

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 3, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public input.

The agenda was amended by adding Vanguard user training and district meeting for the Director of Equalization and chemical safety and compliance workshop for the weed supervisor. 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 Studeny to approve the minutes of the June 19th meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on the burn ban. Due to the recent moisture the county has received, no action was taken to implement a ban at this time.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Chairman Dethlefsen to sign the 2026 Victim Services agreement through Beadle County for \$2,200. Motion carried all voting aye.

States Attorney Rachel Mairose discussed the trespassing signs that the Commission directed the highway department to put on the small triangle piece of land the county owns in the NE ¼ 30-105-65. Mairose told the Commission she did not think it was necessary. She understood that there was no fence line and asked how you would determine where to put the signs. If we wanted to do something, maybe we could lease or rent it out, that way the renter would assume any liability issues, said Mairose. It was noted that the small piece of land has been in the county's name since 1913 and there have not been any problems. It was the consensus of the Board to leave things as they are.

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

Superintendent Vissia informed the Commission that he can purchase a 2026 4x4 Dodge Ram pickup off the state bid from Wegner Auto for the same price as the 2025 4x4 pickup that the Commission approved back in February. The Board directed with him to proceed with the purchase for the 2026 pickup.

Jamie VanZee and Eric Prunty from Brosz Engineering were present to open bids for Project BRF 6119(00)25-2, PCN 0A6Y (Jackrabbit Bridge) pursuant to the notice that was published in the legal newspapers.

The results are as follows:

A-G-E Corporation \$1,938,519.00

BX Civil & Construction \$1,398,202.30

General Excavating, LLC \$1,447,522.00

Graves Construction Co., Inc. \$1,856,335.85

Hollaway Bridge & Culvert, Inc. \$1,299,798.60

Journey Group Construction \$1,389,623.80

Kea Constructors, LLC \$1,283,649.72

Nolz Dragline & Construction \$1,062,216.56

Prahn Construction Inc. \$1,368,962.70

Young Gun Construction LLC \$1,915,741.49

No action was taken contingent upon Brosz Engineering reviewing all bids to make sure they meet specifications.

Emergency Manager Skyler Kehn met with the Board to go over his proposed 2026 budget.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Weed Supervisor Kehn to attend a workshop in Huron on July 23rd for a chemical safety and compliance workshop. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize Emergency Manager Kehn to attend a crisis track training in Aberdeen on July 8th. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to authorize Emergency Manager Kehn to attend a regional training on August 6th in Yankton. Motion carried all voting aye.

Michelle Carpenter from Dakota Counseling Institute/Stepping Stones reported on the services they provide to county residents. She asked the County to continue our support of \$4,250 for 2026. The Commission thanked her for her time.

Jason Wolbrink, Scott Moeller, and Skyler Kehn representing each of the local fire departments met with the Commission to discuss how things were going for each of their departments and to seek continued support from the County for 2026. The Commission thanked them for their time.

Andrea Irwin from ROCS Transit presented the Commission with a report on the number of county residents that use the ROCS transportation program for various things. She asked the County for their continued support of \$7,000 for 2026. The Commission thanked her for her time and noted that it is nice to see that this program is being used by the residents of Aurora County.

Kaylene Goehring from ROCS Dining Services presented the Commission with the number of senior meals they help provide to our senior citizens in each of the communities within the county. Goehring asked the county to continue their support for the dining services in 2026 in the amount of \$7,290.00. Goehring stated that she is currently looking for someone to take over the senior meals program in Plankinton since the Commerce has changed owners.

Register of Deeds Arlene Koch reviewed her 2026 budget request with the Commission.

Director of Equalization Jessica Durrin reviewed her 2026 budget request with the Commission.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Jessica Durrin and Sam Simkins from the Director of Equalization office to attend a Vanguard software user meeting in Oacoma on August 19 & 20 and a district workshop in Mitchell on August 22nd. Motion carried all voting aye.

Sheriff Roman Briggs reviewed his 2026 budget request with the Commission.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize extra hours for 4-H Program Assistant Brandi Shroyer so she can attend a 4-H Leader's meeting on July 14th to go over the final details for achievement days, July 28th to set up for achievement days, as well as August 1st & 2nd for the county achievement days. Motion carried all voting aye.

Brandi Shroyer presented the Board with a quote from Artisan Technologies LLC for a security camera at the Community/4-H Building. The cost of the camera, hard drive and installation is \$1,709.00. Shroyer informed the Commission that it is not NDAA approved, which is prohibited according to the State of SD Executive Order 2023-02. As per the Order, it prohibits government entities from purchasing goods or services from certain foreign governments, therefore, the County cannot accept the quote.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to enter into executive session at 11:50 AM with Auditor Urban as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 12:04 PM. A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve the FMLA request from Dan Beckmann. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

Reports: June Payroll: Social Security 5,994.94; Medicare 1,402.03; Wellmark 27,914.12, Retirement 6,180.73; Kansas City Life 96.90; Commissioners 4,438.35; Auditor 7,942.07; Treasurer 6,702.31; States Attorney 5,462.06; Courthouse 2,594.02; Director of Equalization 6,451.09; Register of Deeds 4,577.98; Veteran's Service Officer 210.78; Sheriff 20,069.40; Welfare 805.42; Extension 2,726.89; Weed 1,551.09; Zoning 823.15; Hwy 35,932.66; EM&D 1,930.48; Payroll Direct Deposit Cost 8.55. Auditor's Account with Treasurer: Cash on Hand 1,584.60; MMDA 2,074,972.98; CD's 942,140.00. Register of Deeds Fees: Marriage Lic/Certs 30.00; Birth/Death Certs 25.00; Preservation Fund 189.00; Driver's License 378.00; Copies 110.00; Other 0.00; Recording Fees 1,605.00; Transfer Fees 2,005.00.

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONERS
S.D. MAIL OFFICE

JUNE PUBLISHING

663.77

663.77 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM
CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIO INTERPRETATION FEES APRIL & MA

64.35

64.35 *

AUDITOR		
P M B 0112	MAY ACCESS FEES	57.25
QUILL CORPORATION	STAPLES, FOLDERS & NOTES	74.56
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	129.84

		261.65 *
TREASURER		
STAPLES	MV COUNTER CANDY	35.04
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	196.26

		231.30 *
COURTHOUSE		
AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS	ANNUAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM CHECK	511.88
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	1431.73
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	113.10

		2056.71 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	132.84

		132.84 *
VA OFFICE		
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	54.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	66.42

		120.42 *
SHERIFF		
FEDEX	POSTAGE	20.07
OVERWEG AUTO	RPR ENGINE HARNESS & NEW TIRES	1247.56
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	1761.26
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	522.68
V I S A	POSTAGE	5.35

		3556.92 *
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	252.38

		252.38	*
COUNTY EXTENSION			
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	126.84	

		126.84	*
WEED			
C & R SUPPLY	SAFETY TANK REPLACEMENT	176.94	
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	MISC REPAIR ITEMS FOR TRUCK	37.97	

		214.91	*
PLANNING & ZONING			
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	108.00	

		108.00	*
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	DRUG TEST - RICK	36.60	
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC - AUR CTR & STORLA	134.03	
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	PRIME & PAVE STICKNEY OIL	364638.85	
DEPT OF AG & NATURAL RESOURCES	STORMWATER PERMIT	400.00	
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	BATTERY	4.79	
GREAT PLAINS LUMBER & SUPPLY	PUMP DRILL & WHEEL HUBS	58.97	
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - WL & STK	79.68	
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY	196.17	
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	MOWER & LAWN MOWER REPAIRS	22.43	
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	TEFLON TAPE	1.69	
RUNNINGS	LAWN MOWER BATTERY	79.99	
RUNNINGS	SOCKET TRAYS & SPARK PLUGS	68.97	
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	226.09	
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	ENGINEERING - RIES BRIDGE	987.00	
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	868.12	
STICKNEY WATER	WATER - STICKNEY	95.25	
TRANSOURCE	TRUCK REPAIRS	185.66	
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE	3200.00	
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	132.84	
VESTIS	SERVICES - MATS & RAGS	12.53	
VOLLAN OIL	FUEL	2776.82	
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	TONER	220.00	
WILLIAMS OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	PRINTER	450.00	

		374876.48	*
R&B CONSTRUCTION			
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	PRIME & PAVE STICKNEY OIL	1500.00	

		1500.00	*
E 911 SERVICE			

MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 7-31-25	357.44

		357.44 *

EM&D		
QUILL CORPORATION	DUSTER & PUTTY	25.38
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	JUNE PUBLISHING	109.20
S.D. MAIL OFFICE	BUSINESS CARDS	64.00
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	FUEL FOR VEHICLES	162.15
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	66.42

		427.15 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENTAL	330.00
TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES	CONNECT CARE & EMAILS	193.26

		523.26 *

LAW LIBRARY		
FORTE	COURTROOM AV UPGRADE	11831.99

		11831.99 *

Total Checks: 397,369.41 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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