

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 7, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC INPUT: Emergency Manager Kehn wanted to remind the residents in the County to keep in mind that there is currently a burn ban in place and to be diligent about complying with it.

The agenda was amended by adding replace water tank on weed truck, executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1), and VFW memorials in front of the courthouse. 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 Niles to approve the minutes of the October 17th meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Chairman Dethlefsen stated the VFW memorials in front of the courthouse that were reconstructed look very nice and David Dixon did a wonderful job fixing them up. The Commission agreed with Dethlefsen and considered giving a donation to the VFW for doing this. The Chairman asked if a donation would be allowable and asked Auditor Urban to check into it. A re-dedication for the memorials will be held on Monday, November 11th.

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

Ken Schlimgen from Central Electric was present to discuss an approach permit for a new facility east of Plankinton. He informed the Commission that they are pursuing land (6 acres) from Mayclin Farms that is along Highway 281 and 253rd St. Central Electric is wanting to put in a service center there and will need an approach for access to the facility. Ken said they have asked the State for an approach along Hwy 281, but were denied as there are numerous approaches in that area along the highway already. He stated that he was told to get permission from the county for an approach along the county road. Schlimgen stated that the county's current load limits of 80,000 lbs. will be fine as they do not have any service trucks that are over that. He also told the Commission they will work with the county to keep the approach as far back from the intersection of Hwy 281 and 253rd St. as they are able to. The

Commission asked for help with upkeep if the road started to deteriorate due to the turning in and out of the facility. Ken said he could not answer that, but noted the approach will be wide enough so there will be extra room to avoid any sharp turns on the road. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the approach permit for Central Electric on the SE ¼ SE ¼ of Section 13-103-64 for a new service center to house employees and equipment used to maintain and build rural electric cooperative infrastructure. The approach will be paid for by the county and anything that exceeds the normal width of the approach will be paid for by Central Election. Motion carried all voting aye.

Jamie VanZee from Brosz Engineering presented the Commission with payment application #4 from BX Civil & Construction in the amount of \$78,952.50 for structure # 02-021-260 for project # BRO 8002(00)22-4, PCN 08WT for bridge work that has been completed. He said there are a few items that need to be addressed, but otherwise it looks good and the bridge was open for traffic last week. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve payment #4 to BX Civil in the amount of \$78,952.50. Motion carried all voting aye. Mr. VanZee also noted the other bridge project that was done along with this one is near completion. They are in the process of backfilling now and not a whole lot of work is left. It should be completed within the next 2-3 weeks, stated VanZee.

Due to the employee meeting on the 5th of December, Highway Superintendent Vissia withdrew his request to attend the SDATAT annual meeting on the 5th & 6th of December in Aberdeen.

The County still has gravel that needs to be hauled out of the Markhardt Pit by March of 2025. A motion was made by Niles, seconded by Hanten to approve a 1-year contract extension with Dick Markhardt. Motion carried all voting aye. The new deadline for the gravel to be removed is now March 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the Joint Powers Force Agreement between the State of SD Department of Transportation and Aurora County for the sustained damage done to the County's Federal Aid Highway System (FAS roads) due to the June 2024 flooding. Motion carried all voting aye. This agreement is necessary for the County to be eligible for Federal Aid Emergency Relief Funds for the restoration of the roads.

Discussion was held on a potential budget supplement for the highway due to the 2024 flood repairs.

Vissia said the grid board went out of the heater at the White Lake shop. The cost to replace the grid board is \$800. He was told by Konechne Heating & Cooling that the grid board would more than likely go out again if we

replaced it. Vissia presented a quote for a new heater to the Commission from Konechne Heating & Cooling. A Modine heater was quoted at \$4,518.38 and a Reznor heater was \$4,979.60. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to get another quote from another vendor to compare costs and then take the lowest quote and proceed with purchasing a new heater for the White Lake shop. Motion carried all voting aye.

Commissioner Hanten discussed the striping issue on the oil road south of White Lake. Commissioner Niles stated the person who we had the contract with should redo the entire job. Vissia said he talked with SD LTAP at a workshop about it and they told him if it did not affect driving, it was ok. It was asked why the lines were so crooked. Vissia said the company we contracted with is new and they did not have a laser when they did our road, but they have one now. Doug said he sent photos to SD LTAP after he spoke with them, but has not heard back. Vissia also noted that the bill was a little over \$400/mile rather than the original quote of \$1,200/mile. So, it is substantially less than what it was going to be, said Vissia. Commissioner Hanten said he also noticed some places where the paint seemed a lot lighter in color than others. He said the yellow just didn't seem very bright, it was as if the lines were worn out already. Commissioner Studeny questioned the liability for the county. Nancy was asked if she drove that road. She said yes, they are not straight lines but, in her opinion, they are not dangerous either. Commissioner Hanten said if the county is not going to have any liability issues with it, then we would not need to fix it. The Commission directed Highway Superintendent Vissia to contact our States Attorney about any liability issues or concerns and to also check out the lighter spots that Commission Hanten addressed. Commissioner Dethlefsen said the lighter spots are probably more of a concern than the crooked lines.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the renewal of the retail (on-sale) liquor license for Fish Lake Country Club. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the renewal of the retail (on-of sale) Wine & Cider license for CC&F (Coffee Cup Fuel Stop). Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Niles, seconded by Hanten to approve the renewal of the retail (on-sale) liquor license for Firesteel Creek Hunting Lodge, Inc. Motion carried all voting aye.

Plankinton High School seniors Alyssa Johnson and Alexis Hauge along with FCCLA Advisor Ellen Hohbach met with the Commission to present a crosswalk project they would like to do. The presentation consisted of

crosswalks for the intersections of 1st and Campbell and 3rd and Campbell. They shared their concerns about children walking to school and having to cross the road at these intersections. The girls stated they checked into lighted signs, but felt those were too costly. So, they proposed installing pedestrian crossing signs and painting crosswalks on the road. The City of Plankinton approved a crosswalk for the intersection of 1st and Campbell, but told the students to get permission from the county for 3rd and Campbell since it is a county road. It was noted the City of Plankinton will provide the paint and signs and the girls would volunteer their labor. Commissioner Studeny stated this project would be very beneficial. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the safe crosswalk project on the intersection of 3rd St and Campbell St and purchase signs if needed. Motion carried all voting aye.

Weed Supervisor Skyler Kehn met with the Commission to inform them that the water tank on the weed truck is starting to crack and requested to purchase a new one before next spring. Kehn stated that he does not want to take the chance of having it break during the spring when they are getting ready to spray as it will delay spraying. He told the Commission he got a quote from C&R Supply for \$6,620 for a new tank, plumbing, and labor. The tank itself is \$3,480 which is 110 gallons bigger than the current one, it will cost \$500 for parts, and \$2,640 for labor. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to authorize Kehn to purchase the new water tank for the weed truck. Motion carried all voting aye.

The votes from the November 5, 2024 General Election were canvassed. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election. Motion carried all voting aye.

CONTESTS	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 5	Precinct 7	TOTAL
Presidential Electors						
Harris / Walz	56	21	103	47	75	302
Oliver / Maat	0	0	3	1	1	5
Trump / Vance	229	126	300	157	244	1,056
Kennedy / Shanahan	6	2	14	1	7	30
United States Representative						
Sheryl Johnson	47	21	65	35	54	222
Dusty Johnson	243	123	351	160	269	1,146

**Public Utilities
Commission**

Forrest Wilson	45	19	82	39	54	239
A Gideon Oakes	5	1	15	2	15	38
Kristie Fiegen	238	123	286	147	240	1,034

**State Senator
District 21**

Dan Andersson	51	26	137	59	83	356
Mykala Voita	228	112	238	126	217	921

**State Representative
District 21**

Jim Halverson	115	77	173	96	149	610
Marty Overweg	217	120	283	123	213	956

**Supreme Court
Retention**

Yes	194	107	296	138	233	968
No	47	25	71	30	55	228

**Constitutional
Amendment E**

Yes	77	20	89	51	105	342
No	216	127	327	150	220	1,040

**Constitutional
Amendment F**

Yes	147	63	193	121	174	698
No	141	84	223	82	150	680

**Constitutional
Amendment G**

Yes	62	13	100	40	93	308
No	232	137	326	164	232	1,091

**Constitutional
Amendment H**

Yes	52	19	97	47	79	294
No	238	128	319	154	242	1,081

**Initiated
Measure 28**

Yes	41	14	71	34	60	220
No	250	133	348	167	265	1,163

**Initiated
Measure 29**

Yes	75	26	123	54	107	385
No	218	122	300	152	217	1,009

**Referred
Law 21**

Yes	69	26	120	48	116	379
No	222	122	291	156	203	994

For the post-election audit, the Commission drew Precinct 5 and the statewide race to be audited is Constitutional Amendment H and the other race that will be audited will be the House of Representatives District 21. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to approve the races to be audited as per SDCL 12-17B-20 and set the post-election audit date for Friday, November 15th at 2:00 PM as per SDCL 12-17B-18. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 11:41 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Board out of executive session at 12:02 PM with no official action taken.

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

Reports: October Payroll: Social Security 5,398.12; Medicare 1,262.43; Wellmark 27,420.96; Retirement 5,878.85; Kansas City Life 99.38; Commissioners 4,269.45; Auditor 7,504.63; Treasurer 6,441.12; States Attorney 5,150.36; Courthouse 2,159.29; Director of Equalization 6,420.90; Register of Deeds 4,855.27; Veteran's Service Officer 827.97; Sheriff 19,176.57; Welfare 718.50; Extension 2,680.20; Weed 1,364.19; Zoning 1,051.30; Hwy 32.381.12; EM&D 1,836.93; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.35. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,543.42; MMDA 3,194,924.81; CD's 942,140.00.

CLAIMS

STANDARD PUBLISHING	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	2213.18
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	2213.18

		5958.10 *

ELECTIONS

#01 KIM GEPPERT	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#01 KIM GEPPERT	MILEAGE	7.86
#01 PEGGY MUNNEKE	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#01 PEGGY MUNNEKE	MILEAGE	7.86
#01 PEGGY MUNNEKE	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#01 ROXANN GERLACH	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#01 ROXANN GERLACH	ELECTION SCHOOL	30.00
#02 DAWN DONKER	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#02 DAWN DONKER	MILEAGE	15.72
#02 DAWN DONKER	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#02 JANICE CRAGO	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#02 JANICE CRAGO	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#02 RUTH WOLBRINK	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#02 RUTH WOLBRINK	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#03 CHANTEL KIRSCH	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#03 LINDA DODDS	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#03 LINDA DODDS	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	MILEAGE	15.72
#03 NANCY BOGENHAGEN	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#05 BEVERLY HOEFERT	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#05 BEVERLY HOEFERT	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#05 JESSICA CULLEN	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#05 JESSICA CULLEN	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#05 KAMA BRUNS	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#05 KAMA BRUNS	MILEAGE	0.66
#05 KAMA BRUNS	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	MILEAGE	0.66
#07 BONNIE JOHNSON	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
#07 CATHY ALBRECHT	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#07 KATHY GUINDON	GENERAL ELECTION	150.00
#07 KATHY GUINDON	ELECTION SCHOOL - GENERAL	30.00
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE	26.67
BETH SAMPSON	TABULATOR - GENERAL	40.00
COLLEEN MILLER FOLAND	TABULATOR - GENERAL	40.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	OCTOBER PUBLISHING	1215.83
SHERRY STALLER	RESOLUTION BOARD - GENERAL	40.00
SUE FAULHABER	RESOLUTION BOARD - GENERAL	40.00

		4060.98 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

CERTIFIED LANGUAGES	INTERPRETATION FEES	14.85
DAVA WERMERS	CAA	499.00
DEVY ALVIZURES	INTERPRETER FEES	50.00

S D A C C	CLERP - 4TH QTR 2024	363.00
STEVEN SMITH	CAA	869.00
ZYLSTRA INVESTIGATIONS	INVESTIGATION	1980.00

		3775.85 *

AUDITOR		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	2025 CALENDAR & REFILLS	25.74
P M B 0112	SEPTEMBER ACCESS FEES	71.25
STANDARD PUBLISHING	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	26.25
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	26.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	129.86

		279.35 *

TREASURER		
QUICKEN	MONEY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	71.88
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	OCTOBER PUBLISHING	198.00
STAPLES	PAPER	106.92
STAPLES	PAPER	18.99
STAPLES	PAPER	106.92
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	194.58
V I S A	YUBIKEY FOR MV COMPUTERS	150.00

		847.29 *

STATE'S ATTORNEY		
MAIROSE AND STEELE	POSTAGE	12.50
MAIROSE AND STEELE	OVERHEAD CHARGES	1200.00
MAIROSE AND STEELE	FLASH DRIVES	12.50
MAIROSE AND STEELE	LAW BOOKS	782.09

		2007.09 *

COURTHOUSE		
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	1556.67
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	SUMP PUMP & CONCRETE	261.95
SUSAN URBAN	2 AMERICAN FLAGS	34.17
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	64.86
US BANK	ADMIN FEES 23-24	2000.00

		3917.65 *

DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE	1.32
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	NAME TAG & STAPLER	112.85
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	KEYS FOR OFFICE	2.99
STANDARD PUBLISHING	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	120.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	120.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	129.72

		486.88 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE	0.31
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	2025 CALENDAR	6.29

		6.60 *
VA OFFICE		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	2025 CALENDAR	6.29
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	64.86

		71.15 *
SHERIFF		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE	25.80
B & L COMMUNICATION	REMOVE EQUIP FROM TAHOE	2981.75
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING INC	DARE SUPPLIES	680.11
FEDEX	POSTAGE FOR EVIDENCE	18.93
MALCOLM LAFORTUNE	FUEL FOR THE FLEX	25.28
MIDWEST ALARM	CAMERA'S 3 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION	5412.00
MODERN MARKETING	LOLLIPOPS	268.47
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	518.88
V I S A	LAPTOP MOUNT FOR NEW CAR	136.35
V I S A	LATE FEE & INTEREST	14.84
V I S A	FUEL FOR VEHICLE TO PIERRE	259.37
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	514.24
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	513.74

		11369.76 *
JAIL		
LEWIS FAMILY DRUG LLC	PRISONER MEDICAL	35.08

		35.08 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	64.86

		64.86 *
AG BUILDING		
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY AT THE AG BUILDING	208.69
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	KEYS FOR THE AG BLDG	26.91

		235.60 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL-SUPPLY	4-H PINS & RECORD BOOK COVERS	61.93
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	129.72

		191.65 *
WEED		
AURORA COUNY TREASURER	POSTAGE	35.80
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY	64.00

NAPA CENTRAL	DOOR HANDLE FOR WEED TRUCK	15.95

		115.75 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	NAME TAGS & STAPLER	112.85
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	OCTOBER PUBLISHING	60.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	162.50
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	162.50

		497.85 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	JACK RABBIT ROAD BRIDGE ENGINE	18450.00
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	GRADER REPAIRS	4720.98
BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	GREASE GUN, FILTERS & BOTTLES	3764.50
BX CIVIL & CONSTRUCTION INC	BREUKELMAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	78952.50
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC BILL - AUR CTR & STOR	142.63
DIAMOND MOWERS	MOWER BLADES	241.29
FLEETPRIDE	GRADER & TRUCK REPAIRS	1021.47
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	MAILBOX POST, BOLTS & NUTS	32.55
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	STORLA WATER BILL	32.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	VAULT REPAIR	2765.41
NAPA CENTRAL	TRUCK GRADER & PICKUP REPAIRS	103.79
NAPA CENTRAL	FILTERS, BRAKE & CARB CLEANER	194.98
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILLS - WL & STK	80.07
PIORIER EQUIPMENT	VEHICLE STICKERS	216.00
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY AT THE HIGHWAY	318.86
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	GRADER REPAIRS	11.33
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	HOSE, PLIERS & MAILBOX	119.81
RUNNINGS	CHAIN SAW BAR & CHAINS	121.97
STANDARD PUBLISHING	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	71.50
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	71.50
STICKNEY REPAIR & SERVICE	HOSE & HOSE ENDS	35.08
STICKNEY WATER	STICKNEY WATER BILL	94.00
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	2530.92
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
TRUENORTH STEEL INC	CULVERT	6575.32
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	129.72
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	104.91
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	104.90
VESTIS	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	24.36

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E 911 SERVICE		
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 11-1 TO 11-30	357.44

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EM&D		
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	2025 CALENDAR	6.29

SKYLER KEHN	POWERPOINT CLICKER	31.84
STANDARD PUBLISHING	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	248.50
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	AUGUST & SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	248.50
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	64.86
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	114.81
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	114.65

		829.45 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	OCTOBER CONNECT CARE	194.58

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Total Checks: 159,535.31 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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