

# AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Clyde Dethlefsen, with Randy Niles, Roger Hanten, Travis Clark, and John Paul Studeny present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: Commissioner Niles stated he understood that all the highway employees were to attend the blading workshop. On February 2, 2023, the Commission approved and authorized the highway department to attend the training. Niles reported the he and only 2 employees from the highway attended. The rest of the Commission had the same understanding as well. Niles reported that nothing has been done with the tractor that the Commission told Hwy Superintendent Vissia to get running. Niles noted that it has not been moved and still has a flat tire.

Commissioner Clark said we need to get it in the shop somewhere and start working on it before winter.

Commissioner Niles also stated that the Ford truck still has no radiator in it and hasn't been moved or worked on. It has a flat tire as well. Commissioner Niles said we either need to get it fixed and running or figure out what we are going to do with it. Commissioner Clark said he had talked to Doug about the truck at the time of the surplus auction. Chairman Dethlefsen said these issues need to be addressed with the highway department today during their time slot.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried all voting aye.

Highway Secretary Nancy Beckman was present for the highway report.

Chairman Dethlefsen and Commissioner Clark asked Nancy about using finger blades and why the county doesn't use them. She said she didn't know but would ask Doug.

Chairman Dethlefsen asked Nancy why all the highway employees did not attend the blade workshop. Nancy replied she was not sure why and said she didn't know if Doug realized the commissioners wanted everybody to go or if there was a limit on how many people could attend the workshop. Nancy said she would ask Doug.

Commissioner Niles asked if the county used wheel packers behind the maintainer for the roads. Nancy said they had used them before, but not sure why they weren't now. She will talk to Doug.

Commissioner Hanten addressed a culvert by Dan Bosworth's that need to be replaced. It is very important to get this done as soon as possible and definitely before winter comes, said Hanten.

Commissioner Hanten reported there are several posts that were just thrown in the ditch in his area of the county. Hwy Secretary Beckman told the Board the highway guys need to finish the other side of the road first and will pick them up when they are finished. Commissioner Clark stated the guys need to just put them in the pickup and be more self-conscious. We don't want someone to hit it with a mower because that would be a bad deal, said Clark.

Commissioner Niles addressed the culvert markers that are either bent over or laying down in several places throughout the county. We need to get them put back up, said Niles. Beckman said that they have been busy and have not had time to get it done.

Commissioner Studeny addressed Highway 16 and some of the bad spots on the road. He said he talked to Doug and they were trying to patch the best they could but knows there were still some bad spots. Chairman Dethlefsen told Secretary Beckman the Highway needs to get in touch with District III about the grant work for Highway 16 as it is due by March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2024. This needs to be a high priority, said Dethlefsen. Nancy said that Doug has talked to the engineer but will tell him to get in touch with District III and get the grant going.

Discussion was held on reassigning blade operators and suggested putting some of the younger guy's out blading roads and the older ones in the shops.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to hire Brandi Shroyer as the County Welfare Director. Her hourly rate for both the state's attorney secretarial position and welfare director will be \$17.84 through 2024. Brandi's time will increase from 50% to 75% time for the County. Her starting date will be effective October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the probation period was waived due to her completing it when she started working for the county back in May of 2022. A motion carried all voting aye.

Auditor Susan Urban and States Attorney Rachel Mairose were preauthorized to attend an election workshop on October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in Pierre. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the preauthorization. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on the hazardous pipeline that could possibly go through the county. Commissioner Studeny reported it was noted at the zoning meeting on Monday night that there is nothing in the Zoning Ordinance about pipelines. There are 5 counties that have an ordinance in place to give them some authority in what they can do. Examples would be setbacks, clean up, etc. In order to be proactive in this situation, we need to be talking about the possibility of getting an ordinance in place, said Studeny. Commissioner Studeny is going to talk to States Attorney Rachel Mairose and have her possibly draft an ordinance for the county to consider.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel at 10:25 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 11:20 AM. With no official action taken.

**Reports:** Wheel Tax Paid: Cities \$1073.42; Townships \$735.29. Reg. of Deeds Fees: Marriage Lic. & Certs, 30.00; Birth & Death Certs, 10.00; Preservation Fund, 183.00; Driver’s License, 180.00; Copies, 63.00; Other, 30.00; Recording Fees, 1,555.00; Transfer Fees 2,000.00. SD Dept of Revenue: Predatory Animal, 2180.96.

CLAIMS :

COMMISSIONERS

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	47.59
STANDARD PUBLISHING	SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	393.30
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	393.30
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		834.19 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

DEVY ALVIZURES	INTERPRETING SERVICES	141.02
MAYA BRIDGE LLC	INTERPRETING SERVICES	140.00
S D A C C	CATASTR LEGAL 3RD & 4TH QTR	740.00
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AUDITOR

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	52.09
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TREASURER

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	68.20
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COURTHOUSE

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	42.61
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GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	9.17
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	CLEANERS & MICROFIBER CLOTHS	459.26
TRANE US INC	2ND YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT	5363.00
US BANK ST PAUL	COURTHOUSE DEBT SERVICE PMT	289615.00
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		295489.04 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	67.96
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REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	61.90
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VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	66.70
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SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	107.98
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	51.70
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	2021 TAHOE - WIPER & TIRE RPR	62.40
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	COMPUTER SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	75.79
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		297.87 *
CORONER		
DIANA SPINAR	MILEAGE CORONER TRAINING	91.80
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PUBLIC WELFARE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	46.57
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NURSES OFFICE		
LACEY WIECZOREK	CANDY FOR FLU SHOTS AT SCHOOL	16.99
LACEY WIECZOREK	CANDY FOR FLU SHOTS AT SCHOOL	28.67
OFFICE OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVI	JULY - DECEMBER AGREEMENT	3548.88
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		3594.54 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	104.06
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COUNTY EXTENSION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	58.30

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WEED			
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY	62.00	
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	5.12	
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	REPAIR PARTS FOR WATER TRAILER	20.69	
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		87.81	*
PLANNING & ZONING			
STANDARD PUBLISHING	SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	52.30	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	52.30	
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		104.60	*
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	DRUG TESTING	224.00	
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRICITY - AUR CTR & STORLA	124.04	
SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGENCY	TOOLS - WHITE LAKE SHOP	30.00	
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	121.46	
JD CONCRETE PRODUCTS	CONCRETE PRODUCTS	9396.00	
PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES	SAFETY CLOTHING	355.15	
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		10250.65	*
E 911 SERVICE			
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 10-1 TO 10-31	203.00	
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 10-1 TO 10-31	357.44	
MITCHELL DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	E-911 SERVICES 10-1 TO 12-31	9250.52	
MITCHELL DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	TRAFFIC STOP 10-1 TO 12-31-23	2137.58	
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 10-1 TO 10-31	30.00	
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		11978.54	*
EM&D			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	64.95	
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		64.95	*
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
P M B 0112	MICROFILM STORAGE	58.96	
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Total Checks: 324,399.75

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman  
Aurora County Commission

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
April Johnson, Deputy Auditor

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