

January 5, 2020
Regular Meeting

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5th at 9:00am in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman Jaeger presiding. Those present were Commissioners Gary Jaeger, Steven Rhody, Gary DeJong, Roger Kreutner and Judith Homan. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. 1) DeJong moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the agenda as presented with an addition of Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) due to personnel matters. All voted yes and motion carried. 2) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to approve the minutes of the regular meetings December 1st and 15th and special meeting December 30, 2020. All voted yes and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Jaeger asked for any old business. There was no old business from 2020 for discussion. There being no further business, 3) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to adjourn as 2020 Board. All voted yes and motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

The swearing in of the newly elected county officials was held. County Auditor Mary Korth swore in the following officials:

Steven Rhody – Commissioner District 2
Judith Homan – Commissioner District 4
Jared Gass – State’s Attorney
Jennifer Mewherter – County Treasurer

ELECT CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

County Auditor Mary Korth asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board for 2021. Commissioner Rhody nominated Gary DeJong for Chairman; Commissioner Jaeger seconded the nomination and asked that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for DeJong. All voted yes. Commissioner Jaeger nominated Commissioner Homan for Vice Chairman; Commissioner Kreutner seconded the nomination and asked that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Homan. All voted yes.

The Commission for 2021 was seated and Chairman DeJong called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, OFFICIAL BANKS & NEWSPAPER, BOARD APPOINTMENTS

4) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to approve the Committee Assignments for 2021. All voted yes and motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2021

JUDITH HOMAN: Fair Board/Extension, Director of Equalization Office, Auditor’s Office, Salary Committee, Planning & Zoning Board Member

STEVE RHODY: Weed Board, Highway Department, ICAP, Register of Deeds Office, Deuel Area Development (DADi), Planning and Zoning Alternate

GARY JAEGER: Planning & Zoning Alternate, Auditor's Office, First District Assoc. Loc. Gov't Rep., Soil Conservation Rep., Sheriff's Dept., Planning and Zoning Alternate

ROGER KREUTNER: Register of Deeds Office, Health Nurse Office, Treasurer's Office, Highway Department, Health Insurance, Director of Equalization Office, Planning and Zoning Alternate

GARY DEJONG: Sheriff's Dept., First Dist. Assoc. Local Gov't Alternate, Glacial Lakes Tourism, Human Services, Treasurer's Office, Courthouse and Grounds, Planning and Zoning Alternate

5) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to declare the DNB National Bank of Clear Lake, and First Bank and Trust-Toronto branch as the official depositories for the county and the Clear Lake Courier as the official newspaper for Deuel County and any area paper of greater circulation as needed. All voted yes and motion carried.

6) Homan moved, seconded by Rhody to reappoint Paul Brandt and Kevin DeBoer to the Planning and Zoning Board for three year terms (to the end of 2023). All voted yes and motion carried. 7) Rhody moved, seconded by Jaeger to reappoint Homan to the Planning and Zoning Board as the Commission representative and the remaining Board members all as alternates for one year. All voted yes and motion carried.

8) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to appoint Josh Bekaert as Deuel County Coroner for a four year term. All voted yes and motion carried. Bekaert was present and accepted the position and asked for the allowance of deputy coroners. 9) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to appoint Darren Houseman and Cory Borg as deputy coroners. All voted yes and motion carried. 10) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to pay the Coroner and each deputy \$100.00 per call. All voted yes and motion carried.

11) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to reappoint Jamie Broksieck as Highway Superintendent for two years (through 2022). All voted yes and motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

9:30 Highway Superintendent Jamie Broksieck

Broksieck met with the Commissioners for discussion on Highway related matters. He received a signed new plat on the County West Building and passed it on to the Board. The agreement between the County and the property owners, Dave and Julie Cook was discussed. State's Attorney Jared Gass will formalize the agreement and have it for presentation at the next meeting.

Broksieck had surplus items as they are not used. 12) Rhody moved, seconded by Jaeger to surplus the following items to be offered and advertised to other Government entities in South Dakota; and what may not sell, give Broksieck the authority to surplus for sale as scrap iron. Items include: Motor grader cross chains (qty 890/original value \$4581.72), Loader cross chains (qty 103/original value \$611.20), Cross chain hooks (qty 885/original value \$2177.99), Swivel hooks (qty 203/original value \$1043.44), Square link cross chains (qty 100/original value \$474.00), and 900x20 Chains (qty 1/original value \$25.00). All voted yes and motion carried. 13)

Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to surplus chainsaws as follows for trade in at current value to be determined at trade: 18" Stihl Saw serial #294133086; and 20" Stihl Saw serial #183446659. All voted yes and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning post construction surveying done by Banner Engineering on the Tatanka Wind Project of Avangrid Renewables. 14) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to approve Banner Engineering to do the post construction survey for the Avangrid Renewable wind tower projects. All voted yes and motion carried.

Further discussion was held on the rip rap on the Brandt Road near Fox Lake.

Reimbursement from insurance companies for the fire in northern Deuel County was discussed as well with EM Sheila Monnier present.

9:45 Emergency Manager Sheila Monnier

Monnier met with the Commissioners to further discuss the Special Award Letter from SD Emergency Management for LEMPG that was approved last week. The award letter also included 2020 salary and benefits which had been previously approved. Clarification was needed on this motion (#3) from December 30, 2020.

Furthermore, Monnier discussed coronavirus vaccinations. Tiers were discussed and the group that falls under Priority 1C is currently being addressed for vaccinations. When vaccinations reach the level of the general public, the coordination efforts would be headed by Sanford. Monnier spoke of groups that could fall through the cracks and she is working on getting communication to them for vaccination.

10:00 Human Resources Natalie Remund

Remund met with the Board for discussion. She is officially on board with Deuel County and will be working on the policy manual as a priority. She will make her introductions and work closely with the Board and Auditor on an HR plan for the County.

10:30 State's Attorney Jared Gass

Gass met with the Board for discussion. Items for upcoming resolutions were given to Gass.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Cash Balance Sheet

The December Cash Balance Sheet was not currently available. 15) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve and sign the Treasurer's Cash Sheet as of 12/31/2020. All voted yes and motion carried.

Authority to Pay Claims Early, Fee Charges, GIS Contracts with First District

16) Homan moved, seconded by DeJong to allow Auditor's Office to pay claims early, if necessary, (prior to a meeting) in order to avoid late payment fees. All voted yes and motion carried.

17) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve fees charged for copies, etc. by Auditor - .25 per copy; Plat books \$30.00; both include sales tax. All voted yes and motion carried.

18) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to approve and sign two contracts with First District Assoc. Local Gov't. One is maintenance of Deuel County's parcel database and the second is the County GIS Website Hosting Needs for the calendar year 2021. The total for both contracts is \$7000.00. All voted yes and motion carried.

Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel Matter

19) Jaeger moved, seconded by Homan to move into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for a personnel matter. All voted yes and motion carried. Chairman DeJong declared the Board out of executive session at 11:55 a.m.

There being no further business 20) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to adjourn. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

Mary J Korth, County Auditor

Gary DeJong, Chairman

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