

The Deuel County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Courthouse with Chairman DeJong presiding. Those present were Commissioners DeJong, Rhody, Homan, and Kreutner. Commissioner Jaeger was present via phone conference. Also present was Auditor Korth. Chairman DeJong requested all motions be made on roll call vote. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

1) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**9:00 Jamie Broksieck Highway Superintendent**

Broksieck met with the Commissioners to discuss several items. He reported on Bridge 20-080-287 located 4 miles west and ¾ mi. south of Toronto. The bridge is in need of replacement and the process had started previously in obtaining bids for construction from Hollaway Bridge & Culvert and material from TrueNorth Steel. Bridge cost is \$57,971.00 (material) \$204,600.00 (installation). This bridge was previously put into the 2021 budget under the former Superintendent. 2) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the costs of replacing bridge 20-080-287 for a total cost of \$262,571.00. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

Broksieck presented the current township rates for 2021 with no increase from 2020. 3) Jaeger moved, seconded by Rhody to approve the township and town rates for 2021. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

**DEUEL COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
2021 TOWNSHIP & TOWN RATES**

Hourly rate-With Operator

Motor Graders:

Blading	\$61.00
Snow Removal with wing	66.00
Plus additional for overtime, when needed	

Hourly rate-Without Operator

Trucks:

Dump Truck	32.00
Pickup	10.00
Sander	35.00
Semi Tractor/Truck	65.41

Tractors:

Backhoe/Loader/Excavator	42.00
Utility Tractors	20.00
Payloader	75.00
Mowers & Tractor	40.00

Other Equipment:

Tow Packer	10.00
Self Propelled Packer	20.00
Steel Faced Roller	15.00
Oil Distributor & Truck	60.00
Power Broom-Pull type	45.00
Power Broom-Hydraulic	70.00
Chip Spreader	30.00
Rotary Snow Blower-Loader	100.00
Lo-Boy Trailer	50.00
Tiltbed Trailer	50.00
Gravel Trailer	50.00
Equipment Trailer	50.00

These rates apply to the equipment only, there will be an additional hourly charge for the operator and overtime, when needed.

The printer at the highway shop has been replaced. 4) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to surplus the Highway Shop Toshiba printer to A&B Business Products on trade. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried. The Highway Department Annual Report for 2020 was reviewed.

**9:30 Zoning Officer Jodi Theisen - Plat**

5) Homan moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the Plat of Blocks 1 and 2, Nielsen Addition located in SW1/4SW1/4 24-114-49 and Resolution #21-05. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

**#21-05**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the herein **PLAT OF BLOCKS 1 AND 2, NIELSEN ADDITION**, in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 24, T114N, R49W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota, prepared by Brian D. Ernst, Registered Land Surveyor of the State of South Dakota be and the same is hereby approved.

I, Mary Korth, County Auditor for Deuel County, South Dakota, do certify that the foregoing resolution was passed by the Board of County Commissioners, Deuel County, South Dakota the regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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 Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
 Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

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 County Auditor,  
 Deuel County, South Dakota

**9:45 Joint Public Hearing/First Reading on Request of request of Carol and Kevin Nielsen Rezone from Agricultural District to Commercial District for the following described property: Part of the TeGantvoort Addition in SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 24-114-49 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Brandt Township, Deuel County, SD. Which upon platting to be included in Block 2 Nielsen Addition in SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 24-114-49 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Brandt Township, Deuel County, SD**

A joint public hearing with the Zoning Board was held upon the request/petition of Carol and Kevin Nielsen to issue a change in zoning classification for property that is described above in 24-114-49, Brandt Township from Agricultural to Commercial District. The property will be used as a meat locker. The Deuel County Zoning Board stated the property meets all the requirements of the ordinance. The Planning Commission will vote to recommend approval of this ordinance to the County Commissioners. Upon roll call vote the motion carried. The Planning and Zoning Commission adjourned.

The Commissioners continued the public hearing for questions on the rezoning classification.

The Commissioners then held the first reading of Ordinance B2004-01-33A. The second reading will be held at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> regular Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m.

#### **10:15 Emergency Manager Sheila Monnier**

Monnier met with the Commissioners to give them updates and discuss grant opportunities.

Monnier introduced discussion about planned power outages to conserve energy. She spoke to local power companies and has a plan in place in case of emergencies.

Monnier reported on her PDM (pre-disaster mitigation) meetings held at Goodwin and Brandt. Upcoming meetings with other towns being scheduled.

Homeland Security applications are coming due. She is applying for updated radios with the grant.

Discussion was held on grants that have been applied for by the local fire departments for essential equipment. Monnier further updated the boards on meetings and trainings she has scheduled.

Discussion was held on the vehicle switches between departments. Weed Supervisor Keith Goens was present and stated he preferred to look for a good used vehicle that will suit his needs as it is in his budget.

#### **10:30 Weed Supervisor Keith Goens**

Goens met with the Commissioners to discuss planning his annual meeting scheduled for March 9th. He asked the Board their thoughts on having the annual meeting in person due to Covid concerns. It was decided to go forth with the meeting and encourage mask wearing and social distancing as it will be held at the Deuel County Complex.

Goens had also requested an additional driver for spraying this year. 6) Rhody moved, seconded by Kreutner to advertise for a part time driver for the Deuel County Weed Department. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

#### **10:45 Director of Equalization Donna Rhody**

Rhody met with the Commissioners to discuss hiring a full-time appraiser for her office. Discussion was held on the position and will involve HR discussion before approval of advertising.

#### **11:15 State's Attorney Jared Gass**

Gass met with the Commissioners to discuss the three properties recently taken for tax deed by the County. Gass feels it is best to sell these surplus properties on public auction to avoid an appraisal fee. Discussion was held on the matter. 7) Kreutner moved, seconded by Rhody to declare the following as surplus property: W1/2 Lot 4 & Lot 5 Blk 2 Original Plat, Town of Toronto; W1/2 Lot 9 & Lot 10 Blk 10 Original Plat, Town of Astoria; W1/2 Lot 9 & Lot 10 Blk 7 Original Plat, Town of Astoria, all Deuel County, SD. The properties will be sold at public auction at the regular commission meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Notice of sale will be published. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

Gass has heard no word from the adjoining property owners on the easement agreement for the property lines of the Deuel County Complex.

Gass presented the Resolution Supporting the Deuel County Crisis Fund #21-03. Gass and the Commissioners had reviewed the Articles of Incorporation. Board Member Jim Dailey was present for discussion and reported on funds already received for the crisis fund. 8) Jaeger moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve and sign Resolution #21-03 a RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEUEL COUNTY CRISIS FUND. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #21-03**  
**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEUEL COUNTY CRISIS FUND**

WHEREAS, a non-profit Deuel County Crisis Fund is being established in Deuel County to offer economic assistance to County residents in the event of a crisis.

WHEREAS, the Deuel County Crisis Fund is garnering support of the Fund from various wind energy providers and other utility providers that receive an economic benefit from operations in Deuel County.

WHEREAS, the Deuel County Commissioners believe it to be in the best interest of the residents of Deuel County that the various energy providers support the Deuel County Crisis Fund with financial contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Deuel County Board of County Commissioners that the Deuel County Commissioners publicly support the Deuel County Crisis Fund and strongly encourage wind energy and other utility providers that receive an economic benefit from operations in Deuel County to make financial contributions to the Deuel County Crisis Fund.

Dated this 16<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2021.

DEUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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Mary Korth, County Auditor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary DeJong, Chairman

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Judith Homan, Vice Chairman

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Gary Jaeger, Commissioner

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Steven Rhody, Commissioner

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Roger Kreutner, Commissioner

9) Homan moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve Resolution #21-07 RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION DESIGNEES SDCL 41-20A-11. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #21-07**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION DESIGNEES SDCL 41-20A-11**

WHEREAS, SDCL 41-20A-11 gives the Board of County Commissioners authority to designate a person to request assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator in the suppression of any range fire within Deuel County.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believe it to be in the best interest of the County to designate Deuel County Sheriff Cory Borg and the Deuel County Emergency Manager Sheila Monnier as the County's designated parties for purposes of requesting assistance from the State Wildland Fire Coordinator.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the appointed designees shall serve for a three year term, or until either of them no longer serves as County Sheriff or Emergency Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Auditor Mary Korth shall send a copy of this Resolution to the State Fire Management Officer, Steve Esser.

Adopted by the Deuel County Board of County Commissioners on February 16, 2021.

DEUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary DeJong, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Mary Korth, County Auditor

Gass reported on the rental agreement for private parties for use of the Deuel County Complex. He will revise the agreement in accordance with insurance requirements set forth by the SDPAA.

Discussion was held on the South Dakota Supreme Court's decision in the Deuel Harvest appeal.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Deuel County Complex signage was further discussed after adding the Shooting Sports logo. Prices for adding the Shooting Sports logo had not yet been received by meeting time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Plats**

10) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to approve the Plat of Hanson Addition located in 1-115-48 and Resolution #20-06. Roll call vote, all yes and the motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **#21-06**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: **"Hanson Addition Located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 115 North, Range 48 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Deuel County, South Dakota"** which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof

have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners  
Deuel County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

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County Auditor,  
Deuel County, South Dakota

**Travel Requests/Tax Abatement/Courthouse Window Treatments/Ambulance Volunteers**

11) Rhody moved, seconded by DeJong to approve the travel requests of Commissioners and any County Officials to attend the Workshop and New Officials Workshop in Pierre March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. And for Officials to attend Spring Workshop in Pierre May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, for the Highway Superintendent to attend the Short Course offered in Deadwood March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>; and for Weed Supervisor Goens to file his reports with the Weed Board in Pierre February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

An application for abatement of taxes was received from Gary Krause for record #576 described as NW1/4 of 14-113-50. Krause stated on the application that on September 21, 2020, a shed at the described location had burned and was a total loss. The value of structure was \$23,619. 12) Rhody moved, seconded by Homan to abate the taxes on the structure value of 23,619.00 for taxes due in 2021 on record #576 as described above. Roll call vote, all yes and the motion carried.

Discussion was held on courthouse window treatments. Each office will have the flexibility to secure their own window treatment preferences within reason.

13) Homan moved, seconded by Kreutner to approve the list of Ambulance Volunteers for Deuel County. Roll call vote, all voted yes and motion carried.

**Warrants**

14) Rhody moved, seconded by Jaeger to approve warrants paid early and approval of regular warrants to be paid. Roll call vote, all voted yes and motion carried. *Warrants to:* B-D Rural Water 50.00 Utilities, Century Link 358.79 Utilities, City of Wtn Fin Office 3905.533 911 Surcharge, Connecting Point 6640.00 EM Computers, DANA Safety Supply 659.00 Minor Equip, H-D Electric 547.96 Utilities, Hodges Badge Co. 301.32 Supplies, ITC 173.66 Utilities, Kibble Equip 36.66 Supplies, Byron Nogelmeier 70.00 24/7 Fees, Northwestern Energy 547.75 Utilities, Otter Tail 945.16 Utilities, SDACC and SDACO 440.00 Registration Fees, Ultra Bright Lights 179.99 Minor Equip, Deuel Treas 21.20 Plates, Avangrid 10,173.08 Overpayment Lien Fees, Deuel Treas 5728.85 Lien Fees, SDACO 158.00 M&P, SD DOR 130589.88 Fees Due to State. *Taxes:* Schools 197950.68, Towns 27947.72, Townships 16403.39, EDWDD 930.46, Rural Fire 4252.86.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business 15) Kreutner moved, seconded by Homan to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote, all yes and motion carried.

Gary DeJong, Chairman  
Deuel County Commission

ATTEST:

Mary Korth, Auditor

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