

Monday, August 16, 2021
Special Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in special session on Monday, August 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Jaeger, Rhody, Homan, and Kreutner. Also present was Auditor Korth and several interested members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and pledge of allegiance and Chairman DeJong called the meeting to order. 1) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Economic Development within Deuel County

Present for discussion was Mayor Gary Eide along with Marlen Bjerke, Angel Oeltjenbruns, Joe Uckert, Daryl Feilmeier, and Craig Evenson. Also present was DADi Director Tammy Krein and Sheriff Cory Borg.

Uckert began discussion with handouts on growth patterns within Clear Lake. He also presented a 2022 proposed budget for Clear Lake Development Organization (unofficial name). The budget includes support from the County with monthly reports back to the Board. Discussion was held on land development of the old airport property. The current Clear Lake Development Organization (unofficial name) referenced economic development in DeSmet, SD as a model. Discussion was held on development and support of the other communities within the County. Unity between this development organization and DADi was addressed. Eide spoke on how economic development in Clear Lake does benefit many other communities. Bjerke spoke on the employers within the County and helping the businesses to grow and find employees. He also spoke on the importance of housing development; he is in favor of development within the County as a whole. Krein spoke of development in the County as a whole with the help of volunteers. Oeltjenbruns was present representing Gate City Development in Gary. She stated support within the community is crucial and reported on what their development organization has accomplished with housing in Gary. She would like to see development as a whole within the County stating DADi would be a valuable resource for the smaller communities. Support for “bedroom communities” is very important. Krein concurred and reported on her findings and vision for DADi. Mary Nosbush for Gate City Development came to the meeting and commented on support of county wide development. DADi Board members Feilmeier and Evenson spoke on housing development and addressing the problems from the past as well as growth and looking forward to the future. Much discussion was held on the role of DADi and challenges to the Director going forward. Krein focused on unity within the county.

Chairman DeJong along with Commissioner Jaeger concluded the discussion thanking all for their input stating the Board will have further discussion on the support of economic development and how it fits within the 2022 budget. The 2022 Provisional Budget will be approved at the regular commission meeting Tuesday, August 17th.

Adjournment

There being no further business 2) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes and motion carried.

Gary DeJong, Chairman
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Mary Korth

Deuel County Auditor

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