

June 18, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on June 18th, 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 Deputy Auditor Brooke Pederson. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda with the additions of County Burial Assistance, Post-Election Audit results, and a resignation of an employee. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck discussed topics with the board. They finished moving pea rock recently. A Goodwin resident is helping clear out ditches to help the drainage. There's a possibility of needing to replace a culvert in that area as it is in tough shape.

He brought forth a new traffic counter kit quote of \$4,654.00 with radar capabilities to be used to track traffic counts for future road & bridge improvement grants. The kit includes a 3-year warranty, software, and two batteries. Broksieck has been trying to get LTAB to do it, but they're unable to help with their own BIG improvements going on. Grabow brought up security and Broksieck said there are ways to chain/secure it to help prevent theft. Homan stated that she thought it would pay for itself in the long run. 2) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the purchase of the new Traffic Counter. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9:20 AM – Kevin Foster

Foster discussed his gravel pit and the new tax that the state will charge each gravel pit owner(s) if they stay open as of July 1st, 2024. In 2027, the state can start increasing their fees. It'll start at \$1,100 a year and then increase thereafter. Foster wants to close his gravel pit in the future. He wanted to let the county know that he will start charging "rent" to the county if there is any gravel in his pit come 2027. Broksieck added that the county has just shy of 15,000 ton at Foster's gravel pit currently.

9:27 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) Litigation Matters

3) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) to discuss a litigation matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 9:18 AM. No action was taken.

9:45 AM – Weed Superintendent Keith Goens

The board wanted to meet with Goens to discuss a few updates. Goens is replacing a few tires on a piece of equipment. He also ordered a new battery for a pump trailer. It's been tough getting things sprayed because of how wet and windy it's been so far this year. Normally they're about done spraying by the beginning of July, but not this year. Goens added that his chemical spray has went down a couple dollars a gallon this year. Grabow asked given the weather conditions, and the workers available, if Goens will get everything done that he wanted. Goens stated that if the weather cooperated for the last half of June, it would look promising. Goens added that they still apply spray up to about 15 mph winds.

10:00 AM – Legislative Audit Representative David Weidler

Weidler presented the findings of the audit years 2021 & 2022. Weidler discussed the accounting practices were in good standings and conclusive and there were no difficulties encountered during the audit and no disagreements with management. A conclusion letter was drafted and provided by Auditor Weidler to the commission with all the findings to be read, and approved by the board. With findings of correction to certain financial reporting lines and over budget expenditure without supplement of the general fund, resulting in a negative budget. Weidler offered to just be more aware of budgets going forward. Grabow added that since the beginning of this year, the county has implemented

a spending limit on every department to hopefully be able to monitor funds more closely going forward. 4) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to accept the findings of the 2021 & 2022 Audit. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:15 AM – Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen

Theisen presented 4 plats to the board of commission. 5) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the plat of “**Gorder Addition located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 113 North, Range 50 West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota**” and Resolution 24-14. All voted yes and the motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISION RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 24-14

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**Gorder Addition located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 113 North, Range 50 West of the 5th 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 18th day of June, 2024.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

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County Auditor
Deuel County, South Dakota

6) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the plat of “**Schafer Addition located in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 117 North, Range 49 West of the 5th P.M. Deuel County, South Dakota**” and Resolution 24-15. All voted yes and the motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISION RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 24-15

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**Schafer Addition located in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 117 North, Range 49 West of the 5th 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.

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7) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the plat of “**Jenson Place Addition Located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 114 North, Range 48 West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota**” and Resolution 24-18. All voted yes and the motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 24-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**Jenson Place Addition Located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 114 North, Range 48 West of the 5th 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.

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8) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the plat of “**LOT 1 MELLENDORF THIRD ADDITION IN THE COUNTY OF DEUEL, SOUTH DAKOTA, Located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, T115N, R49W of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota**” and Resolution 24-17. All voted yes and the motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 24-17

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: “**LOT 1 MELLENDORF THIRD ADDITION IN THE COUNTY OF DEUEL, SOUTH DAKOTA, Located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, T115N, R49W of the 5th 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.

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10:30 AM – Ben Stout Plainview Dairy

There was discussion on the road by the dairy. Stout presented to the board a letter drafted by Boyce Law Firm explaining the road needs to have engineering done to meet standards for equipment. Blom Township initially came to the county stating they didn't want the responsibility of taking care of the road and the county agreed to take the township road on but paperwork needed to be completed, filed and then submitted to the state. The State will have to approve the paperwork before the county assumes ownership of the road. The other option is to turn over the road would be for all the land owners to collectively agree to turn it over to the county. There has been no other action taken by the township, therefore they still own the road. The next application deadline is October 15th. Whoever owns the road, needs to apply for the grant. Grabow stated that Plainview Dairy representatives and Blom Township representatives need to meet and discuss the future of the road and come to an agreement in a public setting. Grabow asked that they keep the county updated on what is happening with the road.

11:30 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) Litigation Matters

9) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) to discuss a litigation matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:35 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

10) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approved a county burial. All voted yes and motion carried.

11) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the resignation of employment of Thomas Pauli. Pauli's last day will be July 8th, 2024. All voted yes and motion carried.

Deputy Auditor Pederson talked about the Post-Election Audit. Pederson explained who sat on the board of the Post-Election Audit. Those individuals were Linda Broksieck, Linda Dailey, Jay Grabow, Alan Sievers and Mary Nosbush. She explained that the results from the tabulator were found to be consistent and conclusive to the hand counted results done by the board. 12) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to accept the findings of the Post-Election Audit. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

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

Current Warrants: A-OX WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY IN 55.05 SUPPLIES, ALAN SEVERSON 40.00 POST-ELECTION AUDIT, APPEARA 116.80 RUGS, BANNER ASSOCIATES INC 14300.39 PROF. SERVICES, CAROL BARGER 180.00 ELECTION WORKER, NANCY BARONDEAU 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 156.45 UTILITIES, BRANDON NELSON 164.00 OVERPAYMENT SCRAM, DIANE BRANDT 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, FAY BUCHOLTZ 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, BONNIE BUDAHL 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 442.55 REPAIR, CREDIT COLLECTIONS BUREAU 1.70 PROF. SERVICE, CENTURY LINK 358.79 911 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 26.99 SUPPLIES, ANITA CROSS 235.30 ELECTION WORKER, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 6.00 SUPPLIES, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 1727.54 DELINQ. TAXES, DCN INSURANCE 4498.00 AMBULANCE LIABILITY INS., DEN HERDER LAW FIRM 161.00 CAA FEES, FLEETPRIDE 149.54 REPAIR, PATRICIA FOSTER 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 2816.44 REPAIRS, SONJA HANSON 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, HEIMAN INC 610.00 PROF. SERVICE, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 408.00 TRAVEL, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 1594.00 JUNE SUPPORT, JAY GRABOW 55.30 POST ELECTION AUDIT, JOHNSON CONTROLS 735.62 REPAIR, ROBERT KEIMIG 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, KIBBLE EQUIPMENT LLC 333.06 REPAIR, TAMARA KREIN 245.50 ELECTION WORKER, L G EVERIST INC 7757.85 SUPPLIES, SHIRLEY LARSON 238.36 ELECTION WORKER, LINDA BROKSIECK 55.30 POST ELECTION AUDIT, LINDA DAILEY 52.24 POST ELECTION AUDIT, MARY

NOSBUSH 55.30 POST ELECTION AUDIT, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC 3575.78 SUPPLIES, BYRON NOGELMEIER 50.00 SCRAM ALLOCATION, OFFICE PEEPS INC 38.27 SUPPLIES, GLORIA ORTHAUS 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, ROBERTA PARKER 230.20 ELECTION WORKER, POSTMASTER 154.00 BOX RENTAL, SANFORD CLINIC 3198.67 HEALTH NURSE, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2640.79 FUEL SUPPLIES, MARY JANE SWENSON 220.00 ELECTION WORKER, TITAN MACHINERY-WATERTOWN 965.90 REPAIR, TORONTO INC 50.00 FACILITY RENT - PRIMARY ELECT., TRI STATE WATER INC 27.55 SUPPLIES, W.W. TIRE SERVICE INC 662.08 REPAIR, ANITA WHITINGER 220.00 ELECTION WORKER,

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business 14) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brooke Pederson, Deputy Auditor

Jay Grabow, Chairman

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