

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
March 29, 2022

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday March 29, 2022 in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Derek Sinner. Members present: Commissioners Tobin, Walter, and Tompkins. Absent: Walters. Others: Amanda Fanger R&F, Mike Matthews, Paul Bury, Frank James, Robert Whitmyre and Glenn Gebur.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Watertown 911 Invite.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Frank James made a public comment stating that Economic Development should be involved in helping get a new ambulance service started. The county gives money to the Economic Development each year and now when we need them, they are nowhere to be found. This is what they are supposed to be here for. Paul Bury questioned if the Butler Bridge had an update.

MINUTES: Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Tobin to approve the minutes from March 15, 2022 regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by Walter, seconded by Tobin to approve and authorize the vice chairman to sign the payroll period ending March 12, 2022. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,098.20; Treasurer's Office 5,372.26; Register of Deeds 5,005.70; State's Attorney 2,752.80; Sheriff's Office 11,328.38; Jailors 7,631.00; Assessor's Office 5,357.21; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 389.50; WIC 266.50; Veteran's Service 1,243.13; Maintenance 1,908.50; Extension 1,190.00; Welfare 385.00; Drainage 98.08; Planning & Zoning 268.08; OEM 850.00; 911 425.00; Weed 883.63 Highway 25,489.09; Social Security 4,782.86; Medicare 1,118.58; Health Insurance 1,740.02; Life Insurance 12.20; Dental Insurance 489.43; SD Retirement 4,584.32 for a total of 91,376.39.

CLAIMS: Moved by Tobin, seconded by Tompkins to approve and authorize the vice chairman to sign the following audited claims. Motion carried.

SERVICES: Aramark 183.62, Glacial Lakes Electric 434.13, Horn Law Office 222.20, Lucy Lewno 20.00, Sanford Health 1,167.96, SD Dept Transportation 19,664.76, Tyler Technologies 3,474.98, Yankton County Sheriff's Office 50.00,

SUPPLIES: Ace 35.91, American Solutions For Business 24.96, Brock White Co. 45,775.00, CWD 1,390.19, Lexisnexis 78.08, Premier Biotech, Inc 188.82, Rausch Granite 100.00, Tri State Water Inc 58.05, Valley Office Products 107.11,

DONATION: Safe Harbor 165.00,

REGISTRATION: SDACO 555.00,

REPAIRS: Dave Hahler Automotive 70.44,

UTILITIES: Dependable Sanitation 146.48, James Valley Communications 139.40, Northwestern Energy 85.92, Venture Communications Inc. 264.69,

PUBLISHING: Waubay Clipper 949.80,

INSURANCE: Unum Life Insurance Company of America 22.21,

PER DIEM: Ben Braaten 385.60,

MANUAL CHECKS: A&B Business 377.20, SafeTech Solutions 15,000.00, Sioux Valley Coop 318.50, Ashley Nelson 72.46, Dave Hahler Automotive 83,178.00, Webster School 50.00, Day County Treasurer 42.40.

EXHAUST FAN: Custodian Brian Holland informed the board that all the tuck pointing has been completed on the chimney. Holland told the board there are 12 more exhaust fans to be replaced. The board directed Holland to get a quote on replacing the fans.

COUNTY TAX SALE: Treasurer Zubke reported that payment from Mr. Jensen has not been received yet for the property sold on the County Tax Sale. Motion by Walter, seconded by Tobin to

grant a new deadline date of April 8, 2022 by 5:00 P.M. and that payment must be received in full. Motion carried.

ROW FOR NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS: Moved by Tobin, seconded by Walter to approve applications for Occupancy on ROW of County Highways per Highway Supt. Braaten's recommendations. Motion carried.

AGREEMENTS: Moved by Walter, seconded by Tobin to approve two agreements on structure #19-040-041 and #19-025-030 with SD DOT. Motion carried.

GONSOR PROPERTY: The Gonsor property was discussed. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Walter, seconded by Tompkins to enter into Executive Session at 9:30 A.M. for personnel matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Derek Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:44 A.M.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS CHANGE: Moved by Walter, seconded by Tompkins to approve Highway employee James Pearson to go from a full-time employee to a part-time employee effective April 11, 2022. Pearson will be able to stay enrolled in SDRS with the stipulation that he works one (1) day every month, and at least twenty (20) hours a week for six (6) months out of the year. Pearson is allowed to keep accrued sick and vacation leave on the books with the following stipulations: 1.) Cannot use accrued sick or vacation leave while part time status, 2.) If he returns to full-time status will start to accrue leave after 1 month at bottom rate like a new employee, 3.) If he returns to full-time status will not earn an additional forty (40) hours of sick leave after six (6) months, 4.) If he returns to full-time status and terminates employment with Day County, will not be paid out accrued sick time unless he has completed ten (10) full-time years of service. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE: Moved by Tobin, seconded by Walter to approve Sheriff Schreur to hire Matthew Gaikowski as an 80% employee at 17.00/hr effective March 24, 2022. Motion carried.

JAIL CONTRACTS: Sheriff Schreur presented Codington County's jail contract. Codington County is raising their out of county holding cost from \$75.00/day to \$95.00/day. Sheriff Schreur will look at updating Day County's inmate holding costs and report back to commission.

TAHOE'S: Sheriff Schreur reported that the new Tahoe's have arrived. Currently lights are being installed. Schreur will look into options of selling the older sheriff vehicles.

EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE: Auditor Zimmerman reported that Kris Hubsch has completed 6 months of employment and recommends a \$1.25 pay increase from \$19.25 to \$20.50 effective March 27, 2022. Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Tobin to approve the pay increase. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Tobin, seconded by Walter to approve travel for VSO Officer, OEM Officer, and Extension Officer. Motion carried. Moved by Walter, seconded by Tobin to approve all travel for all departments for the remainder of the year. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY: Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Tobin that the Day County Courthouse and Highway Dept. will be closed on Friday, April 15th and Monday, April 18th, 2022 in observance of the Easter Holiday. Motion carried.

SUMMONS & COMPLAINT: Summons and Complaint was signed by Vice Chairman Sinner.

RECESS: Vice Chairman Derek Sinner declared a recess at 10:04 A.M. Vice Chairman Derek Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:10 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Tobin, seconded by Tompkins to enter into Executive Session at 10:10 A.M. for legal matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Derek Sinner reconvened the regular session at 11:48 A.M.

RECESS: Vice Chairman Derek Sinner declared a recess at 11:48 A.M. Vice Chairman Derek Sinner reconvened the regular session at 12:55 P.M.

RECESS: Vice Chairman Derek Sinner declared a recess at 12:55 P.M. and conducted the Ambulance Public Meeting. Sinner reconvened regular session at 2:30 P.M.

AMBULANCE: Public discussion was held in the community room of the courthouse. Roy Aldrich presented a possible proposal to the board. Aldrich's proposal was that, Aldrich's would build and pay for a new ambulance facility to house the ambulances, have office space, and a conference room for staff training and continuing education. Day County would purchase all of Christensen Ambulance's current rolling stock, equipment, inventory, and a building, then lease that back to Aldrich's on a three-year lease with a buy out option at the end. The proposed lease would be \$1,000.00 per year with a

buyout of \$50,000.00 at the end of the three years along with the county providing a \$195,000.00 annual subsidy to Aldrich. Aldrich mentioned that he only had rough numbers as he really has no guide to follow. The subsidy may change year to year. Commissioner Walter spoke that he felt Day County should own and operate the ambulance service rather than give a subsidy. The board heard public comments and concerns. The board returned upstairs along with Kyle Moser, SD EMS Association Director and Marshall County Auditor, Megan Biel. Both Moser and Biel gave suggestions on how they have seen other operations run.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Tobin to enter into Executive Session at 3:08 P.M. for legal matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Derek Sinner reconvened the regular session at 3:21 P.M.

AMBULANCE: Motion by Walter, seconded by Tobin for Day County to acquire & operate an Ambulance Service. Commissioner Walter will ask Christensen Ambulance to supply a complete and accurate listing of equipment and inventory to the County by April 11, 2022. Day County will get an independent appraisal of equipment and inventory. Day County will move forward with advertising for an Ambulance Department Head. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Walter, seconded by Tompkins to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022 to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Derek Sinner
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Karli Zimmerman
Day County Auditor

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