

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Members present were Tim Goldammer, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks, Jerod Star, and Nathan E. Ymker. Also present was Auditor Phyllis Barker. Chairman Goldammer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Sparks to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Sparks to amend the minutes to state that Jeremy Johnson was terminated and that in accordance with the Douglas County Personnel Policy, sick leave was not paid out due to his termination being before his one year of employment. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Motion was made by Star seconded by Ymker to approve the minutes from the January 4th and 18th meeting minutes with the above-mentioned correction. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING- REDISTRICTING

At the advertised time, a motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Maas to open the public hearing to review the proposed redistricting changes to the Commissioners Districts due to the 2021 Census. Discussion was held. No one from the public was present. Chairman Goldammer declared the public hearing closed at 9:35 a.m.

A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Maas to introduce the following resolution. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR REDISTRICTING
RESOLUTION #2022-02

WHEREAS SDCL 7-8-10 requires that after giving notice by publication the Board of County Commissioners shall change the boundaries of the Commissioner districts as necessary in order that each district shall be as regular and compact in form as practicable and so that each district may contain as near as possible an equal number of residents as determined by the last preceding federal decennial census, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Douglas County Commissioner districts be changed and that the boundaries shall be as follows:

District 1: Joubert Township, Clark Township, Holland Township, Iowa Township and Walnut Grove Township West of 390th Ave. and North of 273rd St

District 2: City of Corsica

District 3: Belmont Township, East Choteau Township, Independence Township, Chester (East and West) Township excluding Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, and City of Armour East of US HWY 281

District 4: City of Armour West of US HWY 281, the portion of Chester (East)Township described

as Sections 1,2,11 and 12.

District 5: Washington Township, Lincoln Township, Garfield Township, Valley Township, Grandview and Walnut Grove Township East of 390th Ave and North of 273rd St.

Dated this 1th day of February 2022.

SIGNED: _____

Tim Goldammer, Chairman
Douglas County Board of Commissioner

Attest: _____

Phyllis Barker, County Auditor

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bob Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to update them on his department. Reinfeld discussed weight limits with the Board. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Sparkes to introduce the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #2022-01
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: Maas, Sparks, Star, Ymker and Goldammer. Motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Tim Goldammer, Chairperson,
Douglas County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker, County Auditor

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Star to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:44 a.m. with Reinfeld and Barker present. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. At 9:50 a.m. Chairman Goldammer declared the meeting back to open session at 10:00 a.m. Jacob Horstman has completed his six-month probationary period. Therefore, a motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Star to increase Horstman's annual wage to \$17.00 per hour effective with February payroll. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Kim Huebner, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to request the purchase of furniture updates for her office. A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Sparks to purchase desks for the Register of Deeds Office for a total of \$2,301.92. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Pat Harrington, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to provide an update on his department. Harrington informed the Board that he was issued Covid-19 test kits from the Department of Health. He will be distributing them to the fire departments and EMTs, then will have them available for the public in his office. Harrington stated that the Community Health Nurse also has testing kits available to the public. No action was necessary.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, explained that she is on Education Committee for the SDAAO Board and would like to attend a meeting in Pierre on February 16, 2022. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Sparks authorizing Goehring's travel expenses to attend the one-day SDAAO meeting in Pierre. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

An update on the sheriff's department was presented by the Auditor on behalf of Sheriff Severson. A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Star to hire Jesse McHargue as a part-time Deputy Sheriff at a rate of \$18.90 per hour. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Maas and seconded by Sparks to enter into executive session at 11:01 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter with Barker present. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairman Goldammer declared the meeting back to open session at 11:30 a.m. with no action taken.

GENERAL FUND

January payroll: Commissioners 4034.87 Auditor 8,333.83 Treasurer 9,512.34 States Attorney 5727.22 Courthouse Janitor 6,422.19 Equalization 7,275.05 Register of Deeds 5,999.77 Veterans Service Officer 971.94 Sheriff 17,043.78 Coroner 0.00 Welfare 157.13 Ambulance 3661.31 Extension 3216.43 Weed & Pest: 1057.14 Fair Board 0.00 Planning and Zoning 446.62 Park 0.00

Reliance Standard Life Insurance 441.45.

605 Building Supply 21.00 supplies; Ability Bldg Services 5000.00 budget allotment; Armour Chronicle 1335.25 publishing/ supplies; Axom Enterprises 261.72 supplies; Bob Goodnow 100.00 maint; Blue Moon 395.00 conference; Corsica Globe 1122.09 publishing; Delmont Record 1082.09 publishing; Farm and Home Publishers 135.00 supplies; AT&T Mobility 200.20 utilities; Keith Goehring 2061.28 prof fees; Goldenwest 703.49 utilities; Graham Tire Mitchell 558.08 repairs; Pamela Hein 383.26 prof fees; Johnson Restoration 65.00 repairs; Bradley Kerner 306.90 CAA fees; Kimberly Klein 15.83 supplies; Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health 5411.00 budget allotment; LifeQuest 6100.00 budget allotment; Marlin Maas 111.72 travel; Mid-American Research Chemical 105.25 supplies; McLeod's Office Supply 120.10 supplies; Mitchell Area Safehouse 2500.00 budget allotment; Nextraq 14.95 utilities; Northwestern Energy 3294.26 utilities; Office Products 645.23 supplies; Pioneer Designs 40.00 repairs; Planning and Development District III 3500.00 GIS website dues; ROCS Senior Meals 1882.00 prof fees; Select Service Center 261.89 repair; Sioux Sales Company 292.00 rentals; State of SD 42.50 utilities; U.S Bank Voyager 1030.48 fuel; Weed and Pest Conference 440.84 supplies/conference; Wilson's True Value 45.04 supplies; ROCS Senior Meals 1882.00 prof. fees.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

January payroll: 29,026.26; AT&T Mobility 40.04 utilities; Goldenwest 252.21 utilities; Newman Signs 301.31 repairs; Nextraq 89.70 utilities; Northwestern Energy 214.52 utilities; SD Dept of Transportation 4305.51 prof fees/repairs; US Bank Voyager 215.70 supplies; Wilson's True Value 81.73 supplies.

E911 FUND

January payroll:26.77; Goldenwest 436.56 prof fees.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

January payroll: 1,840.93

DOMESTIC ABUSE FUND

Mitchell Area Safehouse 560.00 fees.

HIGHWAY RURAL ACCESS FUND

HR Green Inc. 99.00 fees.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Sparks adjourn at 11:56 a.m. to adjourn until the next meeting to be held on February 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Tim Goldammer, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis Barker, Auditor