

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
November 2, 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, November 2, 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 Maas and seconded by Ymker to adopt the agenda. All members present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bob Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to update them on his department. Bridge repair and road maintenance were discussed. Reinfeld stated that the crew would be going back to five, eight-hour days, beginning November 8th.

Dan Johnson, Johnson Engineering, met with the Board to discuss the final bridge inspection for 2021. No action was needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:40 a.m., a motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Goldammer to enter into executive session with Barker present to discuss a personnel matter. Chairman Lau declared the Board back to open session at 10:00 a.m. with no action taken.

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 in favor; Motion Carried. Jordan Reimnitz was present to discuss a tile project that he is proposing. The official public hearing will be on November 16th at 10:00 a.m.

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

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to clean out the sediment in the south ditch on 273rd east of 388th Ave. to where the blue line creek begins. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star authorizing the Chairman to sign the 2022 liquor license renewal for Dakota Trails Golf Course. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Craig and Diane Krsnak, Douglas County Insurance, met with the Board to present the health insurance renewal for the County health plan for 2022. No action was taken at this time.

PREMIUM PAY

Discussion was held on the America Rescue Plan (ARP) funding allocation that the County has received in the amount of \$283,685.00 for 2021. The County will receive another \$283,685.00 in 2022. Barker reviewed the basics of the ARP with the main objective being to create economic

resilience in communities. Barker explained that there are tight restrictions as to what the funding can be used for at this point in time. The County will be able to use the funds for two of the four objectives, which would be Public Health/Negative Economic Impacts and Premium Pay for essential employees who have been and continue to be relied on to maintain the continuity of operations. Premium Pay *is not a bonus*, and can be paid retrospectively. Barker is waiting for guidance from Planning and Development District III to see what entities within the county would also qualify for a portion of the County funds. After discussion it was agreed by all that it was important to invest the funds into the community to help offset the financial burdens felt by the pandemic.

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Goldammer to pay retrospective Premium Pay to County employees for the period of March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Employee must have worked the entire year of 2020 and remained employed with the County as of August 1, 2021. Premium Pay will be in the amount of \$2000.00 for each employee meeting the above-mentioned guidelines. Roll call vote: voting 'aye': Star, Goldammer, Ymker and Maas. Voting 'nay': Steve Lau. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

October Payroll: Commissioners 4,019.42 Auditor 8,377.85 Treasurer 8,356.75 States Attorney 5457.87 Courthouse Janitor 5,098.95 Equalization 7,746.93 Register of Deeds 5,044.17 Veterans Service Officer 927.08 Sheriff 17,981.14 Coroner 0.00 Welfare 156.88 Ambulance 3,155.52 Extension 3,015.61 Weed & Pest 1,926.15 Fair board 0.00 Planning and Zoning 451.74 Museum 0.00 Park 0.00 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 575.75

A-1 Roofing 5,793.60 repairs; The Appliance Center 9.95 supplies; Armour Chronicle 414.58 publishing; Armour Dray 50.00 utilities; Armour Lumber Company 363.66 repairs; Armour City 145.42 utilities; Randy BaanHofman 2850.00 repairs; Phyllis Barker 54.53 travel; Crystal Bruinsma 166.00 travel; Buhl's Dry Cleaner 153.50 maint; Connecting Point 114.71 prof fees; Corsica Globe 354.46 publishing; Delmont Record 314.58 publishing; AT&T Mobility 200.20 prof fees; Goldenwest 193.81 utilities; H&H Electric 62.24 repairs; Iverson's 82.89 repairs; Steve Johnson 250.00 repairs; Minnehaha County 47.50 prof fees; Mitchell Republic 100.00 prof fees; Nicole Neugebauer 34.64 prof. fees; Northwestern Energy 1356.79 utilities; Office Product Center 284.41 supplies; Dustin Palmquist 62.98 repairs; Craig Parkhurst 673.90 supplies; Dept. of Animal Sciences 32.50 supplies; Select Service Center 137.00 repairs; State Bar of South Dakota 500.00 supplies; State of SD 99.25 utilities; Eric Vanden Hoek 50.00 supplies; U.S Bank Voyager 1724.62 fuel.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

October Payroll: 28,715.63; Armour City 145.42 utilities; AT&T Mobility 40.04 utilities; Connecting Point 6.27 prof fees; Deere Credit Inc. 38,196.87 lease payment; Fousek Truck Services 321.89 repairs; Goldenwest 193.81 utilities; Spencer Quarries/Commercial Asphalt 613.64 road repairs; Stan Houston Equip. 915.00 rentals; Transource Truck & Equip. 108.27 supplies; U.S Bank Voyager 155.38 fuel.

E911 FUND

October Payroll 26.70;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

October Payroll 1,749.45; Connecting Point 2.02 prof fees.

HIGHWAY RURAL ACCESS FUND

HR Green Inc. 1082.50 prof. fees.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:37 a.m. a motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Maas to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Steve Lau, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis Barker, Auditor