

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Clyde Dethlefsen, with Roger Hanten, John Paul Studeny, and Travis Clark present. Absent was Randy Niles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was not public input.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the minutes from the June 15th meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment No. 1 Agreement No. 717877 to approve a 15% increase in the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) award amount for project BRO 8002(00)22-5, PCN 08WU (Erickson Bridge). Motion carried all voting aye.

No paperwork has been received yet from Contractor BX Civil for the bridge projects through the BIG grant program, therefore no action was taken on this agenda item at this time.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve a right-of-way application from Santel Communications to bury fiber optic cable in Belford Township. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to hold a public meeting for the county highways 5-year road plan on Thursday, August 3rd at 1:00 PM. Motion carried all voting aye.

No action was taken on the agenda item for PE Grant resolutions due to the applications not being available on the state website yet.

It was noted the mower from the highway has been fixed and it is being used.

Commissioner Hanten told Highway Superintendent Vissia the gravel on the Lake Road looks really good, it just needs the windrow knocked down a bit.

It was noted there have not been any applications turned in yet for the opening in the highway department. Highway Superintendent Vissia stated blade operator Clint Moore will be working out of the Stickney shop now and operator Scott German will be handling the White Lake area. At one time the county used to run only four blades, said Commissioner Hanten, so it can be done if we need to.

The Commission asked Superintendent Vissia if the City of Plankinton has gotten back to him on what the cost share would be to chip seal the road out to the fairgrounds. Vissia said he was not heard back on what our share would be. It was mentioned that the City of Plankinton received a grant to put in new sewer lines. It was asked if there would be any tearing up of Campbell St, which is a county road, to install the new lines and if the City would be putting the road back into the condition it was before the sewer lines were laid. Commissioner Studeny said he is not sure the grant included the restoration of the road.

Highway Superintendent Vissia told the Commission he received a phone call about getting an overweight permit to haul a dragline on approximately 1,000 feet of our oil road north of White Lake as there is no other way to get to the property they need to go to. The Commission directed Doug to check with Rachel to see if she would be able to draw something up for just this one time.

Discussion was held establishing a fee for interpreting services. After much discussion, a motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to set a reimbursement fee at \$50 for the first hour and then \$25 each hour after. The reimbursement will only be for the actual hours spent on interpreting. Motion carried all voting aye. It was also noted to have States Attorney Mairose ask the judge to order the individual, who is requesting the services, to reimburse the county the cost of these services.

Extension Secretary Tina Kieffer asked the Commission to consider getting someone to help her out during achievement days since Aurora County currently has no Youth 4-H Advisor. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve getting extra help from the State 4-H Program Manager for achievement days on the 4th and 5th of August. Motion carried all voting aye.

Tina Kieffer also discussed some budget options for the Commission to consider when they work on the 2024 budgets in the coming weeks. Tina will contact State 4-H Program Manager Oakley Perry about the options she presented the Commission today and when the best time would be to advertise again for the Youth 4-H Advisor.

Commissioner Randy Niles is now present.

Commissioner Studeny updated the Commission on the MRC meeting that took place last week in Mitchell that he and Clyde attended. Studeny said they presented the MRC Board with some questions and concerns that were raised at the last regular commission meeting that needed to be addressed. Studeny informed the Commission that Ringneck & Western are responsible for the liability of the track repairs. The loan is scheduled to be paid off in 2026, stated Studeny. The current and past members of the MRC are still liable for the loan if Ringneck & Western should default. It was stated at the meeting that the Rail Authority needs to remain in place until the loan is at least paid off by Ringneck & Western. MRC's main purpose is to facilitate as a pass through for loans from a state entity to a private one, said Studeny. It was also noted the rail authority has a taxing authority through the counties, but it is rarely used or needed. There are enough funds to pay for any expenses for several years. At this point, there is no imminent need to drop out of the MRC at this time, said Studeny. Both Commissioners Dethlefsen and Studeny said it was a good informational meeting.

The Commission reviewed a list of items to surplus. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to surplus the following items as the county has no more use or need for them and set the auction sale date for August 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Motion carried all voting aye.

HP Laptop - Model i 7	Dispose of No Value
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HP Elite Book 8530p	Dispose of No Value
Dell Latitude - Computer	Dispose of No Value
Panasonic CF 30 - Computer	Dispose of No value
Panasonic CF 30 - Computer	Dispose of No Value
Panasonic CF 31 - Computer	Dispose of No Value
Panasonic CF 31 - Computer	Dispose of No Value
Panasonic CF 29 - Computer	Dispose of No value
Panasonic CF 29 - Computer	Dispose of No Value
Epson Printer/Copier	Works
Epson Laser Jet 4100 Printer	Works
HP Laser Jet Pro 400 Color Printer	Works
Cannon Scanner/Printer	Scanner Doesn't Work
HP Monitor, Keyboard, & Speakers	Works
Laser Jet Ink Cartridge 1300	Not Used
HP Ink (901) - Black & Color	Not Used

HP Laser Jet 1300 N	Works
HP Laser Toner Q2610A	Not Used
HP Laser Jet 2300 Printer	Works
Rapid Tag Printer (Zebra)	Works (Needs Programming)
1968 Ford F600 Truck	Operational
1983 Case 580D Backhoe	Operational
1984 Raygo Romper Asphalt Roller	Salvage
Pull Type Broom	Salvage
2003 Tiger Mower Decks/Hydrolic Pumps	
Used Aluminum Signs	Scrap
Balderson Wing	Salvage
Used Steel Beams	Scrap
Used Metal Culverts	Scrap
Concrete Piles	Scrap Per Ton
Used Concrete Culverts	Scrap
1982 GMC Truck	Salvage
2005 Freightliner CD120 Truck	Salvage
2004 Freightliner Columbia Truck	Disabled
Motor Home	Salvage
1997 Monroe Sander	Salavage
Used Bridge Deck	Scrap
Fuel Tanks (2) 300 gallons	
Fuel Tank 280 Gallons	
Fuel Tanks (2) 500 Gallons	
2005 Ford Crown Victoria	Runs
1992 Chevy 3500 Dually Pickup	Bad Transmission
1989 Chevy Piccup Cab	Scrap
Used Grader Blades	Scrap Per Ton
Used Steel Posts	Scrap
Portable Welder	
Lincoln 2015 Wire Feed Welder	No Leads

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve the auction sale for the two tax deed properties and quiet title action property. Motion carried all voting aye.

The following property was sold as follows:

Lot Twelve (12), Block Eight (8), Original Addition to the City of Plankinton, Aurora County, South Dakota was sold to Taylen Trisco in the amount of \$3,300.

A Portion of Block Twenty-One (21), Third Addition to the Town of Stickney, Aurora County, South Dakota, located in Section Thirty-One (31), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Sixty-Three (63) West was sold to Keith L Gerlach Sr. Irrevocable Real Estate Trust in the amount of \$5,500.

North 100 ft. of West 140 ft. of Block Twenty-One (21), Third Addition to the Town of Stickney was sold to Ronald W Jr. & Linda R Assmus Joint Revocable Living Trust in the amount of \$1,700.

The remainder of the meeting was spent working on the 2024 budgets.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles 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: June Payroll: Social Security 5,697.24, Medicare 1,332.46; Wellmark 26,918.10, Retirement 5,894.01, Kansas City Life 92.37; Commissioners 4,126.75; Auditor 7,569.67; Treasurer 6,391.46; States Attorney 4,851.83; Courthouse 2,734.20; Director of Equalization 6,188.34; Register of Deeds 4,664.92; Veteran’s Service Officer 715.20; Sheriff 15,049.15; Public Welfare 545.83; WIC 2,627.64; Nurse 545.83; Extension 1,905.84; Weed 1,261.37; Zoning 748.52; Hwy 37,225.09; EM&D 1,892.14; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.50. Auditor’s Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,346.10; MMDA 2,077,634.16; CD’s 942,140.00.

CLAIMS

COMMISSIONERS

S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	1079.36

		1079.36 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIO	INTERPRETING SERVICES	14.85

		14.85 *

AUDITOR

P M B 0112	MAY NETWORK SERVICES & ACCESS	52.75
QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	48.02
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR AUDITOR	149.94
STAPLES	ENVELOPE MOISTENER	14.99
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINT CART - APRIL PRINTER	135.00

		400.70 *

TREASURER

AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE FOR OFFICE	7.50

		7.50 *

COURTHOUSE

CHOC CONCRETE & PROPERTY MAINT	MAINT ON THE LAWN	159.75
MIDWEST ALARM	NEW CAMERAS & PANIC BUTTONS	11222.42
ULINE	UTILITY CART	184.91

		11567.08 *

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
HOLIDAY INN CITY CENTRE	LODGING FOR CONF IN SF	225.00
S D A A O	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	235.00
TINA GERLACH	BINDERS	36.48
TINA GERLACH	MILEAGE TO CONFERENCE	91.80
TINA GERLACH	MEALS AT CONFERENCE	77.47

		665.75 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE FOR OFFICE	63.00

		63.00 *
VA OFFICE		
S D V S O A	2023 DUES	50.00
S D V S O A	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	50.00
STAPLES	INK CARTRIDGES FOR PRINTER	51.78

		151.78 *
SHERIFF		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE FOR OFFICE	4.50
B & L COMMUNICATION	PICKUP EQUIPMENT & INSTALL	2926.53
QUILL CORPORATION	PAPER FOR SHERIFF OFFICE	75.96
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	2005.59
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	423.05

		5435.63 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00

		60.00 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE YEAR	50.00

		50.00 *
WEED		
C & R SUPPLY	NEW PUMP FOR SPRAY TRUCK	24622.94
HEARTLAND AG SYSTEMS	WEED SPRAYER PARTS	298.04
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NAPA CENTRAL	DOOR HANDLE FOR SPRAY TRUCK	17.70
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	4 WHEELER BATTERY	146.91
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	SPRAY EQUIPMENT	36.55
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	WATER TRAILER REPAIRS	40.94
ROADSIDE C - STORE	WEED TRUCK GAS	79.07
RUNNINGS	SPRAYER PARTS	69.99
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	20.55
WHEELCO BRAKE AND SUPPLY INC	WEED TRUCK REPAIR - GAS PEDAL	93.41

		25430.24 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	186.88

		186.88 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	143.12
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	GREASE	495.95
DOUG VISSIA	MILEAGE TO SUMMER MEETING	149.94
GEOTEK ENGINEERING & TESTING S	TEST CONTAMINATED SOIL	715.30
KIMBALL MIDWEST	CONNECTORS & O-RINGS	29.38
NAPA CENTRAL	PICKUP REPAIRS	444.77
NAPA CENTRAL	OIL, TOWELS & COOLING SYS TEST	206.66
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILLS - STK & WL	63.83
OVERWEG REPAIR	TRUCK REPAIRS	8672.54
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	MOWER REPAIRS	3.96
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	BATTERIES, COUPLER, CLAMP JB W	208.37
QUILL CORPORATION	1 BOX OF PAPER	33.43
RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	GRADER REPAIRS	704.05
RUNNINGS	FUEL NOZZLE, CREEPER WHEELS	45.66
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	244.38
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE YEAR	50.00
S D P A A	Ins Coverage on 2024 Mack Truc	1526.40
S D P A A	Ins Coverage on 2023 CAT Grade	290.36
SCOTT SUPPLY	MOWER REPAIRS	1229.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE INSPECTIONS	514.50
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	4010.83
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1300.52
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STICKNEY SHOP	92.50
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	4055.68
TRANSOURCE	BOLTS, NUTS FOR LOADER BLADE	126.70
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	89.89
VERN EIDE	EXTRA KEY FOR FORD FLEX	325.00
WHEELCO BRAKE AND SUPPLY INC	TRAILER REPAIRS	63.45

		29036.17 *
E 911 SERVICE		
MITCHELL REGIONAL 911	E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 9-30-23	9250.52
MITCHELL REGIONAL 911	TRAFFIC STOPS 7-1 TO 9-30-23	2137.58

		11388.10 *
EM&D		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	109.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	95.32

		204.57 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	275.00

275.00 *

Total Checks: 86,016.61 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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