

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 15, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public input.

The agenda was amended by adding executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to approve the minutes of the May 1st meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on whether to implement a burn ban at this time. It was the consensus of the board to hold off due to the recent moisture the county has received in the last 24 hours and the chance of receiving more in the next week or so. The commission will address it again at the meeting on June 5th.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to grant permission for Dakota Pro Air out of Letcher and Miller to operate, take off, or land aircraft on any county road in Aurora County for aerial application of chemical with the condition that a flag person is present of both ends of the road and the highway superintendent is contacted prior to use of road. Motion carried voting aye.

Dave Dixon turned in a proposal from J & D Contracting for mowing and weed eating the lower portion of the courthouse lawn when Custodian Beckmann is absent for an extended period of time this summer. The proposal is \$150.00 per mow. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to accept J & D contracting proposal in Custodian Beckman absence. Motion carried voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to set the following rates for the mileage @ .67/mile and lodging at \$110.00/night plus tax. This will become effective immediately. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

A motion by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to accept the resignation from highway employee Jesse Thuringer effective May 20th. Motion carried all voting aye.

It was the consensus of the board to have the Highway Department advertise for a full time Highway Blade operator.

A motion was made by Niles, seconded by Hanten to offer part time employment to Rick Pryor for \$19.33/hour for 20 hours or less a week with no benefits offered. The pay is based on his previous experience with the county. Motion carried voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Highway Superintendent Vissia to attend the annual summer meeting in Pierre on June 11th and 12th. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on repairs for the 140H Grader. Superintendent Vissia stated that the transmission went out and the cost to repair would be between \$25,000 to \$30,000. After much discussion it was decided to have the grader checked out to make sure everything else looks good such as the engine and the rear end. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to get the grader repaired as long as there is nothing more wrong with it. Motion carried all voting aye.

4-H Program Assistant Brandi Shroyer proposed purchasing cameras for the Ag Building since there have been some issues out there. She received a quote from Midwest Alarm in the amount of \$10,646.48. The board directed her to discuss this further with Skyler to see if there is any grant money and ask the 4-H Leaders if they would like to put any money toward the purchase. The board also directed her to get another quote and make sure that she puts it in her budget for 2026.

The Board gave VSO Audrey Chapman permission to close her office from May 22nd to August 8th for personal time. She will reopen her office on August 14th. It was noted that Kevin Bowen from the state office will come in once a month in June, July & August to cover the office. She will have the closure on her door, in the paper and on her Facebook page indicating the closure of her office as well as the dates that Kevin will be here.

Deputy Treasurer Sue Faulhaber asked if the new Deputy Treasurer from Jerauld County could come to Plankinton to shadow her office mainly for the CARS program. Faulhaber noted that on her day off she would like to

go to Jerauld County and help them out in their own office. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to allow shadowing in Aurora County. Motion carried all voting aye. The Commission noted that if Deputy Faulhaber goes to Jerauld County to help them out in their office, those hours will not be paid for by Aurora County.

Discussion was held on mowing of the Tax Deed property in White Lake. A motion was made by Hanten, seconded by Niles to have the City of White Lake mow the property at \$85/hour. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on securing the Tax Deed property in White Lake. Hanten said that he would check out the property and see what needs to be done to secure it until it can be sold. He will report back to the Chairman and have a couple of Board members help get it secured.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel at 10:55 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the board out of executive session at 11:17 AM with no official action taken.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to file reports and pay bills as listed below. Motion carried all voting aye.

Reports: Wheel Tax Paid: Cities \$538.41, Townships \$365.74.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS		
DEPT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT	ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR AUDIT	940.00
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	48.55
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	1642.48
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	1642.48

		4273.51 *
JUDICIAL SYSTEM		
DAVA WERMERS	CAA	877.50
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	BA (2)	274.00
S D A C C	2ND QTR CATASTROPHIC LEGAL	2677.00
SIOUX FALLS MENTAL HEALTH SERV	PSYCHOLOGICAL EVAL	4100.00

		7928.50 *
AUDITOR		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	58.54
PERSONALIZED STAMPED ENVELOPE	2 BOXES OF STAMPED ENVELOPES	856.20
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER CARTRIDGE - APRIL	135.00

		1049.74 *

TREASURER		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	84.82
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	40.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	40.00

		164.82 *
COURTHOUSE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	43.62
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	COURTHOUSE PEST CONTROL	90.00
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	2096.69
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	RUCKUS WIRELESS NETWORK SUPPOR	423.52
VESTIS	SERVICES - MATS	33.54

		2687.37 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	75.79
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	72.60
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	72.60

		220.99 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	70.56

		70.56 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	62.60

		62.60 *
SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	112.11
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	53.36
HILLMANS REPAIR	OIL CHGES - (3)	208.23
MALCOLM LAFORTUNE	MEALS FOR TRAINING	53.70
MITCHELL DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	ZUERCHER AGREEMENT FOR 2025	500.00
OVERWEG AUTO	FUEL INJECTION THROTTLE - NESS	641.28
ROMAN BRIGGS	TRAINING MEALS IN DEADWOOD	46.71
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1617.75
V I S A	POSTAGE	16.80
V I S A	MOTEL FOR TRAINING	226.00
VERIZON	FEBRUARY - VERIZON REVEAL	63.10
VERIZON	APRIL - VERIZON REVEAL	63.80
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	427.68

		4030.52 *
JAIL		
DAVISON COUNTY SHERIFF	APRIL JAIL HOUSING	3570.00
HUGHES COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE	APRIL JAIL HOUSING	575.00

LEWIS FAMILY DRUG LLC	INMATE JAIL MEDICAL	109.04	

		4254.04	*
NURSES OFFICE			
OFFICE OF CHILD & FAMILY SERVI	JULY - DECEMBER 2025 AGREEMENT	3761.81	

		3761.81	*
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED			
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	60.00	

		60.00	*
AG BUILDING			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	105.07	
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	AG BLDG PEST CONTROL	70.00	
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	592.49	

		767.56	*
COUNTY EXTENSION			
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	62.16	

		62.16	*
WEED			
B & L COMMUNICATION	PRGRAMMING & TRANSFER EQUIP	440.72	
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY	65.00	
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	4.94	
OVERWEG AUTO	BATTERY FOR WATER TRAILER	208.12	
VERIZON	FEBRUARY - VERIZON REVEAL	15.26	
VERIZON	APRIL - VERIZON REVEAL	15.95	
VERIZON BUSINESS	PURCHASE OF IPAD	132.95	
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	39.41	

		922.35	*
PLANNING & ZONING			
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	50.00	
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	50.00	

		100.00	*
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
BROOKS OIL COMPANY	NEW REGULATORS - PLANK SHOP	240.00	
BROSZ ENGINEERING INC	JACK RABBIT ROAD BRDG - ENGINE	6385.00	
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRICITY - AUR CTR & STORLA	207.09	
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	121.41	
INDEPENDENT VIKING GLASS INC	140H GRADER WINDOW	240.50	
LYLE SIGNS	STREET SIGNS	18655.00	
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA	33.00	
NAPA CENTRAL	PICKUP & TRUCK REPAIRS	46.07	
NAPA CENTRAL	FILTERS & FLOOR DRY	430.38	

OVERWEG AUTO	TIRE	174.71
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	378.19
ROADSIDE C - STORE	FLEX GAS	63.96
RUNNINGS	GREASE GUN, CHAIR & ADAPTER	291.86
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	800.93
STANDARD PUBLISHING	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	420.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	FEBRUARY & MARCH PUBLISHING	420.00
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIRS	8085.00
STEVE'S WELDING REPAIR	CYLINDER RENT	120.00
TOTAL OIL	DEF	293.25
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00
VERIZON	FEBRUARY - VERIZON REVEAL	45.19
VERIZON	APRIL - VERIZON REVEAL	65.88
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	75.62
VESTIS	SERVICES - RAGS & MATS	12.18
VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	3488.49

		44293.71 *

E 911 SERVICE		
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 5-1 TO 5-31-25	203.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 5-1 TO 5-31-25	357.44
MITCHELL REGIONAL 911	E-911 SERVICES 4-1 TO 6-30-25	10788.84
MITCHELL REGIONAL 911	TRAFFIC STOPS - 4-1 TO 6-30-25	2368.33
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 5-1 TO 5-31-25	30.00

		13747.61 *

EM&D		
B & L COMMUNICATION	PRGRAMMING & TRANSFER EQUIP	661.08
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	58.07
RUNNINGS	5 GALLON METAL GAS CAN	60.99
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	180.45
VERIZON BUSINESS	CELL PHONE USAGE	59.11
VERIZON BUSINESS	PURCHASE OF IPAD	199.42

		1219.12 *

Total Checks: 90,006.97 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

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April Johnson, Deputy Auditor

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