

March 25, 2015  
Special Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday March 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Rhody presiding. Those present were Commissioners Dumke, Jaeger, DeJong, Rhody and Pederson. Also present was Auditor Pam Lynde. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Dumke moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**9:05 EM Director/911 Coordinator Cory Borg**

Borg met with the Commissioners to discuss the audit of the 911 Communications Center. The Audit was conducted by the Department of Public Safety. He said the Center is not in compliance in several areas, with one of the major issues being business telephone lines are not being recorded. The Audit stated the current training program is inadequate and in order to come into compliance with this rule the training program would need to be greatly expanded. Security measures such as windows inside the dispatch center should be closed or bars placed over the windows; prioritizing of calls; financial reporting is being done correctly; need to document when generator is tested; the radio system currently being used is ok but needs analog frequencies. The Audit stated the PSAP has areas that are in need of correction in order to meet the minimum requirements as outlined in South Dakota Administrative Rule 50:02:04.

2) Dumke moved, seconded by DeJong to move into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss a personnel issue. All voted yes and motion carried. Rhody declared Commission out of Executive Session at 9:45.

Borg also talked about the grant that is available through the Cops Grant program to help with the purchase of bullet proof vests for Sheriff's Department and a state grant that is also available to purchase vests. 3) Dumke moved, seconded by Jaeger to sign and send letter of application for a state grant for bullet proof vests. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**9: Sheriff Dave Solem & Deputy Cory Borg 911 Dispatch Center**

Solem and Borg met with the Commissioners to discuss the 911 Dispatch Center. Commissioner DeJong presented information on the possibility of contracting the 911 services with city of Watertown or City of Brookings. The City of Watertown currently dispatches for Grant County Sheriff's Dept., Day, Hamlin, Clark and Codington counties with their total 911 budget being \$822,000. Most counties are currently paying 95% of the 911 surcharge for their contract service. There are four 911 trunk lines coming into the center; they use state of the art radio communications and computer technology including digital mapping; at present they serve 12 ambulance departments, 34 fire departments, 7 first-responder groups and 15 law enforcement agencies.; all dispatchers are EMD certified; they use aerial maps from First Dist. If the county decides to contract with City of Watertown for 911 dispatch services a two year contract would need to be approved; cost being 95% of 911 surcharge which would be approximately \$49,980 based on 2014 figures. Other costs may include transmission equipment which could range from \$15,000 to \$20,000; also needed is a recorder that records all phone call messages which can be emailed back to local officers, fire departments, etc., which could

cost up to \$8000, both being a onetime cost. Watertown Dispatch would need to get approval to accept Deuel County. Clark was the last county to join with Watertown and it could take four to five months to complete the transition.

Commissioner DeJong and Sheriff Solem also talked to Brookings Dispatch currently dispatching for Brookings Police and Brookings County sheriff; use Insight for maps; dispatchers are schooled in EMD; would take at least two months or more for setup; cost would probably be 100% of 911 surcharge; supplying and updating of maps would be at Deuel County's expense. With either Center the County would have to put in some type of system to be able to communicate with the dispatch center.

Further discussion was held on what would need to be done in order to keep the PSAP in Deuel County; personnel would have to be trained 8-12 weeks to bring them into compliance; upgrade in radio system would probably cost \$30,000 to \$40,000; cad system for one computer would cost approximately \$100,000; add recording of business phone lines; security measures upgrade; raising the wage of dispatchers to \$15 per hour or more; EMD cards using Priority or Power phone software would cost up to \$88000. 4) DeJong moved, seconded by Dumke to call a special meeting on Tuesday March 31 at 9:00 a.m. to further discuss the 911 Dispatch Center. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Sheriff Solem asked to reconsider salary offered to Tristan Molitor. Solem requested raising the salary offer to \$35,500. 5) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to hire Tristan Molitor as Deputy Sheriff with salary being \$35,500 yr. All voted yes and motion carried. 6) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to raise wage of Pete Eng to \$37,000 a year and Cory Borg to \$42,000 with  $\frac{3}{4}$  time Deputy Salary  $\frac{1}{4}$  time Emergency Management beginning April 20. A roll call vote was held with all Commissioners voting yes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Dumke moved, seconded by Pederson to adjourn.

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Steve Rhody, Chairman  
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

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Pam L. Lynde, Auditor

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