

**DAY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**October 4, 2022**

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday October 4, 2022 in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Linda Walters. Members present: Commissioners Sinner, Tobin, Walter, and Tompkins. Others: Auditor Zimmerman, States Attorney Knight, DOE Schlotte, Amanda Fanger R&F, Mark Wattier, Glenn Gebur, and Larry Baumgarn.

**PLEDGE:** Chairman Linda Walters led the members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Brown County Regional Jail letter of interest.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Glenn Gebur questioned when the Ambulance Department acquired a pick-up, as he saw it was used during the Pumpkin Parade. Chairman Walters told Gebur it was only approved for the Ambulance Department to use the one time during the parade.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Sinner to approve the minutes from September 20, 2022 regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL:** Moved by Tobin, seconded by Sinner to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending September 24, 2022. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,318.20; Treasurer's Office 5,643.20; Register of Deeds 5,218.20; State's Attorney 2,752.80; Sheriff's Office 9,904.54; Jailors 9,316.00; Assessor's Office 5,357.20; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 584.25; WIC 394.63; Veteran's Service 2,035.75; Maintenance 1,760.00; Ambulance 2,307.70; Extension 1,190.00; Welfare 425.00; Drainage 98.08; Planning & Zoning 268.08; OEM 850.00; 911 340.00; Weed 706.15; Highway 21,085.65; Social Security 4,844.17; Medicare 1,132.96; SD Retirement 4,466.15 for a total of 88,705.66.

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

**SERVICES:** Aramark Uniform Services 183.62, Century Business Products 133.05, Judy Cleveland 35.00, Delaney, Nielsen & Sannes 5,500.00, Kevin Jens 110.00, Kevin's Service 75.00, Ramkota Inn 647.74, Sanford Health 189.04, SD Department of Health 1,395.00, Webster Tire Inc 71.99, Webster Veterinary Clinic 228.64,

**SUPPLIES:** Ace 139.23, Auto Value Webster 63.88, CWD 2,150.94, Dale's Service 108.22, Day County Treasurer 273.95, Dollar General 169.74, Drug Tests in Bulk 137.50, Election Systems & Software 108.41, Johnson Lumber 45.98, Kuecker Seed Farm Inc. 1,317.50, Mid- American Research 333.81, Minn-Kota Communications 369.18, Newman Traffic Signs 1,176.57, Opitz Gravel 24,644.65, Phoenix Supply 276.84, Skeide Graveling 6,095.21, Stern Oil Company 4,135.29, TrueNorth Steel 16,234.00, Valley Office Products 263.99,

**INSURANCE:** American Income Life Insurance 121.50,

**UTILITIES:** AT&T Firstnet 201.83, City of Webster 32.45, ITC Telecom 1,340.36, Midcontinent Communications 339.52, Northwestern Energy 83.77, RC Technologies 50.00,

**PER DIEM:** Garret Premus 126.37, Rick Tobin 41.40, Jim Walter 12.60

**PUBLISHING:** Reporter and Farmer 54.42, Waubay Clipper 718.99,

**DONATION:** Safe Harbor 230.00,

**REGISTRATION:** Safety Benefits Inc. 225.00,

**REPAIR:** Schwan Welding and Boiler 1,683.00, Twin Valley Tire 1,164.47,

**MANUAL CHECKS:** Rhonda Zubke 234.61, Sanford 3,135.00.

**OSTRED WIND FARM:** Claire Dittrich with Ostred Wind Farm presented before the board and explained that Ostred Wind Farm is in the very beginning phase of wind towers within Day County. They will be doing multiple studies to determine the best location, receiving signed leases from landowners and meeting with local governments. Commissioner Walter questioned if the leases are available for resale, if they follow county ordinances, and the criteria for the site. Dittrich answered that leases are available for resale, they follow all ordinances, and they do multiple studies to see if the land meets their criteria. Glenn Gebur commented his concern was that wind towers affect wildlife.

**BILL FOR MAINTAINING COUNTY PROPERTY:** Jean Benike re-submitted a bill for \$8,500.00 for maintaining county property since 1983. States Attorney Knight will follow up with Benike that the claim has been denied.

**WEED BOARD:** Moved by Sinner, seconded by Tobin to recess and convene as Weed Board at 9:48 AM. Motion carried. Chairman Linda Walters reconvened the regular meeting at 9:53 AM. Next Weed Board meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January 2023.

**EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE:** Highway Supt. Braaten recommended a pay increase for Travis Larson upon six months of employment. Moved by Tobin, seconded by Sinner to approve \$.50/hour increase (from \$20.73 to \$21.23) effective September 25, 2022. Motion carried.

**ROW OF COUNTY HIGHWAY:** Moved by Walter, seconded by Tobin to approve application for Occupancy on ROW of County Highway 25 for Drain Tile for Matt Johnson per Highway Supt. Braaten's recommendations. Motion carried.

**BIG AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING:** Moved by Tobin, seconded by Sinner to approve the Chairman sign the BIG Agreement for Preliminary Engineering on structure 19-060-012. Motion carried.

**BID LETTING:** Moved by Tobin, seconded by Sinner to approve a Bid Letting on November 4, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. for Bridge 19-010-132. Motion carried.

**RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:** Highway Supt. Braaten received a letter from the Highway and Rail Safety Engineer asking that Day County consider all railroad crossings within the county and provide a list of the crossings we feel could most benefit from a safety improvement grant. Hwy Supt. Braaten will reach out to the city mayors, and suggestions from the public are welcomed.

**RECESS:** Chairman Linda Walters declared a recess at 10:09 AM. Chairman Linda Walters reconvened regular session at 10:17 AM.

**AMBULANCE UPDATE:** Ambulance Director Madsen reported there was a 9% price increase to Stryker cots October 1, 2022, however Day County's quote is good until November 1, 2022 and Stryker will honor it. Madsen recommended ordering the cots now before the price increases. Cots will not have to be paid for until received in 2023. Madsen also stated that at this time the Lucas Machine is not a necessity and does not need to be ordered, as we will already be getting one from Christensen Ambulance. Madsen also said he has received donations from Agtegra, Dacotah Bank, and Cortrust Bank for equipment purchases and would like to purchase some handheld radios with those funds. Moved by Walter, seconded by Sinner to approve Ambulance Director Madsen to purchase 2 cots and one auto load from Stryker for \$74,987.48 with county funds and handheld radios with money received from donations. Motion carried. Madsen also updated the board that, as of now, he has about 10 people interested in working for the ambulance service.

**PCC BILLING:** Michelle Smith with PCC Billing Company met with the board to discuss Medicare enrollment. Smith explained the process along with enrolling with other insurance companies and what the turn around on revenues may look like. Smith thinks the best time to enroll in Medicare will be December 15, 2022, once we receive the vehicle registrations from Christensen Ambulance. Smith expressed that the board will have to start looking at fee schedules in the near future. PCC Billing Company will be setting up training with the ambulance crew members.

**JAIL LOCKERS:** Moved by Sinner, seconded by Tobin to allow Sheriff Schreur to purchase lockers for the jail. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF SURPLUS SALE:** Sheriff Schreur said he would like to hold the surplus sale a week later than originally planned.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Sinner, seconded by Tompkins to enter into Executive Session at 11:57 AM for personnel and legal matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Linda Walters reconvened the regular session at 12:33PM.

**ROSLYN CITY CONTRACT:** Moved by Sinner, seconded by Walter to approve Sheriff Schreur to enforce 5 hours of enforcement services to the City of Roslyn until States Attorney Knight draws up a contract. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN TO SIGN QUARTERLY REPORTS:** Moved by Sinner, seconded by Walter to approve Chairman to sign quarterly NECOG reports. Motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE & HIGHWAY CLOSURE:** Day County Courthouse and Highway Department will be closed October 10, 2022 in observance of Native American Day/Columbus Day.

**BOILER:** Custodian Holland reported that he has asked for a quote to repair tubes on the boiler system from Schwan's Welding and it was roughly \$26,000.00 for 70 tubes to be replaced. The tubes haven't been replaced in 24 years and the boiler is the original boiler from when the courthouse was built. Holland ask the board that they start considering replacing the tubes, or replacing the boiler. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Walter to adjourn until 9:00 AM, on Tuesday October 18, 2022, to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

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Linda M. Walters  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Karli Zimmerman  
Day County Auditor

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