

# AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**March 21, 2024**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public input.

The agenda was amended by adding MRC. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried all voting aye.

The County Board of Equalization will meet on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

Chairman Dethlefsen and Commissioner Studeny reported on the contract law meeting that was held last week with city representatives. It was noted the city reps were going to take the items discussed back to their respective councils. Commissioners Studeny and Dethlefsen along with Sheriff Briggs were the county representatives that attended the meeting.

Highway Secretary Nancy Beckman was present for the highway report.

Secretary Beckman informed the Commission that the State of SD no longer has the 80/20 cost share program for pavement markings (striping) on county roads. She told the Board they have a new program \$500,000 has been allocated in 2024 for county pavement marking. The allocation for each county will be distributed annually based on the certified road mileage for each county. The 2024 allocation for Aurora County is \$5,551.02 said Beckman. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to authorize the Chairman to sign the Pavement Marking Agreement with the State DOT. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to have the highway department work from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM the week of March 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Good Friday Holiday. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Commission noted the roads are looking pretty good and have not had any complaints.

Discussion was held on a packer wheel for the grader. It was recommended the next time we get bids for a new grader; they should have a quote included for a packer wheel.

Weed Supervisor Kehn presented the Commission with two quotes for a side-by-side. Polaris submitted a quote for \$28,092 and a quote was received from Can-Am for \$31,500. There is \$35,000 budgeted for machinery & equipment in the weed budget. Kehn indicated that in the future he plans to get a track to be used for search & rescue through Homeland Security for the side-by-side. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to purchase the Polaris side-by-side for \$28,092. Motion carried all voting aye.

Verizon representatives Steven Forbes, Craig Comstock, and Renee Bachner presented the fleet program platform to the Commissioners via Zoom. There are no servers involved and Verizon will provide all the equipment at no cost to the county. The monthly platform charges would be the only cost to the county. If interested, the county would sign a 12-month agreement and after the first year it will be a month-to-month basis. The cost per month is \$15.95 per vehicle and \$9.95 for heavier equipment such as motor graders, etc. It was noted that this program also has maintenance reminders as well. Commissioner Studeny asked for a list of other counties that are currently using this so we can determine how much it is used, etc. before a decision is made.

District III Director Lori Cowman gave the annual performance report for Aurora County.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to authorize Welfare Director Brandi Shroyer to attend the spring welfare training on April 4<sup>th</sup> in Pierre. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Extension Secretary Tina Kieffer to attend a 4-H online/fair entry training on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Mitchell. Motion carried all voting aye.

Pest control quotes were received from Olson's and Pfitzer for the courthouse and Community/4-H Building. A suggestion was made to spray Tempo ourselves for insect control rather than hiring it done. No action was taken at this time. The Commission will meet with Custodian Dan Beckman at the next meeting to discuss this further.

States Attorney Rachel Mairose met with the Commission to further discuss the county's membership with the MRC. Mairose agreed with the comment made at the last meeting that the MRC needs to be restructured. It was noted that it made sense to belong to the MRC when the line was owned by the State of SD, but since it is privately owned there is more liability risk. MRC Attorney Zach Flood told the Commission at the last meeting that he is willing to

talk with the counties that have dropped their membership and see if he can get them to become members again. In the meantime, the Commission will wait and see what happens with the other counties.

Emergency Manager Kehn requested to take the EM pickup home during the storm season and asked the county to forgo the \$30 charge that the commission set in January for taking a county vehicle home. The Commission denied the request to forgo the \$30 charge and told him they need to treat everyone the same.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize the Chairman to sign the community health services contract with the State of SD. The annual amount is \$6,696.00 Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to file reports and pay vouchers as listed below. Motion carried all voting aye.

**Reports:** Wheel Tax Paid: Cities \$1,291.00; Townships \$884.34.

CLAIMS :

COMMISSIONERS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & FAXES	47.83
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	714.69
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	714.69
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		1477.21 *
ELECTIONS		
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SEALS & THERMAL PAPER	73.75
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JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
HEIN LAW OFFICE	CAA	373.48
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AUDITOR		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	54.42
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	30.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	30.00
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TREASURER		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	71.62
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	TREASURER COMPUTER & INSTALL	1159.75
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		1231.37 *
COURTHOUSE		

GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	3.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	42.62
RON'S MARKET INC	TOLIET PAPER, BAGS	85.44
SUSAN URBAN	FLAG FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL	18.03
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		149.09 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	66.42
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	74.43
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	74.43
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		215.28 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	59.52
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES - TONER, PENS & ENV	166.56
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		226.08 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	49.83
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SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	TOLLS & INTERNET	101.74
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	52.25
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	125.00
RON'S MARKET INC	CLOROX WIPES	11.98
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		290.97 *
JAIL		
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	FEBRUARY JAIL HOUSING	6825.00
LEWIS FAMILY DRUG LLC	INMATES MEDS	137.65
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		6962.65 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	4.95
S D A C C	WELFARE SPRING WORKSHOP	20.00
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		24.95 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	44.12
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COUNTY EXTENSION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	59.10
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WEED		
DOUG VISSIA	MEAL AT WEED CONFERENCE	10.49
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	4.95
HELENA	CHEMICAL FOR ANNUAL WEED MEETI	46.00
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		61.44 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
A-OX WELDING	CABLE	44.98
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	12.18
DEPT OF AG & NATURAL RESOURCES	STORMWATER FEES	200.00
DK GARAGE	FIX GARAGE DOOR - STK & STORLA	350.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	129.01
OVERWEG REPAIR	CHECK & CLEAR CODES ON MACK	185.50
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	GRADER TIRE	1506.24
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER, WHITE OUT, PENS	150.62
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	196.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	196.00
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	3721.03
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
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		9891.56 *
EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	59.37
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Total Checks: 21,304.67 \*

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman  
Aurora County Commission

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Urban, Auditor

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