

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 19, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: Deputy Treasurer Sue Faulhaber told the Commission she felt there was very little separation in wages between an experienced employee that has worked here for a while compared to one that has just been hired for the same position. Commissioner Studeny said that the wages have increased over the years and the county has been giving cost of living raises each year. We cannot lower a wage to get more of a separation between a new and an experienced employee because we will not get people to apply for a position at a lower wage. It was noted that the only difference in the wage of a new hire versus an experienced employee is the longevity. Longevity pay begins after the first year of employment. After being eligible for longevity, the employee has .03/hour extra added to their base pay. The longevity continues to increase each year by .03/hour up to 25 years of employment and then is capped at .75/per hour. An example of this would be an employee that has worked here for 4 years is only getting .09/hr. more than a new hire for the same type of position or if someone has worked for the county for 25 years or more, they are only getting .75/hour more than the new employee. Sue said an employee's experience is not really worth anything when only the longevity is the difference. She said she understands budgets and money are tight, but would like the Commission to at least think about changing the longevity. Studeny agreed that there is not much difference in wages and the county should be competitive. He also note that she is making a very good point. Commissioners Dethlefsen and Hanten agreed that the County needs to come up with something feasible to separate the wages from a new employee to an experienced one. Chairman Dethlefsen said the longevity is something we should probably look at. The Commission thanked Sue for coming in.

The agenda was amended by adding a Plat. 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 Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 3rd and the special meeting on September 5th. Motion carried all voting aye.

Highway Secretary Nancy Beckman was present for the highway report.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize Hwy Superintendent Vissia to attend the SD Association of Towns and Townships meeting on September 24th in Platte. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve and sign the preliminary engineering agreement through the BIG program for Structure # 02-029-270 (Ries Bridge) Project # BRF 6246(00)25-1, PCN 09XG. Motion carried all voting aye. The grant is in the amount of \$55,300.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize the sheriff secretary to attend a reimbursement and reporting workshop for the highway safety grant in Sioux Falls this afternoon. Motion carried all voting aye.

The 2025 provisional budget was considered pursuant to the notice that was given. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to adopt the 2025 annual budget and approve the following resolution. Roll Call: Studeny, aye; Hanten, aye; Dethlefsen, aye. Motion carried.

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR AURORA COUNTY, SD
For the Year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR AURORA COUNTY, SD

Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all materials therein set forth, shall be approved and adopted as the annual budget of the appropriation and expenditures for Aurora County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Aurora County, South Dakota, this 19th day of September, 2024.

The annual budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor, Aurora County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Aurora County for the year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AURORA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

s/s Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
s/s John Paul Studeny, Commissioner
s/s Roger Hanten, Commissioner

ATTEST: Susan Urban, County Auditor

<u>COUNTY FUND</u>	<u>TAX DOLLARS</u>	<u>\$'s / 1,000</u>
General Fund	\$1,797,677.00	1.872

Brenda Hauge, Fish & Wildlife Realty Specialist, along with Manager Mick Hanan and Manager Assistant Liz Julian and landowner Steve Beckman presented the Commission with a proposal for the US Fish & Wildlife Service to acquire 26.33 acres of land that is basically a slough for waterfowl production. It was noted there is a WPA right next to it, so this area will fit right in. Both Aurora County and the State of South Dakota will need to approve the sale. If Aurora County agrees to let this ground be sold, the county will receive a one-time payment based on the Revenue Sharing Act of approximately \$3,700 (based on the treasury bill rate at time of warranty deed). US Fish & Wildlife will also pay \$218 per year for the replacement of property taxes. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve the sale of 26.33 acres of wetland to US Fish & Wildlife based on the Revenue Sharing Act. Motion carried all voting aye,

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn presented the updated LEOP plan to the Commission. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the 2025 fiscal year LEOP plan as presented. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manger Kehn informed the Commission that the radios he had planned to get with the Homeland Security Grant are being discontinued so he is looking at getting different radios that are equivalent to the ones that he cannot get.

Discussion was held on the security post for the front of the courthouse. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to put the security post in the center of the front sidewalk rather than the sides to prevent a

vehicle from driving up to or through the front door. Motion carried all voting aye. The Commission would like to have it done by October 3rd.

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Studeny to approve a Plat of Lot B of D.W. Glissendorf's First Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 10, T103N, Range 66 W of the 5th P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

Veterans Service Officer Audrey Chapman told the Commission she would like to host a veteran appreciation day for county veterans on November 21st. Coffee and rolls will be served. She noted her field officer would be here that day as well. The Commission thought this was a great idea to get veterans to come in.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to file reports and pay the bills as presented with the exception of 2 bills that were submitted for permit refunds. Any zoning permit applications that have been received and gone through the publication process will not be considered for a refund. Motion carried all voting aye.

Reports: Wheel Tax Paid: Cities \$1,232.67; Townships \$837.35.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	7.08
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JULY PUBLISHING	664.79
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JULY PUBLISHING	664.79

		1336.66 *

ELECTIONS

ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	GENERAL ELECTION AUDIO PROGRAM	890.65
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	EXPRESSVOTE CARDS	100.17

		990.82 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIO	INTERPRETING FEES	52.80
DAILEY LAW OFFICE	CAA	454.50
THERESA MAULE ROSSOW	CAA	459.00
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	B/A (2)	274.00
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A - (4)	280.00

		1520.30 *

AUDITOR

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, INTERNET	57.96
P M B 0112	JULY ACCESS FEES	71.25
QUILL CORPORATION	PAYROLL FOLDERS	137.99

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	129.86

		397.06 *
TREASURER		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	17.78
QUILL CORPORATION	CALENDAR, TAPE, RIBBON, TONER	190.14
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	194.58

		402.50 *
COURTHOUSE		
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	5.52
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	43.35
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	COURTHOUSE PEST CONTROL	90.00
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY & WATER	1535.11
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	64.86
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	129.72

		1868.56 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, INTERNET	19.18
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JULY PUBLISHING	135.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JULY PUBLISHING	135.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	129.72

		418.90 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	7.90

		7.90 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	23.13
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JULY PUBLISHING	80.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JULY PUBLISHING	80.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	64.86

		247.99 *
SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	121.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	4.16
ROBERT T HENNRICH	SHIPPING & INSURANCE FEES	454.72
MALCOLM LAFORTUNE	MILEAGE TO PIERRE	170.30
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OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	TIRE REPAIR - LEWIS	31.80
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS	ANNUAL RENEW SOFTWARE SUB	83.37
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	HELPING WITH CJIS AUDIT	100.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	518.88
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	513.59

		2169.76 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	7.47
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	64.86

		72.33 *
NURSES OFFICE		
OFFICE OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE, NOV & DEC 2024 AGREEMENT		1674.00

		1674.00 *
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00

		60.00 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	38.62
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	AG BUILDING PEST CONTROL	70.00
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY & WATER	208.69

		317.31 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	61.89
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	EXTENSION COMP & INITIAL SETUP	1076.75

		1138.64 *
WEED		
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY	64.00
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	7.47

		71.47 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JULY PUBLISHING	203.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JULY PUBLISHING	203.00

		406.00 *
COUNTY DEVELOPMENT		
RACHEL MAIROSE	RURAL ATTORNEY PROGRAM	4379.76

		4379.76 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
A-OX WELDING	GAS CYLINDER LEASE	160.95
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	BRIDGE ENGINEERING	52115.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	FILTER & PAINT	132.12
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC - AURORA CTR & STORLA	133.43
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	127.67

GRAHAM TIRE - SIOUX FALLS	TRAILER TIRES	1026.00
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA	36.62
NAPA CENTRAL	FILTERS & OIL	64.54
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRIC & WATER - PLANK SHOP	298.04
RUNNINGS	RATCHET	199.99
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	GRADER HOSE	36.41
TITAN MACHINERY	TRACTOR REPAIRS	136.80
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	2864.12
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	129.72
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	104.86
VESTIS	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	12.18

60778.45 *

E 911 SERVICE		
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 9-1 TO 9-30-24	30.00

30.00 *

EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	7.47
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JULY PUBLISHING	285.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JULY PUBLISHING	285.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	64.86
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	114.62

756.95 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	AUGUST CONNECT CARE	194.58

194.58 *

Total Checks: 79,239.94 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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