

# AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 4, 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 Travis Clark noted that he is very impressed with Klayton Miller who is the blade operator in the Stickney area. Clark said Klayton was out blading and he saw him stop and pick up big rocks that were left on the road. Travis said Klayton wanted to make sure someone would not damage their vehicle from hitting one of the rocks. Clark told the Commission Klayton takes pride in his job and let him know that he appreciates what he did.

The agenda was amended by adding date for temporary liquor hearing for Plank Inn and road complaint. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried all voting aye.

A correction was made to the April 20, 2023 minutes. The second meeting in May is changed to May 16th at 1:00 PM, not May 6<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve and sign the Election Service Agreement with Election Systems & Software, LLC. Motion carried all voting aye. The agreement covers services, ballot layout, coding & voice file services as well as ballot printing for elections through December 31, 2026. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn informed the Commission the County was approved for the courthouse security grant through UJS with a 75% match. The grant will help upgrade the camera system, install panic buttons and a key FOB for the back door.

The Commission discussed implementing a burn ban with Emergency Manager Kehn. It was noted that it is dry now and there is rain in the forecast for next week. If we do not receive any rain before the next meeting the county will need to seriously look at enacting a burn ban.

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

The Chairman asked about the delinquent FEMA paperwork and if it was getting done. Highway Secretary Beckman said that she and Emergency Manager Kehn have been working on the reports so it can be submitted by the deadline.

Chairman Dethlefsen asked if any weed spraying had been started. Superintendent Vissia reported the highway department started yesterday, but the water pump went out of the truck so it is in Mitchell right now getting fixed. It was noted the highway department takes care of county roads and the weed supervisor takes care of the township roads. Chairman Dethlefsen asked Doug if it was a little early in trying to spray. Vissia said maybe it is borderline, but it should start staying warm now.

It was reported the highway department received the new truck that was purchased through the truck rebate program. The truck cost approximately \$150,000 and we will be reimbursed 35% up to \$53,000, said Vissia.

Commissioner Clark said he noticed some branches that hang over the sidewalk in front of the courthouse. He asked Doug if one of the shop guys could help the custodian cut the branches so the birds do not make such a mess on the sidewalk. Doug said his department would help.

The Commission asked if all the blades were back to working out of the outlying shops. Highway Superintendent Vissia stated all but the Storla blade are working out of the outlying shops. The blade in Storla is going to be replaced with the new grader, so once that happens, the blade will be back up in Storla.

Commissioner Niles informed Doug he received a complaint on a blade operator in his area. He said the individual told him the roads were very rough. Niles told Doug he has not had a chance to go out to see what the problem is, but plans to look at it. Highway Superintendent Vissia and Commissioner Niles will get together and check it out. Commissioner Hanten told Vissia everything looks good in his area, but there are some complaints about bumps/ridges left on the road.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve an approach permit for Lance Johnson for a field entrance on road 37 G in the NW ¼ SE ¼ of 3-104-64 at the county's expense. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve an approach for David Beckman for an entrance to a residence on road 56 O in the SW ¼ SW ¼ of 35-102-64 at the county's expense. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Highway Superintendent Vissia and Highway Secretary Nancy Beckman to attend a workshop in Pierre on June 13, 2023. Motion carried all voting aye. Commissioner Niles stated this authorization should be granted only if the delinquent FEMA paperwork is submitted by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The rest of the Commission was in agreement.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve the 2023 County Striping Agreement with the SD Department of Transportation. Motion carried all voting aye.

Highway Superintendent Vissia informed the Commission he contacted Butler about the county wanting to keep the snow plow from the grader that will be traded in when we get the new maintainer. Butler told him there is no problem with the county keeping the plow. Vissia noted the original trade-in amount was \$69,000 for the old grader. That price may go down a little, said Vissia, because the quote was given 12 months ago. Butler will have to take a look at it again and may have to adjust the trade-in value a little since it was done almost a year ago and there are now more hours on the machine.

Commissioner Studeny informed the highway department on an email he received from the SD Department of Transportation on funding that allows counties and cities to prioritize local transportation needs. The email noted that over \$33 million in funding allocations will be provided to counties and class one cities throughout SD in 2023. Over 27.4 million will be provided in state funds directly to the counties and cities, the remaining balance of funds will be used for reimbursement on federal aid projects as determined by the local government. The Highway Superintendent and Highway Secretary will check out the criteria to see what it all entails. Chairman Dethlefsen stated we need to be checking out any grant money that is available to us. Vissia attended the NACE conference in Alabama from in April and told the Commission he learned there is a lot of stuff out there available for counties and will be going through the information he received.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to remove the 6-ton load limits, but leave the roads posted for 80,000 lbs. and 40 mph. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held purchasing the 2.1 mitigation credits for the bridge structure (Erickson Bridge) on 245<sup>th</sup> Street. Jamie Van Zee from Brosz Engineering noted that the credits do not have to be paid right now, but they have to be purchased before any work can be done. Members of the Commission stated that there really is no option but to purchase them if we want the bridge replaced.

Van Zee told the Commission the structure on 264 Street (Ries Bridge) along with the structure on 245<sup>th</sup> Street (Erickson Bridge) are both ready for bid letting. He said it can benefit the county to let both projects at the same time because it would cut down the set-up cost if they are already here for one project. It was suggested to have the bid letting soon so the numbers can be put into the 2024 budget. If for any reason, it does not seem feasible to do, the county has the right to reject the bids. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to have a bid letting for both projects at the same time. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Brosz Engineering to advertise for the letting of project BRO 8002(00)22-4 PCN 08WT (Ries Bridge). Motion carried all voting aye. A motion was made by Niles, seconded by Hanten to authorize Brosz Engineering advertise for the letting of project BRO 8002(00)22-5 PCN 08WU. Motion carried all voting aye. The bids will be opened at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Highway Superintendent Vissia handed out information on heavy equipment training. Commissioner Niles had suggested doing this at an earlier meeting.

A motion as made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve a special/temporary on-sale alcoholic beverage license for Plankinton Service Club for June 24, 2023 at the 4-H Community Building on Lot A of Outlot 6 in N ½ NE ¼ 23-103-64. Motion carried all voting aye.

Director Greg Henderson from District III reviewed the annual performance report with the Commissioners. He noted that District III will be celebrating 50 Years and there will be something held in Mitchell later this month to celebrate the anniversary. Greg informed the Commission that District III is a recipient for additional funding for rural development. He said they have three years to loan the money to qualified individuals with an interest rate of 3%. The uses for the funds are very flexible once you are qualified, said Henderson, the money can be used for equipment, cash flow, etc. Greg handed out information to pass on to individuals who may qualify.

Auditor Urban informed the Commission the Treasurer has not heard back from Randall Brumbaugh regarding the abatement on a structure that was removed. Mr. Brumbaugh met with the Commission on March 2, 2023 asking for an abatement and was told the by Board to let the Treasurer know when the structure was actually moved, so the county can proceed with the abatement. As of today, Mr. Brumbaugh has not called, stopped in, or mailed the information that was requested of him. Auditor Urban stated the Treasurer sent a letter to Brumbaugh on March 13<sup>th</sup> giving him until the end of April to get the information to her. It was suggested by the States Attorney to give him an exact date on when he needs to have things done. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to authorize the Treasurer to send a certified letter to Randall Brumbaugh letting him know he has until the end of the working day on May 25, 2023 to either bring in the date the structure was moved off the property or pay the delinquent taxes, including interest, that are owed. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to authorize Director of Equalization Tina Gerlach and her Deputy, Liz Maine, to attend an annual conference on June 13-16, 2023 in Sioux Falls and a Vanguard workshop on August 2, 2023 in Oacoma. Motion carried all voting aye.

A hearing date of June 1, 2023 has been set for a temporary alcoholic beverage license for the Plank Inn.

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

**Reports:** April Payroll: Social Security 5,776.24, Medicare 1,350.84; Wellmark 26,866.71, Retirement 6,057.99, Kansas City Life 92.37; Commissioners 4,126.75; Auditor 7,609.10; Treasurer 6,222.62; States Attorney 4,953.77; Courthouse 1,329.90; Director of Equalization 6,188.34; Register of Deeds 4,327.15; Veteran's Service Officer 930.05; Sheriff 18,553.56; Public Welfare 570.64; WIC 2,662.98; Nurse 570.64; Extension 1,746.20; Weed 1,256.21; Zoning 748.52; Hwy 36,939.30; EM&D 2,161.15; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.40. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 2,332.04; MMDA 3,944,225.83; CD's 942,140.00; Reg of Deeds Fees: Marriage Licenses/Certificates 85.00, Birth/Death Certificates 30.00, Preservation Fund 114.00, Driver's License 282.00, Copies 60.00, Other 0.00, Recording Fees 960.00; Transfer Fees 665.00.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS

S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	844.69
SUSAN URBAN	SPEAKER PHONE FOR COMMISSIONER	44.35
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		889.04 *
ELECTIONS		
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SERVICE CONTRACT ON MACHINES	1330.88
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JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
DAVA WERMERS	CAA	2575.50
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AUDITOR		
APRIL JOHNSON	ENVELOPES - 1 BOX	15.85
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	98.42
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		114.27 *
TREASURER		
ANDREA PRYOR	NEW OFFICIAL WKSHP MEALS	18.24
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	HASP LOCK SET	6.99
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	189.75
STAPLES	SHREDDER BAGS	36.02
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	147.51
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		398.51 *
COURTHOUSE		
MIDWEST ALARM	CAMERA/PANIC BUTTONS (UJS GRANT)	8827.22
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY FOR COURTHOUSE	2221.90
SUSAN URBAN	FLAGS FOR COURTHOUSE	91.82
T. K. ELECTRIC	WIRING FOR SECURITY PROJECT	1226.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	49.17
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		12416.11 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
S D A A O	ANNUAL ASSESSOR SCHOOL	750.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	98.34
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		848.34 *
VA OFFICE		
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	49.17
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		49.17 *
SHERIFF		
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	OIL CHANGE & HEADLIGHT LAMP RP	382.26
ROMAN BRIGGS	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	250.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	372.13

CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	393.36
V I S A	POSTAGE	4.85
V I S A	CAR WASH	13.00
V I S A	OFFICE SUPPLIES	139.55
V I S A	SCREWS FOR VEHICLE	5.88
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	423.05
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		1984.08 *
CORONER		
SANFORD HEALTH	AUTOPSY	2374.00
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PUBLIC WELFARE		
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	49.17
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		49.17 *
NURSES OFFICE		
LACEY WIECZOREK	SUPPLIES - BOOKS	22.37
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AG BUILDING		
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY FOR AG BUILDING	382.25
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COUNTY EXTENSION		
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	98.34
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		98.34 *
WEED		
HEARTLAND AG SYSTEMS	NEW EQUIP & PARTS FOR TRUCKS	6488.48
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC	CHEMICAL - ROAD SPRAYING	56025.50
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	276.00
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		62789.98 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	64.07
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING	186.00
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	BRIDGE RPMT ENGINEER	12180.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	GRADER LIGHTS	69.80
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRICITY - AUR CTR & STORLA	153.91
DOUG VISSIA	MEALS - NACE CONVENTION	46.00
DOUG VISSIA	TRUCK FUEL	175.08
FASTENAL COMPANY	BOLTS, NUTS & WASHERS	70.69
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	MAILBOX & LUMBER	64.24
INDEPENDENT VIKING GLASS INC	GRADER WINDOWS	900.00
LYLE SIGNS	SIGNS	6542.79
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL STORLA SHOP	31.00

NAPA CENTRAL	FILTERS, BRAKE & GLASS CLEANER	659.86
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILLS - WL & STK	81.99
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	VAN - TIRE PRESSURE SENSOR	148.05
PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES	SAFETY CLOTHING - DOUG & CLINT	117.46
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRCITY HIGHWAY	415.46
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	BOLTS, HOSE CLAMPS	11.78
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	CUTTING WHEEL, STORLA SUPPLIES	272.25
S D A C C	HIGHWAY WORKSHOP REGISTRATION	200.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - GUINDON	986.01
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	CYLINDER RENT	120.00
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STICKNEY SHOP	92.50
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	6073.28
TRANSOURCE	LOADER BLADES	1540.33
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE, 2024 MACK TRUCK	158768.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	98.34
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	88.55
VERN EIDE	SERVICE TRUCK REPAIRS	812.24
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E 911 SERVICE		
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 5-1 TO 5-31-23	200.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 5-1 TO 5-31-23	357.44
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		557.44 *
EM&D		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	454.50
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	49.17
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	95.32
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		598.99 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	APRIL CONNECT CARE	147.51
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Total Checks: 278,595.63 \*

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman  
Aurora County Commission

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Urban, Auditor

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