Douglas County Commissioners Meeting  
January 21, 2020

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the board of County Commissioners met at the Courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. I. Lau, S. Lau, Goldammer, Maas and Star were present. Also present were Auditor Phyllis Barker, and Gerri Olson, representing Douglas County publishing. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lau. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by I. Lau to adopt the amended agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to approve the minutes from the December 3rd, 17th and 27th meeting minutes. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:  
Bod Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent and Callie Nichols, Highway Office Manager, were present to update the Board on their department. Reinfeld would like to order a new pickup for the Highway Department. Reinfeld stated that the purchase was approved 2 years ago, but the purchase was not made. The board tabled the discussion. Reinfeld informed the Board that he is also acquiring bids for a new dump truck and explained that there is capitol accumulations of $320,000 that could be used for this. The option of purchasing a new tar pot vs. a new tar pot was discussed. A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas authorizing the purchase of a used tar pot at the Highway Superintendent’s digression out of the 2020 equipment budget. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to introduce the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2020-01  
A RESOLUTION OF WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENTS ON  
DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGHWAYS**

**WHEREAS**, Seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, and State Laws SDCL 32-14-6 gives the county the authority to prohibit the operation of vehicles or restrict weight of vehicles upon any highway under its jurisdiction, by reason of deterioration of physical condition, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions will seriously damage or destroy unless the use of vehicles on the highway is prohibited or the permissible weights of the vehicles are reduced; and

**WHEREAS**, by State Law SDCL 32-22-24, Spring Load limits may be put on as early as February 26 and may stay on through May 15. Time of implementation and removal is dependent on weather and road conditions. Limits become effective when the signs are installed and displayed and are no longer enforceable when they are removed; and

**WHEREAS**, the tax payers bear the burden of the costs of road repair;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Douglas County Commissioners, desires the enforcement of weight limitation of Douglas County Roads as set forth and posted by the Douglas County Highway Superintendent.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: The limits on Douglas County Highway shall be set as seven (7) ton per axle, on designated roads with the exception of 402nd Ave. from Highway 44 North to county line which will be posted at 80,000 GVW and 7 tons per axle during spring thaw period and when signs are in place; and 284TH ST from HWY 281 to 401st AVE is posted NO THRU TRUCKS-26,000 LBS GVW & 40mph for trucks year round and 7 ton per axle and 26,000 LBS GVW during spring thaw period and when signs are in place.

That the South Dakota Highway Patrol is hereby authorized and requested to enforce weight limitations on Douglas County Roads.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

A roll call vote was taken with the following votes being recorded: Voting ‘aye’: Star, Goldammer, I. Lau, Maas and S. Lau. Voting ‘nay’: none. Motion carried.

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Steve Lau, Chairperson, Douglas County Commission

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 Phyllis Barker, County Auditor

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
A motion was made by Star and seconded by Goldammer to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter with Reinfeld and Barker present at 9:29 a.m. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairman Lau declared the meeting back to open session at 9:45 a.m. with no action taken at this time.   
At 9:45 a.m. a motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to enter into an executive session with Steve Harrington, Reinfeld and Barker present to discuss a personnel matter. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairman Lau declared the meeting back to open session at 9:55 a.m. with no action taken at this time.   
A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas to increase Jeff Grosz’s wage to $16.00 per hour (retroactive to his start date). This increase is due to an oversight when setting Grosz’s wage upon hire. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

ABATEMENT:  
Auditor Barker presented two abatements as prepared by the Director of Equalization for storm damage on record #2606 in the amount of $237.88 and record #2611 in the amount of $143.32. The total amount of taxes abated will be $381.20. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Goldammer authorizing the aforementioned abatements to be done. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION:  
A motion was made by Star seconded by I. Lau authorizing Phyllis Barker to attend the Annual Report workshop on January 29th in Mitchell as well as the AG PHD Tiling Clinic in Sioux Falls on January 28th. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EMT ROSTER:  
A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Star to add Tiffany Boehmer to the EMT Roster as she will be doing transfers for the Douglas County Ambulance as needed. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SHERIFFS OFFICE:  
The Sheriff’s call log for 2019 was reviewed by the Board with no action necessary. The 2020 Prisoner Housing Agreement with Charles Mix County was reviewed. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star authorizing Chairman Law to sign the Prisoner Housing Agreement with Charles Mix County at a rate of $65.00 per day. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:  
A letter from the DENR was reviewed by the Board with no action needed.   
The SD Game Fish and Parks 2019 Annual Report was reviewed by the Board with no action required.

FEES REPORT:  
Clerk of Court fees (December): 3,646.67  
Register of Deed fees (December):1,882.50

AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER: December 2019

Checking Accounts …........………………………………………………………………………………….…………… $1,877.22

Cash on Hand…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...$500.00

Petty Cash……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. $400.00

Un-deposited receipts…,………………………………………………………………………..………….….…….. $57,972.52

Savings Accounts……………………………………………………………………………..……….……………. $2,968,005.00

-First State Bank- Armour

Certificate of Deposits ………………………………………………………………………………………………. $400,000.00

Total ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………... $3,428,754.74

FUND BALANCE

General Fund ……………………………………………………………………………………………………….…$2,435,465.60

Special Revenue Funds ……………………………………………………………………………………………... $766,242.25

Trust and Agency Funds ………………………………………………………………………………………….... $227,046.89

Total ………………………………………………………………………………………………………..……………. $3,428,754.74

CLAIMS:  
The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND:   
December Payroll: Commissioners 5749.70 Auditor 7769.46 Treasurer 8235.10 States Attorney 4999.16 Courthouse Janitor 5133.67 Equalization 7068.95 Register of Deeds 5024.89 Veterans Service Officer 814.02 Sheriff 16,964.40 Coroner 0.00 Ambulance 2246.64 Welfare 158.99 Extension 3070.26 Weed & Pest 451.82 Planning and Zoning 455.25 Museum 0.00 Park 0.00 Fair board 0.00 Standard Life Insurance 591.71

Agland Co-op 318.10 repairs; Armour Chronicle 177.13 publishing; Armour City 133.33 utilities; B&L Communications 240.00 prof fees; Buhl’s Dry Cleaners 215.50 supplies; Charles Mix Co. Sheriff’s Office 715.00 prof fees; Community Health Services 2085.96 prof fees; Convergint Technologies 228.29 supplies; Corsica Globe 142.13 publishing; Corsica Hardware 282.44 supplies; Darrington Water 31.75 supplies; DCMH 50.00 supplies; Delmont Record 142.13 publishing; First District Association 5,000.00 dues; Galls LLC. 43.91 uniforms; Goldenwest 796.77 utilities; Kone Inc. 712.08 repairs; Krull’s Market 38.46 supplies; McLeod’s Office Supply 1105.20 supplies; Meierhenry Sargent 6107.30 prof fees; Office Products Center 504.17 supplies; Paul E Bauchand 680.00 dues; Planning and Development Dist. III 11,834.00 dues; Randall Comm. Water Dist. 64.00 utilities; SD Association of County Weed & Pest 50.00 dues; SDACC 1400.00 dues; SDACO 735.14 dues; SDML Workers Compensation Fund 9368.40 insurance; State of SD 29.00 utilities; SD Dept. of Public Safety 2340.00 sheriffs radio; Tessiers Inc. 2775.98 repairs; Vogt’s Repair 100.29 repairs; Voyager Fleet 1203.86 fuel; Weed and Pest Conference 360.00 conference; Wilson’s True Value 187.82 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND:  
December Payroll: 25,267.06; 3-D Specialties 3323.24 road repairs; A-Ox 34.77 rental; Agland Co-op 5847.02 repairs; Armour Dray 60.00 utilities; Armour City 57.50 utilities; Brosz Engineering 2380.00 bridge repairs; Dakota Riggers & Tools 245.27 supplies; Dean’s Auto Body 33.98 repairs; Equipment Blades 8678.40 supplies; Goldenwest 154.52 utilities; Newman Signs 592.06 repairs; Northern Tool & Equip. 2358.94 supplies/minor equip.; Northwestern Energy 282.96 utilities; Office Products Center 91.95 supplies; Bob Reinfeld 179.00 supply reimbursement; SDML Workers Compensation Fund 7564.91 insurance; Voyager Fleet 354.30 fuel; Wheelco 75.08 supplies; Wilson’s True Value 99.41 supplies.

E911 FUND:  
December Payroll: 20.83; Charles Mix County 27,169.00 E911 services; Goldenwest 436.56 E911 Services; Midstate Communications 440.11 E911 Services.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:   
December Payroll: 1479.98; Goldenwest 16.00 utilities; Office Products Center 309.39 supplies; SDML Workers Compensation Fund 452.69 insurance; Wilson’s True Value 22.99 supplies.

MODERNIZATION AND PRESERVATION FUND:   
Microfilm Imaging 222.50 rental.

ADJOURNMENT:  
A motion was made by Star and seconded by Goldammer to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. until the next meeting on February 4, 2020. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

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Steve Lau, Chairman   
 Board of County Commissioners

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 Phyllis Barker, Auditor