

## AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by Chairman Clyde Dethlefsen, with John Paul Studeny, Roger Hanten, Randy Niles, and Travis Clark present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Commission held their semi-annual meeting with the county employees to discuss any concerns they have.

There was no public input.

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

A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Clark to approve the minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve a Plat of Matzner Tract A Subdivision of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, T 101 N, Range 64, West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve a Plat of Lots 1 and 2 of Artz Addition to the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4, T 101 N, Range 64, West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve a Plat of Lot 1 of Fristad Addition to the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, T 105 N, Range 63, West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to approve a Plat of Lot C of D.W. Glissendorf's First Addition in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, T 103 N, Range 66, West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve a Plat of Tract 474, Beckmann and Mach Waterfowl Production Area, Lake Andes Wetland Management District, Section 10, T 102 N, Range 65, West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn met with the Commission to discuss receiving a cell phone stipend for his personal phone and do away with his county cell phone. Currently he carries two cell phones and would like to get rid of the county phone and use his personal cell phone for work. The base cost for a county cell phone is approximately \$70, Kehn stated that Davison County pays a stipend of \$50 for employees who use their personal phones for work purposes. It was suggested to ask the sheriff's department and the highway superintendent to see if they are interested in doing this as well. After more discussion, a motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve a stipend of \$50 for those employees who have a county cell phone and are interested in using their personal cell phone for work purposes. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on the burn ban that is currently in place. Emergency Manager Kehn said he is comfortable with lifting the ban at this time. Chairman Dethlefsen noted that things are starting to get green and conditions have improved. A motion as made by Niles, seconded by Hanten to lift the burn ban effective immediately. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve abatement #1045 in the amount of \$140.26 for property with the legal description NE ¼ Less Lot 1-5 & less Lot H-2 in 1-101-64. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to approve an approach permit for Kelly Everson for residential access to the SW ¼ SE ¼ 18-103-64 on Road #16. The approach will have a 50 ft. culvert, the county will pay for 40 ft. of the culvert and the remaining 10 ft. will be paid for by the landowner. The county will use dirt provided by the landowner. Motion carried all voting aye.

Superintendent Vissia informed the Commission that the VFW is planning to refinish the statues of the memorial in front of the courthouse. Vissa said they are planning to sand blast/powder blast the statues and will be using county equipment to get the project done. Doug said he will have a county employee available to run the equipment on Saturday. The Board approved authorization for the use of the county equipment and having a county employee available on Saturday.

Commissioner Clark asked Superintendent Vissia how much rock the county has left to get out of the 4,000 ton that the county purchased from Gerrit Overweg. Vissia told the Board there is approximately 1,800 ton left.

At a previous meeting the Commission discussed the request/suggestion of removing a tree (McQueen's) and it was noted that the tree was not located in the right-of-way, but inside the fence line. Since it is inside the fence, the county cannot just go onto the property and cut it down.

It was noted that there was a complaint about the gravel used from the Markhardt pit on the Storla Road, but has seemed to have firmed up now.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize department heads to attend the Southeast Central District meeting in Miner County on May 7<sup>th</sup> if they wish to do so. Motion carried all voting aye.

It was noted that Custodian Beckmann will be gone for an extended period of time within the next few weeks. He will need to get someone to do some janitorial services in the courthouse while he is gone. It was noted that we will need someone to help with mowing as well. Discussion was also held on re-seeding a portion of the courthouse lawn this fall. Commissioner Studeny told the Board he knew someone who might be interested in mowing and re-seeding the lawn and will contact them to see if they are willing to submit a quote.

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

**Reports:** April Payroll: Social Security 5,901.19; Medicare 1,380.12; Wellmark 28,317.76, Retirement 6,202.14; Kansas City Life 108.39; Commissioners 4,438.35; Auditor 7,777.83; Treasurer 6,716.50; States Attorney 5,433.26; Courthouse 2,426.81; Director of Equalization 6,238.73; Register of Deeds 4,364.91; Veteran's Service Officer 414.42; Sheriff 20,340.03; Welfare 791.24; Extension 2,758.13; Weed 1,271.95; Zoning 819.57; Hwy 35,384.36; EM&D 2,003.82; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.35. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,975.98; MMDA 3,766,082.23; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: Marriage Lic/Certs 210.00; Birth/Death Certs 20.00; Preservation Fund 177.00; Driver's License 300.00; Copies 165.00; Other 0.00; Recording Fees 1455.00; Transfer Fees 1,455.00.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	660.61
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		660.61 *
AUDITOR		
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMERCIAL SHREDDER	376.26
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	CUSTOM DATER	125.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	129.84
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		631.10 *
TREASURER		
QUILL CORPORATION	TONER FOR TAX PRINTER	124.99
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	TREASURER PUBLISHING	189.00
STAPLES	MV TONER	144.99
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	196.26
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		655.24 *
COURTHOUSE		
MIDWEST FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGUISHER CHECKS	229.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	113.10
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		342.10 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMERCIAL SHREDDER	376.25
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	192.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	132.84
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REGISTER OF DEEDS		
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMERCIAL SHREDDER	376.25
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		376.25 *
VA OFFICE		
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMERCIAL SHREDDER	376.25
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	99.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	66.42
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		541.67 *
SHERIFF		
KYLE LEWIS	MEAL AT THE SEX OFFENDER CONF	20.00
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMERCIAL SHREDDER	376.25
ROMAN BRIGGS	MILEAGE	365.49
ROMAN BRIGGS	LODGING	220.00
ROMAN BRIGGS	REGISTRATION	100.00
ROMAN BRIGGS	MEALS	68.00

TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	522.68
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		1672.42 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	3.00
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		3.00 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMERCIAL SHREDDER	376.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	126.84
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		503.09 *
WEED		
METTLER IMPLEMENT	UTV MAINT - OIL CHANGE & FLUID	358.42
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	300.00
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		658.42 *
R&B CONSTRUCTION		
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	BROOM BRISTLES	1982.88
DIAMOND MOWERS	DISK BEARINGS	1275.79
GRAHAM TIRE - MITCHELL	VALVE STEM	35.00
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	99.75
MIDWEST FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGUISHER CHECK	284.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - WL & STK	102.22
POSTMASTER	STAMPS	219.00
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	81.00
TRANSOURCE	FILTER	45.26
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	132.84
VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	5809.84
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		10067.58 *
EM&D		
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	RADIO - HOMELAND SECURITY GRAN	25575.25
QUILL CORPORATION	COMMERCIAL SHREDDER	376.25
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	APRIL PUBLISHING	294.25
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	66.42
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REGISTER OF DEEDS		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	193.26
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		193.26 *

Total Checks: 43,318.00 \*

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

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Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman  
Aurora County Commission

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

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