

Tuesday, June 22, 2021
Special Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Jaeger, Rhody, Homan, and Kreutner. Also present was Auditor Korth, Sheriff Cory Borg and Emergency Manager Sheila Monnier, and members of the Crystal Springs Rodeo Committee. The meeting began with prayer and pledge of allegiance and Chairman DeJong called the meeting to order. 1) Homan moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve the agenda as presented with an addition to add discussion concerning the trees in the Courthouse yard. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Sheriff Cory Borg

Discussion was held concerning placing a burn ban within Deuel County. Present for discussion were Crystal Springs Rodeo Committee members Cody Krause and Chris Uckert. Representing the Clear Lake Fire Department was Blaine Franken. EM Monnier read an email received from the NWS (National Weather Service) concerning the ongoing drought and worsening conditions in Deuel County as well as the slim chances for precipitation. Krause also presented a map of the state from the NWS showing levels of fire danger in the State. The map showed fire danger at a low level due to PH levels and humidity levels, especially since humid conditions are expected at the end of the week. Krause feels the Ranch grounds are not at a high risk. Borg stated safety concerns for the Rodeo Grounds as well as everywhere throughout the County; he stated the fire chiefs of the County are wanting the ban as well. Uckert stated the Committee is prepared with a water supply and security to control fires. Much discussion and debate was held on the burn ban in regards to safety of the County as well as visitors of the County, professional fireworks displays, preventative control, control of a large fire with a crowd, and how high the actual risk of fire will be by end of week.

2) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve and sign Resolution 21-19 for a Burn Ban in Deuel County effective immediately. The burn ban in Deuel County will follow the resolution as written. Roll call vote Rhody aye, Jaeger aye, Homan aye, Kreutner aye, DeJong aye. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING A FIRE DANGER EMERGENCY IN DEUEL COUNTY PROHIBITING ANY OPEN BURNING

WHEREAS, due to increasing drought conditions prevalent in Deuel County, a fire danger emergency now exists within Deuel County, South Dakota, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that a Fire Danger Emergency is hereby declared and until this resolution be otherwise rescinded by the Deuel County Commissioners, all open burning as defined in Ordinance B2000-01, is hereby

prohibited within the boundaries of Deuel County, South Dakota, inclusive of any incorporated municipality within the county, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolution is declared to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 7-18A-8 and is effective immediately and shall continue in force and effect until rescinded by the Deuel County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of a substantial rain amount to be determined by the Deuel County Sheriff, The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Deuel County Emergency Management and The Clear Lake Fire Chief that fireworks displays will be allowed through the permitting process of the Deuel County Sheriff's Office until allowed by State law.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2021.

Chairperson
Deuel County Commission

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

Mary Korth, County Auditor

Gary, SD July 3 Street Dance/Health Nurse Contract Amendment/Courthouse Trees

3) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the road closure of First Avenue in Gary, SD to allow for a street dance to be held July 3rd, 2021 from 8pm to 1am. All voted yes and motion carried.

The 2021-2022 Health Nurse Contract 2.4% increase previously approved at the June 15th meeting requires a slight decrease in amount due to an error. 4) Rhody moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve and sign the 2021-2022 Community Health Nurse Contract between the State of South Dakota, Sanford Medical Center Deuel County and Deuel County in the AMENDED amount of \$35,157.20 (\$887.80 less than previously approved). All voted yes and motion carried.

Sodak Gardens examined the unhealthy Courthouse trees (the Hackberry trees) in the Courthouse courtyard. It was found that the damage has been caused by herbicides (overspray). The chemicals mixed were done by an outside source in early spring. Sodak

Gardens reported the trees aren't in danger of dying. However they should be monitored with extra care especially during the drought.

Adjournment

There being no further business 5) Kreutner moved, seconded by Jaeger to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes and motion carried.

Gary DeJong, Chairman
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Mary Korth

Deuel County Auditor

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