

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Members present were Tim Goldammer, Steve Lau, Marlin Maas, Jerod Star and Nathan E. Ymker. Also present was Auditor Phyllis Barker. Chairman Lau called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Goldammer to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Ymker informed the Board of a meeting that will be held in Wagner regarding the 30x30 Land Grab on Tuesday, July 13th. No action was required.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Ymker to approve the minutes from the June 1st and 15th meetings. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Jedidiah Reimnitz, HR Green, met with the Board to discuss the engineering services provided by HR Green. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

TREASURERS OFFICE

Julie Brenner, Treasurer, met with the Board to update them on her department. Brenner presented a quarterly report for April-June.

Brenner requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. A Motion was made by Ymker and seconded Maas to enter into executive session at 9:23 a.m. to discuss personnel. Barker exited the meeting. Brenner exited the meeting at 9:29 a.m. Chairman Lau declared the meeting back to open session at 9:38 a.m. with no action taken.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bob Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to update them on his department. Reinfeld presented a quote from Airgas for oxygen and acetylene tank rentals. It was decided that the county would cancel the service with A-Ox and purchase from Airgas because their rates are cheaper. Reinfeld said that patching and overlay projects are done for the year and that now the crew will now be working on hauling gravel.

BROSZ ENGINEERING

Clinton Powell, Brosz Engineering, met with the Board to provide an update on the progress of the H&H Study. Powell said the project is on target to be completed by the end of October of this year. When the study is completed Brosz will have a list of recommended improvements compiled. Powell will check into the grant reimbursement process and get back to the auditor as to how that is to be completed.

SPELLWAY

Powell stated that the final plans are completed and now he is just waiting on FEMA to make a decision before proceeding with the project. Auditor Barker requested a cost estimate per the scope of work for budgeting purposes for 2022.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Ymker to introduce the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2021-07
A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY
REGULATION OF FIRE HAZARDS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

WHEREAS; the Douglas County Commission is in charge with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Douglas County including all property situated thereto; and
WHEREAS; the Douglas County Commission has consulted with local fire officials, law enforcement officials and citizenry concerning the threat posed by wildfires; and
WHEREAS; the threat of wildfires in Douglas County is such as to pose a significant danger to the health and safety of the citizens of Douglas County including property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Commission has deemed it necessary to enact certain temporary controls to reduce the threat posed to the citizens and property of Douglas County by wildfires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 7-8-20(18) the Douglas County Commission does hereby enact this resolution on an emergency basis effective immediately and imposes a restriction to open burning in order to protect the public health and safety; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following exceptions are made to the restrictions:
Covered or enclosed trash burning containers surrounded by a 10-foot combustible free radius.

Barbeque grills.

Branding iron burners

Fully enclosed outdoor fireplaces surrounded by a 10-foot combustible free radius and;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that individuals who are burning under one of the exceptions use extreme caution and individuals who start a fire that crosses a property line, and or damages the property of another person are liable for the costs of suppressing and damages done by that fire, and;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 34-37-19 the prohibited activities shall include any activity which could be reasonably calculated to lead to the ignition and/or spread of wildfires in Douglas County; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the area to which the prohibitions herein shall be applicable shall include the entire area of Douglas County excepting those lands within City limits of Armour, Corsica and Delmont or the lands under the auspices of the United States; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to SDCL 7-18A-2 the penalty for violating this resolution shall include a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation and/or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed thirty days for each violation, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the prohibition of certain activities provided for above shall remain in effect until such time as the Douglas County Commission determines that the threat posed by wildfires has abated.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2021.

Roll Call vote: Voting 'aye': Star, Goldammer, Ymker, Maas and Lau. Voting 'nay': None.
Absent: None. Motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Steve Lau, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker, County Auditor

DAKOTA TRAILS GOLF COURSE

Rocky Nelson met with the Board to request permission to light fireworks on the night of the American Legion Golf Tournament on July 16th. A motion was made Star and seconded by Maas to approve of the fire works for the American Legion Golf Tournament on July 16th at Dakota Trails Golf Course; contingent upon weather conditions and having a fire truck on scene. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

DRAINAGE

A motion was made by Goldammer and seconded by Maas 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.

Barker presented a drainage permit submitted by Grandview Township to build up 388th Ave. between 273rd- 274th, adding ditches to send water to the north to the county road ditch. The water will then pass through a culvert and eventually outlet into a blue line creek. Discussion was held resulting in a motion made by Maas and seconded by Goldammer to approve the request submitted by Grandview Township. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Ymker 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.

PLAT

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to approve Survey Plat of Zomer Tract 1 in the SE ¼ of section 32 of T99N, R 64W of the 5th P.M., Douglas County, contingent upon the Planning and Zoning Board approving the plat at their July 8th meeting. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

The Juneteenth holiday was discussed. No action was taken to add the newly declared federal holiday to the list of observed holidays for the County.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Fred Kuil, Veterans Service Officer, met with the Board to provide an annual update them on his department. No action was needed.

FEES REPORT

Clerk of Courts Fees: \$2795.25

Register of Deeds Fees: \$5027.00

SHERIFF'S STATS

The June Sheriff's Department Statistics were reviewed by the Board with no action needed.

CLAIMS

The Following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

June Payroll: Commissioners 4065.45 Auditor 8460.30 Treasurer 9108.51 States Attorney 5457.87 Courthouse Janitor 5351.69 Equalization 7140.74 Register of Deeds 5525.37 Veterans Service Officer 927.08 Sheriff 18,649.62 Coroner 0 Welfare 157.01 Ambulance 2,342.58 Extension 3672.96 Weed & Pest 1516.02 Fair board 237.99 Planning and Zoning 794.72 Museum 0.00 Park 1187.86 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 563.35
Agland Co op 488.45 repairs; Armour Chronicle 306.66 publishing; Armour City 323.67 utilities; Randy Baan Hofman 300.00 maint; Corsica Globe 306.66 publishing; Darrington Water 31.75 supplies; Dean's Autobody 86.00 repairs; Delmont Record 306.66 publishing; Drugtestinbulk.com 100.00 supplies; John Engelland 238.01 supplies; AT&T Mobility 200.00 prof fees; Goldenwest 621.35 utilities; Hub International 3904.73 prof fees; Kevin's Feed and Seed 61.75 supplies; Minnehaha Co. 392.50 prof fees; Nextraq 14.95 prof fees; Northwestern Energy 1200.78 utilities; Office Products Center 115.90 supplies; Randall Community Water Dist. 103.50 utilities; SDAAO 360.00 conference; SD Public Assurance Alliance 39,479.27 insurance; State of SD 59.50 utilities; Stay USA Hotel and Suites 362.00 travel; TEAM Laboratories 1063.82 supplies/minor equip.; USPS 2288.30 supplies; Van Brothers Inc. 230.00 utilities; Van Deist Supply Co. 792.00 supplies; US Bank-Voyager 1589.13 fuel; Wilson's True Value 173.78 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

June Payroll:26,270.84; A-Ox 35.40 rental; Agland Co-op 377.32 supplies/repairs; Armour City 54.67 utilities; C&B Operations 157.50 supplies; AT&T Mobility 40.04 prof fees; Goldenwest 170.45 utilities; Nextraq 89.70 prof fees; SDPAA 12,982.80 insurance; Transource Truck & Equip. 352.05 supplies; US Bank- Voyager 170.09 fuel;

E-911 FUND

June Payroll: 26.72; Charles Mix County 17,5140.22 2nd QTR E-911 payment; Goldenwest 406.56 E911 system; Lyle Signs 558.25 supplies; Midstate Communications 440.11 E911 system.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

June Payroll: 1,749.46; Armour Chronicle 24.57 publishing; Corsica Globe 24.57 publishing; Delmont Record 24.57 publishing; SDPAA 487.78 insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m. a motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Goldammer to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday July 20, 2021. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Steve Lau, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis Barker, Auditor