

# AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 4, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: Andy Espedal presented photos of manure that was spilled along a road at the intersection of 252<sup>nd</sup> St and 393<sup>rd</sup> Ave. He reported Lorang was hauling manure and went into the east ditch and through the fence by Gary Gjesdal's. Espedal said that they broke the delineators and bent steel posts. It was questioned whether this should be addressed as a zoning issue. Commissioner Studeny noted the Emergency Manager should be involved as it is hazardous waste. The Commission asked how much manure was laying in the ditch. Andy estimated about three tractor loaders full, which is less than half a truck load. Commissioner Clark stated Lorang needs to be told he is responsible for cleaning it up. Chairman Dethlefsen said it should be brought to the sheriff and they can address the cleanup with Lorang. Espedal asked if the permits could be modified after they have been approved by the Zoning Board. The Commissioner's said that is a question for States Attorney Rachel Mairose. Chairman Dethlefsen said he will talk to the Sheriff's Department about handling this situation.

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

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes from the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Chairman Dethlefsen reminded the Commission of the county equalization meeting next week on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

Highway Superintendent Vissia and Secretary Beckman were present for the highway report.

Fuel quotes were received as follows:

	MONTHLY QUOTE (April 8 till May 2)		4 MONTH QUOTE (December 7 thru April 8)	
	#2 Diesel	Propane	#2 Diesel	Propane
Brooks Oil:	2.924	1.05	3.123	1.10

Total Oil:	3.05	-----	3.09	-----
Agtegra:	3.01	1.499	-----	-----
Vollan Oil:	3.05	1.36	3.16	1.36

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to accept the 4-month #2 diesel fuel quote from Total Oil for \$3.09 and the monthly propane quote from Brooks Oil for \$1.05. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Commission showed the photos of the manure spillage to Hwy Superintendent Vissa and asked if he was aware of it. Vissa said Gary Gjesdal had called him about it and he sent someone out to look at it. The Commission noted that Lorang is responsible for the clean up and should be billed to replace the posts and any other damage that may have been done, included the road. Doug said the fence is a private one. Commissioner Dethlefsen said they will need to reimburse for the repairs on the fence as well.

A request was made from Highway Superintendent Vissa to attend the National Association of County Engineers Conference in Palm Springs, California on April 15-18, 2024. All expenses for the conference will be paid for by the SD Association of County Highway Superintendents. Commissioner Studeny said it is an honor to be invited to attend a national conference and so much information can be obtained by attending one. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Highway Superintendent Vissia to attend the NACE conference. Motion carried with Clark, Studeny, Niles, and Dethlefsen voting aye. Commission Hanten voted nay. Commissioner Hanten said it is great that all expenses are paid for, but what information do you bring back, asked Hanten. Vissa replied that he has never been asked about giving a report on the information he receives.

Superintendent Vissia told the Commission he would like to sell a conveyor screen to Davison County. Vissia said he has not used it since he has been here. Davison County borrowed our conveyor and has been using it for several years. The generator for the conveyor went bad and Davison County bought a new one for it. Vissia said we have no need for it and recommended selling it to Davison County. The Commission directed him to see if we needed to have it appraised or if we could sell it outright to another government entity.

Discussion was held on load limits for the oil roads in Aurora County. Superintendent Vissia stated that Charles Mix County was taking their load limits off today and Davison was planning to take theirs off next Thursday,

April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Commission agreed that it was too early to take the load limits off right now and will discuss it again at their next regular meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hanten asked if the CAT graders had a GPS system and it was noted that they did.

Commissioner Niles asked when the highway department was going to pull the shoulders on Jackrabbit Road. Superintendent Vissia said the plan was to start next week.

Commissioner Niles also requested the highway department to get the signs on the county vehicles.

Chairman Dethlefsen reminded Vissia that if we are going to keep the load limits on for now, you need to make sure to keep the truck route in good shape.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve abatement #1040 in the amount of \$315.32 for a structure on the W 100' of Blk 4, East Addition to the Cit of Plankinton. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve abatement #1041 in the amount of \$295.14 for a structure on Lot 7, Blk 6, Walling's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition to the City of Plankinton. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on the fleet program through Verizon. Commissioner Studeny will check with Brule County to see how well they like it and what the pro's and con's are.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize the Chairman to sign the first and second quarter of the contract law with the City of Plankinton in the amount of \$21,076 per quarter. Motion carried all voting aye.

Custodian Dan Beckmann presented the Commission with quotes for pest control for the courthouse and the community/4-H building.

The following quotes were submitted:

	Courthouse	Community/4-H Building
Olson's Pest	225.00 (initial setup for insects & rodents) 90.00 Monthly	150.00 (initial setup for insects & rodents) 70.00 Monthly
Pfizer	320.00 annually (insects only)	926.00 annually (insects & rodents)

A motion was made by Niles, seconded by Studeny to approve the quotes from Olson's Pest since they check on the buildings monthly both inside and out. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on removing the dead trees north of the courthouse. Custodian Beckmann was directed to get a few guys from the highway department to help remove them with the payloader and fill the holes in with black dirt from the landfill.

The Commission directed Beckmann to get the pillars in front of the courthouse fixed with cement or mortar before the rocks start falling off. Dan said he is checking with MARC to see if they have something that will bond better than sand mix.

It was also noted the Plankinton VFW will take care of painting the veteran's memorial statues in front of the courthouse. According to Ken Payne, the VFW already has the paint and are waiting for warmer weather to apply it.

It was noted the barrier for the front sidewalk of the courthouse and for the propane tank in the back have not been installed yet by the highway department. Since it is more a courthouse item, the Commission asked Beckmann to take care of it.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve the Auditor, Treasurer, and Register of Deeds to attend the SDACO spring workshop in Pierre on May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried all voting aye.

A quote for a sprayer tank for the side-by-side was presented to the Commission from Runnings in the amount of \$899.99. The Board assumed that the sprayer tank on the 4-wheeler was going to be used on the new side-by-side. It will be discussed further at the next meeting when Weed Supervisor Kehn is available.

A request was also made by Kehn to fix a trailer so it can be used to haul the side-by-side. The trailer will need the lights replaced and new tires. It was estimated the cost would be approximately \$1,000 or slightly under. The Commission tabled the decision on the trailer until the next meeting.

Director of Equalization Tina Gerlach met with the Commission for her annual review as per SDCL 10-3-14. She reported that her office has finished the reappraisal of ag land in 2023 and they will start their 5-year rotation over again beginning with the City of White Lake. She noted the three cities, ag land, and small acreages are reappraised on a 5-year rotating cycle so they do not fall behind like they had in previous years.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to enter into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 10:56 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 11:45 AM with no official action taken.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to file reports and pay voucher as listed below. Motion carried with Clark, Hanten, Niles, and Dethlefsen voting aye. Studeny abstained from the vote.

**Reports:** March Payroll: Social Security 5,601.75, Medicare 1,310.09; Wellmark 27,831.49, Retirement 5,907.59; Kansas City Life 96.05; Commissioners 4,269.45; Auditor 7,504.63; Treasurer 6,405.62; States Attorney 5,197.63; Courthouse 2,416.35; Director of Equalization 6,127.57; Register of Deeds 4,395.64; Veteran's Service Officer 556.92; Sheriff 19,186.36; Welfare 741.79; Extension 2,086.00; Weed 1,345.88; Zoning 775.85; Hwy 34,523.67; EM&D 1,976.53; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.55. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,086.79; MMDA 1,647,988.24; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: marriage license/certs 40.00; birth/death 70.00; preservation fund 192.00; driver's license 306.00; copies 257.00; recording fees 1,630.00; transfer fees 315.00.

**CLAIMS:**

COMMISSIONERS			
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING		1025.26
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			1025.26 *
ELECTIONS			
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	WHITE & RED EVIDENT LABEL		40.00
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	PRIMARY ELECTION - FORMS & BOX		361.11
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			401.11 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM			
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	BA - (2)		274.00
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	BA - (9)		460.00
STEPHANIE MOEN & ASSOC	TRANSCRIPTS		63.70
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			797.70 *
AUDITOR			
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMB		46.56
P M B 0112	FEBRUARY NETWORK SERVICES		69.25
S D A C O	SPRING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION		200.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE		98.42
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			414.23 *
TREASURER			
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMB		17.60
S D A C O	SPRING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION		200.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING		108.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE		147.51
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			473.11 *

COURTHOUSE		
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	FUEL FOR COURTHOUSE	199.00
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	2112.89
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	49.17
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		2361.06 *

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE REIMB	24.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING	126.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	98.34
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	INK FOR PRINTER	78.00
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		326.34 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE REIMB	68.00
S D A C O	SPRING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION	200.00
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		268.00 *

VA OFFICE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MS365 APP FOR VSO	99.60
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	49.17
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		148.77 *

SHERIFF		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMB	3.94
KYLE NESS	CAR WASH	10.62
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1641.38
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	393.36
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	425.36
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		2474.66 *

PUBLIC WELFARE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	49.17
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		49.17 *

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	2ND QTR SUPPORT	762.50
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		822.50 *

DRUG & ALCOHOL		
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	2ND QTR SUPPORT	300.00
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		300.00 *

AG BUILDING

PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	717.29
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		717.29 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
TINA KIEFFER	RENEW EXTENSION WEBSITE DOMAIN	13.16
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	98.34
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		111.50 *
WEED		
METTER IMPLEMENT	UTV - RANGER XP1000	28092.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING	72.00
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		28164.00 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING	60.00
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		60.00 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	12.18
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMB	7.62
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	GRADER REPAIRS	528.13
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	FILTERS	1302.52
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	MOWER HOSE & FITTINGS	482.96
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC - AUR CTR & STORLA	176.51
DEPT OF AG & NATURAL RESOURCES	STORM WATER PERMITS - BRG RPLM	200.00
DOUG VISSIA	POWER TOOL REPAIR	45.18
DOUG VISSIA	BREAKFAST AT SHORT COURSE	6.00
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	BOLTS FOR GRADER	1.12
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	CUTTING WHEELS	15.96
JOSH'S TOOLS LLC	SOCKET	53.50
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA SHOP	32.00
NAPA CENTRAL	WIPER BLADES	475.72
NAPA CENTRAL	CREDIT ON FILTERS	-140.29
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILL - STK & WL	163.09
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	416.40
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	WING DOLLY & PICKUP REPAIRS	15.29
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	COUPLERS, SHEETROCK, JB WELD	129.22
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE REIMB	68.00
RUNNINGS	FUEL NOZZLE, HOSE & GREASE GUN	449.33
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	STRIPING 2023	129.06
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	780.30
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	MOWER REPAIRS	40.00
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STK SHOP	92.50
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	4816.06
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	98.34
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	88.69
WHEELCO BRAKE AND SUPPLY INC	TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIRS	1363.33
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		11848.72 *

R&B CONSTRUCTION		
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	2023 PAVEMENT MARKING	344.17
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	2023 PAVEMENT MARKING	258.12
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		602.29 *

EM&D		
COUNTY WIDE DIRECTORY	MAP & PLAT BOOKS	235.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	95.53
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	49.17
VERIZON WIRELESS	NEW CELL PHONE	143.72
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	95.99
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		619.41 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	330.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MARCH 2024 CONNECT CARE	147.51
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		477.51 *

ADVANCE TAX		
AURORA COUNTY TREASURER	ADVANCED TAX PAYMENT	629.85
AURORA COUNTY TREASURER	ADVANCED TAX PAYMENT	307.50
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		937.35 *

Total Checks: 52,462.63 \*

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman  
Aurora County Commission

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

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