

# AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**June 20, 2024**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: Commissioner Niles said he would like to see the gravel be pushed more to the middle of the roads to fill in the holes. All the gravel laying on the side is taken from the middle, said Niles. Chairman Dethlefsen said loaded trucks are still speeding on oil roads.

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

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 6, 2024. Motion carried all voting aye.

Highway Superintendent Vissia and Secretary Nancy Beckman were not available for the highway report. Chairman Dethlefsen said he was notified by Vissia that the new mower would be here by the end of the month.

The first regular meeting in July will be on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM since our regular meeting date lands on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

A hearing date is set for July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 AM for a package off sale liquor license for CC&F.

Auditor Urban informed the Commission there were cooling problems in the sheriff's office and a Trane technician came out to check things but did not really find any issues. He was called again a few days later and came out to take another look and found the issue. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Trane to make repairs to the HVAC system and replace the bad LEV at a cost of \$4,882.00. Motion carried all voting aye.

Auditor Urban presented the results of the Post Election Audit for the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. The US Presidential race and the SD Senate Legislative District 21 race in Precincts 1 and 7 were audited by a three-person board. After manually counting the races, the results of both races matched the election night tabulator count with 100% accuracy.

Dakota Air Spray requested permission to operate, take off, or land an aircraft on any county road in Aurora County for the purpose of servicing said aircraft in preparation for aerial application of chemical or fertilizer materials. Dakota Air Spray provided a copy of proof of liability insurance to have on file in the Auditor's office. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve permission to operate, take off, or land an aircraft on county roads providing Dakota Air Spray has a flag person on both ends of the road and Aurora County is not responsible for any liability. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn informed the Commission the County received notice the Plankinton Skunk Creek Flood Mitigation project has been selected to be forwarded to FEMA for review/approval. The project consists of box culverts to be installed under Campbell Street by the school as well as under the rail road tracks east of Campbell St.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to designate Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn as the County's Flood Plain Manager. Motion carried all voting aye. The position was previously held by Director of Equalization Tina Gerlach.

Chairman Dethlefsen asked Weed Supervisor Kehn if the spraying was done. Kehn told the Commission he was going to finish up the township spraying yesterday, but when he got into the spray truck, he could hear air leaking. He said he asked the highway department about it and Derek told him he was aware of it, but did not have time to check it out. Kehn had Derek look at it and found the main airline for the brake system was broke. Kehn said he was told it happened a week or so ago. I was just made aware of it yesterday when I wanted to spray the townships, said Kehn. He informed the Commission he notified the townships that their spraying may not get done until fall now due to the rain and soft roads. Chairman Dethlefsen asked why the spraying is getting done so late. We should be done by now, said Dethlefsen. Kehn said the highway department finished spraying the county roads on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The weather, mainly the wind, has pushed things back, said Kehn. Commissioner Hanten said if the sprayer truck was broken down, it should have been fixed rather than just sitting there for over a week. Kehn said Derek had it fixed by late afternoon, yesterday. Skyler said he just wanted to get the spring spraying done before the rain came. Commissioner Clark said there is a patch of weeds on a county road in the NW ¼ of Section 10 that was missed. It is near a driveway, said Clark. Kehn said the sprayer was probably shut off before they got to the driveway. The sprayer

is usually shut off when it is close to a driveway so it doesn't kill anything they may have planted in their yard.

Chairman Dethlefsen said if the weather is good on a weekend and we have spraying to do, we may need to have them spray and pay the overtime in order to get it done in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SDSU and Aurora County for the Program Assistant in the Extension office. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve the Statement of Extension verifying Aurora County will remain a member of District III in 2025. Motion carried all voting aye. The membership dues for 2025 will be \$12,173.

It was noted there will be an MRC meeting in Mitchell on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners Dethlefsen, Studeny, and possibly Clark will attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to offer the Director of Equalization position to Jared Olsen at \$22.01 per hour with a 6-month probationary period and no reduction in wage due to already being certified. 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 \$1,050.34; Townships \$713.50.

**CLAIMS:**

COMMISSIONERS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	47.42
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING	726.83
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING	726.83
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		1501.08 *
ELECTIONS		
CAROLYN WOLBRINK	POST ELECTION AUDIT	75.00
COLLEEN MILLER FOLAND	TABULATOR - PRIMARY	40.00
KIM GEPPERT	POST ELECTION AUDIT	75.00
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	92.00
ROSE JANSEN	POST ELECTION AUDIT	75.00
SHERRY STALLER	RESOLUTION BOARD - PRIMARY	40.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING	663.10
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING	663.10

SUE FAULHABER	RESOLUTION BOARD - PRIMARY	40.00
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		1763.20 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
FIRST CIRCUIT CASA PROGRAM	2024 SUPPORT	2500.00
THERESA MAULE ROSSOW	CAA - JUVENILE	1618.20
STEPHANIE MOEN & ASSOC	TRANSCRIPTS	122.50
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		4240.70 *
AUDITOR		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	72.14
P M B 0112	APRIL ACCESS FEES	69.25
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	136.00
SUSAN URBAN	MEAL REIMB FOR SPRING WORKSHOP	20.00
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		297.39 *
TREASURER		
ANDREA PRYOR	MEAL REIMB FOR SPRING WORKSHOP	20.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	67.08
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	2658.40
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	800.00
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		3545.48 *
COURTHOUSE		
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	5.52
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	42.40
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	COURTHOUSE PEST CONTROL	90.00
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	COURTHOUSE PEST CONTROL	90.00
ULINE	BOLLARD SLEEVE (2)	113.57
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		341.49 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	75.46
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING	130.50
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING	130.50
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		336.46 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	66.18
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	68.00
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		134.18 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	56.36
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	68.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING	50.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING	50.00

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SHERIFF			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		120.84
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE		51.55
HILLMANS REPAIR	OIL CHANGE - 2023 PICKUP		80.31
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	JUVENILE CITATIONS		45.54
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES		1894.72
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES		1759.43
		-----	3952.39 *
PUBLIC WELFARE			
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET		7.47
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NURSES OFFICE			
OFFICE OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVI	JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 AGREEMT		1674.00
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AG BUILDING			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		152.53
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	AG BLDG PEST CONTROL		70.00
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	AG BUILIDNG PEST CONTROL		70.00
		-----	292.53 *
COUNTY EXTENSION			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET		60.32
		-----	60.32 *
WEED			
C & R SUPPLY	SPRAYER PARTS		418.03
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY		64.00
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET		7.47
STICKNEY REPAIR & SERVICE	WATER TRAILER MOTOR REPAIR		328.13
		-----	817.63 *
PLANNING & ZONING			
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE		68.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING		130.50
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING		130.50
		-----	329.00 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	BRIDGE REPLMT - BREUK, ERICKSO		46697.50
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	PATCH MIX		2270.40
DIAMOND MOWERS	DISK REPAIRS		1889.11

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	116.58
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA	32.00
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	WING DOLLY REPAIRS	29.94
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	GASKET MAKER	8.99
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	24.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	590.05
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	556.45
STICKNEY REPAIR & SERVICE	LAWN MOWER BLADES & BELTS	129.38
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	2829.20
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
VESTIS	SERVICES - MATS & RAGS	12.18
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		58385.78 *

EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	65.35
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	114.02
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	110.80
STANDARD PUBLISHING	MAY PUBLISHING	142.50
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	MAY PUBLISHING	142.50
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		575.17 *

Total Checks: 78,478.63 \*

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman  
Aurora County Commission

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

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