

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 6, 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.

There was no public input.

The agenda was amended by adding VFW rental fee. 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 Niles to approve the minutes from the May 16th regular meeting and the May 22nd special meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to waive the rental fee of the community/4-H building for the VFW on the evening of July 4th for a community holiday celebration/gathering. Motion carried all voting aye.

Auditor Urban reviewed the implementation of HB 1007 regarding the ability of counties to contract with the SD Department of Veterans Affairs to provide services if a county is unable to employ a veterans service officer for their county.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve a Plat of Tract A and Tract B in the W ½ of the NW ¼ and the W ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 14, T102N, R65W of the 5th P.M., Aurora County, SD. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

County highway maintenance worker Jesse Thuringer asked the Commission to consider changing from a monthly payroll to getting paid twice a month. He said he talked with several county employees who would like to have it changed as well. Jesse told the Commission it would be easier to shift money around when something happens like car repairs, etc. rather than waiting till the end of the month. Chairman Dethlefsen said we have problems with everyone getting their time cards turned in the way it is now, what is it going to be like when they need to be turned in every two weeks. I do not want to see the extra work put on Deputy Auditor April Johnson, said Dethlefsen. The

Commission told Thuringer they will talk about it, but noted the county has always had a monthly payroll and the employees are told that when they are hired. Jesse said he understands that, but just wanted the Board to at least consider it. He thanked the Commission for their time.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Vissa and Beckman to attend an office personnel workshop in Huron on June 25th. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve an approach permit for Matt Metzger for an approach to a new residence on road 35G in the NW ¼ SW ¼ of 25-101-64 at the county's expense. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve an approach permit for Cole Gerlach for an approach to a new residence on road 46G in the NW ¼ SW ¼ of 35-102-63 at the county's expense. Motion carried with Studeny, Hanten, Niles & Dethlefsen voting aye. Clark abstained from the vote.

Discussion was held on using mastic to repair the widened cracks on oil roads. Superintendent Vissia told the Commission there will be some items in his expense budget that he will not be doing this year, so there will be some budget left, but we will also have to see what the cash flow is and how the revenues are coming in. It was discussed at the last meeting to possibly purchasing a mastic melter so the county could do it themselves rather than hiring it done. Vissia said he will be talking to other counties at their workshop next week and will try to find out if any will be interested in using it if Aurora County purchases one. No action was taken at this time to use it on portions of our roads or to purchase the equipment.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to authorize Highway Superintendent Vissa to sign a haul road agreement with the State of SD for county road 374th Ave from the Bogenhagen Pit, south to 268th St, west to 373rd Ave, and south to the county line for project # NH 0033(41): PCN 08RN. Motion carried all voting aye.

Commissioner Hanten asked the highway department to fill in the gouges along Hwy 16 by the nursing home, school, and gas station so they are able to mow their areas. Vissia said he will have someone get them filled in.

Jamie VanZee from Brosz Engineering presented the Commission with a work order/proposal for Structure No. 02-097-056 (Jackrabbit Road bridge). This will help add points to the scoring of the bridge for the BIG grant. Based on the scope of services the estimated engineering fees (a one-time fee) will not exceed \$146,000. The estimated

cost of the replacement of the bridge is approximately \$2,000,000 with the county paying 20% or approximately \$400,000 with the 80/20 match through the BIG grant. It was asked if the bridge could wait another year. Vanzee told the Commission, due to the rating of the bridge, it is inspected on a yearly basis and could be posted to only 3 ton. If that happens, it will have to close. Vissia said it is the county's policy to close a structure if it gets posted at 3 ton. Commissioner Niles said it is an important bridge and a lot of people use it. Commissioner Clark said if we end up closing it, we still need a plan to fix it. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to accept the work order from Brosz Engineering for Structure No. 02-097-056. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the payout for project BRO 8002 (00) 22-4; PCN 08WT on Structure No. 02-021-260 (Beukelman Bridge) in the amount of \$414,456.57. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve the payout for project BRO 8002 (00) 22-5: PCN 08WU on Structure No. 02-213-070 (Erickson Bridge) in the amount of \$42,547.50. Motion carried all voting aye.

Jamie VanZee noted there is grant funding to remove old bridges and asked if the county was still interested in using those funds to remove the Rake Bridge that has been closed for several years. The Commission talked about laying culverts to replace the bridge. Superintendent Vissia said the Township does not want any expense in maintaining culverts. Discussion was held on replacing it with culverts or making a low water crossing verses doing nothing with it and what liability there would be to the county. Vissia said he will contact the DOT to see what our best option would be.

A hearing was held for three special/temporary on-sale alcoholic beverage licenses.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve a special/temporary on-sale alcoholic beverage license for Stickney Community Foundation for June 29, 2024. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve a special/temporary on-sale alcoholic beverage license for Plankinton Service Club for June 29, 2024. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve a special/temporary on-sale alcoholic beverage license for Plank Inn for June 29, 2024. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn informed the Commission the LEMPG will decrease by 10%. This is a federal funding program the reimburses counties a portion of the Emergency Manager’s salary. Kehn thought the county would see a decrease of about \$1,300.

Kehn gave a report on the Homeland Security Grant and told the Commission he had to cut back a little on his requests. The \$1,350 to program the radios for the fire departments was cut. Kehn will talk with the local fire departments to see if they would pick up the programming costs for the radios they are getting. Kehn said each fire department would have to pay approximately \$450 for the programming. He also said \$1,000 was cut for the electrical installation on his EM trailer. The County will need to pick up that cost either this year or next year. The EM trailer was approved for \$10,754, said Kehn.

The votes from the June 4, 2024 Primary Election were canvassed. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the results of the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. Motion carried all voting aye.

REPUBLICAN Precinct 1 Precinct 2 Precinct 3 Precinct 5 Precinct 7 TOTAL
CONTESTS

District 21

State Senator

Erin Tobin	33	14	27	8	36	118
Mykala Voita	49	25	26	5	10	115

District 21

State Representative

Lee Qualm	63	30	41	6	29	169
Marty Overweg	71	37	50	9	29	196
Jim Halverson	11	6	8	5	24	54

NON-PARTISAN
CONTEST

Kimball School

Board Member

Hillary Leiferman	x	x	0	x	x	0
Joshua Krier	x	x	0	x	x	0
Justin Blasius	x	x	0	x	x	0

DEMOCRATIC
CONTEST

President

Marianne Williamson	0	1	6	4	5	16
Joseph R Biden	5	2	5	3	6	21
Dean Phillips	3	1	6	1	5	16
Armando Perez-Serrato	1	0	1	0	1	3

A post-election audit is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 1:00 PM. The Commission drew Precinct 7 and Precinct 1 to be audited. The only statewide race was the Democratic Presidential race, therefore, an audit will be conducted on that race and the Commission drew the State Senate, District 21 race which will be the second race to be audited as per SDCL 12-17B-18. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to set the rate of pay for post-election audit workers at \$75.00/day. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Director of Equalization position at 11:00 AM as per SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out at 11:32 AM with no official action taken.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to make an operating transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund into the Highway Fund and to transfer \$18,000 from the General Fund into the E-911 Fund. Motion carried all voting aye.

The courthouse will be closed on July 4th due to the holiday. The highway department will work five 8-hour days that week from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to enter into executive session with States Attorney Mairose and Secretary Brandi Shroyer as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 11:45 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out at 12:25 PM. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to offer Brandi Shroyer the 4-H Program Assistant/Weed Secretary position at 32 hours per week for \$20.00/hour. Motion carried all voting aye. If Brandi accepts the offer, she will begin her duties when the secretary position for the States Attorney office has been filled. Tina Kieffer will stay on until September to help with the transition. The Welfare Director will remain with the States Attorney Secretary position.

The Commission talked about the request to change the monthly pay period to twice a month. After discussing it further, the Commission decided to leave the monthly payroll as it is.

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: May Payroll: Social Security 5,593.94, Medicare 1,308.25; Wellmark 27,831.49, Retirement 5,875.61; Kansas City Life 96.05; Commissioners 4,269.45; Auditor 7,662.79; Treasurer 6,460.12; States Attorney 5,269.35; Courthouse 2,754.13; Director of Equalization 3,821.72; Register of Deeds 4,367.66; Veteran's Service Officer 690.82; Sheriff 19,029.17; Welfare 777.11; Extension 2,165.20; Weed 1,291.58; Zoning 163.78; Hwy 36,934.49; EM&D 2,148.68; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.40. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,527.15; MMDA 2,353,697.04; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: marriage license/certs 140.00; birth/death 35.00; preservation fund 171.00; driver's license 246.00; copies 70.00; other 20.00; recording fees 1,415.00; transfer fees 1,219.50.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE	CH GENERAL OBLIGATION CERT INS	1435.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING	674.07
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	765.82
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	765.82

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ELECTIONS

#01 JESSICA JUHNKE	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#01 JESSICA JUHNKE	SCHOOL	25.00
#01 KIM GEPPERT	MILEAGE	5.61
#01 KIM GEPPERT	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#01 KIM GEPPERT	SCHOOL	25.00
#01 PEGGY MUNNEKE	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
DAWN DONKER	MILEAGE	12.24
DAWN DONKER	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
DAWN DONKER	SCHOOL	25.00
#02 JANICE CRAGO	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#02 JANICE CRAGO	SCHOOL	25.00
#02 RUTH WOLBRINK	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#02 RUTH WOLBRINK	SCHOOL	25.00
#03 CHANTEL KIRSCH	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#03 CHANTEL KIRSCH	SCHOOL	25.00
#03 LINDA DODDS	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#03 LINDA DODDS	SCHOOL	25.00
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	MILEAGE	5.61
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	SCHOOL	25.00
#05 BEVERLY HOEFERT	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#05 BEVERLY HOEFERT	SCHOOL	25.00

#05 JESSICA CULLEN	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#05 JESSICA CULLEN	SCHOOL	25.00
#05 KAMA BRUNS	MILEAGE	1.02
#05 KAMA BRUNS	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	SCHOOL	25.00
#07 JOAN SWANSON	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
#07 KATHY GUINDON	MILEAGE	1.02
#07 KATHY GUINDON	PRIMARY ELECTION	150.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	PRIMARY BALLOTS	19.80
GOVERNORS INN	ELECTION TRAINING	154.00
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	POST AUDIT SUPPLIES	8.50
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING	982.38
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	BALLOTS STAMPS	44.98

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JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIO	INTERPRETATION FEES	29.70
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	B/A (1)	137.00
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A (2)	80.00

		246.70 *

AUDITOR		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	125.90

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TREASURER		
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	86.26
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	86.26
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	188.70

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STATE'S ATTORNEY		
RACHEL MAIROSE	CONFERENCE LODGING	169.62

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COURTHOUSE		
AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS	ANNUAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM CHECK	511.88
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY & WATER	1499.81
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR LAWN MOWER	71.97
STICKNEY REPAIR & SERVICE	LAWNMOWER SERVICED	102.50
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	62.90
VESTIS	SERVICES - MATS	11.18

		2260.24 *

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	PAPER & PAPER CLIPS	138.87
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING	139.50

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	125.80

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REGISTER OF DEEDS		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	188.70

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VA OFFICE		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING	67.50
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	62.90

		130.40 *
SHERIFF		
GALLS	EVIDENCE TAPE	17.49
KYLE LEWIS	CLOTHING ALLOW - TSHIRT & UNIF	250.00
RON'S MARKET INC	DARE SUPPLIES	56.75
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	2555.50
STICKNEY REPAIR & SERVICE	OIL CHG, REPLACE SENSORS & ETC	616.71
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	503.20
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	424.80

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JAIL		
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL HOUSING FOR APRIL	1890.00

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PUBLIC WELFARE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	62.90

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MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00
LINCOLN COUNTY AUDITOR	MI - EVALUATION	27.50
MINNEHAHA COUNTY JAIL	MI - RECOVERIES	225.00

		312.50 *
AG BUILDING		
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY & WATER	265.67
RON'S MARKET INC	PAPER TOWELS	48.00

		313.67 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	125.80

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WEED		
C & R SUPPLY	SPRAY NOZZLES & TRAILER PARTS	397.73
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC	CHEMICAL - REIGN DRIFT	850.00
PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES	TSHIRTS FOR WEED	53.21
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR WEED EQUIPMENT	176.06
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR PUMPS (91)	53.62
RUNNINGS	SPRAYER TRUCK PARTS	1309.80
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	236.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	236.00

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PLANNING & ZONING		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MAY PUBLISHING	139.50
STANDARD PUBLISHING	APRIL PUBLISHING	48.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	APRIL PUBLISHING	48.00

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R&B CONSTRUCTION		
BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION INC	BREUKELMAN & ERICKSON BRIDGE	457004.07
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	LAWN MOWER REPAIRS	25.03
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	THREAD LOCK & BEARING MOUNT	72.71
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC BILLS - AUR CTR & STO	142.63
DIAMOND MOWERS	DISK BEARINGS	1262.22
FASTENAL COMPANY	IBUPROFEN	16.09
GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS	GRADER TIRES	6930.00
HAROLD KINYON	HAUL PATCH MIX	180.00
NAPA CENTRAL	GLOVES, OIL & TOWELS	266.61
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILL - WL & STK	100.78
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	PICKUP, GRADER & LAWN MOWER RP	1618.65
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRIC - CH, AG BLDG & HWY	511.01
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	WING DOLLY REPAIRS	12.27
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	FLAGS, BOLTS, NUTS & FENCING S	160.97
RUNNINGS	LAWN MOWER REPAIRS	64.97
RUNNINGS	FENCING SUPPLIES	474.57
S D A C C	HIGHWAY WORKSHOP REGISTRATION	200.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	990.29
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STICKNEY SHOP	94.00
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	MOWER REPAIRS	141.16
TOTAL OIL	DEF & FUEL	3306.62
TRANSOURCE	TRUCK REPAIRS	125.55
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
TRUENORTH STEEL INC	CULVERTS	32854.50
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	MAY CONNECT CARE	125.80
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	88.68
VESTIS	SERVICES - MATS & RAGS	24.36

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E 911 SERVICE		
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 6-1 TO 6-30-24	200.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 6-1 TO 6-30-24	357.44
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 6-1 TO 6-30-24	30.00

