

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on October 6th, 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 Deputy Auditor, Kristine Guttormsson and a few members of the public. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the September Minutes as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Appointments

Item #1 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck presented the 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan certification and Resolution 26-26 to adopt the plan. 3) Rhody moved, seconded by Fieber to approve and certify the 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan for 2027-2031 and Resolution 26-26. All voted yes and the motion carried. Broksieck presented a Right of Way Occupancy for DNG for the Lake Cochrane Sanitary District to bore under roadways. 4) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve the application for the Right of Way Occupancy for DNG. All voted yes and the motion carried. Broksieck explained there is some repairs needed for the 1988 T12 Bulter Cat Payloader. Can be rebuilt but roughly \$6500. 5) Rhody moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve the T12 Bulter Cat Payloader at roughly \$6,500.00. All voted yes and the motion carried. Broksieck discussed fuel bids. Our current bid ends on November 19th. Advertisements for fuel bids will be put on the next agenda.

Item #2 4-H Advisor Deb Lessman

Lessman gave her annual report during National 4-H week. Enrollment is open with many new kids enroll. Current enrolled members at 152 with outreach members of 156 totaling 308. Shooting sports continues to be our largest project area with roughly 80 kids. Shooting sports enrollment is in November and December. Grabow asked if there 4-H has what they need for shooting sports and Lessman stated we need volunteers that can coach and help. Lessman talked about the fluctuating numbers of livestock. Sheep have been down and but pigs, dairy, poultry and rabbits are up. Lessman thanked the commissioners for their support.

Item #3 Sheriff Cory Borg

Borg presented quotes for body armor for a deputy since his will be expiring soon. Borg presented quotes from Strickerz \$1,603. Discussion was had on the expiration policy of five years. That coincides with other policies across the state as well as the manufactures. 6) Homan moved, seconded by Mewherter to approve purchasing the body armor from in the amount of \$1,603 from Strickerz. All voted yes and the motion carried. Borg presented all six city contracts that Deuel County contracts with. 7) Rhody moved, Fieber seconded by to approve the law enforcement contracts for all six cities. All voted yes and the motion carried. Another contract Borg needed to discuss is the Everbridge contract for emergency services communication. Everbridge sent a 3-year contract of \$4,318 a year or a year contract for \$4,318 but could increase the following year. When switching from CodeRed to Nixel all contacts were moved into the new system. 8) Mewherter moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the Everbridge Contract for three years in the amount of \$4,318. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Next, Borg discussed a new patrol vehicle for 2027. The state bid is through Beck Motors for a Chevy Silverado pursuant rated vehicle in the amount of \$49,461 or a F150 in the amount of \$46,882. This vehicle would replace a Chevy Silverado with 187,000 miles on

it. Grabow asked why we need pickup versus a Durango. Borg explained a few reasons why the pickup would be a better fit including going through snow, trash pulls, room for supplies, etc. Roughly 25,000-30,000 miles are put on these vehicles a year. The new pickup would need to be outfitted for lights, but the cage of the current pickup could fit in the Chevy if that's what is chosen. Discussion with differing opinions was had on decals for the patrol vehicles. Commissioners, Deputy Guttormsson and members of the public explained they would like to see the patrol vehicles clearly marked. Borg explained that the current cars are legally marked with a \$30 star decal. Getting different decals will increase the price. 9) Mewherter moved, seconded by Homan to approve a white 2027 Chevy Silverado for \$49,461 from Beck Motors from State Bid. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Item #4 10:07 AM Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters and SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters

10) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to move into Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matters and SDCL 1-25-2(3) Contractual Matters starting with Personnel Matters. All voted yes and the motion carried. At 10:15 AM the commission changed to Contractual Matters. Grabow declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:29 AM. 11) Mewherter moved, seconded by Fieber to offer CS a part-time maintenance position with no benefits offered at \$19.00 per hour. All voted yes and the motion carried. 12) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve Deuel County to apply for both on-sale and off-sale liquor licenses for the bowling alley. All voted yes and the motion carried. Grabow stated heating and plumbing for the bowling alley needs to be added to the next agenda.

New Business

13) Homan moved, seconded by Fieber to approve both on-sale and off-sale liquor licenses for Stateline Spots Bar and Grill. All voted yes and the motion carried.

AUTOMATIC BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

14) Fieber moved, seconded by Rhody to approve an automatic supplement to the Election budget for \$22,496.72, received from the HAVA Election Grant in fiscal year 2026 for the purchase of election supplies. All voted yes and the motion carried.

15) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to approve Nathan Tjaden to have a consignment sale at the fairgrounds in mid-November. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was had on moving the November 17th regular commission meeting to the 24th of November due to low attendance.

Approval of Warrants

16) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to pay all of the warrants as presented. All voted yes and motion carried.

Paid Early: ITC 63.10 UTILITES, HOLLOWAY BRIDGE AND CULVERT 70,363.15 CONTRACT WORK, PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 1968.71 INSURANCE, WELLMARK BCBS 23082.83 MEDICAL INSURANCE

Warrants: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 185.65 SUPPLIES, ANNIE MAGNUSON 50.00 JUROR, AT&T MOBILITY 252.24 FIRST NET SHERIFF, AT&T MOBILITY 541.54 UTILITIES, AUSTIN LAW OFFICE 778.05 CAA, AUSTIN LAW OFFICE 845.62 CAA, AUTO VALUE PARTS STORE 629.87 REPAIRS, BJERKE SANITATION 270.00 GARBAGE, BOWES CONSTRUCTION INC 7693.39 HOT MIX, BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION 504276.75 CONTRACT WORK,

CASSANDRA BEHNKE 114.00 JUROR AND MILEAGE, CHASE CROCKER 75.20 JUROR, MILEAGE, CLEAR LAKE AREA DEVELOPMENT 5000.00 4TH QTR SUPPORT, COLE'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, INC 10656.41 FUEL HWY, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 2889.80 TECHNOLOGY, DAKOTA FLUID POWER 158.60 REPAIRS, DEUEL COUNTY FARMERS UNION OIL 68.00 OIL, DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER 194.16 TAXES, DIAMOND MOWERS LLC 1763.63 SUPPLIES, Dropbox, Inc. 12.73 Comm. Mtg Recordings, DUANE RUNGE 66.80 JUROR AND MILEAGE, EQUIPMENT BLADES INC 960.00 REPAIRS, ELECTION SYSTEMS& SOFTWARE INC 17.63 SUPPLIES, FIRST BANK & TRUST 5109.89 CREDIT CARD, FISHER SAND & GRAVEL CO 4646.72 CRUSHED ROCK, FLEETPRIDE 191.83 REPAIRS, GLENWOOD TOWNSHIP 1040.00 POCKET GOPHERS, GREEN OVIATT LAW LLP 416.00 CAA, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 58.41 SUPPLIES, HOLLY GUNDERSON 71.00 JUROR MILEAGE, HYDRAULIC WORLD, INC 94.50 REPAIRS, ITC 34.65 INTERNET VSO, JEBRO INC 1040.00 DEMURRAGE, JEFFREY KNUTSON 55.60 JUROR AND MILEAGE, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 173.26 REPAIRS, JOHNSON CONTROLS BLDG SOL, LLC 5661.56 REPAIRS, KELLY SIEH 61.20 JUROR, MILEAGE, KIBBLE EQUIPMENT LLC 291.04 SUPPLIES, L G EVERIST INC 738.58 SUPPLIES, LANDEN BROWN 68.20 JUROR AND MILEAGE, DEB LESSMAN 596.80 TRAVEL, MAC'S HARDWARE 115.12 SUPPLIES, MAYNARDS 15.97 SUPPLIES, MCLEOD'S 632.38 SUPPLY, MENARDS 84.36 SUPPLIES, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS 90.00 RENTAL, NAPA 13.49 OIL FILTER, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 52.82 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 90.39 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER CO 91.48 UTILITIES, PESTS B DEAD LLC 465.00 SPRAY, QUADIENT LEASING USA INC 786.60 POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL, QUALITY INN 1500.00 HOTEL, RC TECHNOLOGIES 150.00 UTILITIES, RICHARDSON, WYLY, WISE, 244.78 PROF SERVICE, RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC 52.97 SUPPLIES, SANITATION PRODUCTS INC 963.58 REPAIRS, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2449.92 BRIDGE INSPECTION, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2755.69 FUEL, SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 2730.00 PROF SERVICES, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF REVENUE 147639.50 DEED DL DMV PAC, SD SHERIFF ASSOCIATION 230.00 CONFERENCE, SDACC 2597.00 CLERP, SDACO 206.00 M & P, STREICHER'S 3597.00 SUPPLIES, T'S CUSTOM REPAIR 5447.05 REPAIRS, THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD 345.00 LODGING AND TRAVEL, W W TIRE SERVICE INC-WTN 768.92 REPAIRS, CITY OF WATERTOWN 6831.21 911 SURCHARGE, WATERTOWN FORD CHRYSLER 153.56 SKID STEER BROOM SUPPLY, YESIKA MUNOZ 145.60 PROF SERVICE TRANS.,

August Payroll

Commissioners \$10979.21, Election \$204.08, Auditor's Office \$11902.91, Treasurer's Office \$16323.05, State's Attorney's Office \$8804.88, General Government Building \$9697.07, Director of Equalization Office \$13567.25, Register of Deeds Office \$10296.50, Veteran Service Officer \$1544.30, GIS \$583.33, Sheriff's Dept. \$47686.81, County Assist \$392.05, 4-H \$1558.24, Extension Office \$4408.16, Weed & Pest \$5481.43, Planning & Zoning \$6085.25, Road & Bridge \$75320.95, Civil Defense \$428.57

September Payroll

Commissioners \$10979.21, Election \$130.63, Auditor's Office \$11326.59, Treasurer's Office \$12832.48, State's Attorney's Office \$9228.04, General Government Building \$7049.54, Director of Equalization Office \$14378.88, Register of Deeds Office \$10008.23, Veteran Service Officer \$1544.29, GIS \$750.34, Sheriff's Dept. \$49480.19, County Assist \$392.05, 4-H \$96.89, Extension Office \$4667.47, Weed & Pest \$5549.74, Planning & Zoning \$6085.37, Road & Bridge \$77523.05, Civil Defense \$428.57

Public Comment

Mary Nosbush requested that the county gather factual information regarding existing projects within Deuel County. Grabow stated he would provide the information to Auditor Parker. Mewherter asked whether an impact study could be conducted to evaluate the potential economic and social benefits of projects that could have been developed in the county, emphasizing the importance of considering both sides of the issue. Grabow explained that finding someone to conduct social and economic impact studies can be challenging. Grabow further stated that the county is committed to addressing these concerns during the moratorium on power plants.

Nosbush discussed potential opportunities involving established businesses whose owners may be considering retirement, specifically the Clear Lake Courier and Bjerke Sanitation. She suggested working with Clear Lake Area Development (CLAD) to help identify individuals interested in taking over these businesses. CLAD Director Adkins stated she has spoken with Ken Reiste regarding the Clear Lake Courier and has discussed potential opportunities with organizations she is involved with, as well as other newspapers. Nosbush suggested reaching out to the South Dakota State University Journalism Department to explore possible interest.

Nosbush also identified Bjerke Sanitation as a potential opportunity for a younger individual interested in taking over an established business. Grabow stated that individuals seeking funding for new business opportunities could approach the county for assistance. Homan asked whether the owner of Bjerke Sanitation had expressed an interest in retiring.

Nosbush stated she had not discussed the matter with him. The Commission agreed it would be premature to pursue the matter without first knowing the owner's intentions. Grabow stated he would reach out to the owner to let him know that, should he decide to sell the business in the future, the county would be willing to assist where possible.

Nosbush requested that the zoning ordinance be placed on a future Zoning Board agenda for discussion. Grabow stated that the county should wait until the new State's Attorney takes office in January before moving forward with the discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business 17) Homan moved, seconded by Grabow to adjourn. All voted yes and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Courtney Parker, Auditor

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Jay Grabow, Chairman