

May 30th, 2023
Special Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, May 30th, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairperson Homan presiding. Those present were Commissioners Scott Fieber, Judith Homan, Harry Mewherter, Jay Grabow and Steve Rhody. Also present was Auditor Courtney Parker as well as several members from the public. 1) Grabow moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the agenda with the addition of executive session. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:00 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck & Banner, Associates

Waylon Blasius with Banner, Associates (engineering firm on project) explained what is happening on the new construction on roads 172nd and 482nd. There are spots of deficiencies in the new asphalt construction. 482nd has deficiencies to the asphalt mat. Geotechnical reports showed poor subgrades in areas of the roadway. 172nd shows deficiencies in the bottom mat. 172nd is showing instability after Duininck hauled their loaded trucks down the first lift of the newly paved road. It was stated that the grade of 2% was not consistent ahead of the paver causing thinner asphalt. Duininck has started backing loaded trucks up in front of the paver instead of driving loaded trucks down the freshly paved asphalt to avoid any more breakups on the newly paved roads. Duininck has spoken to Banner to ask for more funds since they have changed their operations of the project to help minimize hauling loaded trucks on the first lift of asphalt. However, a formal request has not been made. After Duininck completes the stretch of road they are on, they will fix the spots of breakup on both 172nd and 482nd. Banner has field staff checking all aspects of the operation to ensure quality is being upheld. Banner is confident in how Duininck has improved operations; however, they may want more funds due to slowing down efficiency of the project.

Public Comment

Bill Goetz asked questions on core levels on 172nd. The core levels are 1.4 inches which more than double the standard set. Goetz asked if there were any preliminary tests taken. Banner responded that they have taken 40 density tests and three did not meet 92% density levels. Duininck also has their own quality control internally that are compared with Banners quality checks as well. Before the project, moisture and density tests were completed.

Jim Dailey stated that the issue needs to be resolved before the project continues. Grabow stated that Duininck needs to be present in order for the Board of Commissioners to make a decision. However, Duininck stated they couldn't be present on Tuesday, May 30th meeting but could be available on Wednesday and Thursday. Mewherter stated we need to meet before the regular June 6th meeting to discuss further with Duininck. There will be another special meeting Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. with Duininck in attendance to discuss the project in full. If they are not in attendance, they need to stop construction on the project. Banner will reach out to Duininck to ensure they know about the meeting on May 31st, 2023.

10:10 Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(1) Personnel Matter

2) Grabow 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. Chairperson Homan declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:20 A.M.

3) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to accept resignation of Sheila Monnier as Emergency Manager. All voted yes and the motion carried.

4) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to appoint Cory Borg as the new Emergency Manager. All voted yes and the motion carried.

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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