

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
May 9, 2023

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday May 9, 2023 in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Derek Sinner. Members present: Commissioners Kjos, McGregor-Okroi, Walter, and Tompkins. Others: Auditor Zimmerman, Amanda Fanger R&F, Kevin Winter R&F, Glenn Gebur, Joan Trygstad, Barry Smith, Gene Williamson, Eric Kwasniewski, and Rob Grewe.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Department of Ag and Natural Resources Free Abandoned Underground Tank Removal Program and SD Game Fish and Parks letter to acquire 320 acres of land as Game Production Area South of Waubay in Day County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Glenn Gebur stated he had some of his own concerns along with the concerns of the people who have been calling him. Gebur thought the Highway and Sheriff Departments need to increase their budgets for equipment as the Highway has had a lot of damaged roads, and the Sheriff's Department arrests are increasing. Gebur stated he doesn't think the County taxpayers can afford anymore employee raises as he has heard that employees are making \$50.00/hr with benefits. "Equipment is what we really need," Gebur said. Gebur also said he has concerns about the Chairman meeting with Department Heads behind closed doors, and wanted to know if any other Commissioners knew about this taking place and questioned if these discussions shouldn't be held at public meetings.

MINUTES: Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Kjos to approve the minutes from April 25, 2023, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Tompkins to approve the equalization minutes from April 25, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Kjos to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending April 22, 2023. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,534.45; Treasurer's Office 5,883.20; Register of Deeds 5,215.70; State's Attorney 2,832.80; Sheriff's Office 11,297.00; Jailors 10,458.50; Assessor's Office 3,762.00; Commissioners 2,706.92; Ambulance 3,635.70; Home Health 434.30; WIC 270.90; Veteran's Service 1,797.75; Maintenance 1,972.25; Extension 1,246.00; Welfare 400.00; Drainage 324.50; Planning & Zoning 502.50; OEM 867.75; 911 400.50; Weed 913.96; Highway 19,019.66; Social Security 4,808.10; Medicare 1,124.48; Health Insurance 24,594.94; Dental Insurance 472.05; SD Retirement 4,512.94 for a total of 114,988.85.

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

SERVICES: A&B Business 148.46, AT&T 201.43, Austin, Strait, Benson, Thole 1,318.60, Century Business Products 227.55, Election Systems & Software 2,422.88, Steve Hargis 110.80, Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc 95.00, Ramkota Inn 232.00, Gina Ruggieri 1,284.30, Sanford Health 320.38, SD Department of Transportation 783.55, SD Public Health Laboratory 200.00, Securus Technologies 39.00, Sioux Valley Cooperative 17,918.45, Taliaferro Law Firm, P.C. 275.05,

SUPPLIES: Ace 305.72, Cole Papers 428.16, CWD 1,451.15, Day County Treasurer 182.00, Dollar General 32.15, Farm & Home Publishers 1,250.00, McLeod's 199.27, Snaza Implement 32.32, Sportsman's Cove 159.99, TrueNorth Steel 5,792.09, Valley Office Products 110.75,

UTILITIES: City of Webster 385.42, ITC Telecom 1,699.34, Midcontinent Communications 368.05, RC Technologies 50.00,

REPAIRS: Auto Value 622.37, Bullert Automotive 409.68, Dakota Electronics 418.49, Dave Hahler Automotive 90.00, Power Plan 2,068.50, Transource Trucking Equipment 359.79, Twin Valley Tire 4,461.29,

PUBLISHING: Civil Air Patrol Magazine 195.00, Reporter & Farmer 447.73, Waubay Clipper 688.77,

RENTAL: Wayne Johnson 125.00, Webster Scale 42,156.25,

INSURANCE: Karli Zimmerman 2,000.00.

GROW SD: Katie Rasmus with Grow SD requested \$5,000.00 for 2024 budget year. Rasmus gave a 2022 yearly review and update. No action was taken.

BEADLE COUNTY CULVERT BID: Moved by Walter, seconded by Tompkins to approve the 2023 Beadle County bid from TrueNorth Steel for culverts. Motion carried. Hwy Supt. Braaten said the prices have decreased from 2022.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR STRIPING: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Tompkins to approve the Chairman to sign the Joint Powers Striping Agreement with SD DOT. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Walter, seconded by Kjos to approve Hwy Supt. Braaten to travel June 7 & 8, 2023 for Highway Supt. Conference. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER RESOLUTION: Moved by Walter, seconded by Tompkins to approve signing the Resolution for Declaration of Emergency/Disaster to apply for storm damage in April, 2023, storm. Motion carried. OEM Anderson stated this is the first step, if the State of South Dakota reaches the criteria the County and Townships can continue applying for assistance.

Day County Resolution #2023-03

Whereas, Day County, South Dakota has suffered severe damage from a winter storm and spring melt on the dates of April 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023.

Whereas, Day County has committed all available resources and taken all possible actions within the jurisdiction boundaries to combat and to alleviate the emergency/disaster, local resources are not adequate to cope with the situation.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Day County Board of Commissioners, at the meeting held on May 9, 2023. It is hereby requested that the Governor declare an emergency/disaster to exist in the County of Day. Dated this 9th day of May, 2023.

Derek Sinner, Chairman

Attest:

Karli Zimmerman, Day County Auditor

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Walter, seconded by Kjos to approve Assessor Block to travel June 13-16, 2023, and September 17-22, 2023, for training. Motion carried.

TREE QUOTE: Custodian Holland presented a quote from Jorgenson Tree Service to remove and trim trees in the courtyard for \$2,000.00. Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve hiring Jorgenson Tree Service to remove and trim trees. Motion carried. Holland is working on a Handicap Parking Lot along with getting the van ready for surplus.

RADIO UPDATE: Mandy Bartelt gave a system overview of the radio system, a proposed solution and cost of equipment and installation. The estimate is about \$45,750.00 not including Minnesota's cost. Moved by Kjos, seconded by Walter to approve moving forward with the radio project. Motion carried.

BITTER LAKE PROJECT: Commissioner Walter gave an update on the Bitter Lake Project. Walter has been in contact with the Corp of Engineers and Wyatt Ewing who is the City of Watertown's Engineer. Walter stated he was instructed to send a letter of request to the Corp of Engineers as they pick 25 projects a year to fund. Walters stated if Day County was selected, the project would be covered 100% and if we started the project and were to back out, the County would be reimbursed for any expenses accrued. The next step will be sending a letter of request.

RECESS: Chairman Sinner declared a recess at 10:08 AM. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:15 AM.

NEW HIRE: Moved by Walter, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to hire Lane Stern as a part-time/volunteer with no benefits Driver at \$14.00/hr effective May 9, 2023. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE UPDATE: Ambulance Director Madsen reported that there have been 9 ambulance calls in May and 41 calls in April. We are currently sitting at a total of 215 calls. He has put about 215 miles on the pick-up and is currently getting oil changes and checking tires on the ambulances.

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Walter to approve renewing, and authorize the chairman to sign the Retail On-Off Malt Beverage License Application for Bitter Lake Lodge, Buster's, Hilltop Steak House, Dale's Service, L&L Bowling Center, Pickerel Lake Corner, Pickerel Lake Lodge, and Sandy Beach Resort. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE CLOSURE: Day County Courthouse and Highway Department will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day.

ABATEMENT: Auditor Zimmerman presented an abatement for Commission approval.

ABATEMENT #2023-13 abate \$5,492.59 on parcel #06.128.1000 as incorrect valuation was set. Moved by Tompkins, seconded by Kjos to approve the abatement presented. Motion carried.

2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION: Budget discussion was held. Auditor Zimmerman said the courthouse phone system is coming to end of life in 2025 and asked if they would like to start budgeting money aside for the upgrade. Zimmerman also said offices within the courthouse were going to obtain quotes for IT services. Budgeting for wages was discussed. Commissioner Walter stated that he would like to see a wage survey done and freeze wages until they get a wage scale, performance evaluations and job descriptions in place. The board will move forward with gathering information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Tompkins to enter into Executive Session at 10:18 AM for legal matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Derek Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:42 AM

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Tompkins to adjourn until 9:00 AM, on Tuesday May 23, 2023, to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Derek Sinner
Chairman

ATTEST:

Karli Zimmerman
Day County Auditor

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