

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM 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 Studeny reported he received a nice compliment on the substitute blade operator in the White Lake area that took over for Clint Moore while he was on sick leave. The person commended the new operator and said he did a fantastic job filling in.

The agenda was amended by adding, executive session as per SDLC 1-25-2(1), purchase new computers, county van, and road-haul agreement. 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 Hanten to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 4, 2023. Motion carried all voting aye.

Veterans Service Officer Audrey Chapman completed her 6-month probationary period on April 27, 2023. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to remove Audrey from her probationary status and increase her hourly wage by .50/hr. effective as of April 27th. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Commission discussed repairs that are needed on some of the outbuildings at the 4-H grounds. The main concern is with the south building. The Commission suggested using grader blades and posts on the bottom portion of the building and anchor it in with cement. Commissioner Clark told the Board if we could get some volunteer labor, it would be an inexpensive fix and should hold up for a long time. Clark also noted the north wall in the barn was buckling and will need to be taken care of at some point. Commissioners Clark and Dethlefsen will be meeting with the 4-H Leaders on May 22nd to discuss the repairs to the outbuildings that are needed.

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

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Highway Superintendent Vissia to attend a SDACHS summer meeting at the Out-Post Lodge near Pierre on June 7th and 8th. Motion carried all voting aye.

Highway Superintendent Vissia informed the Commission he has been contacted about dumping contaminated soil at the old landfill site. The Plankinton Elevator is looking at putting up another grain bin west of the elevator and will need a place to go with the soil. Doug stated they are estimating about 2,000 ton of soil they will need to get rid of. Currently the county charges \$25/ton. Vissia was not sure if the county would have to create another site at the landfill for the soil or if the other sites are dissipated enough to add more to it. Currently there are 5 different piles of contaminated soil out there. The Commission directed Vissia to check the other piles to see if the soil has tested clean so we know if the county can add to the top of what is already there. It was suggested to check with SD Dept. of Ag & Natural Resources first before the county accepts anything to make sure we have the capabilities to handle it. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to allow the Plankinton Elevator to dump the contaminated soil out at the landfill contingent upon Dept. of Ag & Natural Resources approval and if we must create a new site, the county will reimburse Justin Krell for the portion of the rent on land that he will not be able to use due to the space the new pile will take up. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve a haul-road agreement with Commercial Asphalt for Project # P 0044(222) 332 on one mile of county road from the Bopenhagen gravel pit into Charles Mix County. Motion carried all voting aye. Doug stated this is a State DOT project, so they will assume the responsibility of putting the road back into the same shape it was before the project started.

States Attorney Rachel Mairose and Aurora County Treasurer Andrea Pryor informed the Commission of property in Plankinton and Stickney that were taken for tax deed. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to set the sale for these two properties and possibly a third one for July 6th at 8:00 AM. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve A Plat of Beckman Tract 1, A Subdivision of the SW ¼ of Section 35, T 102 N, R 64 W of the 5th P.M. Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

Auditor Urban informed the Commission she received an email from Connecting Point regarding the ConnectCare and the county firewall. Connecting Point services, the county in cybersecurity and computers. Urban stated that there are 4 computers that should be replaced due to their age and the firewall will need to be updated in 2024. It also noted the Sheriff's office asked for a quote for an outdoor wireless access point for their vehicle laptops

because the signal is not very good. The computers and wireless access point can be paid out of the 2023 budget and the firewall update will be done in 2024. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize the purchase of a G5 Essential Dock laptop for the Emergency Manager for \$535.00; a mini 400 GP Desktop for the Sheriff's office at a cost of \$1,513.75, and an outdoor access point at a cost of \$1,153.60. Motion carried all voting aye.

It was noted the county van has not been able to start on several occasions when employees have been driving it. These issues have been ongoing for some time and it has not been very reliable. Discussion was held trying to find something to replace it. Auditor Urban was directed to budget for a different county vehicle for 2024.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to enter into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 2:45 PM with Auditor Urban and Deputy Auditor Johnson. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 3:11 PM with no action taken.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to file reports and pay vouchers as listed below.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Reports: Wheel Tax Paid: Cities \$699.18; Townships \$478.94.

CLAIMS :

COMMISSIONERS

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	46.95
RON'S MARKET INC	BATTERIES	3.09

		50.04 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	B/A (2)	260.00
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A - (1)	40.00

		300.00 *

AUDITOR

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	53.96
P M B 0112	ACCESS FEES FOR MARCH	52.75
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER & HIGHLIGHTERS	134.93

		241.64 *

TREASURER

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	69.52

		69.52 *

COURTHOUSE

ETERNAL SECURITY PRODUCTS	BACK DOOR ACCESS CONTROL	4053.80
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	41.94
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	9.17
MIDWEST FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGS & INSPECTION	42.50

		4147.41 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	70.86

		70.86 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	64.39
QUILL CORPORATION	ERASER, TAPE & REGISTER TAPE	20.17

		84.56 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	60.69

		60.69 *
SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	115.87
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	52.27
ROMAN BRIGGS	MEALS FOR NARCOTICS CONFERENCE	43.27
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	3432.76

		3644.17 *
JAIL		
BRULE COUNTY	APRIL JAIL HOUSING	124.00

		124.00 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	53.27

		53.27 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00

		60.00 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	43.44
MIDWEST FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGS & INSPECTION	27.50
RON'S MARKET INC	GARBAGE BAGS	32.67

		103.61 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	59.06

		59.06 *
WEED		
C & R SUPPLY	WATER TRAILER LID	123.34
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY	62.00
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	5.12
MIDWEST FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGS & INSPECTION	69.50
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	WEED TRAILER PARTS	40.94
RON'S MARKET INC	COOKIES, WATER FOR WEED MTG	28.50

		329.40 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	64.07
GOLDEN WEST	TOLLS, FAXES & INTERNET	130.70
IVERSON	HEADLIGHT FOR PICKUP	780.00
M & L REPAIR	OIL, ANTIFREEZE, MOUNTING COMP	3005.55
MIDWEST FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGS & INSPECTION	715.50
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	TRUCK REPAIRS	52.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1646.52
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	4108.80
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER INK	144.00

		10647.14 *
E 911 SERVICE		
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 5-1 TO 5-31-23	53.42

		53.42 *
EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	70.15
QUILL CORPORATION	PENS	17.59
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	73.53
TRI-STATE EMERGENCY MGMT	2023 DUES	20.00

		181.27 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENT	310.00

		310.00 *
	Total Checks:	20,590.06 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost _____.