

February 21st, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21st, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairperson Homan presiding. Those present were Commissioners Scott Fieber, Judith Homan, Jay Grabow, Steve Rhody and Harry Mewherter. Also present was Auditor Courtney Parker and Deputy Auditor Pam Lynde. The meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance. 1) Grabow moved, seconded Fieber by to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Rhody moved, seconded Grabow by to amend the minutes from the February 7th meeting. Motion 7 is deleted and correct the cash balance sheet to January not December. All voted yes and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Grabow presented two quotes for a new furnace at the 4-H Center. The first quote was from Christianson Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning for \$4,500.00 and the second was from Nosbush Plumbing and Heating for \$3,400.00. Grabow explained with the plumbing work that is now needed, no one will quote that portion of the project. 3) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the quote from Nosbush Plumbing and Heating for \$3,400.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Jamie Broksieck Highway Superintendent

Broksieck discussed bid letting dates with the Commissioners. Advertising for bid letting will be on March 8th and bid opening will be March 21st for fuel, road oil, etc. Broksieck also stated that he will open bids for road repairs due to damage from wind tower construction, on March 6th at 1:30 P.M. Broksieck gave Craig Evenson, State's Attorney, the information on the new haul road agreements so he could give any legal direction if needed.

9:15 Pam Lynde Deputy Auditor- Annual Report

Lynde explained the 2022 Annual Financial Report for Deuel County. Lynde broke down and discussed individual figures and what they correspond to. 4) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve and publish the unaudited Annual Report for 2022. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:50 High School Requests Use of Softball Field for HS Softball Season

Principal Todd Ralph and Superintendent Chad Schiernbeck requested the use of the softball field for High School Softball for the spring season. Discussion was had on mowing and maintenance of the softball field. The team has around 7 home games this season. 5) Grabow moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the use of the softball field for the Deuel High School Softball season. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:00 Second Reading of Floodplain Ordinance #B2022-01-03

Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen presented the Flood Plain Ordinance #B2022-01-03 and the second reading was held. 6) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to adopt Floodplain Ordinance #B2022-01-03. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:30 Telephone Call with SDFIT

A conference call with SDFIT representative Angie Stillwell presented options that are available for investing at SDFIT. The first option is a GCR government cash reserve that has a daily rate of 4.23%, fluctuating with market changes, with daily liquidity. Stillwell presented another option of investing into a fixed rate account. They

have a limit of 18 months or less. Six or 12 month options have a rate of 4.80% or 18 month fixed rate account has a rate of 4.73%. There is no set penalty if taken out before the term expires. SDFIT sells based on market rates if cashed in early. Stillwell stated the county will need to update their investment policy. 7) Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to approve a 12 month fixed rate account with SDFIT for \$1 million with Treasurer Jennifer Mewherter as the contact. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:45 Blom Township- Roads Around Proposed Dairy

Ben Stout from A1 Development Solutions working on the proposed Hollywood Dairy and Bruce Haringa from Blom Township discussed the options with township roads for the proposed dairy with County Commissioners. Haringa expressed they would like the County to take over the portion of the roads that will be within the haul agreement for the 9500 cow dairy due to the excessive amount of maintenance needed. Around 10 loads of milk will be trucked from Hollywood Dairy to Valley Queen and Agropur daily. There will be one road agreement for milk trucks and haul trucks and another agreement for silage and haylage trucks. Stout stated \$1.9 million of Reinvestment Payment Program funds and SD DOT Agribusiness Grant allows the funds to go directly back to Deuel County and not to the State General Fund as they normally do. The Board discussed meeting with Blom township officials and the owner of Hollywood Dairy to discuss options. Broksieck, Highway Superintendent, is going to get a rough estimate from Banner Associates Inc. for surveying six miles of roads for the proposed dairy.

11:40 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(1) Personnel Matter

8) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to move in to Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) to discuss a personnel matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairperson Homan declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:45 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Advertise for Janitorial Staff at 4-H Complex, Surplus Items from Courtroom, Emergency Manager Hour Agreement, Part-Time Deputy Auditor, Travel Requests;

Janitorial staff at the 4-H center was discussed and the need to advertise for the parttime position. 9) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to advertise for position. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Grabow to surplus items the following items from the Courtroom; 7 chairs, 1 podium, 1 roll stool, 1 tv stand and 1 tv. All voted yes and motion carried.

11) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to appoint Pam Lynde as part time deputy auditor for training and consulting at \$33.00 per hour, no benefits. All voted yes and motion carried.

12) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve schedule of 24 hours per week for Sheila Monnier, Emergency Manager for 2023. All voted yes and motion carried.

13) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve travel requests for commissioners and auditor to attend 2023 New Officials Workshop April 19 & 20 in Pierre, and elected officials to attend Sioux Valley Commissioners Association meeting in Bryant on March 15th. All voted yes and motion carried.

Warrants

14) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve current warrants and those paid early. All voted yes and the motion carried.

B-D Rural Water 88.50 Utilities, Century Link 373.14 Utilities, City of Watertown 3,973.54 911 Surcharge, HealthEquity 35.00 Claims, NeoPost 2,000.00 Postage, SDACO 174.00 M&P, SDACC 450.00 NACO dues, SD Dept of Revenue 150,089.57 Fees to State, SD Dept Of Revenue 378.63 Excise Tax

Taxes: Schools 345,931.38, Towns 32,441.79, Townships 29,046.74, EDWDD 1,332.22, Rural Fire 6,042.27, Crystal Springs TID 643.38

Adjournment

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

Chairperson
Deuel County Commission

Attest:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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