

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
August 6, 2024

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in Community Room #101 in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Sinner. Members present: Commissioners McGregor-Okroi, Marx, Walter and Kjos. Others: Auditor Kading, Treasurer Zubke, Register of Deeds Berger, Highway Superintendent Braaten, OEM Bryan Anderson, Amy Fischer, Paul Dulitz, David Dulitz, Glenn Gebur, Jarret Olson, Jim Nilson, Harry Knapp, Lauren Johnson, Colin Johnson, Reuben Phillips, Clarie Larson, Matt Thornton, Mark Wattier, Aktham Dabbas, Mike Dale, Andy Dale, Mark Fossum, Gary Fossum, Ben Johnson, Gerald Pesall, Gwen Anderson, LeRoy Czmowski, Randy Czmowski, Reuben Parks, Micheal Herr, Jerry Mork, Brenner Cariveau-R&F and Amanda Dulitz-R&F.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Paul Dulitz apologized for getting off topic at the previous meeting as he realizes it was an emotional topic for some and he has no financial interest in the matter and that it is a quality of life for some people and that is the main thing. David Dulitz voiced his opinion and believed ¾ mile setback on wind towers is an appropriate distance for the setback. Reuben Phillips, a native of Day County, added that Day County has gone down in population in the last 15 years and Day County gets a lot of wind and that we should take advantage of it with having the setback similar to other counties in South Dakota at 1500 feet. Chairman Sinner commented August 7th-11th is Day County Fair week and invited everyone out to the event.

MINUTES: Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the minutes from July 16, 2024, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by Walter, seconded by Marx to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending July 13, 2024. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,501.88; Treasurer's Office 6,003.21; Register of Deeds 5,237.01; State's Attorney 2,872.80; Sheriff's Office 11,167.00; Jailors 11,126.79; Assessor's Office 4,001.21; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 706.20; Veteran's Service 2,483.00; Ambulance 6,400.17; Maintenance 2,861.25; Extension 1,274.00; Welfare 435.00; Drainage 270.00; Planning & Zoning 452.00; OEM 500.50; 911 227.50; Weed 742.15; Highway 23,617.44; Social Security 5,417.44; Medicare 1,266.97; Health Insurance 30,144.81; Dental Insurance 489.42; SD Retirement 4,739.48 for a total of 130,644.15.

PAYROLL: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending July 27, 2024. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,445.00; Treasurer's Office 6,003.20; Register of Deeds 5,239.20; State's Attorney 2,872.80; Sheriff's Office 10,595.75; Jailors 10,284.50; Assessor's Office 4,001.20; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 704.00; Veteran's Service 2,536.75; Ambulance 6,854.48; Maintenance 2,825.00; Extension 1,274.00; Welfare 435.00; Drainage 427.50; Planning & Zoning 609.50; OEM 819.00; 911 318.50; Weed 742.15; Highway 23,702.59; Social Security 5,404.89; Medicare 1,264.05; Life Insurance 208.02 Dental Insurance 489.42; SD Retirement 4,654.57 for a total of 100,417.99.

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

SERVICES: Bullert Auto LLC 425.00, Century Business Products 198.69, Channa Dominguez 135.00, Dakota Finest Investigation 1,131.25, Dylan Collins 450.00, Delaney Nielsen & Sannes 7,500.00, Dependable Sanitation 152.75, IMEG Corp 1,929.27, Green Roby Oviatt LLP 4,590.00, Kriech Construction 1,200.00, Mereen-Johnson LLC 111.80, Sanford Health 62.22, SD Public Health Laboratory 505.00, Skeide Graveling 150.00, Steve Hargis 189.80, Microfilm Imaging Systems 65.00, RC Technologies 50.00, Webster Auto Care Inc 355.94, TwoTrees Technologies 1,843.85, Vestis 118.96,

REPAIRS: Horter Farm & Ranch Supply LLC 138.95, I-Con Systems Inc 29,295.80, Power Plan 1,362.16, Twin Valley Tire 8,366.84,

FEES: Dept of Agriculture & NA 100.00,

SUPPLIES: A-OX Welding Supply 316.52, ACE 920.15, Auto Value 736.67, Bound Tree Medical 365.70, Day County Treasurer 199.42, First Call Auto Parts 399.77, Intoximeters 420.00, Mid-American Research 164.39, Mike's Jack & Jill 22.58, Johnson Lumber 67.99, L.G. Everist Inc 8,963.15, Pies Fire Equipment 40.25, Sportsman's Cove 10.99, Valley Office Products 413.93, Cash-Wa Distributing 1,967.07,

UTILITY: AT&T-Firstnet 252.84, City of Webster 408.43, Midcontinent Communications 380.41, Otter Tail Power Co 28.74, Northwestern Energy 66.19, ITC 1,311.62, Verizon Wireless 200.07,

PUBLISHING: Reporter & Farmer 692.18, Waubay Clipper 469.16,

PER DIEM: Kristen Gonsoir 21.61, Sara Koepke 65.50, Travis Larson 12.66,

MANUAL CHECKS: Fire Insurance Checks 51,063.78, SD VSOA 100.00,

MUSEUM: Discussion was held by Monte Rougement with the Day County Museum of Wildlife, Science & Industry. Rougement gave an update on new developments in financing a building addition at the museum which will cost approximately \$100,000. The Harold and Irene Bloom Foundation has donated \$60,000 to the new building addition project and the movement of museum artifacts from the Day County Museum in the courthouse to the Museum of Wildlife, Science & Industry. Ideas and the process of contacting the owners of the artifacts in the Day County Museum and the movement of them was also discussed. The Museum of Wildlife, Science & Industry will contribute \$20,000 for the building and asked the County to help with a matching contribution of \$20,000 in 2025 and \$15,000 in 2026.

FLOODED LAND: Harry Knapp presented a mechanism to give supplemental tax relief to landowners that have flooded land that is meandered. Knapp sees no reason this shouldn't work as landowners pay taxes on land that habitats the fish and waterfowl for sportsmen. Knapp has been communicating with the local office of Game, Fish & Parks. Knapp is working through chain of command and is asking the commission to do their part to get this going in the correct direction to issue a habitat fee to offset taxes to the landowners who are paying taxes on meandered water for sportsmen to be on. States Attorney Knight stated that the county doesn't have the authority to pass a law or ordinance to that significance but could adopt a resolution that it indicates that it is in favor of this concept and requests that the dept of Game, Fish & Parks or Legislative research council draft a bill that would allow this type of funding for habitat.

VETERANS OFFICE: Jeff Nelson gave a Three Brothers Bridge Dedication Ceremony update with 174 in attendance at the Bristol gym, where Brian Noem was the keynote speaker. The bridge sign should be installed in the next 2-3 weeks. Nelson has just went over \$630,000 in funds assistance being brought in in 2024 and \$1,600,000 in fund assistance has been brought in

for Day County Veterans since 2022. The annual veterans banquet will be held November 9th, 2024 at the Webster Armory.

AMBULANCE: Director Madsen gave an update on calls this year which is 266, which is 33 less than this time last year. Madsen is about 50% done getting everyone updated on new osteopathic licenses for the drivers and getting some electrical issues worked on in an ambulance. Madsen informed the commission that they have turned down 4 transfers from Aberdeen and will keep them updated in the future on transfer calls being turned down.

RESIGNATION: Moved by Marx, seconded by Walter to approve with regret the resignation of Casey Hoffman effective 8-6-2024. Motion carried.

HIRE: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Marx to approve hiring Kevin Bohn as a part time driver for \$14.00/hour, Shani Reissour and Joshua Edwards for \$20.00 as part time paramedics, effective 8-9-2024. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to approve a public meeting to discuss a 5 year plan on September 3, 2024 at 11:00am at the Day County Courthouse, Commission Room #205. Motion carried.

EQUALIZATION TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Walter, seconded Marx to approve travel for Barbra Block to the District Assessors meeting in Aberdeen. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Marx to enter Executive Session at 9:40 AM for personnel as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:52 AM.

WAGE INCREASE: Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to increase wages for Dari Schlotte from \$22.50 to \$24.50 an hour, Jeff Nelson from \$22.75 to \$24.75 an hour and Bryan Anderson from \$22.75 to \$24.75 an hour effective January 1, 2025. Motion carried.

AUDITOR: Auditor Kading gave budget updates and changes to the budget. Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to adopt provision budget and authorize to publish. Motion carried.

2025 BUDGET: Discussion was held on the 2025 budget. Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to adopt and have Auditor Kading publish the Provisional Budget. The first Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 3, 2024.

TRAVEL: Moved by Marx, seconded by Walter to approve Kelsey Kading travel request for Election Cyber Security in Sioux Falls. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve Jessie Wik and Kelsey Kading for travel request for grant writing workshop in Mitchell.

ORSTED: Aktham Dabbas gave a presentation discussion on the benefits of wind turbines and the economic impact it can make with our cities, townships and schools funds.

NOVA CLEAN ENERGY: Clarie Larson gave an update on the wind turbine projects and the potential economic benefits that could come from the projects.

ORDINANCE-FIRST READING: Public testimony was heard on ordinance 2024-01 potential setback for wind turbines. Discussion was had on the set back distance of ½ or ¾ of a mile. Walter voiced that he would be making his decision on all the information that he has had and given to the Commission and states attorney. Motion by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Marx to approve the setback at minimum of ½ mile for non-participating. (McGregor-Okroi-Aye, Marx-aye, Walter-nay, Kjos-aye, Sinner-aye). Motion carried.

TRAVEL: Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve travel to the 2024 County Convention in Rapid City for Commissioners, Auditor, Treasurer, Hwy Supt. and Register of Deeds. Motion carried.

SUBSCRIPTION: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to approve a one year subscription with Keloland employment for \$708.00. Motion carried.

FUNDS TRANSFER: Moved by Walter, seconded by Kjos to transfer from assigned fund 101-276.02 for \$29,295.80 to unassigned fund 101-277.0 for toilet repairs in the jail. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve Auditor Kading to set and advertise Public Hearing to be held August 20, 2024, at 9:05 AM. The hearing will be for a “Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Wine” License for Back Forty Beef, LLC, Pierpont, SD. Motion carried.

BURN BAN: Auditor Kading set the first reading of Burn Ban Ordinance change from a \$200 max. penalty fine to \$500 max. for August 20, 2024 at 10:30 am in Commission Room #205 at the Day County Courthouse. Ordinance is available in the Auditors Office.

MEETING RESCHEDULED: The Commission meeting set for September 5, 2024 has been rescheduled and will now be held on September 3, 2024.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED: The Courthouse and Highway Department will be closed September 2, 2024, in observance of Labor Day.

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

Derek Sinner,
Chairman

ATTEST:

Kelsey Kading,
Day County Auditor

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