

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
April 19, 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, April 19, 2022. Members present were Tim Goldammer, Marlin Maas and Jerod Star to form a quorum. Also present was Auditor Phyllis Barker. Lori Sparks and Nathan Ymker were absent. Chairman Goldammer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; Motion carried.

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

Mark Fuoss, Red Sparks and Dwight Brenner of Independence Township met with the Board to continue the discussion on graveling a road in independence township. No action was taken at this time.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jim Severson, Sheriff, along with Deputy Niehus and Deputy Palmquist were present to speak with the Board. Sheriff Severson explained that he has heard from Ford and there are delays in getting the vehicle ordered in 2021. Palmquist and Niehus explained how it would be beneficial to the department to have a fourth full-time deputy. The Board will review the budget and discuss the options further.

CAMPGROUND

Commissioner Star proposed the idea of installing four new campsites at the campground and presented a quote for the electrical work. Discussion was held regarding the project. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to hire Koch Electric LLC to trench in a new electrical line and install four new campsite pedestals at the campground. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. The County Highway Department will do the work to make the camping pads and put in the gravel.

SPILLWAY

Eric Prunty, Brosz Engineering, met with the Board to discuss the spillway project. Brandon Barnes and Miguel Wong from Barr Engineering were also present via conference call. The Scope of Work submitted by Barr was reviewed by the Board and discussed. Funding options will be compiled, then action will be taken at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bob Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to update them on his department. Reinfeld recommended that the load limits be lifted due to the dry conditions. The Board agreed that the limits could be lifted. Renting the tarpot to Corsica was discussed; the Board agreed that that was acceptable. However, they do not want it to be rented until the County projects are complete.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star approving the approach permit submitted by Darren Fechner to widen an existing approach located in the SE ¼ of section 31 of Belmont Township. All approach work will be at the expense of the landowner. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas approving the approach permit submitted by Cudmore-Kneifl Construction (rented by Robert Vanderpol) to widen an existing approach located

in the SE ¼ of section 4 of Chester Township. All approach work will be at the expense of the landowner. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

DRAINAGE

DelRay Geidel met with the Board per their request to review a Routine Maintenance Permit that he submitted. States Attorney, Craig Parkhurst, was also present. Discussion was held regarding the definition of routine maintenance and what was done on Geidel's property.

At 11:33 a.m., a motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to enter into executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter with States Attorney Parkhurst and Auditor Barker present. Geidel exited the meeting. At 11:42 a.m., Chairman Goldammer declared the meeting back to open session with no action taken.

The Board explained to Geidel that they had two options as a county board moving forward. 1: Geidel can provide documents from NRCS showing that what was done was the pre-existing natural drain being cleaned and an affidavit from the contractor stating that he did not dig deeper than one foot (according to Routine Maintenance as defined in Section 203 of the Douglas County Drainage Ordinance), or 2: Go through the permitting process in accordance with the Douglas County Drainage Ordinance. Geidel opted to go through the permitting process.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Commissioner Goldammer explained a Conflict of Interest he has based on the fact that he will now also be employed by the Douglas County Conservation District part-time. States Attorney Parkhurst's opinion is that as long as Goldammer abstains from voting on the budget for the Conservation District, there should not be an issue. No formal action was needed.

RECESS

At 12:04 p.m., Chairman Goldammer declared a recess for lunch. At 12:44 p.m., Chairman Goldammer declared the meeting back in session.

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board recessed as a Board of County Commissioners and re-convened as the County Board of Equalization for 2022. Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to present her final numbers for 2022 Equalization.

The 2022 total assessed full and true valuation after all changes made is \$753,672,720. Fifty-eight parcels will show a total of \$4,654,649 taxable growth for 2022. The Ag Factor for 2022 is .850 and the Non-Ag Factor is .907. The total equalized (taxable) valuation for 2022 is \$646,754,470. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to close County Boards and adjourn as the County Board of Equalization for the year 2022. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried. The Board reconvened as a Board of County Commissioners.

PLATS

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to approve the following Plats:

Plat of Lot 1 (64.34 acres) and Lot 2 (92.51 acres) in Asmussen-Bolt 1st Addition in SW ¼ of Section 33, T100N, R64W, in Walnut Grove Township, Douglas County

Plat of Lot 1 of Mayer Addition in Government Lot 3 in NW ¼ of Irregular Section 4, T99 N, R62 W, in Lincoln Township, Douglas County (10.00 acres)

Plat of Lot 1 of Vander Ley's 1st Addition in N ½ of NE ¼ of Section 14, T100N, R65W, in Holland Township, Douglas County (10.00 acres)

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Kim Huebner, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to provide a project status report on the digital conversion of her office. No action was required.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Phyllis Barker, Auditor, met with the Board to present a quarterly update for the Auditor's Office for the months of January-March 2022. No action was required.

OPERATING TRANSFER

Motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to make an operating funds transfer of \$67,000.00 from General Fund Cash Balance to the E911 Fund Cash Balance and \$250,000.00 from the General Fund Cash Balance to the Highway Cash Balance as budgeted for 2022. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

FEES REPORT:

Clerk of Courts Fees (March): \$3437.00
Register of Deeds Fees (March): \$3425.00

AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER: March 2022

Checking Accounts	\$ 4,568.96
Cash on Hand.....	\$500.00
Petty Cash.....	\$400.00
Un-deposited receipts.....	\$61,841.27
Savings Accounts.....	\$3,284,000.00
Certificate of Deposits	\$400,000.00
Total	\$3,751,310.23

FUND BALANCE

General Fund	\$2,262,682.70
Special Revenue Funds	\$992,276.30
Tax Increment District Fund	\$0.00
Trust and Agency Funds	\$493,351.23
Total	\$3,751,310.23

CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND

Armour Dray 150.00 utilities; Charles Mix County Sheriff's Office 350.00 jail fees; Darrington Water 44.45 supplies; DCMH 50.00 prof fees; Dean's Autobody 86.40 repairs; Farm & Home Publishers 240.00 supplies; First Security Finance 4630.61 debt services; Kone Inc. 779.64 repairs; Marlin Maas 133.00 travel; Midwest Fire and Safety 536.85 repairs; Mitchell Plumbing and Heating 67.35 repairs; Northwestern Energy 6.69 utilities; Office Products Center 748.73 supplies/ furniture; Quick Stop- Armour 68.24 fuel.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Agland Co op 3768.40 fuel; Armour Dray 60.00 utilities; Northwestern Energy 206.19 utilities; RDO Equipment 2198.32 repairs; Vogt's Repair 210.10 supplies.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Pat Harrington 401.50 travel; Midwest Card & ID Solutions 750.00 prof fees.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to adjourn at 1:25 p.m. until the next meeting scheduled for May 3, 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