

County Commissioners Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 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, May 19, 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 Goldammer and seconded by Star to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; Motion carried.

#### DRAINAGE

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

At the advertised time of 9:05 a.m. the public hearing for a drainage permit submitted by Alvin and Vivian Groeneweg, 27238 384<sup>TH</sup> Ave., Corsica, SD 57328 was held. The nature and location of the project were as follows: Request for a Permit to install a 150-foot sub- surface permanent drainage ditch. The outlet is not directly into a blue line stream. All work activities are limited to the NE corner of the NW ¼ of Section 34, T 100 N, R 65 W, in Holland Township, Douglas County, South Dakota. Rudy Niewenhuis and Gary Maas were present to explain the reason for digging the ditch. Maas explained that 272<sup>nd</sup> St has been under water and is used by many farmers to access their fields. He spoke with the township board, who approved of the work being done. Brad DeVries and Gene Schoon were present in opposition as well as Patricia Conley, who was present via phone. States Attorney Parkhurst was also present. Discussion was held. At 9:25 a.m. a motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter with Parkhurst and Barker present. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. At 9:35 a.m. Chairperson Lau declared the meeting back to open session with no immediate action taken. Discussion continued.

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Star to require the ditch be filled back in to the original state by Friday, May 22, 2020, and that the inspection fee of \$1000.00 be levied in accordance with Section 406 of the Drainage Ordinance. The applicant is to provide third party verification that the project has been restored to the condition it was prior to the violation of the ordinance. A fine of \$100.00 per day will be levied if the work isn't completed by Friday. All members voted in favor of this action, with Maas abstaining; Motion carried.

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

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bob Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent, Callie Nichols, Highway Office Manager, met with the board to update them on the Highway Department. Eric Prunty and Clinton Powell of Brosz Engineering met with the Board to present a final application for payment for A.G.E for the bridge project on 273<sup>rd</sup> St. East of Corsica. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Goldammer to approve the final payment A.G.E Corporation in the amount of \$16,689.16. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

A culvert near New Holland was discussed with no action taken.

Reinfeld brought quotes to the Board for a new plow truck. Capitol accumulations have been set

aside to support this purchase. Reinfeld presented a quote for a 2021 Mack Granite Plow Truck chassis for a total of \$123,963.00. A Henke plow hitch, plow, dump body and hydraulics were quoted at \$74,000.00 and a 14' Highway E2020 Sand Spreader was quoted at \$17,416.00 for a total of \$215,379.00. All bids were obtained through Sourcewell. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Goldammer to approve of the purchase of a new plow truck and sander as detailed above. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

**PARK**

The electrical boxes at the campground were discussed. A quote from H&H Electric was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Star and seconded Maas to approve of the repair 12 electrical boxes at the campground for \$11,800.00. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Star explained that the City of Corsica is putting in a storm drain. The trees in the county road right of way on 273<sup>rd</sup> St. will need to be removed for the project to be completed. The City has agreed to cost share the project. Therefore, a motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas to cost share with the City of Corsica at fifty percent up to \$3000.00. All members voted in favor of this action with Star abstaining. Motion carried.

**PLAT APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by I. Lau authorizing the chairman to sign the following plats.

A Plat of Tract A of Dykshorn Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 15, T99N, R66W of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Douglas County, SD.

A Plat of Tract A of Muilenburg’s Addition, Located in the N1/2 of the NE ¼ of Section 22, T100N, R66W of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Douglas County, SD.

All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Star to enter into executive at 10:46 a.m. with Jessica Goehring and Craig Parkhurst to discuss a personnel matter. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairman Lau declared the meeting back to open session with no action taken at 11:00 a.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter from the Dept. of Public Safety was read stating that the county was approved for the grant to conduct the H&H study in Iowa Township and surrounding areas. The grant still needs to be approved through FEMA. No action was needed at this time.

**FEES REPORT**

Register of Deeds Fees: \$2068.50

Clerk of Courts Fees: \$1562.00

**AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER: April 2020**

Checking Accounts .....	\$2310.44
Cash on Hand.....	\$500.00
Petty Cash.....	\$400.00
Un-deposited receipts.....	\$271,221.65
Savings Accounts.....	\$5,031,000.00

-First State Bank- Armour

Certificate of Deposits ..... \$400,000.00  
Total ..... \$5,705,432.09

FUND BALANCE

General Fund .....\$2,755,411.71  
Special Revenue Funds ..... \$1,132,493.25  
Tax Increment Cash Account ..... \$13,426.78  
Trust and Agency Funds ..... \$1,804,100.35  
Total ..... \$5,705,432.09

CLAIMS:

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND:

Armour Dray 50.00 utilities; B&L Communications 20.00 repairs; Phyllis Barker 407.87 supply reimb.; Buhl’s Dry Cleaners 153.50 repairs; Charles Mix Co. Sheriff’s Office 1105.00 jail fees; Corsica Hardware 7.99 supplies; Davison Co. Sheriff’s Office 475.00 jail fees; Dept of Health 40.00 prof fees; John Engelland 29.10 remb; Everson-Beukleman Post 200.00 Memorial Day allotment; First Security Finance 4630.61 debt services; Hub International 3694.85 insurance prof fee; Steve Johnson 266.25 repairs; Laib-Albrecht Post 200.00 Memorial Day allotment; Steven Lau 91.56 travel; McGrath- Ferguson Post 200.00 memorial Day allotment; McLeod’s Office Supply 303.39 supplies; Mitchell Clinic LTD 125.00 prof fees; Northwestern Energy 6.39 utilities; Office Products Center 284.68 supplies; Petty Cash 459.18 supplies; SDACO 150.00 prof fees; State of SD 30.00 utilities; Swier Law Firm 1097.40 prof fees; Voyager Fleet Systems 740.81 fuel; Whalen Law Office 1579.10 prof fees; Williams Music and Office Supple 361.00 repairs; Wilson’s True Value 103.06 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND:

A.G.E. Corporation 16,689.16; Corsica hardware 12.99 supplies; Midwest Concrete 576.00 repairs; Northwestern Energy 158.96 utilities; RDO Equipment 78.26 supplies; True North Steel 8312.33 repairs; Vogt’s Repair 387.18 repairs; Voyager Fleet System 347.53 fuel.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by I. Lau and seconded by Maas to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. until Thursday June 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. due to the Primary Election being held June 2. 2020. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Lau, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Phyllis Barker, Auditor

