

**DAY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**November 19, 2024**

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Meeting called to order by Chairman Sinner. Members present: Commissioners McGregor-Okroi, Marx, Walter and Kjos. Others: States Attorney Knight, Auditor Kading, Treasurer Zubke, Becky Hubsch, Roy Aldrich, Blake Torrence, David Olson, Michael Herr, Stephanie Williams, Gary Rowley, Reuben Parks, Mike Dale, Jerry Mork, Andy Dale, Berdette Zastrow, Bill Coester, Judy Coester, Ben Braaten, Tammy Eidahl, Chelsey Sheridan, Allan Sass, Steven Myer, Greg Frank, Troy Nelson, Paul Dulitz, and Brenner Cariveau-R&F.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Becky Hubsch, Day County resident and advocate of public education, spoke of being disheartened by a statement made by a commissioner during the November 7<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting in regards to the wind towers. That statement was, we are going to better our County for \$117,000 for the Groton School District? Hubsch shared there are 44 Groton students that reside in Day County. Therefore, Day County students do benefit from wind tower tax dollars. Hubsch believes every student deserves a fair chance at a quality education. She then shared information on how renewal energy credits work.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the minutes from November 7, 2024, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL:** Moved by Kjos, seconded by Walter to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending November 2, 2024. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,475.01; Treasurer's Office 6,003.20; Register of Deeds 5,072.00; State's Attorney 2,872.80; Sheriff's Office 10,710.51; Jailors 9,695.62; Assessor's Office 4,001.20; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 871.20; Veteran's Service 2,665.75; Ambulance 7,447.14; Maintenance 1,985.75; Extension 1,274.00; Welfare 445.00; Drainage 371.25; Planning & Zoning 553.25; OEM 910.00; 911 455.00; Weed 742.14; Highway 21,439.53; Social Security 5,261.79; Medicare 1,230.56; Life Insurance 206.18; Dental Insurance 489.42; SD Retirement 4,632.98 for a total of 97,518.20.

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

**SERVICES:** A&B Business Inc 174.55, Certified Languages International 61.05, Ross Grupe 58.00, Pies Fire Equipment 38.50, Premier Biotech 365.79, Safety Service Inc 185.00, Sanford Health 362.00, SDACO M&P Fund 194.00, Transource Trucking Equipment 553.88, Xerox Corporation 295.10, Xerox Financial Services 220.37, Dacotah Bank 1,965.51, SD Treasurer 13.99,

**REPAIRS:** Xtreme Garage Door Inc 325.00,

**DUES:** SDACC 2,399.00, SDACO 961.99,

**SUPPLIES:** ACE 377.81, Century Business Products 111.70, Kwasniewski Enterprises 25.00, Tri State Water Inc 37.40, Travis Larson 35.99,

**UTILITY:** AT&T 51.24, City of Webster 68.60, Dependable Sanitation 116.75, Otter Tail Power Co 32.39, Northwestern Energy 3,350.68, Sioux Valley Cooperative 21,611.86, ITC 105.54, James Valley Telecommunications 504.30, Verizon Wireless 200.09,

ELECTIONS: Judy Ronshaugen 222.50, Monte Rougemont 220.00, Charlene Voss 254.30, Pierpont Community Building 50.00, Terry Corner 245.00, Jane Kroll 215.00, Evonne Lesnar 270.10, Sara Johnson 235.00, Jewel Larson 237.50, Teresa Ewalt 222.50, Barbara Reetz 222.50, Barbara Anderson 272.25, The Other Place 50.00, Mary Wagner 20.00, Nancy Kiefer 237.50, Bette Zenk 222.50, Ole Olson 237.50, Kayla Kirchmeier 222.50, Mary Bullert 227.50, Emma Wolff 222.50, Brenda Holscher 222.50, Janice Grajczyk 245.00, Nancy Gaikowski 215.00, Leon Beisch 230.00, Dorothy Benson 233.75, Kathy Breske 222.50, Marsia Butler 230.00, Monica Larson 267.50, Penny Stolsmark 218.75, Raenell Trautner 267.50, Frances Rougemont 231.75, St. Joseph's Catholic Church 200.00, Waubay Legion Club 50.00, Julaine Busch 246.08, Bristol Community Center 150.00, Ann Gerriets 249.74, Leah Bisgard 249.74, Judy Dohn 222.50, Kathleen Grupe 267.50, Roslyn Fire Department 50.00, Melissa Bent 82.50, Barbra Block 82.50, Kevin Bohn 82.50, Ben Braaten 82.50, Bonnie Fosheim 82.50, Laura Kuecker 82.50, Dari Schlotte 82.50, Cherrie Whitlock 82.50, Karli Zimmerman 86.25, Rhonda Zubke 82.50,

PER DIEM: Brian Buxton 100.00, Jim Walter 55.86,

MANUAL CHECKS: SD Dept. of Revenue 105,435.78, Day Hahler Auto 48,087.00.

**REPORTS:** The Board noted the following reports:

In compliance with the law, I, Kelsey Kading, hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the Treasurer of this County as of November 1, 2024. Total amount of deposits in bank \$385,441.58. Total amount of actual cash \$2,418.83. Total amount of deposits and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days \$712,503.04. Itemized list of all items, checks and drafts, which have been in the Treasurer's possession over three days: CD'S \$1,850,000.00; IMMA \$11,180,713.59; Postage \$391.04; Register of Deeds petty cash \$200.00; Sheriff \$1,318.00; Credit cards \$7,710.71 for a total of \$14,140,696.79. Cash Balances: General Fund \$5,488,786.54; Highway \$4,615,288.44; E911 \$6,273.28; OEM \$198,043.80; Domestic Abuse \$214.00; 24/7 Fund \$43,611.87; M & P Fund \$62,084.97; Highway Rural Access \$156,147.92; 700 Accounts \$3,569,856.97; equals \$14,140,307.79.

In compliance with the law, I, Jodi Berger, hereby report the fees of the Office of Register of Deeds for the month of October 2024. Births (7) \$105.00; Deaths (16) \$240.00; Marriages (4) \$160.00; Transfer fees \$4,049.50; Recordings \$3,025.00; Copies \$1,251.00; Sales Tax \$0.56 for a total of \$8,831.06.

In compliance with the law, I, Jerred Schreur hereby submit the following report of all fees received by me as Sheriff within and for the County for the month of October 2024: Phone cards \$159.63; Phone Commission \$373.52; Remote Breath Tests \$142.00; Sheriff's Fees \$949.53; Juvenile Care \$2,665.00; Misc. Income \$63.34; PBT's \$423.00; Prisoners-Out of Co. \$8,390.00; UA Fees \$407.00; Work Release \$2,400.00; State Grant \$1,718.27; Roslyn Contract Hours \$500.00; Pierpont Contract Hours \$500.00; Waubay Contract Hours \$1,000.00 Sales Tax \$10.37 for a total of \$19,701.66.

**SAFETY BENEFITS POLICY AGREEMENT:** Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to approve Chairman Sinner to sign the safety benefits policy agreement. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to enter into Executive Session at 9:20 AM for personnel matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:34 AM.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Moved by Kjos, seconded by Walter to recess the regular session at 9:35 AM, to convene as Planning, Zoning and Drainage Board. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 10:06 AM.

**AMBULANCE:** Director Madsen gave an update on the ambulance service.

**RESIGNATION:** Moved by Walter, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to accept with regret a letter of resignation from Ambulance Paramedic Spencer Monette effective November 10, 2024. Commissioners thanked him for his service. Motion carried.

**PAY INCREASE:** Moved by Walter, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve a 6 month pay increase from \$16.00 to \$16.50 for David Dulitz, effective 11-17-2024. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Marx to enter into Executive Session at 10:14 AM for personnel matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 11:09 AM.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE INSPECTIONS:** Steve Myer and Chelsey Sheridan with IMEG presented bridge inspections. They completed 29 bridge inspections in 2024.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Kjos, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to enter into Executive Session at 11:26 AM for personnel matters as per SDCL 1-25-2. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 11:29 AM.

**NEW HIRE:** Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Walter to approve Ethan Lemmon as a full-time blade operator with benefits, effective 12-9-2024 for \$22.23/hr. Motion carried.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE:** Director Jeff Nelson gave a year-end update. Nelson included in the update, the success of the Veterans Banquet bringing over \$18,000.00 in donations.

**2024 GENERAL ELECTION POST AUDIT:** Auditor Kading gave an update on the completion of the Post Election Audit. A random draw of precinct 6 was drawn with two random draws for races to be audited. The United States President and State Representative District 1 were the races drawn. The audit was successful with 0 variances.

**MOU BETWEEN SDSU EXTENSION AND DAY COUNTY:** Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to approve the chairman to sign the MOU between SDSU Extension and Day County for the 2025 year. Motion carried.

**HABITAT RESOLUTION:** Discussion was held on a resolution in support of the implementation of a habitat stamp for fishing for the purpose of providing tax relief to landowners affected by water levels on private property. A public hearing will be set for December 17, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Marx, seconded by Walter to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, December 3, 2024, to convene in the Commissioners Chambers in the Day County Courthouse. Motion carried.

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Derek Sinner,  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kelsey Kading,  
Day County Auditor

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