

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on September 1st, 2026, 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 and a few members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the August Minutes with the corrections to August 4<sup>th</sup> minutes. All voted yes and the motion carried.

### **Appointments**

#### **Item #1 9:00 AM Public Hearing 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan**

The 2027 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan was discussed. A few members from the public asked questions. There was no opposition. Gary Gulch project construction will be pushed off until next spring.

#### **Item #2 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck**

Broksieck gave a few updates. Deuel County was awarded two grants, one is a design grant for the bridge by Eastman's and a construction grant for bridge in Antelope Valley. Big cottonwood tree fell in the Town of Goodwin. Broksieck helped clean it up but we split the bill with the Town of Goodwin. Our share is \$4,201.50. However, there are many more cottonwood trees that fall within the 50-foot right-of-way. Grabow stated get bids on removing those trees. Interim States Attorney Teree Nesvold stated we are always potentially liable. Broksieck stated they started on the Hunt Road and they are working on the bridge by Millers.

#### **Item #3 10:00 AM Public Hearing 2027 Budget**

Parker presented the 2027 Provisional Budget. There was no public input.

#### **Item #4 RURAL Representative Mary Nosbush**

Mary Nosbush wanted to discuss SDCL 49-41B-22 that the PUC will take into consideration when approving permits. SDCL 49-41B-22 was reviewed. If the CUP is given by the county then the PUC will not question it. Nosbush stated something similar to the SDCL 49-41B-22 should be adopted into Deuel County Zoning Ordinances. Grabow stated Deuel County's rural power comes from North Dakota, so how do we balance. Nosbush stated municipal gets it from Ottertail. Nosbush thinks it is unethical to expect SD to deal with this powerline when it should be in Minnesota. Nesvold stated it is ultimately up to the counties, CUP, policies and procedures. Linda Sveck expressed her concern on the medical issues this may cause. Grabow asked Nosbush to present to the zoning board.

#### **Item #5 10:02 AM Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters**

3) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:39 AM.

4) Fieber moved, seconded by Mewherter to hire Morgan Johnson for the Deputy of Equalization/Appraiser position at \$25.37 with a year to complete certification. After certification a \$3,000 increase to the yearly salary will be applied. All voted yes and the motion carried.

5) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve Johnson attending school in Pierre on September 13-18. All voted yes and the motion carried.

### **New Business**

6) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to advertise for a part-time maintenance position with no benefits offered on indeed until filled. All voted yes and the motion carried.

7) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve the REIM Contract increased \$50. All voted yes and the motion carried.

8) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the 911 Contract. All voted yes and the motion carried.

### **Approval of Warrants**

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

**Paid Early:** PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE CO 1585.49 INSURANCE, WELLMARK BCBS 23,675.74 INSURANCE,

**Warrants:** A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 155.65 SUPPLIES, AGRI PARTNERS INC. 9792.00 SUPPLIES, AUSTIN LAW OFFICE 946.07 CAA FEES, BJERKE SANITATION 270.00 GARBAGE, BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION 66411.52 CONTRACT WORK, CARTNEY BEARING & SUPPLY CO 39.68 REPAIR, FOELL, PC 200.00 PROF SERVICES, CINTAS CORP 52.72 supplies, CL BUILDING CENTER & RENTAL 17.30 SUPPLIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 1154.85 PUBLISHING, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 1187.25 SOFTWARE, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 3106.38 PAST DUE TAXES, DEB LESSMAN 136.90 TRAVEL, DNB INSURANCE 5523.50 INSURANCE, ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION DIV 5.04 SUPPLIES, FEDEX 20.51 SUPPLY, FLEETPRIDE 773.08 REPAIR, HOLLAWAY BRIDGE & CULVERT 128121.14 CONTRACT WORK, JEBRO INC 275825.90 SUPPLIES, JOHNSON CONTROLS BLDG SOL, LLC 893.21 PROF SERVICE, JUNSTINS LAWN & TREE SERVICE 4201.50 PROF SERVICES, KIBBLE EQUIPMENT LLC 274.56 REPAIR, MACS HARDWARE 95.94 SUPPLIES, MACS HARDWARE 137.95 SUPPLIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 38.04 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 218.00 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 59.64 UTILITIES, POWERPLAN OIB 2004.70 REPAIR, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 85.94 REPAIR, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 3144.43 FUEL, SIOUX VALLEY CO-OP 315.00 SUPPLIES, STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT CO, INC 54.85 REPAIR, STERZINGER CRUSHING INC 15020.00 SUPPLIES,

### **Public Comment**

Eric Peterson asked about 765 kV line process and the SDCL discussed. Peterson has a runway for his plane that will be affected by the line. Grabow suggested getting the runway registered.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business 10) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Courtney Parker, Auditor

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Jay Grabow, Chairman