

DAY COUNTY COMMISSION
WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA
December 17, 2024

The Day County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, December 17, 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, Highway Supt. Travis Larson, Kevin Goos, Blake Torrence, Paul Dulitz, Jennifer Moos, Troy Nelson, Kenny Anderson, Glenn Gebur, Greg Pesall, David Sigdestad, John Sigdestad and Brenner Cariveau -R&F.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Greg Pesall gave his opinion and concerns on how the future Commission represents their districts and being in the public eye. Glenn Gebur voiced his thoughts on transparency in Commission meetings and suggested updating media to make meetings more available to taxpayers and suggested that there be less Executive sessions. States Attorney Knight responded that the Commission can work on those suggestions but will say that the past year has been an exceptional year and the County has had unrepresented changes that no one was prepared for and that the Commission is working to get those things handled. Commissioner Walter suggested all meetings be taped and archived. Commission Kjos commented on the generosity of Lyle and Linda Reetz with donating a snowblower to the County Ambulance service. Commissioner Marx gave an update on the sink for the County Ambulance shed that is going to be installed.

MINUTES: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Marx to approve the minutes from December 3, 2024, regular commissioner meeting. Motion carried.

PAYROLL: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Marx to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the payroll period ending November 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Auditor's Office 5,541.75; Treasurer's Office 6,103.21; Register of Deeds 5,217.20; State's Attorney 2,872.80; Sheriff's Office 10,516.00; Jailors 9,677.00; Assessor's Office 5,086.44; Commissioners 2,706.92; Home Health 726.00; Veteran's Service 2,689.00; Ambulance 6,319.80; Maintenance 2,073.88; Extension 1,274.00; Welfare 445.00; Drainage 337.50; Planning & Zoning 519.50; OEM 910.00; 911 455.00; Weed 742.14; Highway 19,627.30; Social Security 5,146.78; Medicare 1,203.68; Health Insurance 31,381.96; Dental Insurance 445.98; SD Retirement 4,699.45 for a total of 126,718.29.

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

SERVICES: A&B Business Inc 167.67, Automatic Building Control 632.00; Bullert Auto LLC 334.33, Child & Family Services 46.00, Codington County Search & Research 1,500.00, Dave Hahler Auto 715.00, Dware Inc 4,700.00, Glacial Lakes Technology Services 1,409.36, IMEG Corporation 70,657.00, Johnson Controls 933.50, Microfilm Imaging Systems 65.00, Dacotah Bank 6,218.43, Performance Towing 687.50, Chip Premus 1,500.00, RC Technologies 50.00, Safety Service Inc 5,457.00, SD Dept of Transportation 665.96, SD Public Health Laboratory 245.00, SDACC-Clerp 2,322.00, SDACO M&P 188.00, Sioux Valley 8,657.95, Twin Valley Tire 533.19, Twotrees Technologies 527.00, Vestis 335.56, Webster Scale Inc 470,589.04, Xerox Corporation 314.06, Xerox Financial 486.94,

REPAIRS: Auto Value 110.65, Butler Machinery 7,247.55, Dakota Electronic 62.00, Day County HV/AC 185.00, S & S Lumber 72.50, Snaza Implement 45.68, Transource Trucking Equipment 1,112.27,

SUPPLIES: A-OX Welding Supply 413.64, ACE 511.43, Chuck Bell 75.00, Century Business Products 211.50; Dollar General 240.55, Intoximeters 420.00, Travis Larson 71.12, Mcleod's 98.74, Mike's Jack & Jill 310.74, National 4-H Council 53.70, Newman Traffic Signs 118.36, Sanford Health 719.34, Thomson Reuters 107.20, Tri State Water 29.05, Valley Office Products 1,081.51,

UTILITY: City of Webster 401.42, Dependable Sanitation 116.75, ITC 1,579.07, Midcontinent Communications 394.00, Northwestern Energy 4,742.12, Ottertail Power Company 31.84, Verizon Wireless 200.05, Verizon Connect 84.70,

DUES: SD Association of Assessing 110.00, SD Sheriff's Association 663.47,

PUBLISHING: R & F 199.20, Waubay Clipper 707.23,

PER DIEM: Jennifer Moos 67.00,

MANUAL CHECKS: Day County Treasurer 108.52, SD Department of Revenue 143,807.60, Kaylie Watters 122.50, Food & Fuel 60.00,

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 December 1, 2024. Total amount of deposits in bank \$190,145.00. Total amount of actual cash \$1,162.98. Total amount of deposits and drafts in Treasurer's possession not exceeding three days \$14,096.16. 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 \$8,605,951.16; Postage \$108.52; Register of Deeds petty cash \$200.00; Sheriff \$1,124.00; Credit cards \$2,208.14 for a total of \$10,664,995.96. Cash Balances: General Fund \$4,747,353.45; Highway \$4,356,634.94; E911 \$5,239.06; OEM \$179,000.11; Domestic Abuse \$359.00; 24/7 Fund \$43,811.08; M & P Fund \$62,310.97; Highway Rural Access \$156,147.92; 700 Accounts \$711,215.20; equals \$10,262,071.73.

In compliance with the law, I, Jodi Berger, hereby report the fees of the Office of Register of Deeds for the month of November 2024. Births (5) \$75.00; Deaths (34) \$510.00; Marriages (1) \$40.00; Transfer fees \$7,127.00; Recordings \$2,865.00; Copies \$394.85; Sales Tax \$0.18 for a total of \$11,012.03.

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 November 2024: Phone cards \$93.90; Phone Commission \$291.76; Remote Breath Tests \$207.00; Sheriff's Fees \$363.66; Fingerprints \$28.17; Juvenile Care \$48.00; PBT's \$342.00; Prisoners-Out of Co. \$10,350.00; UA Fees \$830.00; Roslyn Contract Hours \$500.00; Pierpont Contract Hours \$500.00; Waubay Contract Hours 1,000.00 Sales Tax \$7.93 for a total of \$14,562.42.

REGIONAL AGING COUNCIL: Director Jen Moos gave a quarterly report for the Regional Aging Council and informed Commission that she is taking a new position and this would be her last meeting. Commission thanked Moos for her service and wished her well on her new venture.

PLANNING & ZONING: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Kjos to recess the regular session at 9:24 AM, to convene as Planning, Zoning and Drainage Board. Motion carried. Chairman Sinner reconvened the regular session at 9:35 AM.

PLAT: Upon recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board, moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Walter to approve the following plats: Tract 1 of Bloom's Addition in SE 24.121.56, Goos Second Subdivision 16.122.53, Larson Homestead Second Addition 4.124.57 and Fake Addition in NE 34.121.57; Motion carried.

POOR LIENS: States Attorney Knight discussed 3 poor lien claims. Avera is going to dismiss 1 of the 3 claims that were made. Moved by Walter, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the 2 claims that are outstanding. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY HIRE: Moved by Walter, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve Richard Roskos as full time truck driver, with benefits for \$22.23 per hour, effective December 18, 2024. Motion carried.

FUEL & TIRE BIDS: Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi approved to advertise for 2025 fuel & tire bids with bid opening on January 7, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in Commission Room #205. Motion carried.

GRANTS: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Marx to approve Highway Supt. Larson to sign Joint Powers BIG Agreement for Preliminary engineering. Motion carried.

OVERTIME: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Walter to approve overtime in 2025 as needed. Motion carried.

PART-TIME HELP: Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to approve Ben Braaten & Brian Sinner as part-time help as needed at highway department in 2025. Motion carried.

TOOLBOX PURCHASE: Moved by Walter, seconded by Kjos to approve purchase of a preloaded toolbox with lifetime warranty for the highway shop for \$3,618.61 from NAPA. Motion carried.

SKID STEER: Superintendent Larson held discussion on a new skid steer. Commissioners requested more information on topic and tabled discussion.

GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT: Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve the purchase and replacement of County shop garage door for \$9,234.87 from Overhead Door. Motion carried.

AUDITOR: Moved by Marx, seconded by Kjos to approve travel for Annual Report training in January, New Officials Workshop in April, Spring Workshop for Elected Officials in May & SD Association of County Officials in September. Motion carried.

2025 OVERTIME: Moved by Marx, seconded by McGregor-Okroi to approve overtime in Auditor's Office as needed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Marx to authorize the chairman to sign the 2025 Public Defender Contract for \$90,000 with Delaney, Nielsen & Sannes. Motion carried.

NECOG JOINT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: Moved by Kjos, seconded by Marx to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Joint Cooperative Agreement with NECOG for 2025. Motion carried.

FAIR BOARD LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by McGregor-Okroi, seconded by Marx to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the 2025 Annual Fair Board Lease Agreement. Motion carried.

WAGE CLARIFICATION: Auditor Kading clarified that the 2025 \$1.00 wage increase is for all County employees that have been employed at 6 months or more, excluding Commissioners.

RESOLUTION: Moved by Walter, seconded by Marx to approve the resolution in support of the implementation of a habitat stamp for fishing brought forth by Harry Knapp. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A HABITAT STAMP
FOR FISHING.**

Whereas Day County has experienced unprecedented increases in water levels of its meandered bodies of water across the county over the past 20 to 30 years.

Whereas those increases in water levels have caused thousands of acres of private land to become inundated with water and as a result unproductive for agricultural purposes.

Whereas all privately owned land in Day County is taxed.

Whereas the Day County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the inundated or flooded land provides an increase in habitat for fish and other aquatic life.

Whereas Day County has experienced a significant increase in the number of sportsman utilizing the area fisheries.

Whereas the state of South Dakota through its legislature and the office of Game Fish and Parks has established habitat programs for other wildlife species.

Whereas the Day County Board of County Commissioners believes that the payment of taxes by landowners for land that has become inundated by water and provides no income is a hardship for Landowners.

Whereas the Day County Board of County Commissioners has received a request that the commission propose the creation and adoption of a fisheries habitat stamp to be sold to anyone purchasing a fishing license in the state of South Dakota.

Whereas the Day County Board of County Commissioners supports the adoption of a fisheries habitat stamp program, for the purpose of providing proceeds from the sale of the fisheries habitat stamp to be used to compensate landowners, whose agricultural property is inundated with water and is open to the public use.

Whereas it is the intent of the Day County Board of County Commissioners that only such land that lies along a meandered body of water whose water level has increased beyond its ordinary high water mark would be eligible for payment of proceeds from the sale of the fisheries habitat stamp.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Day County Board of County Commissioners:

It is hereby proposed and requested the state of South Dakota through the division of Game Fish and Parks institute a program for the sale of a fisheries habitat stamp for the purpose of providing tax relief to South Dakota landowners affected by water levels on private property along those bodies of water that have an established ordinary high water mark to be managed and appropriated as set forth above.

The county auditor is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Commission and the representatives of the South Dakota legislature for Day County South Dakota.

Dated this 17th day of December 2024, at Webster, South Dakota.

Board of County Commissioners of Day County,
Derek Sinner,

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:
Kelsey Kading,
County Auditor

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Walter, seconded by Marx to adjourn until 9:00 AM, Tuesday, December 31, 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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