

April 3, 2015
Special Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in special session on Friday April 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Rhody presiding. Those present were Commissioners Jaeger, DeJong, Pederson and Rhody. Dumke was absent. Also present was Auditor Pam Lynde. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes and the motion carried.

8:35 Scott McMahon Watertown Police Dept. /Cory Borg 911 Coordinator

McMahon and Borg met with the Commissioners to explain the contract for E-911 services between Deuel County and the City of Watertown (Watertown Police Dept.). Also present was Denny Warwick Watertown 911 Dispatch Center. McMahon said the cost of the contract in 2015 would be 90% of the 911 surcharge fees to end of 2015 and 95% of the fees in 2016. He said this contract is the same contract they presently have with the other counties that contract with them for dispatch services. McMahon said they use Milbank Communications for radio communications and will need to add to the system in order to get radio communications from several portions of Deuel County to Watertown. He talked about what the costs may be to upgrade; Nice recorder (brand name) will be needed; approximate cost to add channels is \$650 for each channel that is added and appears it will be less than the \$8000 to upgrade the recorder. They also discussed Century Link and the number of trunk lines Watertown system may need to add; and in the future if lines are added this will be a cost Deuel County will have. McMahon stated he couldn't think of any other unforeseen costs at this point. He stated they will keep everyone involved and up to speed on what is going on before the cut over is done. Warwick said they do pager testing; first Monday of the month they siren test, actually making those tested answer to see if the siren is actually working. He said if Deuel County joins the Watertown dispatch center they may hire two part time persons in the 911 center in Watertown. He said they have three persons on every day of the week except Sunday when they run two persons; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. is typically the busiest part of the day. He stated they handled 10,000 911 calls last year at the dispatch center in Watertown. McMahon said the contract date for cut over is July 1 but if able to do sooner than that they will.

2) DeJong moved, seconded by Pederson to sign and approve contract with Watertown Police Dept. for 911 services. All voted yes and motion carried.

Burn Ban

Discussion was held on the burn ban that is now in place in the county and penalty that would be imposed if open burning was violated. Ordinance B2000-01 states "that any person who shall create, commit, maintain, or permit to be created, committed or maintained an open burning in violation of a resolution declaring a "Fire Danger Emergency" shall be deemed to have committed a public nuisance and subject to a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200) fine and/or Thirty (30) days in the County jail or any and all civil penalties provided for under South Dakota Law." 3) Jaeger moved, seconded by DeJong to place amount of fine in the notice of the burn ban. All voted yes and motion carried.

4) Jaeger moved, seconded by Pederson to move into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss legal matter. All voted yes and the motion carried. Chairman Rhody declared the Commissioners out of Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, DeJong moved, seconded by Jaeger to adjourn.

Steve Rhody, Chairperson
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Pam L. Lynde, Auditor

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