

The Deuel County Commissioners met in special session on December 31st, 2025, 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 and a large group of concerned Deuel County citizens. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 at 9:00 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Consulting Legal Counsel

2) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) for Consulting Legal Counsel. All voted yes and the motion carried. Fieber declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 9:10 AM. No action was taken.

Item #2 Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg presented a jail contract to the board for Beadle County. Adults will be \$105 per day per inmate and juveniles \$325 per day per inmate. Discussion was had on how busy the Sheriff's Department was due to expenses being higher in Judicial and Court Appointed Attorney budgets. 3) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the Beadle County jail contracts for adults at \$105 for adults and for Juveniles at \$325 per day per inmate. All voted yes and the motion carried.

New Business

4) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the following contingency transfers: Commission \$8,583, Judicial \$7,662, States Attorney \$1,126, Court Appointed Attorney \$23,275, Veteran Service Officer \$16,711, Coroner \$196, Ambulance \$20,930, Mental Illness \$896, 911 Surcharge \$10,267, and Revolving Loan \$132. All voted yes and the motion carried.

5) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the fund transfer to the Highway Department in the amount of \$850,000. All voted yes and the motion carried.

6) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the Capital Outlay transfers in the amount of \$100,000 to Highway Fund, \$50,000 to General Fund, and \$25,000 to Weed Department. All voted yes and the motion carried.

7) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve Commissioners Homan and Grabow to count the Treasurer's till on January 2nd at 7:30 AM. All voted yes and the motion carried.

8) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the write off \$231,135.50 in county liens. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

9) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to pay all warrants. All voted yes and motion carried.

Paid Early: IBC \$167.23 MERP Employee Claims, IBC \$150.00 MERP Employee Claims
Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 135.96 SUPPLIES, AGRI PARTNERS INC. 9329.28 WEED SPRAY, ANDOR, INC. 1225.36 REPAIR, AT&T MOBILITY 40.54 UTILITIES, AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 188.21 REPAIR, BECK MOTORS, INC. 52821.00 2026 CHEV SILVERADO 2500, BRANDT FIRE DEPARTMENT 6242.13 REPLACE LOST CK-'25 FIRE REV., BUTLER MACHINERY CO 167381.95 BACKHOE EQUIPMENT, CAM TRUCK & TRACTOR REPAIR 930.00 DUMP TRUCK REPAIR, CODINGTON CO SEARCH & RESCUE 1500.00 2026 MOU

SERVICE AGREEMENT, CENTURY LINK 341.40 911 UTILITIES, FOELL, PC 400.00 DOT EXAMS, CINTAS CORP 322.39 RUGS, CLEAR LAKE BUILDING CENTER 2.97 SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP 357.00 POCKET GOPHERS, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 2111.45 IT PROF. SERVICE, EQUIPMENT BLADES INC 8283.90 REPAIR & SUPPLIES, FLEETPRIDE 18.18 SUPPLIES, GALLS, LLC 168.99 CLOTHING SUPPLIES, GREASE MONKEY TRUCK 254.89 REPAIR, HAVANA TOWNSHIP 52800.00 RAIF REIMBURSEMENT, I-STATE TRUCK CENTERS 1332.88 SUPPLIES, JOHNSON CONTROLS 3328.26 REPAIR, KREGER SERVICE & REPAIR 350.94 REPAIR, MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC. 234.10 COURT RULE BOOKS, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 44.03 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 242.29 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 72.10 UTILITIES, PESTS B DEAD LLC 435.00 PROF SERVICE, POWERPLAN OIB 7364.83 REPAIR, SCOTT GARY 67.00 OVR PAYMENT TITLE/REG., SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 5272.34 BRIDGE INSP., SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE 57.88 AUTO INS. COVERAGE NEW PICKUP, STREICHER'S 1139.99 CLOTHING, VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC 1200.00 PRC PROF. SERVICE, W W TIRE SERVICE INC-WTN 1597.72 SUPPLIES,

Public Comment

Nearly 90 Deuel County citizens expressed their concern and asked questions about the proposed data center to be built in Scandinavia Township if the State Legislature passes a state sales tax exemption for the computer supplies within the buildings. The main concerns were public safety, infrastructure problems, increased expenses due to crime, health and environmental concerns, pollution, blinded by the revenue it brings, financial issues, concerns for family farms, increased utility prices, and the need for more volunteers for first responders. More people would have shown up for the two-hour discussion, but they had prior commitments or couldn't get off work.

Adjournment

There being no further business 10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.
ATTEST:

Brooke Pederson, Deputy Auditor
Published one time at the approximate cost of

Jay Grabow, Chairman