

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
February 6, 2024

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Sinner. Members present: Commissioners Kjos, McGregor-Okroi, Marx and Walter. Others: Deputy Auditor Bremmon, States Attorney Knight, Treasurer Zubke, Register of Deeds Berger, Kris Hubsch, Glenn Gebur, Kevin Jens, Dave Dulitz, Paul Dulitz and Amanda Dulitz-R&F.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizen Paul Dulitz stated weather spotters and ambulance personnel need to be recognized. They are paid, but not paid enough. Recognition means more than a paycheck. Citizen David Dulitz believes the commissioners should still hold a town hall meeting for the Ambulance Service to account to the people. Citizen Glenn Gebur informed the commissioners there is a property rights meeting in Watertown on February 7th at 2:00 PM discussing the pipelines and that the commissioners should attend if available. Waubay Mayor Kevin Jens has been reading numerous news articles and following the minutes and hardly ever sees anything positive coming out of the room. The commissioners are in executive session every meeting, he understands there are some personnel things that need to be discussed in executive session, however, feels the commissioners need to account for what they are doing and be more open. The department heads are constantly being thrown under the bus and he objects to that. We have elected officials that are being micromanaged. That is not the commissioner's job. Jens has never failed to get the information he wants when coming to the courthouse. The constant negative atmosphere needs to change to a positive one. Also, the damage of the water is done. The water is not going anywhere. Jens does not believe the county can afford another study and the county will not see a return on another study. Let's get some positive news in the paper. He noted the positive things that have happened within the county, but we do not see the positivity in the paper. Chairman Sinner said he would like the last week's R&F newspaper article to be corrected. The article said the Ambulance employees are volunteers. Ambulance staff are paid part-time employees. The newspaper calling them volunteers is stopping qualified applicants from applying.

MINUTES: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Marx to approve the minutes from January 18th, 2024 regular commissioner meeting. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Marx to approve the minutes from January 30th, 2024 special commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending January 13, 2024. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 7,831.26; Treasurer's Office 6,103.20; Register of Deeds 5,305.20; State's Attorney 2,872.80; Sheriff's Office 11,325.06; Jailors 10,559.50; Assessor's Office 3,838.01; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 578.00; Veteran's Service 1,365.00; Ambulance 5,914.58; Maintenance 2,082.45; Extension 1,274.00; Welfare 455.00; Drainage 416.25; Planning & Zoning 598.25; OEM 637.00; 911 318.50; Weed 742.15; Highway 19,306.24; Social Security 5,150.51; Medicare 1,204.58; Life Insurance 0.00; Health Insurance 27,300.96; Dental Insurance 445.98; SD Retirement 4,620.67 for a total of 122,952.07. Moved

by Marx, seconded by Walter to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending January 27, 2024. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 6,897.64; Treasurer's Office 6,015.87; Register of Deeds 5,156.45; State's Attorney 2,872.80; Sheriff's Office 11,411.01; Jailors 10,300.08; Assessor's Office 3,838.00; Commissioners 2,706.92; Veteran's Service 1,365.00; Ambulance 5,548.58; Maintenance 2,038.63; Home Health 726.75; Extension 1,274.00; Welfare 455.00; Drainage 326.25; Planning & Zoning 513.88; OEM 910.00; 911 364.00; Weed 925.96; Highway 19,249.50; Social Security 5,060.90; Medicare 1,183.60; Life Insurance 189.72; Health Insurance 0.00; Dental Insurance 460.46; SD Retirement 4,623.46 for a total of 94,414.46.

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

SERVICES: Ben Braaten 40.00, Century Business Products 130.03, City of Watertown 4,641.21, Connecting Point 1,496.00, Custom Installation Solutions 1,225.00, Day County Treasurer 478.03, Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 7,500.00, Gerdes & McNeary, P.C. 86.25, Green Roby Oviatt, LLP 4,590.00, Chad Madsen 50.02, Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc 65.00, Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck 107.00, Sanford Health 1,048.75, SDRS Special Pay 2,733.37, Spot on Printing 382.12, Twin Valley Tire 58.00, Xerox Corporation 229.28,

SUPPLIES: A-OX Welding Supply 49.80, Ace 323.35, Axon Enterprise Inc 2,465.60, Lake Region Electric 130.29, Mike's Jack & Jill 28.77, Premier Biotech, LLC 242.81, Ryan's Candy 51.85,

UTILITY: City of Webster 390.28, Dependable Sanitation 189.83, Midcontinent Communications 368.05, Northwestern Energy 68.38,

PUBLISHING: Reporter & Farmer 1,122.26, Waubay Clipper 1,138.68,

PER DIEM: Daniel Kjos 28.56, Sara McGregor-Okroi 48.96,

MANUAL CHECKS: Juror Fees 643.83, Day County Treasurer 1,085.95.

NARCAN BOX: Public Health Nurse Brianna Aadland informed commissioners the Narcan box is up and located by the AED in the basement. She will be sending out a tutorial video from the State to employees.

STOP SIGN REQUEST: Scott Hanlon was not present. Highway Superintendent Ben Braaten informed commissioners Hanlon is not in favor of two stop signs between County Roads 41 and 34. Braaten's recommendation was to leave the stop signs as is. No action was taken.

ROAD OIL BID OPENING: Bids received for Road Oil: Flint Hills and Jebro Inc. Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to accept all bids based on availability and locations to project. Motion carried. All bids are on file at the Highway Department and Auditor's Office.

HOT MIX BID OPENING: Bids received for Hot Mix: Bituminous Paving, Inc., Lien Transportation and Jensen Rock and Sand Inc. Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Walter to accept all bids for picked up Hot Mix and for Paver Laid Hot Mix. Motion carried. All bids are on file at the Highway Department and Auditor's Office.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GRAVEL BID OPENING: Althoff Excavation LLC, Hanlon Brothers, H.F. Jacobs & Sons Construction, Inc, Kerry Holscher, Opitz Gravel, Kriech Construction, CT Sibson Gravel and Webster Scale. Moved by Marx, seconded by Walter to accept all bids based on availability, location, and quality. Motion carried. All bids are on file at the Highway Department and Auditor's Office.

ROAD MACHINERY BID OPENING: Bids received for Road Machinery: Kriech Construction, Hanlon Brothers, Clausen & Sons Construction LLC, Deutsch Excavating, Opitz Gravel, Webster Scale, Skeide Graveling, Dakota Boys Excavating, Clausen & Sons

Construction LLC, H.F. Jacobs & Son Construction, Inc., Lien Transportation & Construction, and Althoff Excavation LLC. Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to accept all bids based on availability and locations to project. Motion carried. All bids are on file at the Highway Department and Auditor's Office.

ADVERTISE BID LETTING: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Walter to approve a Bid Letting on April 22, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. for County Road #2 Grade Raise. Motion carried.

ADVERTISE BID LETTING: Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve a Bid Letting on March 4, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. for Chip Sealing. Motion carried.

LOAD LIMITS: Moved by Walter, seconded by Marx to adopt the following Resolution and authorize the Highway Supt. to set the effective date of February 7th, 2024 for Road Limits. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2024-1

WHEREAS the Day County Highway Superintendent will be placing restrictions on county roads during the spring break-up, starting February 7, 2024, and

DO NOW THEREFORE request that the South Dakota Highway Patrol assist in enforcing the road weight restrictions on county roads.

Dated at Webster, South Dakota, this 6th day of February 2024.

By the Board of County Commissioners:

Derek Sinner, Chairman

Janet Marx

Sara McGregor-Okroi

Danny Kjos

Jim Walter

ATTEST: Karli Zimmerman

PART-TIME HIRE: Moved by Marx, seconded by Walter to approve Gary Youell as part-time help at the Highway Dept. as needed at \$23.23/hr. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE: OEM Director Anderson presented a Continuity Plan for Day County. No action was taken.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Amanda Bartelt and OEM Director Anderson gave an update that the tower climbers will be coming to check the 911 radio system on the Webster State tower and replace the cable and antenna if needed for approximately \$11,700.00. Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the tower repairs. Motion carried.

POWER-LOAD: Moved by Walter, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to purchase a Stryker Power-Load in the amount of \$26,897.79. Madsen informed commissioners that the Ambulance Service is a recipient of the SDML Workers' Compensation Fund Grant to assist with the purchase in the amount of \$3,507.22. Motion carried.

SUPPLIES: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Marx the purchase of Ambulance supplies in the amount of \$16,453.83. Motion carried.

SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DESIGNEE: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Walter to appoint Sheriff Schreur, OEM/911 Director Anderson, Highway Supt. Braaten and Commissioner Marx to be designees to request fire suppression assistance with Wildland Fire Division. The Wildland Fire Division under SDCL 41-20A-11, will supply up to 6 personnel and 2 vehicles for mutual aid at no cost to the county. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE RESTRICTED FUND TRANSFER: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Walter to transfer Restricted Fund Balance for Ambulance Donations money for embroidery of

coats in the amount of \$382.12 from Restricted Fund Balance for Ambulance Donations (101-274.97) to Unassigned Fund Balance (101-277.0). Motion carried.

DEPUTY APPLICATION: Sheriff Schreur updated the commissioners that he has received three to four decent applications for the Deputy position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Marx to enter into Executive Session at 9:45 AM for personnel and legal matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:33 AM.

AMBULANCE HIRE: Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve Garret Premus as a part-time Ambulance Driver to work up to two days a month sporadically at \$14/hr. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, February 20, 2024 to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

Derek Sinner,
Chairman

ATTEST:

Sarah Bremmon,
Day County Deputy Auditor

Day County does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of service.