

September 4, 2024
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on September 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Jay Grabow presiding. Those present were Commissioners Jay Grabow, Scott Fieber, Harry Mewherter and Judith Homan. Steve Rhody was absent. Also present was Auditor Courtney Parker and Deputy Auditor Brooke Pederson. A few members of the public were also present. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the agenda with the additions of DOE computer quote, cell phone reimbursement for the Director and the Power Plant discussion. All voted yes and the motion carried. The minutes from August are tabled until next meeting.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck gave updates to what has been going on in the highway department. He stated there is eight townships that have turned in 5-year road and bridge plans. Applications for the RAIF projects are due on October 31. Broksieck stated they put 48 stop signs on the 12 miles of road on 478th Ave. for the safety of the public driving that road due to the closure of Hwy 15. He also stated they are blading the road twice a week. Striping will start this week on all the chip sealed roads. In addition, they are putting more shoulder on the Stranburg road.

Jim Daily expressed his concerns due to the blading and weeds on some township roads. He said they have been a problem for nearly 10 years. Daily stated they don't cut the road wide enough and they deliver too much gravel leaving a very tall gravel windrow, so tall they are unable to mow the shoulder of the ditch. Grabow discussed we need to mow more often or spray the entire ditch. The board decided they would invite township officials to the next meeting so they can figure out a plan of attack. 2) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to invite township officials to the next meeting on September 16, 2024 at 11:30 AM to talk about mowing ditches. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Grabow asked how the new hires were coming on their CDL's. McCracken passed her CDL and Lovre has one more written test. Then they both will get more driving time before they take the driving test.

Broksieck stated the horse arena tractor is going to need to be replaced sometime in the near future.

9:30 AM – Sheriff Cory Borg

3) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve Goodwin, Gary and Clear Lake police contracts for 2025. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Borg briefly explained he will put on a firefighter class from November to April. The total costs will be roughly \$6,700. The Fire Fighter Association, Deuel County and local Fire Departments will share the cost.

9:45 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel & (3) Litigation Matters

4) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) discuss personnel and litigation matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. The board of commission moved to Litigation Matters at 10:15 AM. Chairman Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:51 AM. No action was taken.

10:51 AM – 2025 Budget Hearing

Discussion was had on the 2025 Budget. Discussion was had on trying to collect on some liens that the county has paid for individuals, that they have not paid back and trying to retain some expense from the Highway Budget. Broksieck attended and answered questions when it came to discussing the highway budget. He explained that if the highway department pays for culverts for townships and then bill the township to re-coop the expense, that money does not go back into the highway fund it goes to

the general fund. Causing the budget to look expense heavy in the highway fund. The commissioners discussed the budget in its entirety. 5) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to move Parker from step three to step five. All voted yes and the motion carried.

New Business

The 2024 August cash balance sheet discussion is tabled until the next meeting.

6) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve two commissioners to attend State Convention in Rapid City on September 17th and 18th. All voted yes and the motion carried.

7) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve Tyler Holm as deputy/appraiser in the office of equalization at \$23.96 per hour with a six-month probationary period and a \$3,000.00 increase after certification has been passed. All voted yes and the motion carried.

8) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to advertise for the deputy/appraiser position in the Equalization office opening September 16th at 8:00 AM and closing on September 27th at 5:00 PM. All voted yes and the motion carried.

9) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve a \$50.00 cell phone reimbursement for the Deborah Meguire the new Director of Equalization per month. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve a new computer in the amount of \$1,955.88 for the Director of Equalization. All voted yes and the motion carried.

11) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to pay warrants as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Paid Early: SDAO 400.00 DOE SCHOOL, SDACC 400.00 STATE CONVENTION, DEUEL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 3000.00 SUPPORT FUNDS, PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE 1373.88 DENTAL/LIFE/VISION INSURANCE, WELLMARK BCBS 19557.57 HEALTH INSURANCE,

Current Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 117.70 SUPPLIES, APPEARA 260.38 RUGS, AT&T MOBILITY 313.00 UTILITIES, AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 25.99 REPAIR, BITUMINOUS PAVING INC 1038728.42 OVERLAY PROJECT, BJERKE SANITATION 320.00 GARBAGE, CARTNEY BEARING & SUPPLY CO 45.28 REPAIR, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 229.73 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 1141.83 PUBLICATIONS & SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP 40.50 POCKET GOPHERS, CONNECTING POINT 2307.25 PROF SERVICE, DAKOTA PORTABLE TOILETS, INC 225.00 TOILET RENTAL, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 280.22 SUPPLIES, ITC 1480.16 UTILITIES, JEBRO INC 24064.92 SUPPLIES, JOHNSON CONTROLS 1188.42 REPAIR, KIBBLE EQUIPMENT LLC 55.78 REPAIR, LYLE SIGNS INC 101.82 SUPPLIES, BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC 92.73 SUPPLIES, MAYNARDS 92.64 SUPPLIES, MCLEOD'S 190.00 SUPPLIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 65.55 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 905.07 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 49.55 UTILITIES, PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES 1137.80 SUPPLIES, POWERPLAN OIB 884.32 REPAIRS, PRIME REALTY INC. 473.15 OVERPMT TAXES, PROLINE 632.97 SUPPLIES, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 UTILITIES, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 37124.04 CONTRACT, SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 2730.00 TELETYPE SERVICE, SDACO 180.00 M&P FEES, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO, INC 3359.70 SUPPLIES, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES 449.00 VETERAN SERVICE SOFTWARE

Payroll

August Payroll: Commissioners \$10,328.09, Election \$133.63, Auditor's Office \$11,445.90, Treasurer's Office \$11,544.90, State's Attorney's Office \$8,575.33, General Gov't Building \$6,688.58, Director of Equalization Office \$6,442.68, Register of Deeds Office \$9,844.19, Veteran Service Officer \$1,443.05, GIS \$590.08, Sheriff's Dept. \$43,241.87, County Assist \$401.05, 4-H \$1,738.62, Extension Office \$4,579.40, Weed & Pest \$2,258.07, Planning & Zoning \$5,479.81, Road & Bridge \$83,493.90, Civil Defense \$431.29

Public Comment

Al Moore stopped in to see if the county would support the township on the road haul agreement. They were told to have a construction and professional agreement from Waylon Blasius at

Banner. The dairy has already opposed one presented road haul agreement. Grabow requested Moore to keep the county in the loop about what they decide on their next township meeting on the 12th of September.

Adjournment

There being no further business 12) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor
Published one time at the approximate cost of _____.

Jay Grabow, Chairman