

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
September 1, 2020
(unapproved)

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday September 1, 2020 in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Tompkins. Members present: Commissioners James, Tobin, Sinner and Walters. Others: Auditor Fosheim, Glenn Gebur, Roger Johanning, Greg Pesall and Amanda Fanger-R&F.

PLEDGE: Chairman Tompkins led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MINUTES: Moved by Walters, seconded by Sinner to approve the minutes for August 18, 2020 regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by Walters, seconded by Tobin to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending August 15, 2020. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 4,752.20; Treasurer's Office 5,127.20; Register of Deeds 3,567.20; State's Attorney 2,096.00; Sheriff's Office 9,012.26; Jailors 6,833.00; Assessor's Office 4,980.40; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 500.50; WIC 413.88; Veteran's Service 1,992.80; Maintenance 1,904.25; Extension 2,365.06; Welfare 395.00; Drainage 98.08; Planning & Zoning 295.58; OEM 730.00; 911 365.00; Weed 433.15; Highway 21,071.21; Social Security 4,142.78; Medicare 968.86; Health Insurance 28,521.10; SD Retirement 3,681.42 for a total of 106,953.85

CLAIMS: Moved by James, seconded by Sinner to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the following audited claims. Motion carried.

SERVICES: A-1 Computer Solutions 119.98, Aramark Uniform Services/Ameripride Services Inc. 168.82, Century Business Products 122.98, Christensen Ambulance 3,250.00, Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 4,000.00, Law Office of Danny R Smeins 4,873.62, Lincoln Co. Treasurer 202.30, Calleen Misterek 319.20, Scantron 1,719.90, Scott Kuck 1,319.65, SD Dept. of Public Safety 2,340.00, SD Dept. of Transportation 1,773.81, Webster Scale Inc. 716,866.50,

SUPPLIES: American Solutions for Business 17.01, Cardmember Service 755.98, DETCO 688.00, Dollar General 178.65, Election Systems & Software 42.61, Electro Watchman Inc. 241.10, Jebro Inc. 119,492.30, Johnson Lumber 1,534.78,

REPAIRS: Dave Hahler Automotive 52.00, Kevin's Service 183.00, Twin Valley Tire 68.33,

UTILITIES: AT&T-FirstNet 62.56, Midcontinent Communications 283.98, Northwestern Energy 61.29, Venture Communication Inc. 264.69,

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Lien Transportation Co. 15,348.75,

PER DIEM: Frank James 39.60, Rick Tobin 41.40,

REGISTRATION: SD Sheriff's Association 120.00,

RENTAL: Hanlon Bros. 20,470.25, Leon Gaikowski 544.17,

MANUAL CHECKS: SD Counties 925.00, Treasurer 979.18, USPS 960.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sinner, seconded by James to enter Executive Session at 9:07 AM for personnel matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Tompkins reconvened the regular session at 9:27 AM.

OFFICE STAFF IN TREASURER'S OFFICE: Treasurer Wagner and Deputy Zubke discussed with the board the need to have three full time employees in the Treasurer's office instead of two full time and one part time. The 2021 Budget would need to be increased \$11,755.00. The commissioners will make their decision during the budget hearing.

GENERATOR GRANT: OEM Director Anderson discussed with the board the generator grant. Moved by James, seconded by Tobin to authorize the chairman to sign the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for a generator for the courthouse/jail. Motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPT: Sheriff Rucktaeschel informed the board of the following employee changes: Courtney Tedder resigned, her last day will be September 11, 2020; Carrie Huwe resigned, her last day will be September 3, 2020. Moved by James, seconded by Tobin to accept the two resignations and thanks for their service to the county. Jack Carlson will go from part-time to full-time effective September 2, 2020 with a pay increase from \$15.00/hr. to \$16.00/hr. Kailey Anderson will go from 80% to 100% effective August 30, 2020 with a pay increase from \$14.00/hr. to \$17.00/hr.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Walters, seconded by James to approve travel expenses for DOE Schlotte and Deputy Block to attend a district meeting in Aberdeen, SD on September 10, 2020. Motion carried.

2021 BUDGET HEARING: The commission conducted the 1st Budget Hearing for the 2021 Proposed Budget. Appearing from the public were Mark and Renee Christensen and a list of attendees is on file in the Auditor's office. States Attorney Smeins discussed the allowance for additional secretarial staff.

Moved by James, seconded by Tobin to make changes to the following account: Treasurer from \$201,406.00 to \$213,161.00. Motion carried. The next Budget Hearing will be September 11, 2020 at 9:15 AM.

RECESS: Chairman Tompkins declared a recess at 10:57 AM. Chairman Tompkins reconvened the regular session at 11:03 AM.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN PUBLIC MEETING: Appearing from the public was Glenn Gebur, Greg Pesall, Mike and Kristie Matthews. Highway Supt. Braaten gave a report on the Five-Year Transportation Plan. Moved by James, seconded by Tobin to approve the Five-Year Transportation Plan as presented. Motion carried.

AUTOMATIC BUDGET SUPPLEMENT: Moved by James, seconded by Tobin to approve an automatic budget supplement for the Highway budget in the amount of \$268,114.74 for reimbursements from unexpected revenue from State Grants, permits, materials sold, public works and sale of property. Motion carried.

BITTER LAKE BASIN: OEM Director Anderson and Jay Gilbertson with East Dakota Water Development District discussed efforts to drain water from the Bitter Lake Basin. Also present were Jennifer Hieb Regional Director for Senator Mike Rounds and Judy Vrchota Northeast Regional Director for Senator John Thune.

EXCUSED FROM MEETING: Commissioner Tobin excused himself from the meeting at 12:23 PM.

RESOLUTION for MEANDERED WATER: Moved by James, seconded by Walters to amend Resolution # 2019-07 with the 2019 information. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2019-07

WHEREAS, Day County and its other political subdivisions depend very heavily upon property tax levies for support of its statutory responsibilities as well as discretionary functions; and

WHEREAS, Day County has found it difficult to find sufficient tax revenues to fund its roads, law enforcement/jail, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Day County has experienced extensive flooding which has necessitated rebuilding roads or closing roads and townships have had the same experience; and

WHEREAS, with the past flooding and the current flood situation which involves both meandered and non-meandered bodies of water and other bodies of water which some have stated reflects higher water levels than ever before; and

WHEREAS, a secondary consequence of flooding is that land inundated by water has resulted in Day County originally abating taxes because of flooded land and now reducing the valuation because of flooded lands; and

WHEREAS, Day County has reduced the valuations on Day County farmland as follows:

| <u>APPLICATION YEAR</u> | <u>VALUATION REDUCTION</u> | <u>ACRES</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 2014 | \$ 16,184,328 | 26,690 |
| 2015 | 16,184,328 | 26,690 |
| 2016 | 16,184,328 | 26,690 |

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| 2017 | 32,696,933 | 29,486 |
| 2018 | 29,535,447 | 22,358 |
| 2019 | 43,922,244 | 32,660 |
| Total | <u>\$154,707,608</u> | |

The minimum valuation on flooded land that qualifies is \$300.00 per acre; and

WHEREAS, based upon the loss of valuation described above, Day County and its political subdivisions have a tax revenue loss on an estimated \$210,918.00 per year, or such revenues had to be generated by higher levies on other properties; and

WHEREAS, 2019 has been a record year for acres lost to water and valuation reductions and 2020 is not expected to be much better; and

WHEREAS, Day County and its political subdivisions as well as taxpayers have gotten no financial assistance or relief to offset the lost tax revenues and farm income meanwhile the public continued to enjoy the recreational value of the flooded lands; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Day County and on behalf of its other local political subdivisions and taxpayers request that the South Dakota Legislature and South Dakota Association of County Commissioners explore what can be done to address the inequities of the above situation.

Dated this 1st day of September 2020.

James Tompkins, Day County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Bonnie Fosheim, Auditor

ADMISSION OF SERVICE: Moved by James, seconded by Walters to approve the chairman to sign the Admission of Service for Les Gonsor and Julie Gonsor vs Day Co. Planning Commission and Day Co. Board of Adjustment. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY: The Day County Courthouse will be closed on Monday September 7, 2020 for Labor Day Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT: At 1:05 PM, moved by Sinner, seconded by Walters to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Friday September 11, 2020 to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

James Tompkins
Chairman

ATTEST:

Bonnie Fosheim
Day County Auditor

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