

Douglas County Commissioners Meeting  
April 5, 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 5, 2022. Members present were Tim Goldammer, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks, Jerod Star, and Nathan E. Ymker. Auditor Phyllis Barker was also present. Chairman Goldammer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star adopt the agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Sparks to approve the minutes from the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> meetings. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Fuoss, Red Sparks and Dwight Brenner, Independence Township Board members, met with the Board to discuss the South Dakota Jobs Grant. Fuoss applied for the grant when he built a new hog barn. Fuoss was approved for the grant, resulting in around \$22,000 being deposited into the County's general fund. Fuoss is asking that this money be used to add gravel to one of Independence Township roads. This road could be used as an alternate route when the bridge east of Armour is repaired. Further discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bob Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent, and Callie Nichols, Highway Office Manager, met with the Board to provide an update.

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Sparks to enter in to an executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:34 a.m. with Reinfeld and Nichols present. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Barker exited the meeting. At 9:49 a.m., Chairman Goldammer declared the meeting back to open session with no action taken at this time.

DAKOTA TRAILS GOLF COURSE

Brady Burns, Dakota Trails Golf Course Board Member, met with the Board via telephone to discuss the Golf Course's contribution to applying dust control on the road around the golf course and campground. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Sparks for the County to pay 65% of the cost this year and 60% of the cost in 2023 for the application of dust control around the campground and golf course. Maas, Sparks, Star and Goldammer voted 'aye'. Ymker voted 'nay'. Motion carried.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Heath Brouwer, DCMH Administrator, met with the Board to request use of the County's ARPA Funding for the purchase of two Abbott ID Now- Covid Testing Machines as the hospital has already used all of the funds they were allocated. These machines would interface with the hospital's Sanford One Chart to prevent manual entry and human error. The total cost would be a one-time fee of \$5,264.00 for the two machines. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Pat Harrington, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to discuss a burn ban. Sheriff Severson was also present. Discussion was held.

BURN BAN

Motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Maas to introduce the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2022-04  
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 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Goldammer, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis Barker, County Auditor

#### TREASURERS OFFICE

Julie Brenner, Treasurer, met with the Board to present her quarterly update for the months of January-March 2022. No action was required.

#### PARK

Roxane Wentz, Park Caretaker, met with the Board to update them on the status of the campground. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

#### 4-H EXTENSION

Kim Klein, 4-H Extension Director, met with the Board to provide an update on her department. Complete quotes from Paulson Air and Juhnke's Heating and Cooling were for updating the HVAC system in the 4-H Building were reviewed by the Board. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Maas to accept the low bid from Juhnke's Heating and Cooling for a total of \$40,996.05. With the agreement that the Fair Board will cut their budget by \$5,000 per year until the overage in this current budget is recouped. Roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Voting 'aye': Sparks, Star, Ymker, Maas and Goldammer. Voting 'nay': none. Motion carried.

#### DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to discuss various items within her department. Per SDCL 10-3-14, Goehring's annual review was conducted with no comments from the Board. Goehring explained that an abatement is needed for a property in New Holland. Discussion was held. More information will be gathered before action is taken. Goehring also presented information on the possibility of re-implementing the Discretionary Tax within the County. No action was taken at this time. The Planning and Zoning Board was discussed. Goehring informed the Board that it does not state in the Zoning Ordinance that Zoning Board members have to be from certain districts, just that it needs to be an odd numbered board containing two Commissioners. Therefore, a motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas to appoint Jay Spaans to fill the vacant position on the Planning and Zoning Board. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Sparks to purchase a Destroy IT 4002CC Heavy Duty Shredder from Office Products Center for a total of \$3,799.99. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

## EASTER HOLIDAY

A letter from the Governor was read regarding the state's Easter Holiday. The Douglas County Personnel Policy lists Good Friday as a holiday. The Governor has also granted the Monday following Easter as a holiday for state employees. Discussion was held with no action taken, therefore, the Courthouse will remain open on the Monday following Easter.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

A motion was made by Ymker that during a week where there is a holiday, the Highway Department is required to revert to an eight-hour workday for that week. Goldammer seconded the motion to bring it to discussion. This motion is for the purpose of avoiding confusion for holiday pay during the time frame of four, ten-hour work days for the Highway Department. Voting in favor: Sparks, Star, Ymker and Goldammer. Opposed: Maas. Motion carried.

## DRAINAGE

A motion was made Star and seconded by Ymker to recess as a Board of County Commissioners and convene as a Drainage Board. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding two Routine Maintenance Permits that were submitted. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Sparks to adjourn as a Drainage Board and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

## CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

### GENERAL FUND

March Payroll: Commissioners 3989.76 Auditor 8461.16 Treasurer 9208.41 States Attorney 5727.27 Courthouse Janitor 5914.03 Equalization 7394.46 Register of Deeds 5708.04 Veterans Service Officer 971.93 Sheriff 18,601.18 Coroner 127.46 Ambulance 1864.70 Welfare 156.64 Extension 3333.19 Weed & Pest 1482.44 Drainage 208.77 Planning and Zoning 618.50 Museum 0.00 Park 0.00 Fair board 0.00 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 408.81

605 Building Supply 325.30 supplies; Agland Co Op 72.32 repairs; Armour Chronicle 1832.01 publishing; Armour Dray 100.00 utilities; Buhl's Dry Cleaning 184.00 repairs; Cardmember Services 154.99 supplies; Central Square Technologies 2537.88 prof fees; Community Health Services 2213.00 prof fees; Connecting Point 95.96 prof fees; Corsica Globe 1858.04 publishing; Corsica Hardware 29.90 repairs; Delmont Record 1832.01 publishing; Department of Health 40.00 prof fees; Douglas County Electric 56.00 repairs; AT&T Mobility 200.20 utilities; Floor to Ceiling 7000.61 repairs; Galls LLC. 98.77 radios; DelRay Geidel 100.00 refund; Tyrel Geidel 100.00 refund; Mike Goehring 75.00 refund; Goldenwest 770.52 utilities; Mairose & Steele 304.30 prof fees; Mid-American Research Chemical 158.42 supplies; McLeod's Office Supply 179.97 supplies; Microfilm Imaging Systems 322.50 rental; Mitchell Plumbing and Heating 289.01 repairs; Nextraq 14.95 prof fees; Northwestern Energy 3409.50 utilities; Office Products Center 700.53 supplies/ furniture; Parkhurst Law Office 1560.36 prof fees/ supplies/utilities; Randall Comm. Water 68.00 utilities; South Dakota Assoc. of County Officials 555.00 conference; Jerod Star 183.00 travel; State of SD 42.50 utilities; Timeclock Plus 1230.39 prof fees; The Parkston Advance 57.75 publishing; U.S Bank Voyager 1900.79 fuel; Wagner Super Foods 410.00 W&P meal; Wilson's True Value 78.00 supplies.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

March payroll: 30,131.20; 605 Building Supply 110.97 supplies; Agland Coop 3046.68 supplies; Armour Chronicle 216.92 publishing; Armour Dray 30.00 utilities; Connecting Point 25.02 prof fees; Corsica Globe 216.92 publishing; Delmont Record 216.92 publishing; AT&T Mobility 40.04 utilities; Goldenwest 271.75 utilities; H&H Electric 329.46 repairs; Kimball Midwest 27.37 supplies; Mac Doctors 651.93 computers; Midstate Equip. and Supply 1425.20 repairs/supplies; Nextraq LLC 89.70 prof fees; Bob Reinfeld 376.00 travel; SD Dept. of Transportation 3539.72 road repairs; SDAHS 100.00 conference; Sign Solutions 4305.45 supplies; Transource Truck & Equip. 224.16 supplies; Stamp Fulfillment Services 18.90 supplies; U.S Bank Voyager 491.20 fuel; Wagner Building Supply 511.97 supplies; Werk Weld 25.64 supplies; Wilson's True Value 17.78 supplies.

E911 FUND

March payroll: 26.73; Goldenwest 436.56 E911 System; Midstate Communications 440.11 prof fees.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

March payroll: 1872.31.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Maas to adjourn at 12:51 p.m. until the next the meeting on April 12, 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