

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 3, 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.

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

A motion was made Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the minutes from the June 20th meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Commissioner Studeny reported that he had someone approach him about the acoustics in the Community/4-H Building. Studeny said the acoustics were horrible during the alumni banquet and noted he had someone approach him about doing something to fix the problem. This is not the first time an event was held in the Community/4-H Building where the sound was terrible, said Studeny. If we are going to encourage people to rent it out for things like this, we need to make sure we have it so people can hear. Studeny said Joe Larsen offered his services to explore some options to fix the problem. Larsen told Studeny he would do a walk-through of the building and make recommendations to the Commission at no cost to the county. The Commission agreed to have him look at it and give suggestions on how to solve the issue. Studeny will get back to Mr. Larsen and let him know the county interested.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn updated the Commission on the 2019 flood reimbursements through FEMA. Also present was Highway Superintendent Vissia and Secretary Beckman. Kehn noted there are two outstanding disaster projects left to be reimbursed for and reviewed the payment proposals from FEMA. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve the 2019 flood reimbursements from FEMA for the county to receive 80% of \$324,951.65 for DR4440-Project 115618 and 80% of \$333,390.96 for DR4469-Project 135229. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on the June 2024 flooding. Kehn stated the deadline to submit damages for this round of flooding is July 12th.

Hwy Superintendent Vissia informed the Commission of a recent accident involving one of the county's maintainers. He noted there were no damages done to the grader when it was ran into by a vehicle and there were no injuries. Vissia also informed the Commission the post-accident procedures were followed as per the personnel handbook.

Vissia reported that an inspection was done on the contaminated soil passed out at the landfill and everything passed the test. Vissia told the Commission he has received a request for the county to accept about a truck load of contaminated soil from the Vermillion area. The Commission considered the time and cost involved to turn the soil several times a year, the small quantity of contaminated soil and the extra space that will be needed to accommodate the pile, as well as it coming from outside the county, the Commission decided not to accept any of the contaminated soil.

Jamie VanZee and Eric Prunty from Brosz Engineering updated the Commission on the Breukelman Bridge and noted some issues with the top slab. They gave the Commission the option to do core and strength testing, remove and replace the top slab, or leave as is and do nothing with it. If the county decides not do anything there will be a 30% pay deduction. As of right now the performance of the bridge is not affected, said Prunty. If the County decides to do the core testing and it shows deficiencies, the Contractor pays for the cost to do it, but if it does not show any deficiencies, the county is responsible. Commissioner Clark said he would like to see the bridge done to the original specs and if the top slab is not up to par, then we need to either core it or replace the top slab. The rest of the Commission and Vissia agreed. Prunty was asked what his thoughts were on how to handle this and he suggested removing and replacing the top slab. The Commission agreed with Prunty. The contractor has the option right now to core it if they want to at their cost, said Prunty.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve a payment application in the amount of \$144,045 to BX Civil & Construction Inc for BRO 8002(00)22-4 PCN 08WT for structure # 02-021-260 (Breukelman Bridge). Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve a payment application in the amount of \$13,540 for BRO 8002(00)22-5 PCN 08 WU for structure # 02-213-070 (Erickson Bridge). Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve contract change orders for BX Civil & Construction to install field entrances along with 18” culverts to allow access for the landowners to their fields by structure # 02-021-260 (Breukelman bridge) and structure # 02-213-070 (Erickson bridge). Motion carried all voting aye.

VanZee informed the Commission the Bridge Removal Program is no longer available and it may or it may not be available in the future.

Jamie Vanzee also noted the PE (preliminary engineering) grants are due in August. He stated there is one bridge that is listed with a score of 45.7 that would be eligible to have a PE done. This grant program is different than the Replacement grant, said VanZee. The PE grants can be done and taken care of before it even gets on the list to be replaced. Jamie will prepare the paperwork and bring it back to the next meeting for the Commission to consider.

A hearing was held for the package (off-sale) liquor license for CC&F. As per SDCL 35-4-11.1, no county off-sale license may be issued for a retailer located within three miles of the exterior boundary of an incorporated municipality. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to deny the package (off-sale) liquor license for CC&F (dba Coffee Cup) as per SDCL 35-4-11.1. Motion carried all voting aye.

Superintendent Vissia and Secretary Beckman reviewed their 2025 budget request with the Commission.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn went over some recommendations from CISA (cybersecurity & infrastructure security agenda) for additional security. One recommendation is for the county to sign up for the CISA Cyber Hygiene Services vulnerability scanning and web application scanning. The second recommendation is to sign up for the Dakota State University Project Boundary Fence assessment. This assessment is at no cost to the county and the last one Aurora County had done was in 2021. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to authorize Kehn to go ahead with the DSU Project Boundary Fence assessment and check out the cost, if any, for the Cyber Hygiene. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Commission reviewed the 2025 budget requests for the Emergency Manager and Weed departments with Skyler Kehn.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to remove Deputy Sheriff Malcolm LaFortune off his probationary status as he has completed his 6-month probation and increase his hourly rate by .50/hour. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Commission reviewed the 2025 budget requests for the sheriff's department, jail, and coroner with Sheriff Roman Briggs.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to enter into executive session as per SDCL 1-5-2(1) at 11:31 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 11:46 AM with no action taken.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark 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: June Payroll: Social Security 5,823.11, Medicare 1,361.89; Wellmark 28,943.10, Retirement 6,081.64; Kansas City Life 118.26; Commissioners 4,269.45; Auditor 7,987.81; Treasurer 6,792.90; States Attorney 6,153.50; Courthouse 3,047.92; Director of Equalization 4,609.32; Register of Deeds 4,692.70; Veteran's Service Officer 1,230.21; Sheriff 19,661.90; Welfare 0.00; Extension 2,376.40; Weed 1,376.97; Zoning 324.88; Hwy 36,951.98; EM&D 2,065.55; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.40. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,366.47; MMDA 2,353,697.04; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: marriage license/certs 45.00; birth/death 20.00; preservation fund 249.00; driver's license 222.00; copies 136.00; other 0.00; recording fees 2,105.00; transfer fees 1,758.50.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	717.51

		717.51 *
ELECTIONS		
BONNIE JOHNSON	RECOUNT OF VOTES	75.00
COLLEEN MILLER FOLAND	RECOUNT OF VOTES	75.00
RAMKOTA HOTEL	ELECTION SCHOOL	164.00

		314.00 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
THERESA MAULE ROSSOW	CAA	878.51

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S D A C C	3RD QTR CLERP ASSESSMENT	363.00

		2182.51 *
AUDITOR		
APRIL JOHNSON	CALCULATOR	90.39
RAMKOTA HOTEL	SPRING WORKSHOP	58.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	125.90

		274.29 *
TREASURER		
RAMKOTA HOTEL	SPRING WORKSHOP	77.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	188.70

		265.70 *
STATE'S ATTORNEY		
THOMSON * WEST	LAW BOOKS	742.89

		742.89 *
COURTHOUSE		
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	WET/DRY VACUUM	159.99
PLANKINTON CITY	COURTHOUSE - ELECTRIC & WATER	1403.52
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	62.90
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	125.80

		1752.21 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	125.80

		125.80 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
RAMKOTA HOTEL	SPRING WORKSHOP	58.00

		58.00 *
VA OFFICE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	62.90

		62.90 *
SHERIFF		
STAPLES	PAPER	118.47
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	503.20
V I S A	POSTAGE	10.20
V I S A	INTEREST & LATE PAYMENT	18.20
V I S A	FUEL	56.19
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	424.78

		1131.04 *
JAIL		
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	MAY JAIL HOUSING	945.00
MITCHELL CLINIC LTD	INMATE MEDICAL	40.00

		985.00 *
POOR		
V I S A	INDIGENT FUEL	6.01

		6.01 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	62.90

		62.90 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00
LINCOLN COUNTY AUDITOR	MI	69.00

		129.00 *
AG BUILDING		
PLANKINTON CITY	AG BLDG - ELECTRIC & WATER	189.31

		189.31 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
HODGES BADGE COMPANY INC	RIBBONS 4H ACHIEVEMENT	232.05

		232.05 *
WEED		
FLEETPRIDE	WEED TRUCK AIRLINE HOSE	79.24

		79.24 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION INC	BREUKLEMAN & ERICKSON BRIDGE	157585.00
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC - AUR CTR & STORLA	133.20
DIAMOND MOWERS	FLAIR MOWER	21385.00
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	PLEXI GLASS	342.40
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	HOSE CLAMPS	2.39
LYLE SIGNS	ROAD CLOSED SIGNS	558.10
NAPA CENTRAL	GLASS CLEANER	50.28
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - WL & STICK	63.86
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	FUEL PUMP - TAHOE	370.23
PLANKINTON CITY	PLANK SHOP - ELECTRIC & WATER	323.25
POSTMASTER	STAMPS	272.00
RUNNINGS	CREEPER WHEELS	8.67
RUNNINGS	DOUGS BOOTS	125.00
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	WING DOLLY & ROAD GROOM REPAIR	119.89

STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STICKNEY SHOP	94.00
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	6323.07
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	125.80
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	88.68
VESTIS	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	12.18

		187983.00 *
E 911 SERVICE		
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 7-31-24	200.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 7-31-24	357.44

		557.44 *
EM&D		
B & L COMMUNICATION	STICKNEY REPEATER	970.00
B & L COMMUNICATION	RADIO PROGRAMMING	180.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	109.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	62.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	95.81

		1417.96 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	330.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JUNE CONNECT CARE	188.70

		518.70 *

Total Checks: 199,787.46 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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