

December 17, 2019
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Rhody presiding. Those present were Commissioners Rhody, DeJong, Kreutner, Homan and Jaeger. Also present was Auditor Mary Korth and members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda 1) DeJong moved, seconded by Homan to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Jamie Hintz Highway Superintendent

Hintz met with the Commissioners to discuss several highway related issues. Resolution #19-26 implementing the new Highway Department salary scale was received, read and adopted. 2) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to accept and adopt the presented Highway Department salary scale and Resolution #19-26. All voted yes and motion carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISED PAY SCALE FOR COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES RESOLUTION #19-26

WHEREAS, the Deuel County Personnel Policy Manual provides for longevity pay for its regular employees. As part of its regular review of the compensation plan the county has determined that it is necessary to adopt a revised pay scale for County Highway Department employees.

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is appropriate and beneficial to include longevity pay as part of the compensation plan for County Highway Department employees.

WHEREAS, the compensation plan the county intends to adopt excludes County Highway Department employees from the longevity pay set forth in the County Personnel Policy Manual and the additional pay based upon longevity approved by the Board and included as part of the Salary Resolution #2019-01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of County Commissioners hereby excludes all County Highway Department employees from the longevity pay set forth in the Deuel County Personnel Policy Manual and the Salary Resolution #2019-01. Commencing January 1, 2020, Deuel County Highway Department employee's longevity pay shall be incorporated in the regular pay for each employee according to the compensation plan adopted by the county for the County Highway Department.

Adopted by the Deuel County Board of County Commission on December 17, 2019.

Deuel County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Mary Korth
Deuel County Auditor

Steve Rhody
Chairman

Hintz presented a photo of a bridge similar to the one that will be replaced located from Tunerville: 3 miles east, 2 miles north and ¼ miles east. It is bridge number #139-040. Iron will come from True North Steel. The bridge will cost \$54,616 and for steel back walls \$3,355, and a blade runner protection is \$2000.00. This is considered a 50 year bridge for legal loads. Discussion was held on dimensions and material quality of the bridge. Construction expected to start in 2020 depending on weather circumstances.

Discussion was held on the haul routes in the northern part of the county and the impact the loads are having on the roads.

Discussion was held about the stop sign in Gary, SD being made into a permanent sign as motioned at the December 5th Commission Meeting. The Gary City Council made their formal request in the form of a letter presented to the commissioners. The action will now move forward to make the sign located at the corner of 1st Avenue and Coteau Street in Gary, SD a permanent sign.

Hintz presented a Detailed Damage Inspection Report from the US DOT Federal Highway Association. It states high water levels in the confined basin next to the roadway has caused damage to the road and its embankments. Replacement of pre-existing Rip-Rap on both sides of the roadway to protect the roadway embankment and patching the asphalt where needed located 3.5 miles east of Brandt on 188th St between 482nd and 483rd Ave. Hintz presented the quote of \$209,020 for Rip-Rap and repair to the road damage. This is listed as site #1 Project #ER6698. This will be reviewed and approved at a future meeting.

9:30 Custodian Scott Ruby

Ruby met with the Commissioners and discussion was held on the auto scrubber for the courthouse, repairs and maintenance. The battery does not hold a charge and new batteries would be needed for the current machine. Further discussion was held on purchasing something new for the West Hwy 22 building or for the courthouse and future demonstrations for those types of machines. Ruby stated a smaller scrubber is around \$3000.00. The Board is interested in quotes for different types of machines and batteries and doing comparisons in future meetings.

9:45 Director of Equalization Donna Rhody

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

3) DeJong moved, seconded by Jaeger to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purpose of a personnel matter. All voted yes and motion carried. Chairman Rhody declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

10:30 Will Kruse from Deuel County Shooting Sports