

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
March 15, 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, March 15, 2022. Members present were Tim Goldammer, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks, Jerod Star and Nathan 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.

SPILLWAY PROJECT

Eric Prunty of Brosz Engineering and Brian Becker of Barr Engineering, met with the Board to discuss moving forward with the Spillway project. Gary Laib, county resident, was also present. Becker and Prunty had been out to the spillway on March 14 to briefly assess the damage. Becker said the Probable Maximum Flood for the dam was done in 1979 and at that time it was only at 44%. Becker would like to see a new study done to see what needs to be done to determine the current condition of the dam. Further discussion was held. The Commission would like to move forward with the project and asked that Barr provide a preliminary cost estimate. No action was taken at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

OVERLAY PROJECT

1) Project #22-1 (2" Overlay, Co. Road 560-4; 6 miles)

Commercial Asphalt 25254 413th Ave., Mitchell, SD 57301: \$93.00 per ton for a total project cost of \$873,270.00

OVERLAY PATCHING

Commercial Asphalt 25254 413th Ave., Mitchell, SD 57301: \$105.00 per ton for approximately 1000-1500 tons hot mix furnished and placed.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to accept the sole bid from Commercial Asphalt for both the overlay and overlay patching projects for 2022. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Voting 'aye': Ymker, Maas, Sparks, Star, and Goldammer. Voting 'nay': none. Motion carried.

CHIP-SEAL

Project #1-22 Road 560-5; 7 miles

Project #2-22 Road 580-6; 3miles

Road Guy Construction Company 3206 E. Hwy 50, Yankton, SD 57078: \$2.19 per square yard for a total bid price of \$308,352.00.

TopKote Inc. 43439 Sd Hwy 50, Yankton, SD: \$2.21 per square yard for a total bid price of \$311,168.00.

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Ymker to accept the low bid from Road Guy Construction of Yankton for the 2022 chip-seal projects. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Voting 'aye': Maas, Sparks, Star, Ymker, and Goldammer. Voting 'nay': none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Engelland, Custodian, met with the Board to inform them that the plumbing on the north side of the building will need to be replaced. The Board agreed that the work needed to be done, and for Engelland to get quotes for the work to be done.

A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Maas to surplus an external hard drive (FA#3334) for disposal. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Bob Goodnow and Travis Sparks, met with the Board to discuss the Armour Housing Project by the lake. Goodnow explained that he has made it 36 lots to be sold so people can build there. Goodnow is asking that the County tax the land as Ag Property until the lots are sold and developed. Until the lots are sold, he will plant alfalfa on the property. Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, stated that she would assess the property as ag land until a lot is sold, then it will be taxed as such. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

Auditor Barker provided an update of the insurance status regarding the bridge that was damaged east of Armour. No action was needed at this time.

PLAT APPROVAL

A plat was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Star to approve the Plat of Lot 1 of Spaans Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 27, T100N, R64W, of the 5th P.M., Douglas County, SD. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff, Jim Severson, met with the Board to discuss his department. Severson informed the Board that he was approved for a grant to purchase four radios for the department. The County will need to pay the expense up front and then will be reimbursed 100%. A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Sparks authorizing the Sheriff to apply for the Homeland Security Grant for radios. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the SD Game Fish and Parks was reviewed by the Board with no action taken.

A quote from Connecting Point for updates to the wireless internet within the Courthouse was reviewed by the Board with no action taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:35 a.m., a motion was made by Star and seconded by Sparks to enter into executive session 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 12:04 p.m. with the following action taken:

A motion was made by Ymker to increase wages by six percent for all County employees effective with April payroll. Goldammer seconded the motion to bring the motion to the floor for discussion. Discussion was held debating if the percentage should be six percent or seven and a half percent based on inflation. A roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Voting 'aye': Star, Ymker and Goldammer. Voting 'nay': Sparks and Maas. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Star and seconded by Ymker to reimburse all board members for attending additional committee meetings, including Commissioners, the rate of \$70.00 for Planning and Zoning and Weed and Pest, and \$50.00 for all other Boards. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

FEES REPORT:

Clerk of Courts Fees (February): \$1,690.00

Register of Deeds Fees (February): \$2,480.00

AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER: February 2022

Checking Accounts	\$ 2842.09
Cash on Hand.....	\$500.00
Petty Cash.....	\$400.00
Un-deposited receipts.....	\$37,672.28
Savings Accounts.....	\$3,199,000.00
Certificate of Deposits	\$400,000.00
Total	\$3,640,414.37

FUND BALANCE

General Fund	\$2,239,570.07
Special Revenue Funds	\$1,000,530.98
Tax Increment District Fund	\$6,997.39
Trust and Agency Funds	\$393,315.93
Total	\$3,640,414.37

CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

February payroll: Commissioners 3989.69 Auditor 8,909.85 Treasurer 9,645.94 States Attorney 5,727.26 Courthouse Janitor 6,223.98 Equalization 7,314.90 Register of Deeds 5,787.61 Veterans Service Officer 971.94 Sheriff 16,480.76 Coroner 0.00 Welfare 157.06 Ambulance 2,910.55 Extension 4,042.97 Weed & Pest: 1,095.15 Fair Board 475.61 Planning and Zoning 453.50 Drainage: 209.33 Park 0.00 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 437.28

Armour City 137.50 utilities; Brosz Engineering 5,235.00 prof fees; Buhl’s Dry Cleaners 153.50 maint.; Charles Mix Co. Sheriff’s Office 280.00 prof fees; Community Health Services 2213.00 prof fees; Connecting Point 95.96 prof fees; Corsica Hardware 211.97 supplies; Daily Law Office 840.20 prof fees; Darrington Water 63.50 supplies; Douglas Electric 56.00 utilities; First Security Finance 4630.61 debt services; Galls LLC 246.61 supplies; Goldenwest 49.70 utilities; H&H Electric 5.03 supplies; Pamela Hein 513.00 prof fees; Independent Viking Glass 1031.60 repairs; Kimberly Klein 13.99 supplies; Krull’s Market 84.40 supplies; Microfilm Imaging Systems 322.50 rentals; Midwest Alarm Systems 2,737.46 minor equipment; Gene Niehus 65.97 supplies; Office Products Center 7.89 supplies; Quick Stop 48.12 fuel; Randall Community Water Dist. 68.00 utilities; Select Service Center 1997.81 supplies; Steinley Real Estate App. 175.00 conference; Yankton Co. Sheriff’s Office 50.00v prof fees.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

February payroll: 31,776.03; Agland Coop 1354.80 supplies; Armour City 58.00 utilities; B&L Communications 650.07 equip.; Connecting Point 25.02 prof fees; Dean’s Autobody 191.70 repairs; Douglas Electric Coop 835.64 utilities; Econo Signs 8674.40 repairs; Fousek Truck Services 462.00 repairs; Northwestern Energy 12.29 utilities; Office Products Center 7.89 supplies; Vogt’s Repair 894.80 supplies; U.S Bank Voyager 305.67 supplies; Werk Weld 226.12 repairs; Wheelco Brake and Supply 301.55 minor equip.; Wilson’s True Value 105.95 supplies.

E911 FUND

February payroll: 26.73

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

February payroll: 1861.32; Connecting Point 2.02 prof fees.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:23 p.m., a motion was made by Star and seconded by Sparks to adjourn until a special meeting scheduled for March 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to review the H&H Study and discuss ARPA Funding. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.