

AURORA COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 20, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: Commissioner Clark reported he has received complaints about Lorang's not tarping their trucks. Commissioner Hanten noted he has seen a motor grader dead-heading.

The tentative agenda was amended by adding software meeting for Director of Equalization and surplus Sheriff Tahoe's. 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 Hanten to approve the minutes from the July 6th meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize Highway Secretary Nancy Beckman and someone from the Auditor and Treasurers offices to attend the county software user meeting on August 2nd in Pierre and Tina Gerlach from the Director of Equalization's office to attend the July 26th software meeting in Huron. Motion carried all voting aye.

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

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to approve a special overweight permit for Pies Contracting that was signed by the Chairman and Highway Superintendent on July 11th. Motion carried all voting aye.

Highway Superintendent Vissia informed the Commission he received the contaminated soil test results back and it is clear of any contamination. Some of the soil has been piled at the landfill already. Vissia noted the Plankinton elevator has dumped about 217 ton of contaminated soil this past weekend out there.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Highway Superintendent Vissia to attend a bridge preservation meeting in Deadwood on October 17-19. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to have the Chairman to sign the following resolution authorizing submission of an application for a Bridge Improvement Grant. Roll Call Vote: Clark, aye; Studeny, aye; Hanten, aye; Niles, aye; Dethlefsen, aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT / LOCAL FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAMS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Aurora County wishes to submit an application for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

STRUCTURE NUMBER AND LOCATION:

Structure No. 02-230-198

Location: 4.8 miles S and 7.0 miles E of Plankinton, SD over an Unnamed Creek

and WHEREAS, Aurora County certifies that the project is listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan;

and WHEREAS, Aurora County agrees to pay the 20% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and/or 0% match on the Local Federal Bridge funds;

and WHEREAS, Aurora County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application and any required funding commitments.

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge application.

Vote of Commissioners: Yes 5 No 0

Dated at Plankinton, SD, this 20th day of July, 2023

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman

ATTEST: Susan Urban, County Auditor

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with BX Civil & Construction for project BRO 8002(00)22-5, PCN 08WU (Erickson Bridge). Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with BX Civil & Construction for project BRO 8002(00)22-4, PCN 08WT (Breukelman Bridge). Motion carried all voting aye.

Discussion was held on posting a slower speed for the Bridge by Storla.

Commissioner Studeny commented on the road closures today for the fog sealing that will be taking place and asked Doug how far in advance he knows about these types of things. Vissia said he knew about a day or so ahead of time. Studeny asked if he would let the emergency personnel or Emergency Manager Kehn know the next time this happens so they are aware in case they have an emergency call.

Commissioner Hanten told Superintendent Vissia that German is doing a nice job as blade operator in the White Lake area, but he needs to do a little better on the windrows along the side of the road. Hanten also said the Lake Road looks good, but it needs a couple loads of gravel. Vissia stated they have a lot of graveling to do yet. Hanten addressed the complaints he has had about dead-heading in the maintainer.

No applications have been taken out for the highway maintenance position.

Commissioner Hanten asked about why a county pickup needed to be at the shop in White Lake and stated that no other outlying shop has one. Superintendent Vissia did not see a problem with it. Chairman Dethlefsen said that once an employee is clocked in, they should not be driving their personal vehicle for liability reasons. Concerns were raised about the county's liability of having an employee driving their own vehicle after they are clocked in to work. The Commission directed Highway Superintendent Vissia to check with States Attorney Rachel Mairose on this.

SE Region Public Health Manager Julie Dykstra updated the Commission on the upcoming changes in the Department of Health. Also present was Public Health Assistant Ashley Howard and County Health Nurse Lacey Wiczorek. Julie reviewed the WIC caseload and Ashley's position as a Public Health Assistance. The Dept. of Health will be moving toward a team-based approach and there will not be a community health nurse stationed in every county anymore. The clients in Aurora County will see a nurse from the Team. There will be individuals who will only specialize or work with WIC while others will take care of the nursing aspects, etc. Julie said they are looking at the needs of each county and every county will be different. Dykstra informed the Commission that Lacey has taken a position as the School Health Coordinator for the State of SD. She will still work with the schools in Aurora County, but will no longer be the county health nurse for our county. The changes will happen this fall, said Dykstra.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to authorize Emergency Manager Kehn to sign a 3-year full-service maintenance agreement for the generators at the courthouse and the Community/4-H Building with Cummins. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Niles to authorize Emergency Manager Kehn to attend the annual SDEMA conference on September 11-14 in Deadwood. Motion carried all voting aye.

Emergency Manager Kehn updated the Commission on the LEMPG changes coming later this year.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to enter into executive session as per SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 10:58 AM. Motion carried all voting aye. The Chairman declared the Commission out of executive session at 11:11 AM with no official action taken.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Hanten to authorize the Chairman to sign a Deed Conveying Property Acquired by Tax Deed Proceeding to Taylen Trisco for the property Lot Twelve (12), Block Eight (8), Original Addition to the City of Plankinton, Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Niles to authorize the Chairman to sign a Quit Claim Deed to Ronald W. Assmus, Jr., and Linda R. Assmus and their successors as Trustees of the Ronald W. Assmus, Jr., and Linda R. Assmus Joint Revocable Living Trust for the property North One Hundred Feet (N 100') of the West One Hundred Forty Feet (W 140') of Block Twenty-One (21), Milwaukee Land Company's Third Addition to the Town of Stickney, Aurora County, South Dakota. Motion carried all voting aye.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Studeny to authorize the Chairman to sign a Deed Conveying Property Acquired by Tax Proceeding to Lori L. Chambers and her successor as trustee of the Keith L. Gerlach, Sr., Irrevocable Real Estate Trust for the property of a Portion of Block Twenty-one (21), Third Addition to the Town of Stickney, Aurora County, South Dakota, located in Section Thirty-One (31), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Sixty-Three (63) West. Motion carried all voting aye.

Custodian Dan Beckmann requested permission to purchase some new trees to replace the dead ones in front of the courthouse. James Valley Nursery gave him a quote for a 10 ft. Hybrid Elm at a cost of \$380 installed. The next size down is roughly \$300 installed. The Commission directed the Auditor to have Dan get prices for evergreens

from Miller's farm right outside Plankinton as well as the cost of a Bur Oak and Maple tree from James Valley Nursery.

A motion was made by Studeny, seconded by Clark to declare surplus the 2017 Tahoe and 2015 Tahoe and add these two items to the surplus auction sale on the 16th of August. Motion carried all voting aye.

The remainder of the meeting was spent going over the 2024 proposed budget.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Hanten to file reports and pay vouchers as listed below.

Motion carried all voting aye.

Reports: Wheel Tax Paid: Cities \$1,270.57; Townships \$870.34.

CLAIMS :

COMMISSIONERS

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	46.86
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JUNE PUBLISHING	932.38
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JUNE PUBLISHING	932.38

		1911.62 *

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

GRAND JURY	JURORS	395.90
ALVINE LAW FIRM	CAA	128.40
CAROLINA GUEVARA	INTERPRETING SERVICES	218.75
DOUGLAS N PAPENDICK	CAA	74.90
MAULE LAW OFFICE	CAA	599.82
AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE HEALTH	B/A (2)	260.00
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A (1)	140.00

		1817.77 *

AUDITOR

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	51.34
QUILL CORPORATION	WHITE OUT & STICKY NOTES	39.16
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	98.42

		188.92 *

TREASURER

GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	67.69
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	TAX DEED PADLOCKS - STK	71.95
QUILL CORPORATION	MV BATTERY BACKUP	217.11
QUILL CORPORATION	TREASURER BATTERY BACKUP	217.11
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JUNE PUBLISHING	191.80
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JUNE PUBLISHING	191.80
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	147.51

		1104.97 *

STATE'S ATTORNEY		
MAIROSE AND STEELE	POSTAGE	19.62
MAIROSE AND STEELE	OVERHEAD COST	600.00
MAIROSE AND STEELE	BUSINESS CARDS	35.52
MAIROSE AND STEELE	LAW BOOKS	750.37
THOMSON * WEST	STATES ATTY ONLINE SUBSCRIPTIO	657.99

		2063.50 *
COURTHOUSE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	41.96
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	9.17
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY & WATER	1856.81
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	DOOR CLOSURE, SEED. TRIMMER LI	246.99
RON'S MARKET INC	PAPER PRODUCTS & BAGS	90.17
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	49.17

		2294.27 *
DIR. OF EQUALIZATION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	70.43
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JUNE PUBLISHING	49.77
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JUNE PUBLISHING	49.77
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	98.34

		268.31 *
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, FAXES & INTERNET	56.59
MCLEOD PRINTING & OFFICE SUPPL	ENVELOPES	45.00

		101.59 *
VA OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	68.18
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	49.17

		117.35 *
SHERIFF		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, INTERNET	109.20
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	51.54
HILLMANS REPAIR	2017 TAHOE OIL CHANGE	82.44
QUILL CORPORATION	CABLE, STAPLES & ENVELOPES	93.55
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	393.36
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	NEW COMPUTER	1372.00

		2102.09 *
JAIL		
BRULE COUNTY	JUNE JAIL HOUSING	1054.00
LEWIS FAMILY DRUG LLC	INMATES MEDS	45.39
MINNEHAHA COUNTY REGIONAL	JUVENILE JAIL HOUSING (1)	358.68

MITCHELL CLINIC LTD	JAIL MEDICAL CARE	40.00
PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL	PRISONER TRANSPORT	49.64

		1547.71 *
CORONER		
SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	B/A - (2)	355.00

		355.00 *
PUBLIC WELFARE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	45.89
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	49.17

		95.06 *
WIC		
ASHLEY HOWARD	MILEAGE TO SIOUX FALLS	379.44

		379.44 *
NURSES OFFICE		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE	1.74

		1.74 *
AG BUILDING		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	165.37
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY & WATER	604.97
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	COUNTER TOP & NAILS	239.64
RON'S MARKET INC	BAGS	25.78

		1035.76 *
COUNTY EXTENSION		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE, INTERNET	57.53
HODGES BADGE COMPANY INC	4-H RIBBONS	227.91
RON'S MARKET INC	BATTERIES	11.94
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	98.34

		395.72 *
WEED		
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	LANDFILL ELECTRICITY	62.00
GOLDEN WEST	INTERNET	5.12
PLANKINTON LUMBER COMPANY	TAPE & SEAL	12.97

		80.09 *
PLANNING & ZONING		
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JUNE PUBLISHING	37.28
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JUNE PUBLISHING	37.28

		74.56 *

R&B CONSTRUCTION		
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING (3)	255.00
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOP, INC	ELECTRIC - AUR CTR & STORLA	126.43
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	HOT MIX	5118.76
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	120.40
JAKE'S	WEED TRUCK GAS	48.66
MID-DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM	WATER BILL - STORLA SHED	31.00
OVERWEG AUTO, GLASS & FUEL	WEED PICKUP TIRES	1148.48
PLANKINTON CITY	ELECTRICITY & WATER	414.37
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JUNE PUBLISHING	135.00
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JUNE PUBLISHING	135.00
TOTAL OIL	FUEL	2645.44
TRANSOURCE	LOADER LEASE & DELIVERY	3750.00
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	98.34

		14026.88 *

8 TOWNSHIP		
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	HOT MIX	6379.47
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	HOT MIX	6054.62
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	HOT MIX	1603.08
COMMERCIAL ASPHALT	HOT MIX	1604.54

		15641.71 *

E 911 SERVICE		
GOLDEN WEST	E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 7-31-23	200.00
MID-STATE TELEPHONE CO.	E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 7-31-23	357.44
SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS	E-911 SERVICES 7-1 TO 7-31-23	53.42

		610.86 *

EM&D		
GOLDEN WEST	PHONE & INTERNET	69.32
STANDARD PUBLISHING	JUNE PUBLISHING	123.90
STANDARD PUBLISHING ARGUS	JUNE PUBLISHING	123.90
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	49.17
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	MONITOR & HUB FOR COMPUTER	535.00

		901.29 *

REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	MONTHLY EQUIPMENT RENT	275.00
P M B 0112	MICROFILM STORAGE	58.96
CONNECTING POINT ULTRA INC	JUNE CONNECT CARE	147.51

		481.47 *

Total Checks: 47,597.68 *

Meeting adjourned subject to call.

Clyde Dethlefsen, Chairman
Aurora County Commission

Attest: _____
Susan Urban, Auditor

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