

Commissioners Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2020

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Members present were Steve Lau, Ivan Lau, Tim Goldammer, Marlin Maas, and Jerod Star. Also present were Auditor Phyllis 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 and seconded by I. Lau to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas to approve the minutes of the March 3rd and 17th meeting minutes. All members voted in favor if this action; motion carried.

DRAINAGE

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Goldammer to recess as a Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Douglas County Drainage Board. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

John Schallankamp of JB Tile LLC., Dave Reimnitz and Dean Van Peurseem met with the board via conference call to discuss the drainage project the County is facilitating in Section 31 of Grandview Township. Doug Reimnitz was also present for the call. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Star to have the highway dept. install culverts purchased by the Van Peurseem's on their property and to run a 15" perforated tile line to the blueline creek, with Reimnitz Six LLC contributing \$1800.00 of the project cost. Goldammer seconded the motion. Voting aye: Star, Maas, Goldammer and S. Lau. Voting Nay: I. Lau. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to adjourn as a Drainage Board and re-convene as a Board of County Commissioners. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, met with the board for the 2020 County Board of Equalization. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Goldammer to recess as a Board of County Commissioners and convene as the County Board of Equalization for 2020. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Each member signed an Oath of Office and reviewed their duties as stated on the distributed exhibit supplied by the Director of Equalization.

Goehring distributed information regarding all changes that have occurred over the past year, listing them by townships and cities.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Goldammer to approve the Application for Property Tax Exempt Status (per SDCL 10-4-15) for Delmont Non-Profit for the baseball field in Delmont. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas to deny the Application for Property Tax Exempt Status (per SDCL 10-4-15) from Douglas County Hospital until the property is developed. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

The 43 Applications for *Continuing* Property Tax Exempt Status (per SDCL 10-4-19) are also approved.

There were two renewable resource energy applications (geothermal) for 2020 resulting in a \$23,225 loss of valuation.

Fifteen elderly assessment freeze applications for 2020 resulted in a \$187,632 loss of valuation.

Four fully Disabled Veteran Applications will show a loss in valuation of \$199,186.

The 2020 full and true valuation after all changes made is \$699,187,818. Sixty-six parcels will show a total of \$5,380,411 taxable growth for 2020. The Ag factor for 2020 is .850 and the Non-Ag factor is .863. The total equalized (taxable) valuation for 2020 is \$595,279,232.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to adjourn as a County Board of Equalization for the year of 2020. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. The Board reconvened as a Board of County Commissioners.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Pat Harrington, Emergency Management Director, met with the Board to give a brief update on his department.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Goldammer to conduct the second reading of the ordinance entitled: "ORDINANCE No. #20-01; An Ordinance Providing for Flood Damage Prevention." Passed and adopted by the Douglas County Commissioners, Douglas County, South Dakota on the second reading on the *21st day of April, 2020*. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Voting "aye": Star, I. Lau, Maas, Goldammer and S. Lau Voting "Nay": None. Motion carried.

Harrington also informed the Board that the water has stopped running at the spillway and the overflow gate after the highway department lifted the lid to the shaft of the lower level structure. The camera inspection will now be conducted again to determine what is wrong with the gate mechanism. No action was needed at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bob Reinfeld met with the Board to update them on his department. Reinfeld informed the Board of the Local Federal Bridge Replacement Program grant opportunities. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

Phyllis Barker, Auditor, explained that she would like to limit the number of polling places for the Primary Election due to COVID-19 and being unable to obtain enough poll workers for all five precincts. With the only county race being held in Armour, the Board agreed that the Armour Firehall would be the best location for the polling place on election day. Therefore, a motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas to make the Armour Fire Hall the only polling place for the Primary Election on June 2, 2020. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

TIMECLOCK

As requested by the Commission, Auditor Barker presented quotes on a time clock system. A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Star to accept the bid from Timeclocks Plus LLC. for time clock services. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas to enter into executive session at 11:04 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter with Barker present. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Lau declared the meeting back to open session with no action taken at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

The picnic tables at the campground were discussed. Sam Reimnitz has found several them in his

creek bed and is willing to repair them for the county. No action was needed at this time. Thistles on the spillway were also discussed with no action taken at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the DENR regarding the transfer of a general permit was read with no action needed.

FEES REPORT

Clerk of Courts fees: 1872.00

Register of Deeds fees: 4498.00

AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER: March 2020

Checking Accounts	\$6,509.72
Cash on Hand.....	\$500.00
Petty Cash.....	\$400.00
Un-deposited receipts.....	\$28,916.08
Savings Accounts.....	\$3,233,000.00
Certificate of Deposits	\$400,000.00
Total	\$3,669,325.80

FUND BALANCE

General Fund	\$2,278,397.54
Special Revenue Funds	\$1,047,072.67
Tax Increment District Fund	\$7,008.23
Trust and Agency Funds	\$336,847.36
Total	\$3,669,325.80

CLAIMS:

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND:

Armour Dray 50.00 utilities; Charles Mix Co. Sheriff's Office 3050.00 jail fees; Cook Implement 2175.00 minor equip.; Corsica Hardware 246.81 supply; Dakota Psychological Services 2706.00 prof fees; DCMH 50.00 prof fees; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting 18.00 prof fees; Douglas Electric Coop 1725.60 utilities; FEDEX 26.21 supplies; First Security Finance 4630.61 debt services; Pat Harrington 464.64 travel; IAAO 165.00 prof fees; McLeod's Office Supply 443.43 supplies; Midwest Fire and Safety 202.50 maint.; Northwestern Energy 1949.30 utilities; Office Products Center 193.64 supplies; State of SD 30.00 utilities; State of SD 1200.00 mental health; USPS 360.00 postage; Voyager Fleet Systems 1077.57 fuel; Wilson's True Value 58.01 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND:

Armour Dray 30.00 utilities; Corsica Hardware 43.94 supplies; Newton Signs 400.00 repairs; Office Products Center 199.00 furniture; ROD Equipment 1168.85 supplies/maint; Voyager Fleet Systems 552.20 fuel.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Pat Harrington 8.40 travel.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:29 a.m. a motion was made by Star and seconded by Goldammer to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on May 5, 2020. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Steve Lau, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker, Auditor