

January 4, 2022
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4th at 9:00am in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman DeJong presiding. Those present were Commissioners Gary DeJong, Steven Rhody, Gary Jaeger, Roger Kreutner, Judith Homan and Auditor Mary Korth. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of discussion of Clear Lake Area Development (economic development) and how it fits within the 2022 budget; and discussion concerns from the Weed Department. All voted yes and motion carried. 2) Homan moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve the minutes of the regular meetings December 7th and 21st and special meetings December 14th and 29th, 2021. All voted yes and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman DeJong asked for any old business. As follows:

Amend Interim State's Attorney Salary

The interim State's Attorney Salary was reviewed and needs amending to match the Deuel County pay scales. The Deuel County pay scales for 2021 and for 2022 have a stipend for Zoning built into the scale for State's Attorney. 3) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to amend the salary of Interim State's Attorney Teree Nesvold to \$60,445.60 annually which includes the zoning stipend of \$2500.00 spread out annually. This is reflected in Step 7 for the 2022 State's Attorney pay scale. All voted yes and motion carried.

There being no further business, 4) Jaeger moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn as 2021 Board. All voted yes and motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

County Auditor Mary Korth had prepared to swear in the Deuel County State's Attorney for 2022. Because there was court on January 3, 2022, Judge Elshere swore in Teree Nesvold as Deuel County State's Attorney. The oath of office was signed on that day and there was no need for a second oath for the Board of Commissioners.

ELECT CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

County Auditor Mary Korth asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board for 2022. Commissioner Jaeger nominated Judith Homan for Chairman; Commissioner DeJong seconded the nomination and asked that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Homan. All voted yes. Commissioner Homan nominated Commissioner Kreutner for Vice Chairman; Commissioner Rhody seconded the nomination and Commissioner DeJong asked that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Kreutner. All voted yes.

The Commission for 2022 was seated and Chairman Homan called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICIAL BANKS & NEWSPAPER, BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the Committee Assignments for 2022. All voted yes and motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2022

JUDITH HOMAN: Fair Board/Extension, Director of Equalization Office, Auditor's Office, Salary Committee, Planning & Zoning Board Member

STEVE RHODY: Weed Board, Highway Department, ICAP, Register of Deeds Office, Deuel Area Development (DADi)

GARY JAEGER: Planning & Zoning Alternate, Auditor's Office, First District Assoc. Loc. Gov't Rep., Soil Conservation Rep., Sheriff's Dept.

ROGER KREUTNER: Register of Deeds Office, Health Nurse Office, Treasurer's Office, Highway Department, Health Insurance, Director of Equalization Office, Emergency Management

GARY DEJONG: Sheriff's Dept., First Dist. Assoc. Local Gov't Alternate, Glacial Lakes Tourism, Human Services, Treasurer's Office, Courthouse and Grounds

2) DeJong moved, seconded by Rhody to declare the DNB National Bank of Clear Lake, and First Bank and Trust-Toronto branch as the official depositories for the county and the Clear Lake Courier as the official newspaper for Deuel County and any area paper of greater circulation as needed. All voted yes and motion carried.

3) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to reappoint Commissioner Homan to the Planning and Zoning Board as the Commission representative for year 2022. All voted yes and motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:45 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck met with the Commissioners for discussion on Highway related matters. He reported receiving the reimbursement check for the wind tower project Crowned Ridge in the amount of \$233,074.00.

Discussion was held on a new federal law concerning CDLs. Entry Level Driver Training classes may be required in the very near future according to law. Classes range from \$4200.00 to \$5500.00 for a 4-week training course through the technical colleges. Discussion was held on hiring process of CDL carriers and who will be responsible for the cost of the training. The new law is in effect February 7, 2022.

Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for a Personnel Matter

4) Rhody moved, seconded by Jaeger to move into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for a personnel matter. All voted yes and motion carried.

5) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to have Chairman Homan declare the meeting out of executive session at 10:20 a.m. All voted yes and motion carried.

10:15 State’s Attorney Teree Nesvold

Nesvold met with the Board for her first meeting as Deuel County State’s Attorney. She gave updates on the office, her schedule and goals. The Commissioners welcomed her aboard.

Clear Lake Area Development/Weed Department Discussion

Jaeger met with DC Soil Conservation and they will be asking for an increase in the 2023 budget. The Weed Department informed Gary that the prices of chemicals are increasing and the 2021 prices cannot be honored.

Homan brought forth discussion about the 2022 budget concerns and the request made by Clear Lake Area Development. The question remains about the \$8000.00 committed to the Industrial Fund for development and how that fits in with the Clear Lake Area Development request. DADi will be contacted to ask about the funds as well.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Cash Balance Sheet

6) Rhody moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve the cash balance sheet for the month of December. All voted yes and the motion carried.

DEUEL COUNTY AUDITOR’S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER

END OF MONTH CASH BALANCE	DECEMBER 2021
CASH TOTAL	\$ 1,063.36
CHECKS TOTAL	\$ 18,175.95
CASH ITEM	\$ 0
CASH CHANGE SHERIFF	\$ 50.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$ 19,289.31
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 67,078.11
MM DNB NATIONAL BANK	\$ 4,063.54
PREMIUM MM FB&TRUST TORONTO	\$ 4,498,689.29
PREMIUM MM FB&TRUST TORONTO ARP FUNDS	\$ 420,665.91

CREDIT CARDS		\$	338.93
CD'S DNB NATIONAL BANK		\$	250,000.00
REVOLVING LOAN		\$	31,342.97
GRAND TOTAL CASH ASSETS		\$	5,291,468.06
GL CASH BALANCE BY FUNDS:			
GENERAL		\$	4,109,562.96
SP REVENUE FUNDS		\$	855,764.70
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS		\$	326,140.40
TOWNSHIPS	\$40,713.29	CITIES	\$9,225.19
SCHOOLS	\$57,999.85	RURAL FIRE	\$1,258.50
TOTAL LEDGER CASH		\$	5,291,468.06

7) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve and sign the Treasurer's Cash Sheet as of 12/30/2021. All voted yes and the motion carried.

Authority to Pay Claims Early; Fee Charges; SDPAA Intergovernmental Contract; Election Worker Pay 2022; No Campaigning at the Courthouse; 2022 Wage Increase; Surplus Items; Liquor License Renewal

8) Kreutner moved, seconded by Jaeger to allow the Auditor's Office to pay claims early, if necessary, (prior to a meeting) to avoid late payment fees. All voted yes and motion carried.

9) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to approve fees charged for copies/misc. by Auditor at .25/copy; Plat Books will be \$30.00 for the latest version and discounted for older years. All prices include sales tax. All voted yes and motion carried.

10) Rhody moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve and sign the Intergovernmental Contract with South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance effective January 1, 2022. All voted yes and motion carried.

11) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to pay election workers \$180.00 per day for each election (Primary and General) and \$40 for attending election school, plus mileage for the 2022 election year. All voted yes and motion carried.

12) DeJong moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve and sign the following policy statement concerning campaigning in the Courthouse. All voted yes and motion carried.

**No Campaigning
Deuel County Courthouse**

The Deuel County Commissioners will prohibit any political campaigning in the Deuel County Courthouse or within 100' of the Courthouse because the Courthouse will be used for

and is considered a polling place for absentee voting for the Primary and General Elections in Deuel County.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Chairman Homan,
Deuel County Commission

Mary Korth, Deuel County Auditor

13) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the cost-of-living wage increase for all Deuel County employees with acceptable performance by 1.5% and for all employees with acceptable performance to move ahead to the next “step” indicating longevity on the Step and Grade scale set forth by the Deuel County Board of Commissioners for 2022 which has been updated to reflect the 1.5% increase for all scales. Date of increase is December 20, 2021 which is the beginning of the January 2022 pay period. Any further increases in pay grades must be approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to the Salary Resolution that will be adopted next meeting January 18, 2022. All voted yes and motion carried.

14) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to surplus the HP Tower System serial #MXL2410VM8 in the Auditor’s Office used as a counter computer for elections to be recycled through Connecting Point in Watertown, SD as it is outdated and not in good working order. Also to surplus the HP Probook serial #5CG7520ZOK at a value of \$200.00 for sale giving the Auditor first chance for purchase. All voted yes and motion carried.

15) Kreutner moved, seconded by DeJong to approve and issue the renewal of liquor license application for State Line Bar & Grill LLC on described location Cook’s Point Third Addition, NE1/4SE1/4 of 4-114-47 of Deuel County, SD. All voted yes and motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business 16) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to adjourn the meeting. All voted yes and motion carried.

Judith Homan, Chairman
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Mary Korth, Auditor

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