

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 16, 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.

There was no public input.

The agenda was amended by adding Tri-State Emergency Management Association meeting and membership. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the February 2nd regular meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn made a request to become a member of the Tri-State Emergency Management Association which consists of Emergency Managers, Sioux Falls National Weather Service, and SD National Guard in the tri-state area. The annual dues are \$25 and they hold quarterly meetings/trainings. There is a meeting on March 1st in Sioux Falls that he would like to attend. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Emergency manager Kehn to become a member of the Tri-State Emergency Association and attend the meeting on March 1st. Motion carried all voting aye.

Highway Secretary Nancy Beckman was present for the Highway report.

Nancy reported on the RAISE grant that was talked about at the last regular meeting. She stated that the deadline for the application is February 28, 2023. After speaking with District III and the engineer, it was recommended to wait on submitting the application due to the fast-approaching deadline. Nancy stated that the proposed 22-mile project to fix Highway 16 is too much for the engineers to get their work all done before the deadline. It was noted that this grant program will more than likely be available next year and our chances of getting the project funded by this grant will be better if we take the time to get things right rather than rush into it.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to accept with regret the resignation from Cheryl Dethlefsen as Custodian effective March 3, 2023. The Commission thanked her for her service and her time with the county. Motion carried all voting aye. The Commission directed the Auditor to begin advertising for a custodian.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to enter into executive session with Cheryl Dethlefsen at 9:38 AM for personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Board out of executive session at 9:53 AM with no official action taken.

State Auditor Brandie Pitts from SD Legislative Audit held a closing conference with the Commission for the County's audit for fiscal years of 2020 and 2021. She noted that everything went well and there would be no written comments.

Sheriff Roman Briggs presented options for graphic designs for the new patrol vehicle (pickup). Roman requested the reflective graphic for safety reasons because it is more visible. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize the sheriff's department to purchase the reflective graphics and other necessary equipment for the sheriff's Ford F150 pickup. Motion carried all voting aye.

Sheriff Briggs informed the Commission that the County is being billed for two dogs that were housed at Pleasant Lake Vet Clinic. He told the Board that he did not feel we should be paying the bill just because the county was called to pick them up due to the owner or family members not being able to care for them. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to deny payment and have the vet clinic send the bill to the owner. Commissioner Hanten rescinded the motion due to the matter not being placed on the agenda beforehand, therefore no official action could be taken. The Auditor was directed to have it placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

States Attorney Rachel Mairose asked for authorization to sign a settlement agreement on a class action lawsuit against distributors of opioids. Mairose stated that companies who are named in the lawsuit are paying money back to the State. If the county signs the agreement, we would be allocated some funds. The funds we receive are to be used for opioid remediation, if not, they are to be sent back. Rachel stated that she is looking into the possibilities of having a speaker come to the county, such as Angela Kennecke, or do a marketing campaign on the dangers of opioids. She said she will also reach out to the local healthcare facilities and the County Health Board to see what their suggestions are on how to use the funds. Currently the county has received a total of \$1,358. A motion was

made by Clark, seconded by Niles to authorize States Attorney Mairose to sign the settlement agreement. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to enter into executive session at 10:36 AM as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel with States Attorney Mairose. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 11:09 AM with no official action taken.

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

Reports: Wheel Tax Paid: Cities \$1,367.09; Townships \$1,126.69.

CLAIMS

COMMISSIONERS

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	57.05
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE	0.74
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANAURY PUBLISHING	1341.44
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANUARY PUBLISHING	1341.44
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE	1.60

		2742.27 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

ALVINE LAW FIRM	CAA	1120.10
DEVY ALVIZURES	INTERPRETER FEES	50.00
GAVIN POCHOP	CAA	232.30
GAVIN POCHOP	CAA	989.80
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A - (1)	140.00

		2532.20 *

AUDITOR

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	55.29
QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	159.66
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE	49.93
STAPLES	BAGS & BINDERS	179.30
STAPLES	PAPER SHREDDER	325.22
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	103.60
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE	107.40

		980.40 *

TREASURER

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	65.89
HUGHES COUNTY SHERIFF	TAX DEED SERVICES	55.90

QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE	0.46
RON'S MARKET INC	OIL	6.85
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANAURY PUBLISHING	78.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANUARY PUBLISHING	78.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	152.40
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE	1.00

438.50 *

COURTHOUSE		
CHERYL DETHLEFSEN	VACCUM CLEARNER FILTERS	40.13
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	42.38
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	9.43
HENKE TRACTOR REPAIR	SNOWBLOWER FOR COURTHOUSE	1350.00
PLANKINTON CITY	COURTHOUSE ELECTRICITY	2932.25
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	SILICONE SPRAY FOR CH DOORS	8.99
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE	0.28
RON'S MARKET INC	TOLIET PAPER & BATTERIES	51.85
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	50.80
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE	0.60

4486.71 *

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
DISTRICT III	GIS ANNUAL CHARGE	1500.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	66.74
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	PAPER FOR DOE/ZONING OFFICE	193.97
S D A A O	2023 DUES	150.00
TINA GERLACH	USPAP COURSE - TINA & LIZ	418.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	101.60
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	INK FOR PRINTER	44.00

2474.31 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	59.19
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE	31.15
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE	67.00

157.34 *

VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	68.47
QUILL CORPORATION	INK CARTRIDGES	40.99
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE	0.19
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANAURY PUBLISHING	70.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANUARY PUBLISHING	70.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	50.80
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE	0.40

300.85 *

SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	108.37

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	51.57
MITCHELL DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ZUERCHER AGREEMENT	500.00
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE	1.02
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	COMPUTER SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	2714.80
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	355.60
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE	2.20

		3733.56 *
JAIL		
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	JANUARY 2023 JAIL HOUSING	1600.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	JAIL PRISONER TRANSPORT	38.69

		1638.69 *
FIRE PROTECTION		
WHITE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT	2023 YEARLY SUPPORT	20500.00

		20500.00 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	47.87
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE	0.19
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	50.80
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE	0.40

		99.26 *
NURSES OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	3.46

		3.46 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00
DARCY LOCKWOOD	MI	15.00
LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVIORAL	MI	184.00
LUCY LEWNO	MI	166.60
MARK KATTERHAGEN	MI	15.00
YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER	MI HEARINGS	135.00

		575.60 *
AG BUILDING		
CHERYL DETHLEFSEN	URINAL AIR FRESHNERS	26.94
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	27.36
PLANKINTON CITY	AG BUILDING ELECTRICITY	2942.33

		2996.63 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	59.28
STATE 4-H OFFICE	POULTRY BANDS & ENVELOPES	64.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	101.60

			224.88 *
WEED			
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY		62.00
DIVISION OF AG SERVICES	APPLICATION LICENSE RENEWAL		150.00
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET		5.12

			217.12 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS		64.07
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	BRIDGE RPLMT - BRE & ERICKSON		3377.50
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	GRADER & PLOW HITCH REPAIRS		450.97
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	FILTERS		582.70
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	GRADER REPAIR		529.26
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	FILTER		32.88
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRICITY - AUR CTR & STORLA		172.26
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		114.73
JAKE'S	PICKUP GAS		25.09
M & L REPAIR	GRADER REPAIRS		100.12
M & L REPAIR	GRADER REPAIRS & ANTIFREEZE		882.93
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA SHOP		31.00
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	WIPER BLADES & TIRE REPAIR		116.17
PLANKINTON CITY	HIGHWAY ELECTRICITY		582.67
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	MAILBOXES, DRILL BITS & SILICO		144.61
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE		8.00
RUNNINGS	FUEL TANK PUMP & CHAIN HOOKS		799.97
TRANSOURCE	LOADER COOLANT		56.16
TRUENORTH STEEL INC	CULVERTS		1040.40
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE		101.60
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE		17.20
WHITE LAKE WELDING	GRADER REPAIRS		135.53
WHITE LAKE WELDING	FUEL TANK PARTS		49.32

			9415.14 *
EM&D			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		76.17
QUILL CORPORATION	INK CARTRIDGES & HOLDERS		116.77
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR COPY MACHINE		1.02
SKYLER KEHN	STANDING DESK CONVERTER		322.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE		50.80
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	GENERAL MAINT ON COPY MACHINE		2.20

			568.96 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT FEES		310.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JANUARY CONNECT CARE		152.40

			462.40 *

Total Checks: 54,548.28 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost _____.