

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 3, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: Treasurer Andrea Pryor asked the Commission to take into account when making their decision about the Easter holiday that the State of SD is closed both Good Friday and Easter Monday. Pryor said that with the State being closed both those days, the County would have no assistance with the new 605 program. She said since the new program was implemented in February, there have been problems with the program. The treasurer's office has had to make calls quite often to the State to get an issue resolved before they can complete the transaction for the customer. Pryor also said their office is not the only office that may need assistance from State offices. Andrea thanked them for time and asked them to take this into account when making their decision.

Commissioner Niles also had an item for public input. He reported that he received complaints about ruts being left in the road where three culverts were installed. Niles said he contacted the highway department to get a blade out there to take care of it, but did not know if it had been done yet. Chairman Dethlefsen said the Commission can address this with Highway Superintendent when he comes in later this morning.

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

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve the minutes from the March 20th meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on whether to implement a burn ban at this time or hold off due to the recent moisture we have received. Commissioner Clark didn't feel a burn ban was necessary at this point due to the moisture we received this past week. Emergency Manager said he was comfortable with not putting one on at this time as well. The Commission will address it again at the meeting on April 8th.

The Commission set the next employee meeting for May 1st at 7:30 AM.

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

Commissioner Niles told Superintendent Vissia about the complaints he had received about the ruts on the Stoddard road. Superintendent Vissia said he flagged the road and told the Commission there have been grain trucks hauling on that road as well, not just the trucks hauling rocks. There are no load limits on gravel roads, said Vissia, so there is not much more we can do and it's being bladed this morning. Chairman Dethlefsen told Superintendent Vissia to monitor it and if the road gets bad enough, we may have to close it for a period of time.

Fuel quotes were reviewed as follows:

	MONTHLY QUOTE (April 3 – May 1)			4 MONTH QUOTE (April 3 – August 7)		
	#1 Diesel	#2 Diesel	Propane	#1 Diesel	#2 Diesel	Propane
Brooks Oil:	N/A	2.733	1.20	N/A	2.713	1.20
Total Oil:	N/A	2.68	-----	N/A	2.69	-----
Agtegra:	N/A	2.84	1.449	N/A	2.84	1.449
Vollan Oil:	N/A	2.6774	-----	N/A	2.5879	-----

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to accept the 4-month diesel quotes from Vollan Oil and the 4-month propane quote from Brooks Oil. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the bid for culverts off the Beadle County bid from TrueNorth Steel. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the bid for milling off the Harding County bid from Loiseau Construction, Inc at \$1.28/sq. yard. Motion carried all voting aye. This bid is for 2 miles east on the Stickney Road.

Discussion was held on removing load limits. It was the consensus of the Commission to keep them on for now and discuss it at their next regular meeting on April 17th.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to remove Deputy Director of Equalization Sam Simkins off her probationary status and increase her rate of pay .50/hr. from \$18.05/hr. to \$18.55/hr. effective March 23rd.

Motion carried all voting aye. Director of Equalization Jessica Durrin informed the Commission she has contacted the

State to have Sam become certified and has her set up to take her basics class in September. The cost for the books will be approximately \$600.

Chairman Dethlefsen informed the rest of the Commission that he had received an email from a property owner letting him know the names listed under their property were mixed up. She told him that she stopped in the Director's office to get it fixed, but is getting mail with the incorrect names. Chairman Dethlefsen talked with Director Durrin to check into the issue further. Durrin said she has checked her records and those filed in the Register of Deeds office and found that everything is correct on the county's side of things, so she is not sure where the mail is coming from that has the mix up on the names. Durrin will contact the property owner and let her know that everything is correct in her office and try to find out what mail she is getting that has the incorrect information.

4-H Program Assistant Brandi Shroyer requested permission to host a youth livestock literacy event on Saturday, April 12th, at the Community/4-H Building. She told the Commission that it will not last more than 4 hours. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Brandi to host the event on April 12th. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to grant permission for Brandi to host either a painting workshop or a gardening workshop on Monday, April 21st, at the Community/4-H Building. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to authorize the Treasurer and States Attorney to proceed with Quiet Title Action on tax deed property (Vision Unlimited). Motion carried all voting aye. The tax deed property will be sold later this year.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to remove States Attorney Secretary Susie Hanson off her probationary status and increase her rate of pay .50/hr. from \$17.99/hr. to \$18.49/hr. effective March 19th. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on changes to the handbook regarding flex time, longevity, and vehicle trackers. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to have Custodian Dan Beckmann remain part-time at 32 hours per week. Motion carried all voting aye. The Commission may move it back to full time, if necessary.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to grant the full day of April 18th, Good Friday, as a paid holiday for all county employees. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to accept the bid of \$25 from Troy & Barb Becker for the White Lake right-of-way hay lease and authorize the Chairman to sign the three-year lease agreement. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

Reports: March Payroll: Social Security 5,644.31; Medicare 1,320.03; Wellmark 29,160.32, Retirement 5,910.20; Kansas City Life 108.39; Commissioners 4,438.35; Auditor 7,613.59; Treasurer 6,607.09; States Attorney 5,176.77; Courthouse 1,783.77; Director of Equalization 5,837.86; Register of Deeds 4,306.43; Veteran's Service Officer 689.75; Sheriff 19,903.09; Welfare 664.91; Extension 2,782.73; Weed 1,224.93; Zoning 825.87; Hwy 32.866.80; EM&D 1,979.57; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.65. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,092.64; MMDA 2,068,179.48; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: Marriage Lic/Certs 0.00; Birth/Death Certs 45.00; Preservation Fund 252.00; Driver's License 336.00; Copies 67.00; Other 0.00; Recording Fees 2,160.00; Transfer Fees 5,073.00.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS

S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING	1233.42
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANUARY PUBLISHING	1204.85
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANUARY PUBLISHING	1204.85

		3643.12 *

AUDITOR

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	129.84
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	TIMECARDS	160.00

		289.84 *

TREASURER

S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING	57.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANUARY PUBLISHING	599.86	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANUARY PUBLISHING	599.86	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	196.26	

		1452.98	*
COURTHOUSE			
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	2219.01	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	113.10	

		2332.11	*
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION			
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	132.84	

		132.84	*
VA OFFICE			
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JANUARY PUBLISHING	40.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JANUARY PUBLISHING	40.00	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	66.42	

		146.42	*
SHERIFF			
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING INC	TSHIRTS, BOTTLES & PIN	648.06	
QUILL CORPORATION	BACKUP FOR CAMERA'S	154.99	
SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	TELETYPE RENTAL 1-1 TO 6-30-25	2340.00	
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	2127.15	
TORRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	POSTAGE FOR EVIDENCE	22.55	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	522.68	
V I S A	POSTAGE	5.35	
VERIZON	FEBRUARY VERIZON REVEAL	63.80	
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	524.50	

		6409.08	*
JAIL			
MITCHELL CLINIC LTD	INMATE MEDICAL	815.00	

		815.00	*
PUBLIC WELFARE			
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	3.00	

		3.00	*
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED			
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00	

		60.00	*

AG BUILDING		
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	701.69

		701.69 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING	81.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	126.84

		207.84 *
WEED		
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL SERVI	COMM APPLICATOR LICENSE FEE	105.00
VERIZON	FEBRUARY VERIZON REVEAL	15.95

		120.95 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE SF	DRUG TESTING - SCOTT	36.60
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	PROPANE	172.50
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC BILL - AUR CTR & STOR	233.87
DK GARAGE	REPAIR GARAGE DOOR - PLNK & ST	762.50
DOUG VISSIA	PATCH MIX HEATER REPAIRS	89.16
DOUG VISSIA	PATCH MIX HEATER REPR & FUEL	50.00
FLEETPRIDE	PICKUP PLOW LIGHTS	294.67
NAPA CENTRAL	PICKUP REPAIRS	218.96
NAPA CENTRAL	FILTERS, CLEANER, OIL	691.35
NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT CO	HYDRAULIC TREADLE	379.99
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC BILLS - WL & STK	109.06
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	TRUCK BATTERIES	599.07
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	409.40
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FLEX - GAS	24.73
RUNNINGS	WIRE STRIPPER	26.99
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	MARCH PUBLISHING	180.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	1043.71
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	811.90
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	GRADER REPAIRS	402.50
STICKNEY WATER	WATER BILL - STICKNEY SHED	94.00
THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD	SHORT COURSE LODGING	339.00
TIM MATLOCK CONTRUCTION	RIP RAP & ROCK	81770.10
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	132.84
VERIZON	FEBRUARY VERIZON REVEAL	45.88
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	104.92
VESTIS	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	24.36
VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	2915.29

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E 911 SERVICE		
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 4-1 TO 4-30-25	357.44
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 4-1 TO 4-30-25	30.00

EM&D		
C & R SUPPLY	TRASH PUMP PORT FOR EM TRAILER	34.68
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	SPARK PLUGS FOR GENERATORS	18.62
QUILL CORPORATION	BLANK INK CARTRIDGE SKYLERS PR	109.98
RUNNINGS	HITCH & HOSES	934.83
SD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOC	2025 DUES	50.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	45.34
TK DESIGNS	PICKUP DECALS	500.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	66.42
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	124.89

		1884.76 *

R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AURORA TOWNSHIP	RAIF FUND - CULVERT REPLACEMEN	62400.00
GALES TOWNSHIP	RAIF FUNDING - CULVERT REPAIRS	13500.00

		75900.00 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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