A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Star to introduce the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2024-02
A RESOLUTION OF WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENTS ON
DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, Seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, and State Laws SDCL 32-14-6 gives the county the authority to prohibit the operation of vehicles or restrict weight of vehicles upon any highway under its jurisdiction, by reason of deterioration of physical condition, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions will seriously damage or destroy unless the use of vehicles on the highway is prohibited or the permissible weights of the vehicles are reduced; and

WHEREAS, by State Law SDCL 32-22-24, Spring Load limits may be put on as early as February 26 and may stay on through May 15. Time of implementation and removal is dependent on weather and road conditions. Limits become effective when the signs are installed and displayed and are no longer enforceable when they are removed; and

WHEREAS, the tax payers bear the burden of the costs of road repair;

WHEREAS, the Board of Douglas County Commissioners desires the enforcement of weight limitation of Douglas County Roads as set forth and posted by the Douglas County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The limits on Douglas County Highway shall be set as seven (7) ton per axle, on designated roads with the exception of 402nd Ave. from Highway 44 North to county line which will be posted at 80,000 GVW and 7 tons per axle during spring thaw period and when signs are in place; and 284TH ST from HWY 281 to 401st AVE is posted NO THRU TRUCKS-26,000 LBS GVW & 40mph for trucks year round and 7 ton per axle and 26,000 LBS GVW during spring thaw period and when signs are in place.

That the South Dakota Highway Patrol is hereby authorized and requested to enforce weight limitations on Douglas County Roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

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

Dated this 16th day of January 2024.

SIGNED: _____
Lori Sparks, Chairperson,
Douglas County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Barker, County Auditor