

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John and Angela Ross were present for public comment. Ross offered to pull out some cedar trees near the lake on the county ground because he would like the wood. Ross stated that he has also been having issues with the Sheriff's department. The Board will discuss this with the Sheriff and take appropriate action if needed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Star to approve the June 6<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Pat Harrington, Emergency Management Director, met with the Board to update them on the flood damage from the rain event June 17-22<sup>nd</sup> throughout the county.

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

**RESOLUTION #2024-04**  
**A RESOLUTION FOR FLOOD DISASTER DECLARATION**  
**FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, severe flooding has hit Douglas County, South Dakota, as a result of several major rain events happening between June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024; and,  
WHEREAS, said storm has caused extensive damage to houses, businesses, livestock, and utilities, and threatened the safety of residents within Douglas County and,  
WHEREAS, said storm damage will require extensive salvage and repair to infrastructure in the County;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Douglas County Board of Commissioners that they do hereby request declare an emergency/ disaster to exist in the County, Douglas County, South Dakota.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of July 2024.

A roll call vote was taken with the following votes recorded: Voting 'Aye': Koedam, Star and Maas. Voting 'Nay': none. Absent: Sparks and Werkmeister. Motion carried.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marlin Maas, Vice Chairperson  
Douglas County Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Phyllis Barker  
Douglas County Auditor

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Callie Nichols, Interim Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to update them on the Highway Department. Nichols reported that the County gravel pile at Vander Pol Pit was re-tested now that the binder has been added and that it met the state specifications. The crew has been busy repairing washouts on the gravel roads from the flooding. They have also begun mowing county ditches this week. No action was needed.

#### TREASURERS OFFICE

Carolyn Lau, Treasurer, met with the Board to update them on her department. Lau presented a letter from Bank West regarding the County's Fixed Rate Money Market account. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Koedam and seconded by Star to accept the new rate and terms with Bank West for a fixed rate of 4.50% for one year on the Money Market, effective immediately through July 1, 2025. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Koedam to surplus an antique wooden chair (FA#1187) from the extension office. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Star and seconded by Koedam to enter executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter at 11:01 a.m. All present voted in favor of this action; motion carried. Vice-Chair Maas declared the meeting back to open session at 11:21 a.m. with no action taken at this time.

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Lau met with the Board at their request to discuss the concerns brought forth by Mr. Ross. Discussion was held with no action necessary.

#### CLAIMS

The following claims were approved for payment:

#### GENERAL FUND

June Payroll: Commissioners 6242.61 Auditor 10,443.68 Treasurer 10,585.15 States Attorney 6,461.66 Courthouse Janitor 6,588.02 Equalization 9863.06 Register of Deeds 8408.28 Veterans Service Officer 1106.50 Sheriff 29,086.49 Coroner 0.00 Welfare 154.27 Ambulance 2,576.13 Extension 3869.29 Weed & Pest 2246.25 Fair board 323.87 Drainage 359.93 Planning and Zoning 448.56 Park 1130.31 Reliance Standard Life Insurance 590.26 Armour Chronicle 689.42 publishing Armour Dray 110.00 utilities; C&B Operations 250.23 repairs; Corsica Globe 689.42 publishing; John Engelland 20.49 supplies; Dianne Feenstra 77.13 election; Jessica Goehring 118.74 travel; Keith Goehring 161.00 prof fees; Goldenwest 763.93 utilities; Kimberly Klein 133.96 supplies; Kathy Lau 69.07 election; Chris Lau 101.85 supplies; McLeod's Office Supply 3920.02 supplies; Microfilm Imaging 322.50 rental fees; Nextraq 56.85 utilities; Northwestern 1385.13 utilities; Office Products Center 181.94 supplies; Randall Community Water Dist. 288.00 utilities; Rutherford Co. Civil Process 42.00 prof. fees; SD Peace Officer Assoc. 75.00

dues; SDACC 308.00 CLERP; Two- Trees Technologies 301.70 prof fees; US Bank Voyager 1943.06 gas; Whalen Law Office 2732.25 prof fees; Wilson True Value 70.85 supplies.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND**

June Payroll: 35,758.20; Armour Dray 35.00 utilities; Dustbusters Enterprises 5916.00 road maint.; Econo Signs 567.17 repairs; AT&T Mobility 80.08 utilities; Goldenwest 199.13 utilities; Nextraq 341.10 prof fees; Two-Trees Technologies 51.63 prof fees; US Bank Voyager 322.53 gas; Wilson's True Value 16.48 supplies.

**E911 FUND**

June Payroll: 26.46; Goldenwest 200.00 prof fees.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

June Payroll: 2298.81; Pat Harrington 265.20 travel; Two- Trees Technologies 22.72 prog fees.

**MODERNIZATION AND PRESERVATION FUND**

Microfilm Imaging Systems 222.50 rental fees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:40 a.m. a motion was made by Star and seconded by Koedam to adjourn until the next meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 16, 2024. All members voted in favor of this action; motion carried.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Marlin Maas, Vice-Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Phyllis Barker, Auditor