

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on July 7th, 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) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the agenda with the additions of a vehicle repair, Astoria Fun Days support funds, and MOU for structure 95861MM. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Fieber moved, seconded by Homan to approve the June minutes. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck presented a structure memorandum of understanding with Lac qui Parle County, Mehurin Township and Deuel County for Bridge 95861MM which is on the state line between Antelope Valley Township and Mehurin Township, Lac qui Parle County, Minnesota. This MOU would give Mehurin Township 100% ownership, 100% maintenance and Lac qui Parle County 100% inspection on the structure. 3) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve and sign the MOU between Mehurin Township, Lac qui Parle County and Deuel County. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Next, Broksieck presented two Bridge Improvement Grant Resolutions Authorizing Submission of Applications. First, was structure 20-153-210 which is a Federal funded grant so there is no cost to the county. The funding would be for the hydraulic study. The structure is the last pony trust bridge in the county. The bridge alone has enough points (for the BIG program) so we don't need to worry about the points from the bid ready plans. 4) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the BIG Federal grant for bridge 20-153-210. All voted yes and the motion carried. Next, was bridge 20-170-004 which has a BIG score of 42.5. The BIG program requires an 80/20 split but can buy more percentage to increase the BIG score. 5) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve a 75/25 split increasing the BIG score by 1.67 points for Bridge 20-170-004. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Broksieck stated a blade needs repairing. A wiring harness and two clinoid need to be purchased to fix the blade costing roughly \$7,861.11. The invoice is included in the warrants, so will be approved then.

Waylon Blasius from Banner Associates talked about the Transportation Alternative Grant which is a Federal program for funding off road and non-motorized vehicle trails. Blasius stated normally the reason for applying is a safety hazard to provide alternative routes for the public to walk instead of on the roadway. These project applications can only be sponsored by a County or a School District. There are many stages of this project including public outreach. The projects are funded federally up to 81.95% or \$600,000. Initial letter of intent is just a step in the process but a formal boundary study is needed. The trail will mostly be in the right of way but easements may be needed. Banner has completed 12-15 projects just like this. 6) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the initial letter of intent and move the project forward. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #2 Rural United for Rural and Ag Land Representative Frank James

James explained that Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) has filed a motion with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) requesting a six-month extension of its deadline. He stated that there is nothing inaccurate in the motion; however, it suggests that the proposed project site may still be under consideration.

James noted that, given the results of the special election—with the measure defeated by a 2-to-1 margin, a strong voter turnout, and the proposal failing in every precinct—he believes there is little likelihood that the public would support MRES returning with the project.

James requested that the Commission sign a letter to the PUC drafted by RURAL. After discussion, the Commission declined to sign the letter, expressing concern that doing so could portray Deuel County in a negative light and potentially affect future opportunities to attract other projects and businesses to the area.

Item #3 10:15 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters

7) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:25 AM. No action was taken.

Item #4 10:43 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters

8) Rhody moved, seconded by Grabow to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:27 AM. No action was taken.

Item #5 11:27 AM Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters

9) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 11:45 AM. No action was taken.

New Business

10) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the purchase of weed chemicals Grazon PD3 in the amount of \$4,692 and Chaprel \$96.00 from Agri Partners. All voted yes and the motion carried.

The provisional 2027 budget was handed out to the commission.

11) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to approve Kristine Guttormsson being added to the county's bank accounts. All voted yes and the motion carried.

The regular commission meeting will be held on July 21st, 2026.

Quarter 2 of the 2026 Budget was reviewed. All funds look like they are within reason.

The City of Astoria reached out about support funds for their town celebration. The commission declined funding as they don't provide other communities or towns support funds.

Sheriff Cory Borg presented a vehicle repair for a patrol vehicle accident with a deer. Our insurance company quoted the repair at \$7,315.90 with our \$1,000 deductible. Borg quoted the two local body shops, Crooks Collision \$6,523.28 and Countryside Auto \$6,255.76. 12) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to approve the quote from Countryside Auto at \$6,255.76. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants

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

Paid Early: IBC 271.20 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, IBC 403.20 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, IBC 132.90 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, IBC 80.00 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, IBC 80.00 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, IBC 80.00 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, IBC 39.28 EMPLOYEE CLAIMS, CENTURY LINK 341.40 UTILITIES, CITY OF WATERTOWN 6290.90 911 SURCHARGE, PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 1781.65 VISION, DENTAL, LIFE INSURANCE, WELLMARK BCBS 22,489.92 HEALTH INSURANCE

Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 155.65 Supplies, ANDOR, INC. 306.00 MAINT, AT&T MOBILITY 286.78 UTILITIES, BROOKINGS DEUEL RURAL WATER 53.40 UTILITIES, BITUMINOUS PAVING INC 140397.12 OVERLAY, BJ PETERSON 250.00 JUDGE, BJERKE SANITATION 350.00 Garbage, BLACKSTRAP, INC. 5062.20 SALT SAND, BLOM TOWNSHIP 28560.00 RAIF REIMBURSEMENT, Mark Borstad 78.63 Overpayment Title, BOWES CONSTRUCTION INC 874.80 ASPHALT, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 1532.00 SUPPLIES AND MAINT, CL BUILDING CENTER & RENTAL 39.08 REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES, CITY OF CLEAR LAKE 255.04 UTILITIES, CLEAR LAKE COURIER 759.69 ADVERTISING/MINUTES, CLEAR LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2000.00 Annual Funding, CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP 3403.32 RAIF REIMBURSEMENT, COLE'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC 43029.45 FUEL, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 2192.45 OFFSITE BACKUP, DAKOTA DATA SHRED 98.89 SHREDDING, DEUEL COUNTY AMBULANCE INC 75000.00 FUNDING, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 68.00 Maint., DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 200.00 TAXES, DIAMOND MOWERS LLC 179.55 REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES, FASTENAL COMPANY 343.07 SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS, FIRST BANK & TRUST 3027.58 CREDIT CARD, FLEETPRIDE 173.83 REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES, KEVIN FOSTER 600.00 GRAVEL STORAGE, FRITZ CHEVROLET INC 71.23 REPAIRS, HOLIDAY INN 1210.00 HOTEL, INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION INC 1379.75 1379.75, ITC 110.25 110.25, J WIEBER CONSTRUCTION 419.17 OVERPMNT TITLE 261875550, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 62.22 REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES, Konold Electric 998.71 Maint., L G EVERIST INC 6807.96 PEA ROCK, DEB LESSMAN 99.04 Travel, LOISEAU CONSTRUCTION INC. 67930.08 CNTY RD 313 GORDER ROAD, M & T FIRE AND SAFETY 19570.00 AED, MAYNARDS 29.76 SUPPLIES, MENARDS 165.88 SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 90.00 SCANNING EQUIP RENT, NAPA AUTO PARTS 6.49 Maint., NORDEN TWP GOPHER BOUNTY 75.00 POCKET GOPHER, DENNIS NOSBUSH 280.10 Repair, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 126.77 UTILITY, OFFICE PEEPS INC 897.30 Supplies, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 100.43 UTILITIES, PESTS B DEAD LLC 465.00 , POWERPLAN OIB 7861.11 REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES, QUADIENT LEASING USA INC 786.60 MAILER RENTAL, RC FIRST AID 24.00 FIRST AID SUPPLIES, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 UTILITIES, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 311.75 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 153600.76 DEED DL DMV PAC, SDACO 268.00 M & P JUNE, VANGUARD APPRAISALS, INC 9875.00 , W.W. TIRE SERVICE INC 457.42 Repair,

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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