

February 20, 2018
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday February 20 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman DeJong presiding. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Dumke, Jaeger and Pederson. Rhody was absent. Also present was Auditor Pam Lynde. The meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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

APPOINTMENTS

9:05 Jamie Hintz Highway Superintendent

Hintz discussed several highway related issues with the Commissioners. Hintz presented an Application for Occupancy of Right of Way from ITC for proposed construction in Township 113N-114N Range 50W in Deuel County in the summer of 2018. 2) Jaeger moved, seconded by Pederson to approve and sign the Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways to ITC on the above described property. All voted yes and motion carried. Discussion was held on the possibility of buying culverts off the Beadle County culvert bid. 3) Dumke moved, seconded by DeJong to approve and buy all steel corrugated metal and aluminized culverts from TrueNorthSteel off the Beadle County bid for 2018. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Hintz talked about the use of concrete box culverts to replace some of the smaller bridges in the county. Three 8x8 box culverts price is \$840 per running foot; 102 inch steel culvert would be \$160 per running foot, price of 70-80 ft. culvert. He would like to possibly replace some of the bridges with the steel culverts.

4) Jaeger moved, seconded by Pederson to make no change to township and town rates for 2018. All voted yes and motion carried.

DEUEL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2018 TOWNSHIP & TOWN RATES

	Hourly rate-With Operator
Motor Graders:	
Blading	\$58.00
Snow Removal with wing	63.00
Plus additional for overtime, when needed	
	Hourly rate-Without Operator
Trucks:	
Dump Truck	32.00
Pickup	10.00
Sander	35.00
Semi-Tractor/Truck	65.41
Tractors:	
Backhoe/Loader	42.00
Dozer & Excavator	35.00
Utility Tractors	20.00
Payloader	75.00

Mowers & Tractor	40.00
Other Equipment:	
Tow Packer	10.00
Self-Propelled Packer	20.00
Steel Faced Roller	15.00
Oil Distributor & Truck	60.00
Power Broom-Pull type	45.00
Power Broom-Hydraulic	70.00
Chip Spreader	30.00
Rotary Snow Blower-Loader	100.00
Lo-Boy Trailer	50.00
Tiltbed Trailer	50.00
Gravel Trailer	50.00
Equipment Trailer	50.00

These rates apply to the equipment only, there will be an additional hourly charge for the operator and overtime, when needed.

9:15 Bid Opening for Two Dump Bodies & Hoists

The bid letting and opening for two dump bodies and hoists for 2019 MACK trucks was held. The following bids were received: Custom Truck Equipment. 5) Pederson moved, seconded by Dumke to not open bids, reject because of a technicality on the bid documents, advertise and set bid letting for March 20 at 9:15 a.m. for two dump bodies and hoists for 2019 MACK trucks. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:30 First District Association of Local Governments-Todd Kayes/Paula Hulsher

Todd Kayes met with the Commissioners and gave an overview of the activities of First District. Kayes is the Executive Director of First Planning District in Watertown, which is one of six planning districts that operate under a joint powers agreement; 11 counties and 76 communities are members of First District. The Board meets four to five times a year; Funding consists of dues, State & Federal Grants/Contracts and Fees for Services; Staff of 12 full time employees; do application packaging; project administration; planning & research; technical and financial specialties and program support and promotion; in 2017 grants and loans totaled \$6.9 million; for Deuel County 2017 grant and loans \$55,018; they maintain 911 database in Deuel County; provide Planning & Zoning administration to Clear Lake, Gary, Toronto and Deuel County. Kayes said they want to be responsive to needs of the county in whatever area they request assistance. They Webhost and maintain County GIS Website; Maintain County Parcel GIS Data Set; Prepared SDOEM Hazardous Materials Plan Grant App. Deuel County received \$3200 grant in 2017; District wide grant for economic development Deuel County share was \$6364; also assisting with wind energy and findings.

Paula Hulscher met with the Commissioners and gave them an overview of the First District loan program and County Revolving Loan Funds. In early 90's First District and Deuel County established a county revolving loan fund. First District manages the fund for Deuel County; fund started in 1993; revolved through 3.61 times; have one loan that is outstanding; also manages funds for two other counties; most marketing is done through other lenders that don't want to fund the total project; funding needs to go to a business; they can and do combine resources to get a project going; doesn't need to be a

brand new business but can be an expansion of an existing business. Most referrals come from the private sector.

10:45 State's Attorney John Knight

Knight met with the Commissioners to discuss several items. 6) Jaeger moved, second by Pederson to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter at 10:50 a.m. All voted yes and motion carried. Commissioner DeJong declared the Commission out of Executive Session at 10:55p.m.

11:00 Public Hearing on Request of Ottertail Power to Rezone from Ag to Commercial Portion of Land in Section 22 of Scandinavia Township

A public hearing was held upon the request/petition of Ottertail Power Co. to issue a change in zoning classification for property that is described as: SE1/4NE1/4 of 22 & N200' of NE1/4 of SE1/4 of 22 & N200' of NW1/4 of SE1/4 of 22 & N200' of E150' of NE1/4 of SW1/4 of 22-113-48 from Agricultural to Commercial. The petition and request were heard by the Deuel County Zoning Board and they recommended to the Commissioners that the above described property be rezoned to Commercial. Kirk Phinney manager of supply engineering for Ottertail Power was present and answered questions concerning the request and project. The facility will be located in the northeast part of the section; won't start major construction until 2019; any site run off will go through retention ponds; will be a zero discharge site; existing gas line is south of the proposed site; there will be lights on the power block area. The request was in order to develop, own and operate an approximate 250-megawatt energy conversion facility. State's Attorney Knight said the decision by the Zoning Board is based on the fact Ottertail meets minimum lot size and setback requirements and they also meet conditions required by zoning ordinance with one exception, ordinance stated that commercial property must have access to state, county or US Highway. This location is approximately ½ mile off SD Highway 28 road with access on a township road. The Planning and Zoning Board said they will recommend to rezone upon the condition that Ottertail enters into an agreement with Scandinavia Township concerning the township road. Knight said the Zoning minutes suggest that Ottertail will maintain and do maintenance of the road from their property to Highway 28, with an agreement with the township and county that Ottertail would take care of any improvement and future maintenance of the road from point where they access. Phinney stated they have a draft memorandum of understanding with the township and will facilitate upgrading of the road up to driveway of proposed construction site and stated he didn't know about future maintenance of the road. State's Attorney Knight recommended the Commissioners approve the request to rezone the above described property from Agricultural to Commercial on the condition they (Ottertail) enter into memorandum of understanding with the township concerning the township road. The first reading of Ordinance B2004-01-24A was then held. The second reading will be held on March 6 at 10:00 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion continued on the delinquent taxes on Lots 23-24 Blk 19 Original Plat City of Clear Lake. Another payment for delinquent taxes on the property was received by the county.

A letter was received from Flying Cow Wind, LLC, an affiliate of RES America Developments Inc., which said they were gathering information and requesting comments for the proposed Bitter Root 345 kilovolt Transmission Line Project to be constructed and

operated in Deuel County. The project includes a proposed approximate 10 mile, 345 kV overhead electric transmission line, a collector substation, and an interconnection substation. The Project would provide interconnection to the grid for the proposed Bitter Root Wind Project, a large wind energy conversion system consisting of up to 152 megawatts located in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota. The proposed transmission line, collector substation and interconnection substation will be permitted by the SD Public Utilities Commission and Deuel County. The transmission line route between the endpoints is currently under development. Townships where the lines and substation would be located are Norden in 34-114-47 and Scandinavia in 3-10 -113-47; 1-3, 10-12, 14, 15, 22, 23 in 113-48. The proposed route of the transmission lines will be along three miles of county roads #310 and #513. The Zoning Board had no comments concerning the request as of their meeting held on Monday February 12. The Commissioners have concerns with right of way occupancy; more information is needed concerning county roads #310 and #513; what is the size of the line poles; what type of structures are they going to use. They must have haul road agreements with the county and townships; Commissioners feel they should know the actual route of the transmission lines. What type of poles are they going to use and how tall are they? County will also need haul road agreements. Auditor Lynde will respond back to Flying Cow Wind, LLC with their questions and concerns on the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Warrants

7) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to approve warrants paid early. All voted yes and the motion carried. SDACO \$280 M&P Funds Due to State, SDDOR \$89953.17 Funds Due to State, SD Dept. of Revenue \$194.05 Excise Tax, Century Link \$358.79 911 Trunk Lines, City of Watertown 4323.48 911 Surcharge, Electro Watchman \$1845.66 Down Payment for Alarm System, ITC \$177.99 Phone/Internet Hwy., H-D Electric 460.90 Utility, BDR Water 16.00 Utility, Hasler \$50.00 Maintenance Fee Postage Machine, DC Treasurer \$42.40 License for Trucks.

Miscellaneous

Jaeger talked about the 911 center and annual report of the activities of the 911 calls. They (Watertown) will be one of the first PSAP's to be cut over.

Adjournment

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

Chairman
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Pam L. Lynde, Auditor

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