

**March 14, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Reider called the regular meeting of the Davison County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Members of the Board present were Claggett, Nebelsick, Blaalid, Reider. Absent Kiner. Also present was Auditor Kiepke.

**PLEDGE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Reider.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Claggett, second by Nebelsick to approve the agenda, as amended, for the March 14, 2023, meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Claggett, second by Blaalid to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023, meeting. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Dwight Stadler appeared before the Board to ask who calculates, determines, and approves taxes.

Jerry Luckett appeared before the Board to discuss West Spruce Street. She said there is a short stretch west of Trail King West that a solution is applied to that controls dust. However, once it is applied it's not to be graded which causes huge ruts in the road.

Highway Superintendent Weinberg explained this is a township road and the Mitchell Township is changing there policy so that this solution can't be applied to short stretches of road. He added that as soon as weather permits, the road will be bladed.

**257<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND HIGHWAY 37 DISCUSSION**

Hanson County Commission Chair Richard Waldera, Hanson County Commissioner John Bumgardner, Hanson County Highway Superintendent Justin Friese, Davison County Deputy States Attorney Jim Taylor, Davison County Highway Superintendent Rusty Weinberg and Davison County Planning and Zoning Director Jeff Bathke were on hand for the discussion regarding 257<sup>th</sup> Street and SD Highway 37 discussion and the impact the soybean plant will have.

Mr. Waldera stated he is concerned about the increased truck traffic on 257<sup>th</sup> Street and 416<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Hanson County. He said 257<sup>th</sup> was hit hard in Hanson County with Fischer Quarries and they are strapped for money.

Hanson County approved a \$500,000 opt out. However, it doesn't go far for major road maintenance projects. They've looked at an Agri-business grant with 60/40 match. Mr. Waldera feels this still leaves Hanson County with quite a financial burden.

Bathke feels the bulk of the traffic comes and will continue to come from the north and the south. He said the plant didn't create more land or more beans, farmers are hauling beans right now. He further stated that for decades trucks have been coming from Hanson County to Davison County.

Mr. Waldera stated that when Mitchell Quarry started, Hanson County determined the quarry had been out of business long enough that they needed a new conditional use permit. One of the conditions was a haul road agreement that they will pay for maintenance or maintain the road themselves. Mitchell Quarry appealed the conditional use permit. The court ruled in favor of Hanson County. It now sits at the Supreme Court for a decision.

In response to a question regarding a haul road for the soybean plant, Bathke stated the conditional use permit requires compliance with the State of South Dakota's traffic study. He further stated the study hasn't been released in its final state yet and changes have been made regarding additional safety measures.

Mr. Waldera believes representatives from the Davison and Hanson County commissioners should go to a soybean plant meeting to show support and gather information.

## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDURES REVIEW**

DOE Love reviewed the procedures for the upcoming Board of Equalization which will begin April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and must be concluded by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

Love noted she understands the increases in value were large. However, by law, she can't pick and choose who gets increases and who doesn't. She further stated that if she drops all values, the levies will be out of control. She understands citizen's concerns and she emphasized the fact that she wants property owners to come talk to the Equalization office if they feel their values aren't justified.

Steve Sibson voiced concerns regarding the schools' capital outlay fund. He stated they can borrow more money without a vote.

Chairperson Reider reminded folks values are set by market, not by the County. It was also noted the factor is set by the State, not the County. If you want the process changed, talk to your legislatures.

## **REVIEW OF IT CONTRACT**

Jordan Thuringer, IT Operations Manager, Tech Solutions, appeared before the Board to review the IT contract the County has had with Tech Solutions for approximately twelve years. He explained that contracts like this are intended to offer enterprise solution for small to medium sized customers. He went on to say that the contract provides, hardware, software, enhanced security (which is a high priority in this day and age), emails, a help desk, back-up services, security awareness training and other features.

## **FAIRGROUND DISCUSSION**

Commissioners discussed the possibility of allowing alcohol at events that take place at the Davison County Fairgrounds. Commissioners Blaaid and Nebelsick reported that the Davison County Fairboard was in favor of the prospect of allowing alcohol at the Fairgrounds. There was no action taken as further research will be conducted in order to move forward.

## **APPROVE EMPLOYEE CHANGES**

Motion by Claggett, second by Nebelsick to accept the resignation of full-time Corrections Officer Cristal Villalvazo, effective March 16, 2023, and to advertise for the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bhaalid, second by Nebelsick to approve the hire of Samantha Stiles as a full-time corrections officer at a rate of \$20.31 per hour, effective April 1, 2023, with a \$.50 wage increase after successful completion of a six-month introductory period. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Claggett, second by Nebelsick to approve a \$.50 per hour wage increase for Deputy Treasurer II Kim Beltran, effective March 6, 2023, as she has successfully completed a six-month introductory period. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **APPROVE TRAVEL REQUEST**

Motion by Bhaalid, second by Nebelsick to approve travel and registration for Extension Administrative Assistant Christie Norwick to attend the SDAE 4-H conference in Aberdeen, SD, from March 28-30, 2023. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT**

Motion by Nebelsick, second by Bhaalid to authorize chairperson to sign a lease agreement with the State of South Dakota on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2028. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **APPROVE AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER**

Motion by Bhaalid, second by Nebelsick to approve the February balance of the Auditor's Account with the Treasurer in the amount of \$12,587,242.93. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **APPROVE AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT**

Motion by Claggett, second by Bhaalid to approve an automatic supplement of \$3,750.00 to the VSO salary line item 4110/165 received from the State of SD for the annual VSO salary reimbursement. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **APPROVE AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT**

Motion by Claggett, second by Bhaalid to approve an automatic supplement of \$2,026.96 to the Emergency Management Fund 226, line item 4291/226 received from the State of SD for the 2023 LEPC Grant. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **APPROVE BILLS**

Motion by Nebelsick, second by Bhaalid to approve the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

## **GENERAL FUND:**

**COMM:** Prof Fees/SD Retirement System-90.00, Trvl & Conf/SDACC-550.00, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-31.07, Santel Communications-68.22; **JUD:** Prof Fees/Stephanie Moen & Assoc-480.20, Interpreter/Devy Alvizures-287.50; **AUD:** Supplies/McLeod's Printing-39.99, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-31.07, Santel Communications-48.56, Mainframe Program/Software Services-374.00; **TREAS:** Supplies/First Dakota Nat'l Bank-5.00, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-55.68, Santel Communications-64.98, Minor Equip/Tech Solutions-398.00, Mainframe Support/Bruce Mastel-35.00, Software Services-176.00; **STATES ATTY:** Diversion Service & Fees/Catherine Buschbach-171.80, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-65.62, Santel Communications-97.15; **PUB SFTY BLDG:** Supplies/Jones Supplies-236.00, Elevator Service/Schumacher Elevator-443.34, Buildings/Menards-71.30; **CRTHOUSE:** Repairs & Maint/Runnings Supply-22.57, Santel Communications-90.00; **DOE:** Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-.67, Santel Communications-91.51; **ROD:** Rentals/SD Bureau of Administration-309.64, Microfilm Supplies/SD Bureau of Administration-66.06, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-62.12, Santel Communications-71.98; **N. OFC:** Phones/Mitchell Telecom-73.10, Santel Communications-89.05; **VET:** Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-41.67, Santel Communications-52.64; **CO COORD:** IT Contract/Tech Solutions-11,883.64, Supplies/Santel Communications-10.00, Copy Mach Maint/Century Business Products-185.05; **HR:** Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-56.01, Santel Communications-37.19; **SHERIFF:** Prof Services/Al's Engraving-38.10, Rentals Teletype/SD Dept of Public Safety-3,950.00, Car Wash/Mega Wash-75.00, Ofc Supplies/County Fair Food Store-30.93, Dakota Data Shred-55.06, Innovative Office-1,221.78, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-319.70, Santel Communications-579.78; **JAIL:** Medicine/Avera Medical Group Hospitalist Mitchell-182.90, Bldg Maint/Menards-37.93, Jail Supplies/Bob Barker Co Inc-250.25, Jones Supplies-345.75, Menards-120.35, Laundry Supplies/Aramark-326.80, Uniforms/Al's Engraving-41.25, Prisoner Food/Summit Food Service-5,461.46, Health Protection/Avera Occupational-807.00, Cable TV/Mitchell Telecom-103.76, Water Softener/Darrington Water-49.00, Contracts/Fastcase Inc-550.00, Office Advantage-346.80; **JUV DET:** Medicine/Minnehaha Co Regional-263.46, Detention/Minnehaha Co Regional-15,849.99; **WELFARE:** Transients/Kwik Phil-15.00, Ofc Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-54.61, Santel Communications-22.65; **MENTAL HAND:** Mentally Handicapped/SD Dept. Of Revenue-1,243.80; **MENTAL ILL:** Hearings/Lewis & Clark BHS-368.00; **FAIR:** Repairs & Maint/Santel Communications-125.00, Supplies/Menards-35.03, Water & Sewer/Davison Rural Water-70.70, Buildings/Menards-163.33; **CO EXTENSION:** Trvl & Conf/SDSU Extension-50.38, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-54.61, Santel Communications-86.56; **WEED:** Supplies/Agterra Technologies-4,080.00, Nutrien Ag Solutions-1,160.00, Trvl & Conf/Brian Bode-43.86, Terry Nutter-53.04, Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-58.31, Santel Communications-25.53; **HIWAY:** Repairs & Maint/Runnings Supply-50.98, Sturdevant's Auto Parts-39.59, Wheelco Truck & Trailer-1,018.47, Supplies & Materials/A-Ox Welding Supply Co-353.62, Aramark-187.58, Bailey Metal-665.49, Interstate Glass & Door-99.12, Runnings Supply-105.96, Transource-2,897.66, Sturdevant's Auto Parts-17.99, Wheelco Truck & Trailer-18.33, Utilities/City of Mt. Vernon-94.00, Mitchell Telecom-162.07, Santel Communications-69.42, Projects/Civil Design Inc-1,477.50; **EMG MGMT:** Utilities/Mitchell Telecom-25.77, Santel Communications-97.65; **BID DEP:** Fairground Dmg Dep/Taylor Grussing-200.00.

## THANK YOU

Retiring Corrections Administrator Radel thanked the current Board of Commissioners and the past Boards for his 43-year career with Davison County.

**ADJOURN**

At 11:14 a.m., Chairperson Reider adjourned the meeting and set the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting for March 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**ATTEST**

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Susan Kiepke, Auditor

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Randy Reider, Chairperson

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