

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2022

PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT the Board of County Commissioners met at the Douglas County Courthouse in Armour, SD at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Members present were Tim Goldammer, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks, Jerod Star, and Nathan E. Ymker. Auditor Phyllis Barker was also present as well as Evan Baas, county constituent. 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 Ymker and seconded by Sparks to approve the minutes from the May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with one correction: Jefferson Grosz will be getting a bonus from the Weed and Pest Board, not Jamison Grosz as stated. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARMTENT

Bob Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent and Callie Nichols, Highway Office Manager, met with the Board to update them on their department. Reinfeld informed that Board that because no bids were received at the annual bid letting for gravel crushing, he sought a bid from First Rate Excavate Inc. of 1509 E. 39<sup>th</sup> St, Sioux Falls, SD for a gravel crushing at a rate of \$5.25 per ton. This price includes mobilization, stripping and pumping. The County is to pay all royalties to pit owners and get a dewatering permit. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Sparks to approve the quote from First Rate Excavate Inc. for gravel crushing. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Reinfeld reported that dust control has been scheduled and should be done soon.

Nichols explained that she would like to attend the SDACHA 2022 Office Personnel workshop in Pierre, June 30<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Sparks authorizing Nichols to attend the workshop and approve travel expenses and one night of lodging. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

DRAINAGE

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

Jordan Reimnitz, County resident, met with the Board per their request to discuss his drainage permit, #2021-18, that was approved in November. The Drainage Administrator explained that the permit was only issued for the NE ¼ of Section 5-99-64, but that tile work had also been done in the NE ¼ and the SW ¼ of the same section. Reimnitz explained that when the original permit was reviewed, he discussed the work to be done in the additional quarters as he is considering it all one project, out letting in the same location. Discussion was held. It was agreed that the Board would discuss the project with the States Attorney before proceeding. No action was taken at this time. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Ymker to adjourn as the Drainage Board and re-convene as a Board of County Commissioners. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

WEED AND PEST

Jefferson Grosz, Weed and Pest Supervisor, met with the Board to update them on his department. Townships have inquired about contracting with the County to have township road ditches spot

sprayed. If this is done, it will be above the hours he is hired for as Weed Supervisor, and Grosz's wages would be covered by the price charged to the townships. Discussion was held; the Board agreed to use one township as a test township and see how the process goes. No formal action was taken.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Ymker to approve paying Grosz a phone stipend of \$30.00 per month for any month that he works. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### PARK

Roxane Wentz, Park Caretaker, met with the Board to provide an update on the campground. She has had campers ask for more sand at the playground. Sparks said she will talk to Mike Redd about getting sand to the campground. Wentz also updated the Board on the condition of the lawnmower and would like to budget for a new one for 2023. No action was taken at this time.

#### DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to update them on her department. Goehring is in need of a laptop to use for her annual schooling. Discussion was held. Goehring will try using one from a different department before purchasing. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Ymker to sell the County's Geographic Information System Data for a fee of \$10,000.00 per inquiry with prior approval from the Board of Commissioners. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### SHERIFF

Jim Severson, Sheriff, met with the Board to update them on his department. Severson informed the Board that the vehicle that was ordered in 2021, has been pushed back again and currently has no delivery date. Severson would like approval to purchase a used pick-up for the department as long as it stays with-in the budgeted amount of \$45,000. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Sparks giving Severson the authority to purchase a vehicle prior to a commissioner meeting if a vehicle meeting the needs of the department is found. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Severson has been selected to attend a training hosted by the Sheriff's Office of Maverick County, Texas. The purpose of this training is to see and learn firsthand what is happening at our southern border. The goal is to then bring that information back to South Dakota and train law enforcement officers of South Dakota how to appropriately handle illegal immigrants if/when they are detained. All expenses will be covered by the South Dakota Sheriffs Association.

#### SURPLUS- TAX DEED PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Maas to surplus the following properties taken by tax deed:

- *Lot 6, Block 16, Milwaukee Land Co, 1<sup>st</sup> Addition to the City of Corsica, Douglas County, South Dakota. Commonly known as 380 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Corsica, SD 57328.*

- *Lots 5-6 Blk 5, Original Town of Delmont, Douglas County, South Dakota.*

The above-mentioned properties will be sold by sheriff's auction at a later date to be determined. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### SPILLWAY UPDATE

Commissioner Goldammer provided an update on the progress of the spillway project. Pat

Harrington, Emergency Manager, was also present. Discussion was held with no action required at this time.

#### CANVASSING OF THE 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION VOTES

A motion was made by Star, seconded by Maas, to approve the canvas results of the primary election held on June 7, 2022. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. The Official Canvass Report was signed by the Board and attested by the auditor.

#### PRIMARY ELECTION

Auditor Barker reported that the primary election went smoothly and there was a 55.77% voter turn out in Douglas County. Barker informed the Board that she received complaints about the redistricting that was required after the 2020 census. Barker recapped with the Commissioners that notices regarding this process were published in the paper a total of five times before the primary election as well as posted on the county website and social media. Because of this, the auditor did not feel it necessary to mail out notices, as this is was not a requirement of the redistricting process. Precinct locations were also discussed; the Board is satisfied with the current locations and saw no need for changing or combining precincts at this time. No action was taken.

#### CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

#### GENERAL FUND

May Payroll: Commissioners 4313.27 Auditor 9243.11 Election 56.00 Treasurer 9960.60 States Attorney 5994.35 Courthouse Janitor 5658.77 Equalization 8217.31 Register of Deeds 6387.87 Veterans Service Officer 1028.45 Sheriff 19,735.25 Coroner 126.88 Ambulance 3385.41 Welfare 156.19 Extension 3099.18 Weed & Pest 2521.66 Drainage 208.32 Planning and Zoning 450.97 Museum 0.00 Park 1193.33 Fair board 0.00 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 560.93 605 Building and Supply 22.49 supplies; Agland Co-op 430.27 supplies/ fuel; Armour Chronicle 1428.89 publishing; Armour City 135.50 utilities; Avera McKennan Hospital 1456.00 mental health; Phyllis Barker 162.50 travel; Bordewyk Plumbing and Heating 667.31 repairs; Lori Bueber 95.00 maint.; Buhl's Cry Cleaners 153.50 maint; Charles Mix Co. Sheriff's Office 490.00 jail fees; Cole Papers 356.00 minor equip.; Connecting Point 95.96 prof fees; Corsica Globe 1520.89 prof fees; Darrington Water 31.75 supplies; Susan DeBoer 230.50 election; Delmont Record 1428.89 publishing; Dep. Of Health 40.00 prof fees; Douglas Electric Coop 1016.20 repairs/ utilities; DS Solutions 175.00 supplies; Election Systems and Software 45.50 supplies; Dianne Feenstra 256.00 election; Jessica Goehring 456.00 travel; AT&T Mobility 200.20 utilities; Goldenwest 712.17 utilities; Karen Grosz 80.00 election; H&H Electric 199.47 repairs; Judene Irvine 220.00 election; Koch Electric 13,813.61 repairs; Barbara Kraemer 226.50 election; Fred Kuil 163.00 travel; Brenda Lau 95.00 maint; Deb Ledebouer 223.00 election; Karen Maas 239.50 election; Kristen Maas 200.00 election; McLeod's Office Supply 62.95 election supplies; Jean Meiers 220.00 election; Kathy Metzinger 200.00 election; Microfilm Imaging Systems 322.50 rental fees; Judy Moege 240.00 election; Nicole Neugebauer 197.60 travel; Gene Niehus 24.06 supplies; Dianne Niewenhuis 30.50 election; Northwestern Energy 2062.65 utilities; Nutrien Ag Solutions 440.00 supplies; Office Products Center 2972.94 supplies; Petty Cash 711.04 supplies; Quick Stop- Armour 167.16 fuel; Ramkota Hotel 533.00 conference; Randall Comm. Water Dist. 112.20 utilities; Seachange Print Innovations 185.00 supplies; Select Service Center 1694.37 repairs; Lori Sparks 232.50 election; State of SD 48.75 utilities; Rebecca Thury 20.00 election; Tyler Technologies 449.00 prof fees; USPS 634.00 prof fees; Van Brothers Inc. 131.00 utilities; Vogt's Repair 276.01 repair; U.S Bank Voyager

276.01 fuel; Roxane Wentz 201.00 election; Werk Weld Inc. 1747.86 supplies/ maint; Brenda Werkmeister 80.00 election; Wilson's True Value 621.93 supplies; Marilyn Zomer 241.00 election.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND**

May Payroll: 33,091.73; 605 Building and Supply 99.08 supplies; Agland Coop 15,847.14 fuel/supplies; Armour City 58.00 utilities; Connecting Point 25.02 prof fees; AT&T Mobility 80.08 utilities; Goldenwest 190.47 utilities; Lodge at Deadwood 432.00 travel; MW Towing Automotive 327.00 prof fees; National Fleet Group 40,917.06 equipment; Nextraq 104.65 prof fees; Northwestern Energy 12.28 utilities; SDACC 85.00 prof conference; Sign Solutions 333.52 repairs; USPS 84.00 postage; Vogt's Repair 365.36 repairs; U.S Bank Voyager 365.36 fuel; Wilson's True Value 21.48 supplies.

**E911 FUND**

May Payroll 26.55; Goldenwest 400.00 E911 system; Midstate Communications 440.11 E911 System.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

May Payroll 1941.27; Connecting Point 2.02 prof fees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:26 p.m., a motion was made by Star and seconded by Ymker until the next meeting at 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 2022. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Goldammer, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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