

September 4, 2019
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Rhody presiding. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Rhody, Homan, Jaeger and Kreutner. Also present was Auditor Mary Korth. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

1) Jaeger moved, seconded by Homan to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

2) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of August 6 and 20th, 2019 with the following change to the August 20, 2019 minutes: Auditor Korth presented a change from Emergency Management Director Sheila Monnier on the amount of reimbursement for the 2020 SLA between the State of SD and Deuel County for her position. The August 20th minutes stated it was \$22,508 as that is how she had interpreted it. The correct amount is half, which is what the State of SD matches. That corrected amount is \$11,254. All voted yes and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Highway Superintendent Jamie Hintz

Hintz wasn't available for the meeting. Foreman Broksieck met with the Commissioners to discuss several matters. There was a bid opening for the Deuel County Box Culvert projects held at the Courthouse on August 28th at 10 a.m. The results of that were presented to the Commissioners with a recommendation to award the bid to Lehtola Builders Inc. pending SDDOT approval. The bids were reviewed and 3) DeJong moved, seconded by Homan to award the Box Culvert Projects for structures 20-065-189 and 20-065-196 to Lehtola Builders Inc. of Lake Norden, SD for the amount of \$577,201.17 pending SDDOT approval of bid. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on Haul Route Permits. The company hauling a turbine generator for Otter Tail Power Co. with a load of close to a million pounds has changed the decision of their route. They have opted to only use Highway 28 while traveling through Deuel County. Permit cost still pending.

Broksieck presented a road use agreement with Tatanka for wind turbines, no action will be taken yet at this time for the agreement.

Otter Tail Power has applied for application of occupancy right-of-way of county roads. This affects County Road 310 and 513 for underground optic fiber. 4) Kreutner moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve the Application for Occupancy to Otter Tail Power for running optic fiber. All voted yes and motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 5 year road and bridge plan. Progress coming along expected. A public hearing has been scheduled for September 19th at 10am.

5) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for the purpose of a personnel matter. All voted yes and motion carried. Chairman Rhody declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 9:25 am. 6) DeJong moved, seconded by Jaeger to terminate Thomas Crookson and advertise for a new truck driver in the highway department. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:00 Budget Hearing 2020 Provisional Budget

The scheduled public hearing for the 2020 budget was held. Present for the hearing was Sheriff Cory Borg and Director of Equalization Donna Rhody. The 2019 certified utility values for Deuel County are \$45,033,270 a slight increase of \$8,713 over 2018 values. Total county valuation is \$951,162,901, total growth with CPI is 3.17%. Tax levies with growth factors are being figured and the proposed 2020 budget will be adopted at the September 19th meeting.

Health insurance and rates for 2020 were discussed and finalized. 7) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the renewal of health insurance with the Sanford Health Plan Classic \$1000 deductible single and \$2000 two-party and family; \$10/25/40 Prescription Drug Coverage for the 2020 plan year beginning January 1, 2020. There is a slight increase in the health insurance premium for Deuel County of 1.57% on the recommendation of Sanford Health for the County to have a healthcare agent. The employee will be responsible for the first \$500/Single and all of the two-party or family deductible, with the county reimbursing the employee for the next \$500/Single with the Auditor's Office administrating the reimbursement plan. The county will be paying the single premium as it has done in the past.

Discussion was held on the wages of the Custodial Department of the county. Comparison to other counties were considered.

Discussion was held on the wages and staffing of the Director of Equalization Office.

Discussion was held on the Sheriff budget. Sheriff Borg is looking at getting a grant to get another K-9. If the grant doesn't go through, he is asking for budget consideration to add a K-9 to the Deuel County Sheriff's Office.

10:30 Drainage Board/Max Gorder

8) DeJong moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn as County Commission and reconvene as Drainage Board. All voted yes and motion carried.

Max Gorder requested a permit to drain on the SW1/4 33-14-50. Proposed length of the drain is 4200 feet using 5-6" tile. Area affected for drainage will be 50 acres. Adjoining landowners had signed Permission To Drain. 9) Homan moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve and issue Drainage Permit #D19-20 to Max Gorder to drain on above described property. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:45 Drainage Board/Roger Engebretson

Travis Milbrandt representing Roger Engebretson requested a permit to drain on the SE1/4 27-117-48. Proposed length of the drain is 15,000 feet using 4-5-6-8" tile. Area affected for drainage will be 52 acres. Adjoining landowners had signed Permission To Drain. 10) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to approve and issue Drainage Permit #D19-19 to Roger Engebretson to drain on above described property. All voted yes and motion carried.

11) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to adjourn as Drainage Board and reconvene as County Commission. All voted yes and motion carried.

11:00 Luke Muller First District

Muller of First District was unable to attend the meeting until later in the morning.

11:00 State's Atty John Knight

Knight met with the Commissioners to discuss several issues. He is waiting for the tax deed proceedings 60 day window to expire before the county can take deed on the building located at Lot 8 Blk 8, Original Plat, Town of Toronto.

Invenergy has settled or is in the process of settling with all participants in the lawsuit with Deuel Harvest North. John Henslin was present for the discussion and stated that issue has been resolved for him though he was unable to give any details.

Chairman Rhody also brought up the Zoning Ordinances and changes that may need to be addressed. Knight agreed that the Ordinance should be examined and updated and areas of definitions and languages need to be redefined.

11:30 Luke Muller First District

Luke Muller of First District from Watertown met with the Board to discuss Drainage. Muller declined taking a position on advising for or against the Drainage Ordinance currently in place for Deuel County. Several counties have declined adopting a drainage ordinance or rescinding what they have. A drainage ordinance requires a drainage plan which is very important. Deuel County's ordinance does have a plan. Muller provided insight to pros and cons of having a drainage ordinance and compared to what neighboring counties have done. Legal decisions and technical information are often required in drainage issues and can often turn into civil matters. Bordering counties to Minnesota often feel residual effect because Minnesota does have drainage districts. Discussion was held on different situations in different counties on why some counties have drainage ordinances and why some do not. The Commissioners thanked Muller for his time and insight.

Public Comments

John Henslin representing the Homeowners Association of Lake Alice brought up concerns of the outlet at Lake Alice and lowering the level of the lake. The Homeowners Assn wants to be involved with any thoughts or decisions or any future meetings in which this was discussed. Commissioner Jaeger had done research on the issue and commented that lowering lake levels would involve meeting with different entities and it could be a long and costly process. It would be better to look at cleaning the lake to the north, do a hydraulic study or something to that effect to address the issue. Concerns were discussed on who is to be paying for these options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

West Hwy 22 4-H Building

A quote was presented from the Clear Lake Building for improvements requested by Deb Lessman, 4-H Director. The total estimate was \$9201.90 not including any electrical updates or flooring. Discussion was held on the progress of the move of Extension and 4-H to the building after everything left behind is either moved or left to the County's disposal as well as cleanup of the building interior and exterior. Discussion was held on costs involved in cleaning up the building, moving and updating everything necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Cash Balance Sheet

12) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the cash balance sheet for the month of August. Roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

**END OF MONTH CASH
BALANCE**

AUG-2019

CASH TOTAL					\$	1,299.23
CHECKS TOTAL					\$	13,147.95
CASH ITEM					\$	0
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF					\$	50.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND					\$	14,497.18
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE					\$	302,343.47
MM DNB NATIONAL BANK					\$	4,061.68
PREMIUM MM FIRST BANK & TRUST OF TORONTO						\$4,573,967.84
CREDIT CARDS					\$	1,853.60
CD'S \$250,000 DNB					\$	250,000.00
				FIRST BANK &		
				\$0 TRUST		
REVOLVING LOAN					\$	117,447.97
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS						\$5,264,171.74
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:						
GENERAL						\$2,341,472.14
SP REVENUE FUNDS						\$2,638,079.77
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS					\$	284,619.83
townships	\$57,923.20	cities	\$19,804.42			
schools	\$37,384.46	rural fire	\$526.89			
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH						\$5,264,171.74

Travel

13) DeJong moved, seconded by Homan to approve and pay travel expense and registration fees for Auditor and deputy to attend Election workshop and debit/credit workshop in Pierre Nov. 6-7-8, 2019. All voted yes and motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

14) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve all warrants as presented and those paid early to avoid service charge. All voted yes and the motion carried A&B Business Solutions 114.20 Supplies, A-Ox Welding Supply Company In 44.95 Supplies, American Solution For Business 163.01 Supplies, Arrowwood Resort 203.90 Conf&Travel, At&T Mobility 382.04 Utilities, Avera Occupational Medicine-Mi 123.55 Prof Service, Banner Associates Inc 5509.00 Service, Bituminous Paving Inc 4065.60 Supplies, Bjerke Sanitation 218.00 Utilities, Bobcat Of Brookings 304.40 Repairs, Bratland Law 722.00 Caa, Credit Collections Bureau 137.70 Lien, CI Building Center & Rental 297.76 Repair/Supply, City Of Clear Lake 212.21 Utilities, Clear Lake Courier 980.36 Publishing, Codington County Auditor 6184.41 Prisoner Care/Supplies, Creative Services Of New Engla 184.95 Supplies, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 3710.00 Supplies/Repairs, Deuel County Motor Supply Inc 237.16 Supplies/Repair, Duininck, Inc 2180.62 Supplies/Material, Dust-Tex Service Inc 108.85 Rental, Farm & Home Publishers, Ltd 1205.00 Plat Books, First Bank & Trust 137.39 Travel/Conf, Fisher Sand And Gravel Co 374.40 Supplies/Gravel, Kevin Foster 12670.00 Gravel/Supplies, Fritz Chevrolet Inc 309.77 Repairs, Gunderson & Evenson, Llp 1214.30 Caa Fees, Hillyard/Sioux Falls 138.39 Supplies, Inter-Lakes Comm Action Inc 1612.67 Support, Itc 2043.26 Utilities/Internet, Lake County Sheriff's Office 225.00 Jail Cost, Lyle Signs Inc 850.00 Supplies, Blue Tarp Financial, Inc 65.93 Repairs, Maynards 39.86 Supplies, Menards 69.85 Supplies, Midwest Truck Parts Inc 98.98 Repair, Nelson Law Office Pc 2066.25 Caa, Northwestern Energy 154.86 Utilities, Office Peeps Inc 1181.30 Supplies, Ottetail Power Co 71.94 Utilities, Pheasantland Industries 75.65 Supplies, Powerplan Oib 642.48 Maintenance, Prairie Lakes Healthcare Sys 309.00 Prisoner Costs, Rnc Cabinets 1256.18 Desks, Running's Supply Inc 24.95 Supplies/Repairs, Sanford Health 71.00 Pro Service, Sanford Health Plan 15.00 Flex Fee, Sanford Clinic 2805.00 Hn Cont., Sd Public Assurance Alliance 330.02 Insurance, Sioux Valley Co-Op 166.95 Supplies, Star Laundry 131.80 Rentals, Sturdevant's Auto Parts 43.40 Repairs, Truenorth Steel Inc 21161.10 Supplies, Twin Valley Tire Inc 291.57 Tires, Ultra-Connecting Point 175.00 Supplies, Vantek Communications 197.00 Supplies, W.W. Tire Service Inc 1268.92 Repairs, Warne Chemical & Equipment Co 230.90 Repairs, Westmor 164.02 Repairs, Dept. of Rev 133.21 Excise Tax, 135,836.77 Dmv Fees, SDACO 212.00 M&P Due To State, DNB Natl Bank 13.01 Payroll Proc Fee, B-D Rural Water 1993.05 utilities, Sanford 25.00/55.76 Flex Fees, St. Paul's LCW 150.00 SV Meal, Pizza Shack 680.00 SV Meal, SD Counties 975.00 Convention Reg, Century Link 358.79 Utilities, Gary Historical Society 2000.00 Roof Repair, City of Wtn 4056.42 911 Surcharge, Schools 18,073.22 Taxes, Townships 533.19 Taxes, Cities 6446.35 Taxes,

EDWD 49.76 Taxes, Rural Fire 151.17 Taxes. Payroll: Commissioners 8899.67, Auditor Office 12669.98, Treas Office 8071.78, States Atty Office 7825.22, Gen Build 6382.77, DOE Office 9009.15, ROD Office 6158.25, VSO 1169.61, GIS 659.78, Sheriff Office 27826.54, 4H 211.04, Extension 4058.20, Weed 2764.71, Drainage 113.91, Zoning 3630.16, Hwy Dept 61730.59, EM 2865.80

15) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

Mary J Korth, County Auditor

Steve Rhody, Chairman

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