

April 2nd, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on April 2nd, 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 and several members from the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda with the correction to Executive Session at 10:00 AM is due to in pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the minutes from March 5th and 19th. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck presented to the Board two contracts from Banner Associates for engineering services. Both projects will be 80% state paid and 20% county paid due to the grants Deuel County received. The first is for county road 310, the Gary Gulch, and it is not to exceed \$94,000.00. Grabow brought up quoting IMEG just to compare to Banner. The board decided since Banner does all bridge inspections to stay with them on the engineering of the bridges for these projects. 3) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the engineering contract with Banner Associates Inc. for structure number 20-200-114 located on 486th avenue (Hwy 310) over Monighan Creek. All voted yes and the motion carried. The other contract for county road 313 with Banner Associates Inc. will not exceed \$83,000.00 for engineering services. 4) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve the engineering contract with Banner Associates Inc. for structure number 20-050-273 located on 471st avenue (Hwy 313) over Peg Munky Run. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck presented letter of resignation from Richard Eidet. His last day will be Friday April 5th. Deuel County thanks him for his service to Deuel County and wishes him well in retirement. 5) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the resignation of Richard Eidet and advertise for a blade operator. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck asked about getting fuel for the shops due to the \$2,500.00 spending limit set by the board. Anything over that amount should be brought to the board for approval before purchasing. The amounts needed are roughly 500 gallons in diesel for Brandt and 700 gallons in diesel for Bemis. Rhody brought up that this seemed a little more like micromanagement since this is a necessity. Grabow asked when do they come to deliver now. Broksieck explained he stops and checks on the tanks and then fills them on a route when he's in the area. Broksieck told them to hold off on filling because of the spending limit. Cole's Petroleum wants to get a monitoring system so he can see where everyone's tank is at without driving by and physically checking. Broksieck explained that Brandt uses more fuel because there are two machines. Grabow also pointed out that if Cole's Petroleum will have to make special trips to fill our tanks, they will potentially raise our price of fuel. 6) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber for fuel, they will go by contract not the \$2,500.00 spending limit. Broksieck will not have to bring before the board before ordering fuel for shops. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:30 AM – 2nd Reading of B2022-01-03A

Zoning Officer Theisen presented Ordinance B2022-01-03A and the second reading was held. 7) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to adopt B2022-01-03A. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:45 AM – Veterans Service Officer Dennis Evenson

Evenson presented his quarterly report for Veterans Service Officer. Evenson stated that South Dakota seems to be one of the best states to support Veterans. He explained that he helps get veterans into appropriate facilities, VA hospitals, nursing homes, etc. He talked about WWII veterans received better treatment than Vietnam veterans because the Vietnam war is known as the forgotten war.

Grabow asked if there was anything we could help him with his service to Deuel County. Evenson just stated he's a little short on help sometimes. Homan volunteered to help with filing and/or paper work if he ever needed.

10:00 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel Matters

8) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan 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 10:14 AM. No action was taken.

10:15 AM – Gary Givers

The Gary Givers asked the board if they were able to shut down 1st Avenue on July 6th from Viessman's to Legion Hall for the Gary Street Dance and Rodeo. 9) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve closing 1st Avenue on July 6th for the Gary Rodeo and Street Dance. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:30 AM – Plainview Dairy Representative Ben Stout

Stout updated the board on where the process is for the road by Plainview Dairy. Currently they don't have the state permit yet. They are estimating it be done later this week (first week in April). Stout stated Blom Township didn't want to meet yet because the county permit is invalid. Grabow stated the county permit is valid. He explained there is litigation on the apartments but doesn't affect the dairy permit. Stout also explained there can be a petition to turn over the township road to a county road if a number of community members sign it. This would forgo the township or just null the haul road agreement together. Stout explained he doesn't want to do things that way.

The dairy has been working on water with Brookings-Deuel Rural Water. The County received a letter from Brookings Deuel Rural Water stating they are studying how much water it will take.

Blom Township representative Bruce Harringa said that Stout received a haul road agreement in September 27th, 2023. Harringa has not received a call from Stout about a meeting. Blom Township representative Al Moore gave an overview on what has gone on going back combing through county commission meeting minutes to support their stance on the road. Moore explained that it was said once the state permit was received that they would turn the road over and they have not received their state permit yet so they have stuck to their word.

Township officials and Plainview Dairy officials will meet at the next commission meeting on the 16th of April at 10:15 AM.

11:10 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) PM

10) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber 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 11:30 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

Discussion was had on the garage sketches. The proposed garage would replace the current garage in the courthouse lot. The current garage needs a new roof and shingles which is why the Board is looking into building a new garage that can be used more efficiently by maintenance and the sheriff's department. The new proposed garage would be a three-stall garage that would be heated for the plow truck, mower with snow attachments and a sheriff's patrol car. Grabow is suggesting Driyvit on the outside of the garage to keep the integrity of the courthouse. Homan discussed adding a foot to the height of the sketch because vehicles are only getting bigger and they would like the garage usable in many years to come. Grabow will have the garage bid.

Discussion was had about removing the safe in the commissioner room to make the room more user friendly. It was also brought up about putting in an elevator. Grabow will get quotes.

Two bids were presented to the board for pest control; Pests B Dead LLC for \$200.00 per quarter and EcoLab for \$145.00 per month and \$240.00 biannually. 11) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to

approve the pest control quote from Pests B Dead LLC for \$200.00 per quarter. All voted yes and the motion carried.

12) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve the purchase of a desk for the zoning office from Office Peeps for \$1,155.00 All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on a chiller quote received from Johnson Controls. Currently the chiller is 21 years old. Mechanic Jesse Greve from Johnson Controls explained that chillers normally last between 20 & 25 years. Greve also explained that if a compressor goes out in the current chiller and needs replacing, they are roughly \$20,000.00 a piece and there are two. Therefore, instead of putting the money into the old chiller maybe replacing it would be better decision. Greve also stated he would keep the current chiller working until the county can replace.

13) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the county health nurse contract at \$33,467.48. All voted yes and the motion carried.

The March 2024 cash balance sheet was tabled until the next meeting.

Approval of Warrants

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

Paid Early: Deuel County Treasurer 700.39 Overpayment, New York Life Insurance Co 270.38 Life Ins., Wegner Auto Co., Inc. 43061.00 Vehicle, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 21962.49 Health Insurance, Principal Life Insurance 1853.29 Insurance

Current Warrants: A&B Business Solutions 804.09 Supplies, AT&T Mobility 294.28 Utilities, Butler Machinery Co 281.07 Repairs, Clear Lake Building Center 28.69 Repairs, City Of Clear Lake 173.93 Utilities, Clear Lake Courier 1558.61 Publications, Cowboy Country Stores 32.00 Supplies, Deuel County Conservation District 3000.00 2nd Qtr Funds, Deuel County Motor Supply Inc 383.84 Repair & Supplies, Deubrook Community Library 700.00 Support Funds, Fleetpride 323.80 Repairs, Houseman Funeral & Cremation 50.00 Supplies, ITC 2001.93 Utilities, Johnson Controls 1117.19 Repair & Maintenance, Josef Gislason 101.46 Overpayment, Macksteel Warehouse, Inc. 428.71 Supplies, Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. 98.08 Books, Microfilm Imaging Systems 90.00 Rental, New York Life 176.26 Whole Life Ins., National Sheriffs' Association 125.00 Annual Dues, Northwestern Energy 1564.45 Utilities, Office Peeps Inc 1020.61 Supplies, Ottertail Power Co 83.27 Utilities, RC Technologies 150.00 911 Utilities, Sanford Health 174.00 Prof. Fees, Sd Dept Of Transportation 1105.65 '22 Pavement Project, SDACO 198.00 M&P Fees, Sioux Valley Co-Op 300.00 Supplies, Smi & Hydraulics, Inc. 259.52 Repair & Maintenance, Streicher's 8301.00 Equipment Supplies, Transource Truck & Equip Inc 23.39 Repairs, Ultra Bright Lightz LLC 299.99 Supplies, Yankton Co Sheriff's Office 50.00 Prof. Fees,

Payroll

March Payroll: Commissioners \$10,228.64, Election \$133.57, Auditor's Office \$10,783.58, Treasurer's Office \$11,272.65, State's Attorney's Office \$7,953.18, General Gov't Building \$6,346.91, Director of Equalization Office \$16,936.41, Register of Deeds Office \$9,294.58, Veteran Service Officer \$1,443.05, GIS \$759.13, Sheriff's Dept. \$45,234.91, County Assist \$400.92, Extension Office \$3,948.73, Weed & Pest \$2,392.07, Planning & Zoning \$5,470.92, Road & Bridge \$76,309.68, Civil Defense \$430.95

Public Comment

Moore stated that Wild Rose Dairy wondered if there's any detours for the new road construction on Highway 15 that will affect his milk route and cement trucks. Grabow stated the trucks would have to go south from Wild Rose Dairy. Borg explained the only official detour is the Interstate.

Moore also asked about the commission meetings being recorded. Parker stated she has been looking into different options and trying to figure out what will work best.

States Attorney Craig Evenson talked about reasons for meeting in executive session: personnel matters, legal counsel, litigation, contractual matters, contracts, protection of public of private property. Evenson also stated the public can record but has to be obvious, not disruptive.

Adjournment

There being no further business 15) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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Jay Grabow, Chairman