JUDGE/MILEAGE, APPEARA 281.70 RUG RENTAL, BANNER ASSOCIATES INC 4095.25 PROF. FEES, BROOKINGS CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE 142.50 PRISONER HOUSING, BITUMINOUS PAVING INC 200194.84 OVERLAY PROJECT, BOBCAT OF BROOKINGS 3200.00 REPAIR, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 200.56 SUPPLIES, CARTNEY BEARING & SUPPLY CO 135.36 REPAIR, CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU 1.70 POOR LIEN RECOVERY, CENTURY LINK 358.79 UTILITIES, FOELL, PC 160.00 PROF. FEES, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 78.48 SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE VETERINARY CLINIC 87.01

SUPPLIES, CLIMATE CONTROL INC 10803.08 SUPPLIES, COLE'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC 28268.97 SUPPLIES, MICHAEL J DAHL 1204.90 MEETINGS/MILEAGE, DAKOTABILITIES 180.00 3RD QTR FUNDS, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 53.99 SUPPLIES, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 54.11 DELINQUENT TAXES, KEVIN DEBOER 1139.96 MEETINGS/MILEAGE, DIAMOND MOWERS LLC 441.78 SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT BLADES INC 5375.50 REPAIRS/SUPPLIES, SCOTT FIEBER 331.42 MEETINGS/MILEAGE, FLEETPRIDE 98.50 REPAIR, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 278.95 REPAIR, GEOTEK ENGINEERING & TESTING 2049.90 NOISE LEVEL STUDY, JAY GRABOW 996.70 MEETINGS/MILEAGE, HELSPER, MCCARTY & RASMUSSEN 1087.72 CAA FEES, HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY 3191.00 3RD QTR SUPPORT, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 1594.00 JULY SUPPORT, INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS, INC 1653.03 GENERATOR REPAIR, JAMAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 4654.00 TRAFFIC COUNTER, JOHNSON CONTROLS 538.56 REPAIR, DENNIS KANENGIETER 1015.67 MEETINGS/MILEAGE, MIKE LAMMERS 1250.59 MEETINGS/MILEAGE, BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC 274.68 SUPPLIES & REPAIRS, MENARDS 600.18 SUPPLIES, ROBERT OLHEISER 10.00 REPLACING LOST CK, OFFICE PEEPS INC 537.68 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 1095.79 UTILITIES, PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT CO LLC 3354.26 MINOR EQUIP, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 35.96 SUPPLIES, SANFORD HEALTH 155.00 PROF. FEES, SANFORD CLINIC 3198.67 HEALTH NURSE, SO DAK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 40.00 BLOOD DRAW, SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 767.88 SUPPLIES, SONJA HANSON 12.24 MILEAGE, DEB SUNDEM 87.99 SP. FOODS JUDGE/MILEAGE, TRUENORTH STEEL INC 3470.97 REPAIR, VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC 8900.00 PROF. SERVICE, JENNIFER ZIRBEL 131.88 SP. FOODS JUDGE/MILEAGE,

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business 24) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Courtney Parker, Auditor

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Jay Grabow, Chairman

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