

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Members present were Steve Lau, Ivan Lau, Marlin Maas, Jerod Star and Tim Goldammer. Also present were Auditor Barker and Jennifer Kellogg, representing Douglas County Publishing. Chairman Lau called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Maas, seconded by Goldammer to adopt the amended agenda. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jessica van Wyk and Bob Reinfeld met with the Board to update them on the Highway Department. Reinfeld spoke in regards to the five-year plan and the upcoming bids. No action was taken at this time. Van Wyk updated the board on the highway office.

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas authorizing Chairman Lau to sign the Request of Assistance on Weight Limit Enforcement. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION #2019-01
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 recorded. Voting "Aye": I. Lau, Maas, Star, Goldammer and S. Lau. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dated this 22th day of January, 2019.

SIGNED: _____

Steve Lau, Chairperson
Douglas County Commission

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis Barker, County Auditor

A letter from the SD DOT was reviewed with no action taken.

DRAINAGE BOARD

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to recess as a Board of County Commissioner and convene as a Drainage Board. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.

As advertised, the Drainage board met to review a permit submitted by Shannon Klumb for the purpose of submitting underground drain tiling in the NW ¼ of Section 1, East Choteau Township, Douglas County, SD. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried. Neither Klumb or anyone in opposition was present. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Goldammer to table the permit until more information can be gathered and Klumb can be present.

The Board reconvened as a Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Star authorizing the payout of Kim Huebner's

PAPER-

The Auditor presented a problem with the paper. The Commission asked that States Attorney write a letter to the paper.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Commissioner I. Lau presented an idea to the Board in regards to the Weather Policy. I. Lau would like to see the Courthouse Close when the school is closed. No action was taken.

A motion was made by I. Lau to follow the Armour School District for weather closings. In these instances, the county employee's vacation days will not be effected. A sign will be posted on the Courthouse door with emergency contact information. Motion died for a lack of second.

PURCHASE REQUEST

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star authorizing the Auditor to purchase a computer from Connecting Point. All members voted in favor of this action, motion carried.