

Douglas County Commissioner Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2024

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 2, 2024. Members present were Dan Koedam, Marlin Maas, Lori Sparks, Jerod Star, and Jim Werkmeister. Auditor Phyllis Barker was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Koedam to adopt the amended agenda. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Maas to approve the March 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Star, seconded by Koedam, to enter executive session to conduct an employment interview at 9:09 a.m. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 9:46 a.m. with no action taken at this time.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT III

Lori Cowman, Director of Planning and Development District III, met with the Board to provide an annual review of services PDDIII has provided for Douglas County. Discussion was held with no action necessary.

DRAINAGE

A motion was made by Koedam 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.

Chet Eitemiller met with the Board to discuss a proposed drainage project in the NE4 of Section 33 of Independence Township. Eitemiller would like to excavate across the County gravel road, 395<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to reach East Choteau Creek for a blueline creek outlet. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Maas and seconded by Werkmeister authorizing the Chairperson to sign the Drainage Perpetual Easement and Right of Way Agreement authorizing Eitemiller to excavate across 395<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the requirement that the work will be done within one day and the appropriate signage for detour will be posted. The landowner is also responsible for making locate calls prior to excavating. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

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

CORSICA LAKE PROPERTY

Jordan Reimnitz, County Resident, and Skyler Mickelson, Reimnitz's lawyer, met with the Board to discuss the land surrounding Corsica Lake. States Attorney Parkhurst and Jessica Goehring, Director of Equalization, were also present. Discussion was held with no action taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:37 a.m. a motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Maas to enter executive session to

discuss potential litigation. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 11:00 a.m. with no action taken at this time.

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

An email from Sheriff Lau was read by the Board in her absence, stating that the 2016 Chevy Silverado needs a new transmission. Discussion was held. The board agreed to replace the transmission. No formal action was taken.

#### PARK

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

#### RESOLUTION #2024-03

#### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATION WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of South Dakota have authorized the making of grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to public bodies to aid in financing the acquisition and/ or construction of specific public outdoor recreation projects;

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1: That Phyllis Barker is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the County of Douglas with the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Division of Parks and Recreation, for an LWCF grant to aid in financing the Douglas County Recreation Area Playground Equipment Update for the County of Douglas, South Dakota and its Environs.

2: That Phyllis Barker, Douglas County Auditor, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the above mentioned federal and/or state agencies may reasonably request in connection with the application which is hereby authorized to be filed.

3: That the County of Douglas shall provide a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project; and will assume all responsibility in the operation and maintenance of the project upon completion of construction, for the reasonable life expectancy of the facility.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024 at Armour, South Dakota.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lori Sparks, Chairperson  
Douglas County Board of Commissioners

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Phyllis Barker, County Auditor  
Douglas County

#### PLAT APPROVAL

Auditor Barker presented the Plat of Tract 1 of Jongejeugd Addition in the NE ¼ of Section 7, T99N, R66W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Douglas County, South Dakota for the Commissioners review. Motion was made by Star and seconded by Maas authorizing the Auditor to sign the plat. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Star to enter executive session at 11:42 a.m. to

discuss a personnel matter. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Chairperson Sparks declared the meeting back to open session at 12:05 p.m. with no action taken.

#### CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

#### GENERAL FUND

March Payroll: Commissioners 6,061.47 Auditor 9,978.29 Treasurer 10,082.32 States Attorney 6,461.66 Courthouse Janitor 6,517.51 Equalization 9,840.06 Register of Deeds 8,412.65 Veterans Service Officer 1106.50 Sheriff 26,873.81 Coroner 0.00 Welfare 154.27 Ambulance 2,337.73 Extension 3,812.78 Weed & Pest 2,496.48 Fair board 0.00 Drainage 359.93 Planning and Zoning 448.56 Park 0.00 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 589.06  
Armour Chronicle 2152.38 publishing; Axon Enterprises 1123.00 supplies; Blue Moon 120.00 conference; Buhl's Dry Cleaners 153.50 maint; Corsica Globe 2038.38 publishing; Election Systems and Software 805.00 supplies; AT&T Mobility 427.30 utilities; Goldenwest 1538.95 utilities; H&H Electric 1475.78 repairs; Jack's Uniforms 227.84 uniforms; Legacy Bldg Supply 25.74 supplies; Microfilm Imaging Systems 242.00 prof fees/ rental; Midwest Fire and Safety 462.50 maint; Mike Neugebauer 60.00 prof fees; Northwestern Energy 2352.96 utilities; Office Products Center 132.60 supplies; TEAM Laboratories 605.44 supplies; Two-Trees Technologies 69.36 prof fees; US Bank Voyager 1179.86 travel.

#### ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

March Payroll: 32,735.51; C&B Operations 468.33 supplies; Econo Signs 3027.12 repairs; Equipment Blades 13,120.00 supplies; AT&T Mobility 80.08 utilities; Goldenwest 417.46 utilities; Steve Harrington 150.87 clothing allowance; Jacob Horstman 89.24 clothing allowance; Kimball Midwest 92.13 supplies; Lyle Signs 283.69 maint; Midwest Fire and Safety 539.00 prof fees; Office Products Center 26.79 supplies; RDO Equipment 8,134.43 repairs; SD Dept. of Transportation 961.84 repairs; Two-Trees Technologies 23.14 prof fees; US Bank Voyager 437.81 travel.

#### E911 FUND

March Payroll: 26.46; Goldenwest 400.00 E911 system; Midstate Communications 440.11 E911 system.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

March Payroll: 2,337.22; Pat Harrington 211.24 travel.

#### MODERNIZATION AND PRESERVATION FUND

Microfilm Imaging Systems 222.50 rental fees.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:25 p.m. a motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Werkmeister to adjourn until the next meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 9, 2024. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Sparks, Chairperson  
Board of County Commissioners

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