

July 21, 2020
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Jaeger presiding. Those present were Commissioners Rhody, Jaeger, DeJong, Homan and Kreutner. Also present was Auditor Mary Korth. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

APPOINTMENTS

9:00 Jamie Hintz Highway Superintendent

Hintz met with the Commissioners to discuss several highway related issues. Hintz presented two Bridge applications and resolutions for 2021 BIG Funds for Preliminary Engineering from Banner Associates. The first bridge is located in Brandt Township 0.8 miles east of 186th St and Hwy 15 over Hidewood Creek (Bridge 20-108-200). 2) Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to approve and sign the application and resolution to apply for BIG PE Funds on Bridge 20-108-200. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #20-23
BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, _____ Deuel County _____ Wishes to submit an application(s) For consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant Program:

STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):

Str. No. 20-108-200 Located 0.8 miles east of intersection of 186 St. & SD Hwy 15

AND WHEREAS, _____ Deuel County _____ Certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan*;

AND WHEREAS, _____ Deuel County _____ Agrees to pay the 32 % match on the Bridge Improvements Grant funds;

AND WHEREAS, _____ Deuel County _____ hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant application(s) and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvements Grant application(s).

Vote of Commissioners/Council: Yes 5 No 0

Dated at Clear Lake, SD, this 21 day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

Mary Korth
County Auditor/City Finance Officer

Gary Jaeger
Chairman/Mayor

The second bridge is located in Herrick Township 0.3 miles south of 486th St and Hwy 22 over Cobb Creek (Bridge 20-200-163). 3) Homan moved, seconded by DeJong to approve and sign the application and resolution to apply for BIG PE Funds on Bridge 20-200-163. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION #20-24
BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Deuel County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant Program:

STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):

Str. No. 20-200-163 Located 0.3 miles south of intersection of 486 Ave. & SD Hwy 22

AND WHEREAS, Deuel County Certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan*;

AND WHEREAS, Deuel County Agrees to pay the 32% match on the Bridge Improvements Grant funds;

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Discussion was held on the above bridges and the BIG Program. Hintz is disappointed in how the funds have been handled by the state. Larger counties are able to get bridges by being able to afford the higher percentage. Hintz still expressed disappointment in the Federal Bridge Program funding bridges that are in very poor shape and there’s no reward for counties that do a good job in their repairs. He is planning on taking his arguments further to state officials.

Discussion was held on the Avangrid Haul Road Agreement (Tatanka Ridge). The agreement is being reviewed by State’s Attorney John Knight with a cap at \$100,000 for professional fees. The language was changed to accommodate both parties. Hintz was happy with the agreement and feels the county should move forward with it. 4) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to approve and sign the Restated Agreement for Use and Restoration of Haul Roads with Tatanka Ridge Wind LLC. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on a purchase for a pickup for the Highway Department. There are funds in the 2020 budget for a pickup. Hintz presented some quotes. One was from Brookings Auto Mall, a GMC for \$48,500 and a Chevrolet for \$45,185. These are 2020 work truck models which is what is needed by the department. Brookings Auto Mall is the closest dealer that sells work vehicles. The vehicles may not be available at time of meeting and it has been difficult to find a work truck due to production halts during the pandemic. 5) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the purchase of a 2020 pickup for the Highway Department for no more than \$49,000. The board approves this cap and to give the highway department flexibility in finding a pickup depending on availability among dealers. All voted yes and the motion carried.

10:00 Richard Boettcher of Boettcher Window Supply Inc.

Boettcher met with the Commissioners and presented a quote for replacing the windows in the Courthouse. Diagrams were presented along with cost of materials and labor. Total quote for 106 windows with labor is \$143,650.80 tax exempt. Some alternate quotes with different styles for vent windows and other types of glass were also presented. Boettcher gave very thorough demonstrations of the different type of glass. Extensive discussion was held as well as later in the meeting. 6) Rhody

moved, seconded by DeJong to contract with Boettcher Window Supply Inc. out of Watertown, SD to replace the courthouse windows using Low-E-366 neat glass and changing 10 windows on second and third floors to stationary windows. The remaining windows will be a two piece window, one solid and a vent window. Maximum cost of windows and labor approved at \$150,000. This would be using capital outlay funds reserved for this purpose. Roll call vote, all yea and motion carried.

10:15 Community Health Nurse Tammy Baer Quarterly Report

Baer met with the Commissioners and gave them a quarterly update of the Community Health Nurse Office activities. WIC Caseload is steady even though there is no need for physical presence for clients. She does a lot of phone calls. WIC guidelines really have been altered due to pandemic. Immunizations have been growing since the beginning of pandemic. Nationally immunizations plummeted and this is very concerning. Routine vaccinations should not be delayed because of Covid. She has been contacting parents to make sure they are keeping up on immunizations so children aren't at risk. She has been looking into different approaches to the flu immunizations in the future. Many discussions are being held. She spoke of the Department of Health (DOH) focusing more attention on advising schools and administration concerning the opening of schools.

10:30 Director of Equalization Donna Rhody

Director Rhody went on to discuss that she will be purchasing her PRC online (Property Record Card) for \$2700 and Remote service fee of \$1200.00 with annual service fee of \$1050. Total \$4950, after that annually is \$2250.00. She needs a tablet to operate the program. The tablet would be \$2100.00. This was in the 2020 budget. 7) Homan moved, seconded by Commissioner Rhody to sign the Service Contract with Vanguard for the PRC and Remote in the amount of \$4950 and annual service fees afterwards of \$2250. All voted yes and motion carried.

Director Rhody stated that Deb Meguire has successfully completed the six month probationary period and asked for the .50 increase in wages. The commissioners will discuss, no decision made at this time.

Director Rhody stated there are mechanical issues with the DOE pickup. She will get quotes on the repairs of the pickup so it is operable.

10:45 Deuel County Conservation District Summer Parker

Elliot Lorenzen and Summer Parker met with the Commissioners representing the Deuel County Conservation District. Discussion was held on the activities and happenings of the Conservation District. CRP is increasing as they are accepting more acres. Trees are at a minimum. They thanked the commissioners for their support in the past and asked for continued support of \$9000 in the 2021 budget.

11:00 Drainage Board/Erik Peterson

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

Erik Peterson requested a permit to drain on the SE1/4 of 25-117-48. This is an extension of Permit D15-22. Proposed length of the drain is 21,764 feet using 10-8-6-5" tile. Area affected for drainage will be 85 acres. Adjoining landowners had signed Permission To Drain. 9) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to approve and issue Drainage Permit #D20-24 renewal to Erik Peterson to drain on above described property. All voted yes and the motion carried.

11:10 Drainage Board/Jesse Christianson

Jesse Christianson requested a permit to drain on the S1/2SW1/4 of 30-113-47 and S1/2SW1/4 of 29-113-47. This is an extension of Permit D19-14. Proposed length of the drain is 72,000 feet using

15-12-10-8-6-5-4" tile. Area affected for drainage will be 150 acres. Adjoining landowners had signed Permission To Drain. 10) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve and issue Drainage Permit #D20-23 renewal to Jesse Christianson to drain on above described property. All voted yes and the motion carried.

11:15 Drainage Board/Clark Rogness

Clark Rogness requested a permit to drain on the SW1/4 of 9-113-48. Proposed length of the drain is 2800 feet using 5-6" tile. Area affected for drainage will be 15 acres. Adjoining landowners had signed Permission To Drain. 11) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to approve and issue Drainage Permit #D20-25 to Clark Rogness to drain on above described property. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Drainage Permit Fee of \$10.00. That is way below State normals. Theisen had researched that permitting in most areas started at \$25.00 and Deuel County's Drainage fee had not changed since 1989 when it began. Theisen would like to see it more in line with her other permit fees. 12) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to increase the Deuel County Drainage Fee to \$25.00 beginning August 1, 2020. All voted yes and the motion carried.

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

11:30 State's Attorney John Knight

Knight drafted a rental agreement for events for the West Building for the commissioners to review. Shooting Sports will not be using the building until January unless there is an adult league that begins a digital league (no ammunition). There was some talk about archery as well but there are no concrete plans. The board will review the agreement and revisions can be made with a future decision.

Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matter

14) Rhody 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 Jaeger declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 12:10 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Plats

15) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to approve the Plat of Schoenefeld First Addition located in NE1/4 of 33-117-48 and Resolution #20-25. All voted yes and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION

#20-25

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **"SCHOENEFELD FIRST ADDITION LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 117 NORTH, RANGE 48 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., IN THE COUNTY OF DEUEL, SOUTH DAKOTA"** which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made

and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2020

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

County Auditor,
Deuel County, South Dakota

Resolution of Support First District

16) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve Resolution #20-26 Resolution to Continue Support for the First District Association of Local Governments Fiscal year 2021. All voted yes and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THE
FIRST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
DURING FISCAL YEAR 2021
(October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021)
RESOLUTION #20-26**

The Deuel County Board of County Commissioners, having adopted and signed a Joint Cooperative Agreement on the 11th day of April, 1972, crating the First Planning and Development District, Model Rural Development Program, do hereby agree to renew their participation in the Joint Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021). To support the Joint Cooperative Agreement and the activities of the District staff, the Deuel County Board of County Commissioners will provide \$11,400.93 to the First District Association of Local Governments during the aforementioned Fiscal Year 2021 period.

ADOPTION:
Adopted this 21st day of July, 2020
Gary Jaeger, Chairman
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:
Mary Korth
Deuel County Auditor

Surplus Items; LEMPG Agreement; Capital Outlay Designation Approval

17) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to surplus the following items for Extension: Steel 2-drawer desks (qty 3) sold with downtown Extension building; Gray 4-drawer filing cabinet (qty 1); Gray 2-drawer filing cabinet (qty 2); bulletin boards (qty 2); 32" Sony TV S#8182778; and one video stand with RCA Camcorder all for future county surplus sale. And for Courthouse General Building: Milwaukee cordless drill with 2 batteries and charger; Sanyo TV and Sharp VCR; Set of Cobra walkie talkies all for future county surplus sale. Courthouse General building surplus at no value and scrapped: Power pressure washer; Maxima vacuum; Oreck vacuums (qty 2). All voted yes and motion carried.

18) DeJong moved, seconded by Rhody to approve and sign the Quarterly Report for Emergency Management 2020 LEMPG (Local Emergency Management Performance Grant – formerly SLA) with the State of South Dakota. All voted yes and motion carried.

Resolution #15-19 for Capital Outlay Accumulations expires this month for the Courthouse windows. Due to the pandemic of Covid-19, the County has been unable to secure enough bids or have the work performed in a timely manner. The County is still intending on using these funds to purchase windows after the resolution has expired in 2020 possibly 2021. 19) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to designate capital outlay accumulation from the General Fund in the amount of \$234,333.34 to a Fund for Designation for Capital Outlay Accumulations. Roll call vote, all ye and motion carried. 20) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to designate capital outlay accumulation from the County Building Fund in the amount of \$200,000 to a Fund for Designation for Capital Outlay Accumulations. Roll call vote, all ye and motion carried.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Warrants

21) DeJong moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve warrants paid early and approval of regular warrants to be paid. All voted yes and motion carried. *Warrants to* Century Link 358.79 Utilities, Byron Nogelmeier 70.00 24/7 Fees, Otter Tail 1454.66 Utilities, Eugene Hamann 87.10 Refund on Overpayment, Sanford 45.00 Flex Fees, Sanford Clinic 2861.10 New Health Nurse Contract, Dept of Rev 146589.47 Fees Due to State, SDACO 366.00 M&P. Taxes: Schools 174,160.80, Towns 25,266.44, Townships 58,634.47, EDWDD 154.94, Rural Fire 681.47

Some discussion was held on salaries and raises, budget concerns for certain departments, budget requests and the like. This will all be discussedp at the budget meeting July 29th.

There were some comments from Sheriff Borg about fire districts in the County relating to some recent complaints.

Adjournment

There being no further business 22) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to adjourn the meeting.

Gary Jaeger, Chairman
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Mary Korth, Auditor

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