

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 18, 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.

Public Input: Commissioner Niles said the roads were looking pretty good.

The agenda was amended by removing the plat that was to be signed and adding a resolution to amend the 5-year road plan and Community/4-H building acoustics update. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the minutes of the special meeting on June 26th, the regular meeting on July 3rd and the special meeting on July 10th. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded Studeny to authorize the Auditor, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, and Highway Superintendent to attend the county convention in Rapid City on September 17th & 18th. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve a resolution amending the county's 5-year road plan. Roll Call Vote: Clark, aye; Studeny, aye; Hanten, aye; Niles, aye; Dethlefsen, aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 5-YEAR COUNTY PLAN AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, Aurora County wishes to amend their previously approved 5-Year County Plan for the Bridge Improvement Grant Program:

ADDITION/REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE NUMBER AND LOCATION:

Add Structure No. 02-029-270 Ries Bridge for 2025 Preliminary Engineering

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the Amended 5-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, previously adopted on 8-17-2023.

Vote of Commissioners: Yes 5 No 0

Dated at Plankinton, SD, this 18th day of July 2024.

ATTEST: Susan Urban
County Auditor

Clyde Dethlefsen
Chairman

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve a resolution authorizing submission of an application for the BIG program. Roll Call Vote: Clark, aye; Studeny, aye; Hanten, aye; Niles, aye; Dethlefsen, aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Aurora County wishes to submit an application for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant Program

STRUCTURE NUMBER AND LOCATION:

Structure No. 02-029-270

Location: 13.0 miles S and 1.1 miles W. of White Lake, SD over Platte Creek

and WHEREAS, Aurora County certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan;

and WHEREAS, Aurora County agrees to pay the 20% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and 100% of ineligible expenses;

and WHEREAS, Aurora County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant application and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant application.

Vote of Commissioners: Yes 5 No 0

Dated at Plankinton, SD this 18th day of July, 2024.

ATTEST: Susan Urban
County Auditor

Clyde Dethlefsen
Chairman

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve an approach permit for Eric Rhodes for access to a residential address on road 23 G in the SW ¼ NW ¼ 26-103-65 at the landowner's expense. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve an approach permit for Debra Assmus for field access on 56 O in the NW ¼ NE ¼ 2-101-64 at county's expense. Motion carried all voting aye.

Jamie VanZee from Brosz Engineering updated the Commission on the deficiencies of the Breukelman Bridge. He told the Commission the top slab of the bridge was poured on June 3rd and the 28-day strength test was completed on July 1st with a 3,955 PSI. At a prior meeting it was recommended to remove and replace it. On July 11th it was cored again for strength by contractors which showed a PSI of 3,855, which is now the new PSI for the bridge. Dean Heryl from BX Civil said they would like to have more core & strength tests done. It was asked if the cement was tested before it was poured and how it did not meet specs. VanZee and Heryl both said the cement is tested before it leaves the plant and it passed the specs, but for whatever reason, it does not meet the required PSI now. Commissioner Clark asked how many more core samples are going to be taken and wanted to make sure they were not taking more samples just to get a PSI average that would pass. VanZee told the Commission he would agree to more samples being taken if the slab is separated into lots and a sample of each lot is cored and tested for the strength. Clark said if there is a second core sample that falls below the recommended PSI, then the entire top slab should be replaced. It was noted that not necessarily the entire bridge would be below the recommended PSI and replacing all of it you may possibly be removing a portion that has a PSI of 5,000. By splitting into lots, you will get a better idea of what the PSI is. The Commission asked if the bridge would be weakened due to the number of core samples taken out of it. VanZee said the core holes are filled with grout which bonds to the cement and is actually stronger than the cement itself. Chairman Dethlefsen said the County just wants a good product and we do not want to have to look at replacing or fixing this bridge a few years down the road. We need it done correctly, said Dethlefsen. Heryl agreed with Clyde and told the County he wants to make sure it is done right as well. VanZee and Heryl told the Commission if the core samples show an average of 4,000 – 4,500 PSI it is considered passing with a pay deduct. After much discussion, a motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to mark the slab into lots and take a core sample of each lot and have it tested. Motion carried. It was noted that all the core testing is no cost to the county.

The Rake Bridge has been closed for several years and it was noted that S&G Farms would like to see it fixed so they can use the road. The Commission had discussed at one time about removing the entire bridge or replacing it with culverts, but the township does not want the responsibility of maintaining culverts. Clyde asked about a low water crossing and VanZee informed the Commission that the State does not favor them. It was the consensus of the Commission to leave it closed.

The Commission reviewed budgets with several department heads.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to authorize Director of Equalization Tina Gerlach to attend a Vanguard software meeting in Oacoma on August 7th & 8th. Motion carried all voting aye.

Commissioner Studeny said Mr. Larsen looked at the community/4-H building and will be submitting his recommendations for the acoustics. Extension Secretary Tina Kieffer told the Commission she has a portable sound system that they have been using for outside 4-H events. If the Commission would like something more permanent for inside, she has found a sound system with 4 wall speakers and microphones for approximately \$300.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize the extension office to purchase a computer through Twotrees Technology (Connecting Point). Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on spraying for mosquitoes for the 4-H Achievement Days coming up. Tina was directed to check with the City of Plankinton to see if they could spray.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn along with Joe Schroeder from the City of Mitchell and Daniel Ostrem from NRCS met with the Commission to discuss a potential Firesteel Creek watershed project. The City of Mitchell is looking for watershed enhancement with the use of NRCS programs. Before submitting a grant application, they are seeking taxing entities that are affected by the watershed to approve/support the project. It was noted Jerauld County has agreed to support it and have projects of their own that can be supported by this project too. If Aurora County has any projects they would like to see addressed, this can help as well. Chairman Dethlefsen said maybe this would be a good time to solve the water issues down by Crystal Lake and Pleasant Lake. There is nothing binding for any producer if the county supports this project. The first step of the project is to do a study of the entire watershed and the program will pay 100% of the study. The project will be funded in phases and the study will be the first phase. Right now, they are in the process of finding existing sponsors to help with the project. The Commission thanked them for taking the time to discuss this with them. No action was taken at this time.

Sheriff Roman Briggs discussed the letter from the City of White Lake regarding contract law for 2025. The letter stated the City had approved to accept the contract on the \$100 per capita with a 2% increase along with a written commitment from the county for a minimum of 10-15 hours per week of patrol in the City. Roman indicated the written commitment for the patrol hours will be added in the contract law agreement with the City of White Lake.

Custodian Dan Beckmann informed the Commission that some of the new windows in the courthouse have water pooling in them when we get heavy rains. He has tried contacting Viking Glass, but they will not return his calls. Dan suggested contacting Mueller Lumber since they subcontracted Viking Glass for the courthouse renovation. Maybe Mueller Lumber can get Viking Glass to come out and take a look at the windows, said Beckmann. The Commission agreed that Dan should contact Mueller Lumber.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session as 12:17 PM for personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Board out of executive session at 12:29 PM with no action taken.

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

Reports: Wheel Tax Paid: Cities \$1,122.09; Townships \$762.24.

CLAIMS:

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| COMMISSIONERS | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE | 48.26 |
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| | | 48.26 * |
| ELECTIONS | | |
| ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | AUDIO FOR THE PRIMARY | 584.50 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 584.50 * |
| JUDICIAL SYSTEM | | |
| CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIO | MAY INTERPRETING SERVICES | 72.60 |
| DAVA WERMERS | CAA | 501.75 |
| DAVA WERMERS | CAA | 507.06 |
| THERESA MAULE ROSSOW | CAA | 589.91 |
| AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH | B/A (2) | 274.00 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH | B/A (2) | 80.00 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 2025.32 * |
| AUDITOR | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 53.70 |
| MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL | LASER CHECKS | 289.90 |
| P M B 0112 | MAY ACCESS FEE | 69.25 |
| S D A C C | FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION | 200.00 |
| US POSTAL SERVICE | STAMPED ENVELOPES | 856.20 |
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| | | 1469.05 * |

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| TREASURER | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 73.03 |
| S D A C C | FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION | 200.00 |
| STAPLES | HEADPHONES & CANDY | 37.51 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 310.54 * |
| STATE'S ATTORNEY | | |
| MAIROSE AND STEELE | POSTAGE | 22.68 |
| MAIROSE AND STEELE | OVERHEAD CHARGES | 1800.00 |
| MAIROSE AND STEELE | LAW BOOKS | 770.69 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 2593.37 * |
| COURTHOUSE | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | INTERNET | 5.52 |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE | 43.35 |
| OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS | COURTHOUSE PEST CONTROL | 90.00 |
| PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY | HOOKS, SCREWS, TRIMMER LINE | 21.51 |
| VESTIS | SERVICES - MATS | 11.18 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 171.56 * |
| DIR. OF EQUALIZATION | | |
| WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR | INK FOR PRINTER | 176.00 |
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| | | 176.00 * |
| REGISTER OF DEEDS | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 61.16 |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 77.17 |
| S D A C C | FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION | 200.00 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 338.33 * |
| VA OFFICE | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 53.89 |
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| | | 53.89 * |
| SHERIFF | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE | 53.23 |
| PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY | BATTERIES FOR KEY FOB | 5.99 |
| ROADSIDE C - STORE | BREAKFAST MEAL OFFICERS - FLOO | 22.01 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 81.23 * |
| JAIL | | |
| BRULE COUNTY | JUNE JAIL HOUSING | 72.00 |
| LEWIS FAMILY DRUG LLC | INMATE MEDS | 442.62 |
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| | | 514.62 * |

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| PUBLIC WELFARE | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | INTERNET | 7.47 |
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| | | 7.47 * |
| AG BUILDING | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 104.80 |
| OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS | AG BUILDING PEST CONTROL | 70.00 |
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| | | 174.80 * |
| COUNTY EXTENSION | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 61.92 |
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| | | 61.92 * |
| WEED | | |
| CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC | LANDFILL ELECTRICITY | 64.00 |
| GOLDEN WEST | INTERNET | 7.47 |
| METTER IMPLEMENT | UTV MIRRORS | 244.30 |
| PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY | SLIP JOINT PLIERS | 9.99 |
| ROADSIDE C - STORE | FUEL FOR UTV | 46.92 |
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| | | 372.68 * |
| R&B CONSTRUCTION | | |
| BROSZ ENGINEERING INC | BRIDGE REPLACEMENT | 20785.00 |
| C & B OPERATIONS LLC | LOADER REPAIR | 370.09 |
| FASTENAL COMPANY | NUTS | 33.00 |
| FLEETPRIDE | TRAILER REPAIR | 80.77 |
| FLEETPRIDE | TAHOE STROBE LIGHT | 389.08 |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 123.82 |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 113.03 |
| GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS | VALVE STEMS | 17.50 |
| MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM | WATER BILL - STORLA | 32.00 |
| PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY | MOWER & TRACTOR REPAIRS | 11.47 |
| PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY | LATH, WARNING FLAGS & HOSE | 418.23 |
| S D A C C | FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION | 200.00 |
| TOTAL OIL | FUEL | 8808.04 |
| TRANSOURCE | LOADER LEASE | 3200.00 |
| TRUENORTH STEEL INC | CULVERTS | 12468.06 |
| VERN EIDE | PICKUP REPAIRS | 65.09 |
| VESTIS | SERVICES - RAGS & MATS | 12.18 |
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| | | 47127.36 * |
| E 911 SERVICE | | |
| SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS | E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 7-31-24 | 30.00 |
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| | | 30.00 * |
| EM&D | | |
| GOLDEN WEST | PHONE & INTERNET | 71.66 |
| PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY | MISC SCREWS | 5.22 |

76.88 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS
P M B 0112

MICROFILM STORAGE

67.00

67.00 *

Total Checks: 56,284.78 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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