

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on July 2, 2024 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 Auditor Courtney Parker. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for Personnel Matters & Litigation, Update on Lake Alyce Litigation, and reimbursement to Jacky Kloos for mowing the county highway shop in Gary. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve the minutes from June 10, 18 and 20 with the county burial name removed from June 18's minutes. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

9:00 AM – Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Discussion was had on the highway shop in Gary. 3) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve paying Jacky Kloos \$200.00 per year to pay for her gas and her time mowing the county's highway shop in Gary. All voted yes and the motion carried.

There was an instance on 6/30/2024 of a crane being moved from a wind tower site to another causing damage to road 477th Ave. The crane also went on gravel roads that township officials are taking care of. Broksieck has been keeping track of all the time and supplies to fix the issue and will be charging the crane company for the expenses.

4) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the purchase of Hot Mix for an estimated amount of \$40,000.00 (depending on how much they need). All voted yes and the motion carried.

5) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the hydraulic study on Bridge 140-006 to eliminate the bridge and can be replaced with 6-foot culverts. The study cost \$6,624.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

6) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve SDDOT to complete geotechnical services for Bridge 008-220 estimated cost of \$5,500.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

7) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the purchase of road oil for \$420,000.00 chip sealing roughly 30 miles in the southern portions of the county such as near Astoria, Brandt, by Berwald's, and Toronto. All voted yes and the motion carried.

8) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve a Freightliner 114SD+ for \$129,602.00. All voted yes and the motion carried.

The land for sale by the highway shop was discussed in executive session.

9:30 AM – Veteran Service Officer Dennis Evenson

Evenson gave a brief quarterly report on the happenings for veteran benefits. Evenson gave a brief description on how he is helping veterans; helping them in nursing homes, getting benefits and listening to their stories. Evenson stated he makes sure to have the Veteran come first and do anything he can to support them. He stated he likes going to coffee with the veterans and getting to know them that way. Evenson stated there are new laws from SD Legislature for the Veterans on state tuition, state veterans' home and contracting veteran service officers with bigger counties.

Evenson also brought an easement to the county to approve and sign. 9) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the easement between Steven R Maas and Deuel County at "The most Easterly Eight and One-Third Feet (E81/3') of Lot 26, All of Lot 27, and the Westerly One-Third (W1/3) of Lot 28, all in Shady Beach Addition located in Government Lot 7, Section 4, Township 114 North, Range 47 West of the 5th P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota". All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:05 AM – Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) & (3) Personnel & Litigation Matters

10) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) & (3) to discuss personnel & litigation matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Grabow moved the Commissioners into Executive Session for litigation matters at 10:35 AM. Chairman Grabow declared the commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:12 AM.

11) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to adopt a resolution authorizing Jamie Broksieck as their selected person for the land auction at West one half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (W1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4) of all of Section Fourteen (14) Township one hundred fifteen north (T115N) Range forty-nine west of the fifth P.M. (R49W) (Clear Lake Township), Deuel County, SD on July 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM. This authorizes Broksieck to bid up to a certain undisclosed amount. All voted yes and the motion carried.

New Business

Discussion was had on tuckpointing the courthouse and the railing on the steps of the sheriff's office. Both need repairs. Jamie Hintz will find a welder to make new railings for the steps and Grabow will find someone to tuckpoint the courthouse.

12) Fieber moved, seconded by Grabow to approve the following items in the Auditor's office as surplus- 5 keyboards, 3 scanners, 1 type writer and 1 calculator. All voted yes and the motion carried.

There was discussion on the water damage at the 4-H Service Center from a leaking sink. The leak has since then been fixed but doors have been screwed shut and the sign placed on them so no one tries to open.

Approval of Warrants

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

Paid Early: FIRST BANK & TRUST 2,257.60 CC STATEMENT, CITY OF WATERTOWN 3,971.69 911 SURCHARGE, WELLMARK 18,821.41 INSURANCE

Taxes: Schools- \$847,142.73; Townships- \$76,635.05; Towns- \$35,792.09; EDWD- \$2,746.75; Upper Deer Creek- \$9.53; Rural Fire- \$16,035.67

Current Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 198.15 SUPPLIES, APPEARA 68.58 RUG RENTALS, AT&T MOBILITY 304.90 UTILITIES, AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 73.98 REPAIR, AVERA MCKENNAN HOSPITAL 375.00 PROF. SERVICE, BJERKE SANITATION 320.00 UTILITIES, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 1184.72 REPAIR, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 1037.93 PUBLICATIONS/SUPPLIES, CONNECTING POINT 2456.05 PROF. SERVICES, COUNTRYSIDE AUTO BODY & SALES 7196.17 REPAIR, COWBOY COUNTRY STORES 99.72 SUPPLIES, DAKOTA PORTABLE TOILETS, INC 225.00 TOILET RENTAL, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 68.63 REPAIR, DEUEL COUNTY MOTOR SUPPLY INC 681.56 REPAIRS & SUPPLIES, EASTSIDE EQUIPMENT 178.48 REPAIR, FLEETPRIDE 119.86 REPAIRS, GREEN ROBY OVIATT LLP 2662.56 CAA FEES, HOUSEMAN FUNERAL & CREMATION 5200.00 CO. ASSISTANCE BURIALS, KIBBLE EQUIPMENT LLC 498.43 REPAIR, L G EVERIST INC 16846.51 SUPPLIES, MAYNARDS 82.46 SUPPLIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 100.40 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 1132.00 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 51.84 UTILITIES, PESTS B DEAD LLC 415.00 PROF. SERVICE, PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES 113.40 SUPPLIES, PIEPER AUCTIONS LLC 2500.00 MINOR EQUIP., POWERPLAN OIB 800.00 REPAIR, QUADIENT LEASING USA INC 672.63 POST MACHINE LEASE PMT, RICHARDSON, WYLY, WISE, 678.00 PROF. FEES, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 154.98 REPAIR & SUPPLIES, SD DEPARTMENT OF AG & NATURAL 35.00 LICENSE FEE, SDACC 960.00 2ND & 3RD QTR CLERP FEES, TAMMY REBELEIN 250.00 HORSE JUDGE, TITAN MACHINERY-WATERTOWN 1411.65 REPAIR, WW TIRE SERVICE INC-WTN 907.50 REPAIR

Payroll

June Payroll: Commissioners \$10,228.67, Election \$711.18, Auditor's Office \$12,042.97, Treasurer's Office \$11,452.38, State's Attorney's Office \$8,030.95, General Gov't Building \$7,048.16, Director of Equalization Office \$20,707.66, Register of Deeds Office \$9,650.28, Veteran Service Officer \$1,443.04,

GIS \$176.60, Sheriff's Dept. \$43,924.55, County Assist \$401.05, 4-H \$947.84, Extension Office \$3,827.18, Weed & Pest \$4,961.41, Planning & Zoning \$5,479.14, Road & Bridge \$70,290.63, Civil Defense \$431.29

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, 14) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

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

Jay Grabow, Chairman