

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 2, 2023

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: Commissioner Clark informed the Commission that he has received good feedback from the people in his area on how well Klayton Miller is doing on the snow removal. Commissioner Niles stated that he has received phone calls asking when some roads in his area are going to be plowed. Commissioner Studeny said that he received word commending the Aurora County Highway Department on their snow removal efforts. Studeny said the person who does deliveries in the country complemented the highway crew on a great job.

The agenda was amended by adding waiver of liability form. 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 Studeny to approve the minutes of the January 18th special meeting and the January 19th regular meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held the increase in the number of WIC hours and Julie Dykstra, Southeast Region Manager, suggested to increase the WIC percentage of time to 70% from the current 15%. Currently Ashley Howard's hours are paid by the following percentages: 60% nurse, 15% WIC, and 25% welfare. Due to the amended contract, Julie recommended changing the percentage of Ashley's salary to 70% WIC, 15% Nurse, and 15% welfare. Auditor Urban noted that if the county increases the percentage of WIC, the budget will need to be supplemented to cover the increased costs since it was only budgeted for 15% time. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to change the percentage of time for Ashley's salary to 70% WIC, 15% Nurse, and 15% Welfare since her WIC hours have increased due to the amendment of the WIC contract. Motion carried all voting aye.

Highway Superintendent Doug Vissa and Secretary Nancy Beckman were present for the highway report.

Highway Superintendent Vissia informed the Commission on a RAISE Grant that is available to counties. Doug stated that Highway 16 would be a good road to apply for with this grant. He stated the county could either fix it

with concrete or asphalt. Concrete would be less upkeep, stated Vissia. On February 8th there will be a webinar to get more information on it. The Commission authorized the highway department to apply for the grant. It was noted that if it is awarded to the county, the grant will pay 100% of the project.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the following resolution appointing Brosz Engineering to do our bridge inspections. Motion carried all voting aye.

BRIDGE REINSPECTION
PROGRAM RESOLUTION
FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Aurora County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering (consulting engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2023, at Plankinton, South Dakota.

Board of County Commissioners of Aurora County

s/s Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Susan Urban, County Auditor

Commissioner Niles told Doug there are some roads in his area that did not have the snow winged off the sides yet. It was also noted that one blade operator was driving down a paved road and never had the wing down. If they are deadheading to an area, they could at least have the wing down and wing some of that snow away from the road said Niles and Hanten. Highway Superintendent Vissia stated that he has told his guys that when coming back to town, rather than just deadheading, take a road back to town that needs to be plowed or winged back.

Commissioner Niles said his main complaint is the operators need to use their wings and get the snow winged back on some of these roads. Niles suggested to have the operators go to a training on how to run a blade properly. A motion was made by Niles, seconded by Hanten to have the highway guys attend a training on blading roads. Motion carried all voting aye. SDLTAP does these training, said Vissia and we have attended them. Commissioner Hanten

stated that as far as snow removal goes, Larry Falk would be a great resource on showing the guys how to remove snow as he does it very well.

A waiver of liability and assumption of risk for towing assistance by landowners was drawn up by the States Attorney and was reviewed by the Commission. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve the waiver and directed the highway department to have copies of the form in each blade. Motion carried all voting aye.

Doug stated that he had an old garage door that he is going to use to replace the door on the shed out at the landfill rather than purchasing a new one.

Commissioner Hanten brought up the use of cell phones while operating a blade. Chairman Dethlefsen stated that the issue has been addressed.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn reported that Homeland Security grants will no longer fund security cameras, so asked permission to apply for the security cameras and the panic buttons to be purchased through the UJS grant that is available. Skyler noted that it is a 75% match and the county's 25% would be around \$4,661 for the security cameras and the panic buttons for the courthouse. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize the Emergency Manager and Sheriff to proceed with the grant through UJS. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Weed Supervisor Kehn to attend the supervisors training on February 15th as well as the weed conference on February 15th- 16th in Huron. Motion carried all voting aye. A weed board member will also attend the weed conference as well.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize those who wish to attend the Southeast Central District meeting on February 9th in Sanborn County. Motion carried all voting aye.

A second reading was held on the amendments to the zoning ordinance. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to adopt the amendments to the zoning ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Clark, aye; Studeny, aye; Hanten, aye; Niles, aye; Dethlefsen, nay. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AURORA COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

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Dwelling, Occupied – Any building that is currently being used on a regular basis for human habitation. Regular use shall be for no less than 180 nights in a given calendar year. Said building shall meet the requirements defined within Dwelling Unit.

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Work – See Actual Construction

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SECTION 509 Conditional Uses

57. Towing, Motor Vehicle and storage;

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SECTION 517 Minimum Yard Requirements for Structures

3. There shall be two (2) side yards, each of which shall not be less than thirty (30) feet.

SECTION 519 Animal Feeding Operation Performance Standards

3. Animal Feeding Operation confinement and waste facilities shall comply with the following setbacks:

g. Public drinking water supply
1,000 feet

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5. Animal Feeding Operations and their waste facilities shall be located no closer than the following regulations prescribe from any incorporated municipality.

- a. Class A 2.5 miles
- b. Class B 2.25miles
- c. Class C 2 miles

6. Animal Feeding Operations and their waste facilities shall be located no closer than following regulations prescribe from any church, school, residential dwelling, platted townsite, or rural residential district:

- a. Class A 2 miles
- b. Class B 1.5 miles
- c. Class C 1 mile

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SECTION 703 Permitted Principal Uses and Structures

9. Locker;

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SECTION 1023 Prohibition of View Obstruction

The purpose of this Section is to keep the right-of-way free and clear of snow build-up and, further, to promote traffic safety along road rights-of-ways and at intersections.

1. There shall be no obstruction, such as buildings, structures, grain bins and shelter belts that may cause view obstruction, snow build-up or safety hazards within seventy-five (75) feet of the road right-of-way.
2. Hard surfacing and grading to include; concrete, asphalt, or similar surfacing and grading shall be exempt provided the final project is installed at the prevailing grade or less than two (2) feet thereof.
3. Structures, perennial, or similar vegetation planted on or immediately adjacent to a public road right-of-way shall be approved in writing by the Zoning Administrator prior to construction or planting. No such vegetation between the heights of thirty (30) inches and ten (10) feet shall encroach upon the right-of-way at the time of planting or future growth. The Zoning Administrator reserves the right to refer such requests to Township Supervisors, the County Highway Superintendent, or other officials.

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SECTION 1127 Inclement Weather Policy

The Aurora County Board of County Commissioners shall adopt an Inclement Weather Policy. Said policy shall address meeting cancellations or postponements and include public hearings. Notification procedures of interested parties, the public, staff and board members shall be clearly identified.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to go into executive session with Auditor Urban as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) at 10:38 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 11:35 AM with no official action taken.

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

Reports: January Payroll: Social Security 5,820.24, Medicare 1,361.17; Wellmark 27,906.45, Retirement 6,179.03, Kansas City Life 99.73; Commissioners 4,126.70; Auditor 7,337.88; Treasurer 6,007.22; States Attorney 4,748.84; Courthouse 2,109.00; Director of Equalization 5,975.51; Register of Deeds 4,464.55; Veteran’s Service Officer 531.81; Sheriff 17,690.29; Public Welfare 820.47; WIC 492.28; Nurse 1,969.12; Extension 1,502.06; Weed 1,031.78; Zoning 748.57; Hwy 41,050.95; EM&D 1,547.68; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.40. Auditor’s Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,697.49; MMDA 2,455,861.03; CD’s 942,140.00; Reg of Deeds Fees: Marriage Licenses/Certificates 15.00, Birth/Death Certificates 25.00, Preservation Fund 99.00, Driver’s License 282.00, Copies 89.00, Other 0.00, Recording Fees 825.00; Transfer Fees 170.00.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JANUARY PUBLISHING	1063.47

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ELECTIONS		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSMENT	2.16

		2.16 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
FIRST CIRCUIT CASA PROGRAM	2023 SUPPORT	2500.00
DAILEY LAW OFFICE	CAA	1042.70
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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A - (1)	40.00
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STEPHANIE MOEN & ASSOC	TRANSCRIPTS	63.70

		4729.10 *

AUDITOR		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSMET	5.46
P M B 0112	DECEMBER ACCESS FEES	42.50
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER INK	120.00
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER REPAIRS	200.00

		367.96 *

TREASURER		
ANDREA PRYOR	SHELF END	303.01
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSMET	148.65
QUILL CORPORATION	ENVELOPE MOISTENERS	6.80
QUILL CORPORATION	CHAIRS	298.92
STAPLES	SHELVING UNIT	415.99
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	2 MV COMPUTERS	2298.00

		3471.37 *

COURTHOUSE		
CHERYL DETHLEFSEN	INK, CLORX WIPES	82.94
KONECHNE HEATING AND COOLING	FILTERS FOR HEATING SYSTEM	258.48
RON'S MARKET INC	TOLIET PAPER	100.50

		441.92 *

VA OFFICE		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JANUARY PUBLISHING	60.38

		60.38 *

SHERIFF		
AURORA COUNTY TREASURER	2023 FORD TITLE, REG, MAILING	24.20
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSMET	4.32
CHERYL DETHLEFSEN	SPEAKER & BATTERY BACKUP	184.51
KYLE NESS	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	250.00
KYLE NESS	START UP CLOTHING	398.05
KYLE NESS	EQUIPMENT - HOLSTER	105.90
KYLE NESS	EQUIPMENT - NAVAGATING SYSTEM	87.24
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	2456.79
V I S A	POSTAGE	10.20
V I S A	PAPER CLIP, PEN, INK TONER	362.15
V I S A	OTTER BOX FOR CELL PHONE	69.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	424.27

		4376.81 *

JAIL		
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	DECEMBER JAIL HOUSING	475.00

		475.00 *

NURSES OFFICE		
LACEY WIECZOREK	SUPPLIES FOR DENTAL AT SCHOOL	50.06

		50.06 *
R.O.C.S.		
RURAL OFFICE OF COMM. SERVICE	SENIOR CITIZEN MEALS	3354.12
RURAL OFFICE OF COMM SERVICE	2023 ANNUAL SUPPORT	6500.00

		9854.12 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	SUPPORT - JAN, FEB & MAR 2023	762.50
LIFE QUEST	2023 SUPPORT	2500.00
YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF	MI	50.00

		3312.50 *
DRUG & ALCOHOL		
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	SUPPORT - JAN, FEB & MAR 2023	300.00

		300.00 *
SENIOR CITIZENS		
PLANKINTON SENIOR CITIZENS	2023 YEARLY SUPPORT	850.00

		850.00 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION	50.00

		50.00 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JANAURY PUBLISHING	77.63

		77.63 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	64.07
AURORA COUNTY TREASURER	MACH TRUCK LICENSE PLATE TRANS	5.00
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE REIMBURSMENT	5.85
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	MAILBOXES & LUMBER	128.48
KINYON ELECTRIC	WHITE LAKE SHOP LIGHTS	450.00
NAPA CENTRAL	WIPER BLADES	71.92
NAPA CENTRAL	FILTERS, FLOOR DRY, GLOVES, OI	711.96
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILL - WL & STK	104.04
RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	GRADER REPAIRS	2890.82
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	1508.68
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1181.96
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	WING & PLOW REPAIRS	413.47
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	IRON	27.10
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STICKNEY SHOP	90.50
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	88.59

		10942.44 *

E 911 SERVICE			
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 2-1 TO 2-28-23	357.44	

		357.44	*
EM&D			
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICES	MAINT OF GENERATOR - AG BLDG	737.99	
DISTRICT III	ADMIN FEES FOR HYDROLOGY STUDY	1000.00	
I M E G	HYDROLOGY STUDY - SKUNK CREEK	51522.50	
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	OIL CHANGE & ROTATE TIRES	89.20	
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	95.70	

		53445.39	*
DOMESTIC ABUSE			
SAFE PLACE OF EASTERN SD	2023 SUPPORT	2500.00	

		2500.00	*
	Total Checks:	96727.75	*

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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