

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

February 21, 2017

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Ivan Lau, Marlin Maas, Floyd Muntefering, Steve Lau and Jarod Star were present. Also present were Auditor Barker and Sam Grosz representing Douglas County Publishing. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Muntefering. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion made by Maas seconded by S. Lau to adopt the amended agenda. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Joel Meyer, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to update them on his department. Meyer informed the Board that he had received two quotes for gravel crushing. Because no bids were received at the bid letting held on Feb 7, 2017 the county is free to act in the best financial interest of the county. Therefore, a motion was made by Star and seconded by S. Lau to accept the quote from Rechnagel Construction Inc. for gravel crushing at a rate of \$2.15 with a \$1.00 royalty for a total of \$3.15 per ton. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

Meyer informed the board that the Mack Truck from Sheehan Mack Sales is ready and heading to Huron to go get the necessary aftermarket equipment installed. Meyer expects it to be ready for use by late March.

Joe Brenner, Douglas County resident, met with the Board to discuss the status of 399th Ave. Brenner would like to know what the county has planned in terms of maintaining the road this year. Meyer stated that there has not been discussion on the haul road agreement as of now. Meyer also stated that there would be less traffic on the road this year due to fewer projects being done in the area. Brenner said that he feels if the county is going to designate the road as a haul road, then they should also be contributing to some of the additional upkeep. The cost of dust control and other options were discussed. The board agreed that the matter is something that should be addressed, however no action was taken at this time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Pat Harrington, Emergency Management Director, met with the Board briefly to update them on his department. Harrington informed the Board that he has applied for a Homeland Security Grant. The grant will cover the cost of an incident command trailer if the application is accepted.

ABATEMENT

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star authorizing a tax abatement to be done in the amount of \$14.16 on record #3337 for loss occurred because of a fire. All present voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:10 a.m., A motion made by S. Lau seconded by Maas to enter into executive session with the Auditor to discuss a personnel matter. All present voted in favor of this action, motion carried. At 10:20 a.m., Chairman Muntefering declared the meeting back to open session with the following action taken:

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to hire Kathy Lau for part time help in the

Auditor's office at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, as needed. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

WEED AND PEST:

The Weed Board would like to know if there is enough in the budget for a Weed Supervisor. No one from the Weed Board was present to discuss the topic, therefore, no action was taken at this time.

4-H:

Hilary Risner, Douglas County 4-H Youth Advisor, was unable to attend the meeting. Risner sent her thanks to the Board for the opportunity to work in Douglas County. She will be relocating within SDSU extension to another position within the state. The Board thanked her for the work she had done and regretfully accepted her resignation. The position is expected to be posted shortly through SDSU Extension. No action was required.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dean Bisbee, of South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, introduced himself to the Board. Bisbee is new to the area and is now the trapper for Douglas County. The Board thanked Bisbee for the information. No action was needed.

A Letter from the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks was read by the board in regards to the LWCF Grant that was received years ago for work done to the campground. A motion was made by S. Lau and seconded by Star authorizing the Chairman to sign the Compliance Inspection Report. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

FEES REPORT:

Clerk of Courts fees for January, 2017 were 4,110.67
Register of Deeds fees for January, 2017 were \$1,876.50

AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER: JANUARY, 2017

Checking Accounts	\$5,601.79
Cash on Hand.....	\$500.00
Petty Cash.....	\$400.00
Un-deposited receipts.....	\$54,752.26
Savings Accounts.....	\$2,569,000.00
-First State Bank- Armour	
Certificate of Deposits	\$400,000.00
Total	\$3,030,254.05

FUND BALANCE

General Fund	\$1,715,016.73
Special Revenue Funds	\$956,237.72
Trust and Agency Funds	\$358,999.60
Total	\$3,030,254.05

CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND:

Anna Rankin 150.00 travel; Armour Dray 45.00 utilities; Phyllis Barker 63.42 travel; Charles Mix Co. Sheriff's Office 3400.00 jail fees; Connecting Point 43.12 repairs; Dataspec Inc. 399.00 prof. fees; DCMH 231.00 prof. fees; First Security Finance 4,630.61 debt services; Pat Harrington 110.00 travel; Kim Huebner 81.00 travel; Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services 160.00 prof. fees; Lincoln County 9.20 prof. fees; Marlin Maas 127.68 Travel; McLeod's Office Supply 70.00 supplies; Northwestern Energy 2642.69 utilities; Office Products Center 156.37 supplies; Prairie Health Pharmacy 50.49 prisoner medical; SDACC 300.00 conference; SDACO 200.00 conference; Wipf and Cotton 126.00 prof. fees.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND:

Agland Coop 1512.00 fuel; American Garage Door 45.00 repairs; Connecting point 14.38 repairs; Doug's Repair 793.91 repairs; ESRI 650.00 prof fees; Northwestern Energy 219.63 utilities; Sheehan Mack Sales & Equip. 112,500.00 Mack Truck; Wheelco Brake & Supply 43.50

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Pat Harrington 335.06 travel.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 a.m. a motion was made by Star seconded by Maas to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 7, 2017. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Floyd Muntefering, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker, Auditor