

# AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**February 15, 2024**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public input.

The agenda was amended by adding representatives for contract law group. 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 February 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn presented the Commission with a quote from Kinyon Electric to install outlets in his office. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize the Emergency Manager to have Kinyon Electric run the wiring for the electrical outlets at a cost of \$625. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Kehn provided the estimated costs for the projects he submitted for Homeland Security Grants. The three projects are - email servers/county domain for \$4,218, this amount includes the yearly fee of \$1,296.00; nine digital radios for the local fire departments (3 radios per department) for \$41,703.93; and emergency response trailer for \$9,951.60 with an additional cost of \$1,355.00 for wiring and \$440.00 for decals. Kehn told the Commission he should know how much funding the county will get at their Homeland Security Grant meeting coming up in March.

A motion was made by Studeny, second by Hanten to approve the following resolution for bridge reinspection's. Motion carried all voting aye.

## BRIDGE REINSPECTION PROGRAM RESOLUTION FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Aurora County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 at Plankinton, South Dakota.

Board of County Commissioners of Aurora County.

s/s Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: Susan Urban, County Auditor

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve and sign a contract extension agreement with Richard Markhardt for a one-year extension to grant the county the right to remove the gravel stockpile from the property until March 1, 2025. Motion carried all voting aye. If not removed by that date, all material reverts back to Markhardt.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve an approach permit for Travis Clark for a feed lot entrance on road 47G in the SE ¼ NE ¼ 10-101-63 at the expense of the landowner. Motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve the approach permit at the landowner's expense. Motion carried with Hanten, Studeny, and Dethlefsen all voting aye. Clark abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark to approve an overweight permit for Central Electric to be used in emergency situations only. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve abatement #1033 for Lot 16, Block 2 Original Addition, City of Plankinton in the amount of \$93.28. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve abatement #1034 for Lot 17, Block 2 Original Addition, City of Plankinton in the amount of \$334.26. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve abatement #1035 for Lot 18, Block 2 Original Addition, City of Plankinton in the amount of 326.08. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve abatement #1036 for Lots 4 and 5, Lots 6 through 8, Block 11 East Addition, City of Plankinton in the amount of 232.62. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve abatement of #1037 for Lot 11, Block 14, Fourth Addition to the Town of Stickney in the amount of 810.20. Motion carried all voting aye.

Lyle Bruinsma requested permission from the County to put a sign up at the intersection of US Highway 281 and 265<sup>th</sup> Street. Bruinsma contacted the State of SD and was told it needed to be at least 650 ft off of Hwy 281 and that he needed to get permission from the County. The 4x8 ft sign will be along the fence line in the county right of way. Commissioner Dethlefsen said when he stepped it off, it was about 80-90 ft from the center of the county road and Highway Superintendent Vissa was ok with putting the sign there. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to authorize the sign to be installed along the fence line at the intersection of US Hwy 281 and 265<sup>th</sup> St. Motion carried all voting aye. Clark suggested making a one-call beforehand to make sure there are no underground lines.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark to approve an operating transfer of \$3,295 from the General Fund into the Domestic Abuse Fund and \$9,000 from the General Fund into the E-911 Fund. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve a Plat of Lot 10 of DeHaai's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, in the SW ½ of Section 23, T 101 N, R 65 W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

Program manager Oakley Perry from SDSU met with the Commission to discuss options for the 4-H Youth Advisor opening in the County. Oakley said the position has been open for almost a year and there was one applicant that was interviewed, but was not the right fit for Aurora County. Mr. Perry told the Commission the County has a few options to consider. One option is to leave it open until we find a good candidate for the part time Youth Advisor. He suggested to readvertise again if we decided to go with this option. The second option is to advertise for a full time Youth Advisor, but it is extremely cost prohibitive. The County would cover the salary at \$42,000 and the state would pay for the benefits. If we choose to go with a Youth Advisor, the County will need to have clerical support as well. The third option is to hire a Program Assistant, which is a new position and Aurora County would be the first County to do this. This position would not require a bachelor's degree, so they would not be allowed to do school-based programs in the schools. The cost share for the county is unknown as of right now, said Perry, SDSU has not worked

through the numbers yet since it is new and never been done before. He noted the estimated cost to the county would be lower than what the Youth Advisor position would be. With a full time position the State will be picking up the benefit costs and if the county went with a part-time position, the State pays no benefits as it is only 18.8 hours per week. After reviewing the options presented, the Commission thought the full time Program Assistant would be the best option for Aurora County. Mr. Perry was directed to check into what the cost would be for a Program Assistant and send us all the options and costs.

The Commission reviewed the formulas provided by the City of White Lake and Plankinton City for contract law amounts. Commissioner Studeny felt the current formula is fine and said tweaking it will not benefit one side or the other. The Commission will see what discussions and suggestions come out of the future meetings with the cities. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to appoint Commissioners Studeny and Dethlefsen to act as the county liaison for the contract law meetings with the cities. Motion carried all voting aye.

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 \$1,197.76; Townships \$820.47.

CLAIMS :

COMMISSIONERS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	47.54
S D P A A	2024 LIABILITY & PROPERTY INS	63995.88
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANUARY PUBLISHING	1121.71
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANAURY PUBLISHING	1121.71
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		66286.84 *
ELECTIONS		
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANUARY PUBLISHING	177.36
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANAURY PUBLISHING	177.36
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		354.72 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
GRAND JURY	APPEARANCE & JUROR FEES	732.58
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	B/A (3)	411.00
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		1143.58 *
AUDITOR		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	58.96

QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	695.88
STAPLES	PAPER FOR AUDITOR OFFICE	143.96
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	98.42
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	98.42
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER CARTRIDGE - SUSAN	120.00
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		1215.64 *

TREASURER		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	66.40
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	763.04
STAPLES	ADDRESS LABLES	45.39
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	147.51
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	147.51
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		1169.85 *

STATE'S ATTORNEY		
MAIROSE AND STEELE	POSTAGE	27.70
MAIROSE AND STEELE	FLASH DRIVES	4.70
MAIROSE AND STEELE	JAN & FEB OVERHEAD CHRGES	1200.00
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		1232.40 *

COURTHOUSE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	42.62
PLANKINTON CITY	COURTHOUSE ELECTRICITY	3301.93
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES FOR EM & D REMODEL	5.49
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FUEL FOR SNOWBLOWER	29.59
TK ELEVATOR CORP	ANNUAL MAINT CONTRACT GOLD	2328.45
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	49.17
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	49.17
UNITED LABORATORIES	DISINFECTANT CLEANER	340.95
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		6147.37 *

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	69.55
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	98.34
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	98.34
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		266.23 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	58.28
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VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	52.28
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANUARY PUBLISHING	84.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANAURY PUBLISHING	84.00
TYLER	VETRA SPEC FOR VSO	449.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	49.17

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	49.17
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		767.62 *
SHERIFF		
DAVISON COUNTY AUDITOR	ZUERCHER ACCESS FEE	500.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	102.41
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	52.35
KYLE NESS	MAGAZINE POUCH	15.62
PRO-VISION SOLUTIONS LLC	CAMERA MOUNT	89.73
S D P A A	2024 LIABILITY & PROPERTY INS	6541.46
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1750.70
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1713.44
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	393.36
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	393.36
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	425.34
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		11977.77 *
JAIL		
BRULE COUNTY	DECEMBER JAIL HOUSING	144.00
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		144.00 *
FIRE PROTECTION		
PLANKINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	2024 SUPPORT	20500.00
WHITE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT	2024 SUPPORT	20500.00
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		41000.00 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	5.12
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	49.17
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	49.17
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		103.46 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00
LIFE QUEST	2024 SUPPORT	2500.00
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		2560.00 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	44.12
PLANKINTON CITY	AG BUILDING ELECTRICITY	1154.09
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		1198.21 *
SENIOR CITIZENS		
PLANKINTON SENIOR CITIZENS	2024 SUPPORT	850.00
STICKNEY SENIOR CITIZENS	2024 SUPPORT	850.00
WHITE LAKE SENIOR CITIZENS	2024 SUPPORT	850.00
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		2550.00 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	58.27
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	98.34
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	98.34
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		254.95 *
WEED		
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY	64.00
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	5.12
S D P A A	2024 LIABILITY & PROPERTY INS	703.86
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		772.98 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANUARY PUBLISHING	45.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANAURY PUBLISHING	45.00
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		90.00 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AUCA CHICAGO MC LOCKBOX	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	45.72
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	GRADER REPAIRS	1618.54
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC BILL - AUR CTR & STOR	187.65
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	138.82
GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS	GRADER & TRACTOR TIRES	7040.00
KONECHNE HEATING AND COOLING	STICKNEY SHOP HEATER REPAIR	525.00
LARRY'S I-90 SERVICE	PICKUP PLOW REPAIRS	431.78
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA SHOP	31.00
NAPA CENTRAL	GRADER & PICKIP REPAIRS	297.60
NAPA CENTRAL	CLEANER, TOWELS, GLOVES	491.18
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILL - STICKNEY SHOP	175.30
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	GRADER HOSE & TRUCK BATTERIES	573.52
PLANKINTON CITY	HIGHWAY ELECTRICITY	613.63
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	REPAIRS	99.33
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	STAPLES, NOZZLE, GLUE, BITS	60.34
RDO EQUIPMENT COMPANY	GRADER REPAIRS	5303.54
RUNNINGS	KEROSENE HEATER	459.99
RUNNINGS	CLINT'S STEEL TOES BOOTS	125.00
S D P A A	2024 LIABILITY & PROPERTY INS	10436.29
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	554.14
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1128.02
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	TRUCK PLOW & ROAD GROOM REPAIR	455.45
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	5489.76
TRANSOURCE	LOADER BLADE	960.69
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	98.34
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	98.34
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	88.69
WHEELCO BRAKE AND SUPPLY INC	SERVICE TRUCK REPAIR	48.20
WHITE LAKE WELDING	IRON FOR V-PLOW & BLADE	474.39
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		38050.25 *

E 911 SERVICE		
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 2-1 TO 2-29-24	200.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 2-1 TO 2-29-24	357.44
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 2-1 TO 2-29-24	30.00
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		587.44 *

EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	57.09
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	OIL CHANGE & WHEEL BEARING RPL	670.73
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES FOR EM & D REMODEL	43.88
S D P A A	2024 LIABILITY & PROPERTY INS	334.59
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	35.88
SKYLER KEHN	SUPPLIES TO PUT WIRE IN WALL	28.78
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	49.17
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	49.17
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	95.99
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		1365.28 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	COUNTY LIEN RECORD	119.90
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	330.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	JANUARY CONNECT CARE	147.51
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER CONNECT CARE	147.51
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		744.92 *

Total Checks: 180,041.79 \*

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman  
Aurora County Commission

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

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