

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 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, October 6, 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 Sparks 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 September 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Ymker explained that he met with States Attorney Parkhurst, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Ymker provided a briefing of his discussion with Parkhurst regarding the property surrounding Corsica Lake and the easements that were recorded when Corsica Lake was made in the 1930's. Jordan Reimnitz, John Reimnitz and Sam Reimnitz were present for the discussion. No action was taken at this time.

BROSZ ENGINEERING

Eric Prunty and Jamie Van Zee, Brosz Engineering, met with the Board to discuss the elevation study recently completed on Corsica Lake as part of the spillway project. Jordan Reimnitz, John Reimnitz and Sam Reimnitz were present for the discussion as well Brady Burns, Jay Spaans and Michael Plooster, representing Dakota Trails Golf Course. Prunty explained the elevation findings and what the effects of raising the spillway and lake levels would be. Discussion was held. Prunty will work in getting updated imagery and look at some key points as requested by the Board and golf course. No action was taken at this time.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bob Reinfeld, Highway Superintendent, and Callie Nichols, Highway Office Manager, met with the Board. Also present were Highway Maintenance Workers Steve Harrington, Jacob Horstman, Terry Van Zee and John Parker.

Chairman Goldammer presented a plaque to Steve Harrington in recognition of 25 years of service in the County Highway Department. The Board thanked Harrington for his hard work and dependability within the department over his many years of employment.

Reinfeld Stated that the overlay project is completed from Harrison to Corsica and the Highway Department will be putting down gravel and filling in the shoulders shortly.

Nichols presented a change order from Commercial Asphalt for the overlay project. A motion was made by Star and seconded by Ymker to accept a change order submitted by Commercial Asphalt, changing the total tons from 9390, as originally bid, to 8570.84 tons for a new project total of \$797,088.12. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

WEED AND PEST

Jeff Grosz, Weed and Pest Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss a weed matter in Delmont. No action was needed. Grosz also informed the Board that the county road ditches east of Highway 281 will be sprayed within the week.

#### ARMOUR AMBULANCE

Nicole Neugebauer, Douglas County Armour Ambulance Director, met with the Board to provide an update. Armour has gained two new EMT's (Heather Fechner and Scott Ymker) and one has retired for a total of eight EMTs currently on the roster. Jordan Mulder has also began driving for the Ambulance.

The new ambulance is in production and should be done in spring of 2023. Neugebauer informed the Board that the grant she applied for through South Dakota Rural Development was approved in the amount of \$98,000.00 towards the purchase of the new ambulance.

Chairman Goldammer presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Neugebauer, on behalf of the Commission, to express their gratitude for all her work. Neugebauer continues to go above and beyond to apply for grants and spearhead fundraising when needed.

#### SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Severson met with the Board to update them on the seized cattle and other topics within his department. Sheriff- Elect Lau and Deputy Niehus were also present. As of now, Severson plans to transition the department over to Lau with his last day being October 31, 2022.

Lau would like to hire a part- time deputy at 20 hours a week. A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Maas to hire John Renison as a part-time Deputy effective immediately. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Lau would also like to implement a new phone system and supply the department with cell phones when they are on duty through First Net with AT&T. Currently all deputies use their personal phones as work phones and receive a monthly stipend from the County. With the new system the monthly stipend would be removed and applied towards the monthly phone bill. Lau will gather more information to bring to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Sparks authorizing Sheriff Severson to attend the SD Sheriffs Association Fall Conference in Aberdeen on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to update them on her department. Goehring would like to purchase a new computer. A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Ymker authorizing the Director to purchase a new computer from Connecting Point for \$2761.52. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

Roxane Wentz is back to part-time days, but Goehring would like to keep Bringelson as part-time until she is finished assessing properties; the Board agreed.

At 11:12 a.m., A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Sparks to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter with Goehring and Barker present. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. At 11:27 a.m. Chairman Goldammer declared the meeting back to open session with no action taken at this time.

#### PLAT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Ymker authorizing the Chairman to sign the following plats. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

-Plat of Lot 1 (21.75 Acres), Lot 2 (143.88 Acres) and Lot 3 (150.96 Acres) in Thuringer 1st Addition in the N ½ of Section 15, T99N, R62W, in Lincoln Township, Douglas County

-Plat of Judy's Addition in Government Lot 3 and in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ (34.789 Acres) of Section 10, T100N, R64W, in Walnut Grove Township, Douglas County

-Plat of Lot 4A (42.76 Acres), Lot 4B (55.69 Acres) and Lot 4C (53.47 Acres) a Subdivision of Lot 4 of Van Brother's First Addition a Subdivision of the N ½ of Section 5, T99N, R65W, in Iowa Township, Douglas County

-Plat of Vanden Berge Tract 1 (46.55 Acres) a Subdivision of the S ½ of Section 31, T100N, R65W in Iowa Township, Douglas County

-Plat of Feenstra Tract 2 (22.85 Acres) a Subdivision of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 12, T100N, R66W in Joubert Township, Douglas County

#### TREASURERS OFFICE

Julie Brenner, Treasurer, met with the Board briefly to ask for temporary help in her office. Brenner will be out of the office at the end of October and needs help in her office over tax season. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star authorizing Kathy Lau to work in the Treasurers Office for no more than 250 hours. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

A sick leave transfer form was submitted to the Board for their review. The form was tabled until further information can be gathered from the States attorney.

A motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Sparks to surplus FA#3282 (fan) for disposal. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Ymker to enter into executive session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss possible litigation with Barker present. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. At 12:00 p.m., Chairman Goldammer declared the meeting back to open session with no action taken at this time.

#### CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

#### GENERAL FUND

September Payroll: Commissioners 4240.99 Auditor 9064.93 Treasurer 9,786.41 States Attorney 5994.34 Courthouse Janitor 5453.33 Equalization 9604.81 Register of Deeds 5549.40 Veterans Service Officer 1117.45 Sheriff 21,651.17 Coroner 126.79 Ambulance 1827.36 Welfare 156.19 Extension 3279.84 Weed & Pest 1328.70 Drainage 208.32 Planning and Zoning 450.97 Museum 0.00 Park 0.00 Fair board 0.00 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 451.73

605 Building Supply 336.65 supplies; the Appliance Center 20.00 repairs; Armour Chronicle 697.46 publishing; Armour City 304.25 utilities; Avera McKennan 746.00 mental health; Crystal Bruinsma 5.00 supplies; Buhl's Dry Cleaning 61.00 maint; Community Health Services 2279.38 prof fees; Cook Implement 1693.00 minor equip.; Corsica Globe 753.46 publishing; Dakota Auto Body 350.00 repairs; AT&T Mobility 200.20 utilities; Jessica Goehring 472.32 travel; Goldenwest 779.63 utilities; Larry Hornstra 939.04 repairs; Johnson Controls 955.90 repairs; Juhnke's Heating and Cooling 10,996.84 repairs; Bradley Kerner 585.80 CAA Fees; Kings Inn, Platte 76.25 poor relief; Lincoln County Auditor 304.16 prof fees; Northwestern Energy 1612.15 utilities; Office Products Center 464.73 supplies; Ramkota Hotel 792.00 travel; Randall Comm. Water Dist. 174.60 travel; Select Service Center 1029.35 repairs; State of SD 42.50 utilities; Tessiers Inc. 405.48 repairs; Van Brothers 132.00 utilities; Van Deist Supply Co. 2368.75 supplies; U.S Bank- Voyager 1561.64 fuel; Wilson's True Value 76.24 supplies.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND**

September Payroll: 30,389.28; Agland Coop 100.11 supplies; Armour Chronicle 697.46 publishing; Armour City 304.25 utilities; Commercial Asphalt 797,088.12 overlay; Corsica Globe 52.36 publishing; AT&T Mobility 80.08 utilities; First Rate Excavate Inc. 262,500.00 gravel crushing; Goldenwest 202.92 utilities; Kimball Midwest 70.67 supplies; Meyerink Farm Services 18.49 supplies; Bob Reinfeld 161.35 clothing allowance; Transource Truck & Equip. 29.60 supplies; U.S Bank- Voyager 1172.72 fuel; Wilson's True Value 32.41 supplies.

**E911 FUND**

September Payroll: 26.55; Goldenwest 400.00 prof fees; Midstate Communications 440.11 prof fees.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

September Payroll: 1899.27.

**HIGHWAY RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

HR Green Inc. 664.00 prof fees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:13 p.m., a motion was made by Ymker and seconded by Star to adjourn until the next meeting at 9:00 a.m. on October 18, 2022 and to set the November meetings for November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

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

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