

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 5, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was amended by adding Davison County Jail Contract. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 21st and the special meeting on September 27th. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to approve an approach permit for Joe Johnson for a driveway on 47G in the NE ¼ SE ¼ 26-105-63 at his expense. Motion carried all voting aye.

Don Hammond and Jamie VanZee from Brosz Engineering presented the Commission with the findings on the routine bridge inspections for 2023.

Julie Dykstra, SE Region Public Health Manager, met with the Commission to discuss the clerical opening for the community health nurse as well as the welfare position. Commissioner Clark informed Julie that the county is looking at offering the welfare director to someone already employed by the county. He asked how many hours a week will the nurse clerical be needed. Dykstra said the State provides the health services and the county provides the clerical and office space. It was estimated the clerical would be needed for approximately 3 days a week. Clark asked what would happen if we do not get any applications for 3 days a week. In the past, the welfare director position was combined with the clerical in the nurse's office, said Dykstra, it is a good fit. If an individual came in to seek benefits within our office, then hopefully it keeps them from being in here later for indigent costs on the welfare side of things, said Dykstra. If you choose to keep the position combined with welfare, said Dykstra, I would recommend 3 days of community health and 1 day for welfare. Clark suggested having scheduled days for when a nurse will be in the office. Obviously, things will come up and the schedule will change, said Clark, but if we can have set dates, that

would be great. Dykstra told the Commission once the State determines what the needs of each area will be, we should be able to have set dates so the public knows when a nurse is in the office. It was noted that the State will be handling the WIC side of things for the clerical. Commissioner Studeny asked how that was going to work. Dykstra stated the WIC clients in this area will be assigned to one individual from the State who will bring their own clerical/support staff with them. It was noted County Health Nurse Lacey Wieczorek will still be available for immunizations, etc. along with her duties as the School Health Coordinator. The Commission thanked Julie for coming in and answering their questions.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to authorize Tina Gerlach to attend a workshop in Brookings on November 9th. Motion carried all voting aye.

States Attorney Secretary Brandi Shroyer met with the Commission to discuss the possibility of taking on the Welfare Director position

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn informed the Commission the State of SD is allowing the county to access the 511 app to post local road closures and advisories due to weather conditions. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to authorize Emergency Manager Kehn to initiate the 511-closure system for Aurora County. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Kehn reported the mitigation project for Skunk Creek is coming along. District III and IMEG are working with him to get the application submitted.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the Acknowledgment and Certification Required by Executive Order 2023-13 as per request from the State of SD. Niles, Hanten, and Clark voted aye. Studeny voted nay. Motion carried.

Information was given to the Commission on Human Resource support for small counties. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to decline utilizing this.

The Association of County Commissioners requested the counties in South Dakota to support the NACo initiative to establish the National Center for Public Land Counties. The one-time investment of \$1,000 will help safeguard our interests, promoting responsible land management, and fostering collaboration among counties

nationwide. The one-time payment represents only 1% of the total LACTF money that Aurora County received. It was the consensus of the Commission to use the LACTF funds to pay the one-time fee of \$1,000.

The Commission reviewed expense budgets from some of the departments. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to authorize the Auditor to prepare a supplemental budget for those departmental budgets that need to be supplemented. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the Davison County Jail Contract at \$105 per prisoner day. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to offer Brandi Shroyer the Welfare Director position. Her hourly rate for both the States Attorney secretarial position and Welfare Director will be \$17.84 through 2024. Motion carried all voting aye.

The Commission authorized the Auditor to advertise for a clerical position for the Community Health Nurse for 24 hours per week with no benefits. Salary will be negotiable.

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

Reports: September Payroll: Social Security 5,501.10, Medicare 1,286.56; Wellmark 24,680.55, Retirement 5,651.74, Kansas City Life 88.69; Commissioners 4,126.75; Auditor 7,645.75; Treasurer 6,372.61; States Attorney 5,050.37; Courthouse 3,015.24; Director of Equalization 6,188.34; Register of Deeds 4,750.81; Veteran’s Service Officer 1,168.73; Sheriff 15,307.49; Public Welfare 514.01; WIC 2,412.83; Nurse 514.01; Extension 1,995.77; Weed 1,266.77; Zoning 748.52; Hwy 32,686.36; EM&D 1,900.24; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.40. Auditor’s Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 959.05; MMDA 1,607,619.41; CD’s 942,140.00.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
S D A C C	NATIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC LAN	1000.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	631.40

		1631.40 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
MAYA BRIDGE LLC	INTERPRETING SERVICES	240.00

		240.00 *
AUDITOR		
BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA HOTE	LODGING AT CONVENTION	50.50
P M B 0112	AUGUST NETWORK SERVICES	52.75
STAPLES	PAPER & RIBBON	114.16
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	98.42

		315.83 *
TREASURER		
BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA HOTE	LODGING AT CONVENTION	95.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	147.51

		242.51 *
COURTHOUSE		
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	1401.03
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	49.17

		1450.20 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	PAPER	109.98
TINA GERLACH	MEALS AT SCHOOL	63.67
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	98.34
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SUPPORT CONTRACT 2023 TO 2024	3825.00

		4096.99 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA HOTE	LODGING AT CONVENTION	50.50

		50.50 *
VA OFFICE		
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	49.17

		49.17 *
SHERIFF		
SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	TELETYPE RENTAL 7-1 TO 12-31	2340.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	393.36
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	CHECK OUTSIDE ACCESS POINT	95.60
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	423.70

		3252.66 *
CORONER		
DIANA SPINAR	CORONER TRAINING	25.00

		25.00 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		

CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	49.17

		49.17 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	SUPPORT - OCT, NOV & DEC	762.50
LINCOLN COUNTY AUDITOR	MI	214.00

		976.50 *
DRUG & ALCOHOL		
DAKOTA COUNSELING INSTITUTE	SUPPORT - OCT, NOV & DEC	300.00

		300.00 *
AG BUILDING		
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	222.45

		222.45 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	98.34

		98.34 *
WEED		
JAKE'S	TIE DOWNS	4.89
KIEFFER REPAIR & SALES	WEED TRAILER TIRES	708.00
M & L REPAIR	SPRAY TRUCK GAS	45.47

		758.36 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	84.00

		84.00 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - MATS & RAGS	71.56
BEST WESTERN PLUS RAMKOTA HOTE	LODGING AT CONVENTION	95.00
SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGENCY	SNOW PLOW BLADE	200.00
GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS	VALVE STEMS	40.00
LYLE SIGNS	SIGNS	224.22
M & L REPAIR	EXCAVATOR HOSE REPAIR	34.64
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER - STORLA SHOP	31.00
NAPA CENTRAL	OIL & FILTERS	93.30
NORTH CENTRAL RENTAL & LEASING	JACK HAMMER RENT - GJESDAL	1160.00
NORTHERN SAFETY CO INC	GLOVES	54.37
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - WL & STK	70.42
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	TIRES - GOOSENECK TRAILER	995.36
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	426.83
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	HITCH PIN, TIE DOWNS, BULBS	327.13
RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	GRADER REPAIRS	1505.50
RUNNINGS	SPRAY TRUCK REPAIRS	8.38

RUNNINGS	JESSE'S STEEL TOED BOOTS	174.95
SCOTT SUPPLY	MOWER REPAIRS	2794.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE INSPECTIONS	2879.00
STICKNEY WATER	WATER - STICKNEY SHOP	92.50
TOTAL OIL	DEF & FUEL	6986.66
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
TRUENORTH STEEL INC	CULVERT EXTENSIONS - GJESDAL	9362.88
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	98.34
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	88.65

		31014.69 *

EM&D		
STAPLES	DUSTER CANS	22.69
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	HOTEL FOR EM CONFERENCE	240.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	49.17
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	95.47

		407.33 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT FEES	275.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	SEPTEMBER CONNECT CARE	147.51

		422.51 *

Total Checks: 45,687.61 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Travis Clark, Vice Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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