

April 15, 2025

The Grant County Commission met at 8 AM with Commissioners Buttke, Street, Mach, Stengel and Tostenson present. Chairman Tostenson called the meeting to order. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the April 1, 2025, minutes. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Items to add to the agenda: Ottertail claim for \$1,133.07, ROW application from Keith Christians, and Mazeppa township unapproved roadwork. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to approve the agenda with the additions stated. Motion carried 5-0.

Present from the public was John Loeschke, Russ Schuelke, Matt Loeschke, Lucas Loeschke, Francis Brandenburger, Rich and Ginny Schuelke, Keith Christians, Roger Hopkins, Vince Meyer, Paul Anderson, Neil Pauli, Dana Johnson, Raynelle Mueller, Paul Peterson, Austin Hunt, Joe Kanthak, Dave Van Veen, Tyler Adelman, Clayton and Gail Whiting, Grant Street, Spencer Street, Kent Beyer, Robert Gehm, Traci Stein, Tom Pillatzki, Ann Loeschke, Philip Taecker, Jim Urban, Allen Heuer, and Kenneth Lee. Staff members present were Commissioner Assistant Layher, Hwy Supt Peterson, Drainage Officer Berkner, States Attorney Schwandt and Deputy Sheriff Steffensen.

Public Comment: Chairman Tostenson called three times for public comment. There were no comments.

The Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for February and March was noted.

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, Grant County:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of the County of Grant as of the last day of February 2025.

Cash on Hand	\$3,695.35
Checks in Treasurer's possession	
less than 3 days	\$161,897.69
Cash Items	\$0.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$165,593.04
 RECONCILED CHECKING	
First Bank & Trust	\$182,872.47
Interest	\$0.00

Credit Card Transactions	\$11,877.52
First Bank & Trust (Svgs)	\$6,452,565.18
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
First Bank & Trust	\$0.00
First Bank & Trust (TIF)	\$0.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$6,812,908.21

GENERAL LEDGER CASH BALANCES:

General	\$2,447,679.05
General restricted cash	\$1,750,000.00
Cash Accounts for Offices General Fund	\$656.00
Sp. Revenue	\$642,420.14
Sp. Revenue restricted cash	\$0.00
Ambulance District	\$4,765.63
Henze Road District	\$355.88
State MV offage	(\$27.93)
TIF Rosewood Mil-3	\$0.00
TIF Koch	\$0.00
Special Assessment Land Rent	\$0.00
Trust & Agency	\$1,967,059.44
(schools 440,241.30, twps 31,246.06, city/towns 82,920.26)	
ACH Correction	

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH **\$6,812,908.21**

Dated the 11th day of April, 2025

Kathy Folk

County Auditor

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
Grant County:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of the County of Grant as of the last day of March 2025.

Cash on Hand	\$2,575.83
Checks in Treasurer's possession	
less than 3 days	\$111,535.63
Cash Items	\$0.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$114,111.46

RECONCILED CHECKING

First Bank & Trust	\$291,221.78
Interest	\$0.00
Credit Card Transactions	\$11,006.68

First Bank & Trust (Svgs)	\$6,318,540.95
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
First Bank & Trust	\$0.00
First Bank & Trust (TIF)	\$0.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$6,734,880.87
GENERAL LEDGER CASH BALANCES:	
General	\$2,230,353.23
General restricted cash	\$1,750,000.00
Cash Accounts for Offices General Fund	\$656.00
Sp. Revenue	\$543,940.23
Sp. Revenue restricted cash	\$0.00
Ambulance District	\$8,385.35
Henze Road District	\$1,209.86
New MV system offage	(\$32.93)
TIF Rosewood Mil-3	\$0.00
TIF Koch	\$0.00
Special Assessment Land Rent	\$0.00
Trust & Agency (schools 647,182.72, twps 116,911.47, city/towns 109,186.35)	\$2,200,369.13
ACH Correction	\$0.00
TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH	\$6,734,880.87
Dated the 11th day of April, 2025	
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The Register of Deeds fees for the month of March were \$7,805.25. The Clerk of Courts fees for the month of March were \$5,951.34. The Sheriff fees for the month of March were \$11,810.86 with \$4,710.86 received into the General Fund. Statistics for the month of March 2025 for the Sheriff's Office were presented by report. Average Daily inmate population 4.16; Number of bookings 10; Work release money collected \$760.00; 24/7 Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) fees collected \$247.00; SCRAM (alcohol detecting bracelet) fees collected \$1,012.00; 24/7 PBT participants 2; SCRAM (Sobriety Program) participants 5; UA participants 5; Calls for Service (does not include walk-in traffic) 167; Accidents investigated 2; Civil papers served 54; Cumulative miles traveled 13,168; 911 calls responded to (including Milbank) 120.

RAIF: Commissioner Assistant Layher stated that Grant Center, Melrose and Kilborn Townships 2025 RAIF project estimates are coming in higher than originally planned. Their additional cost for RAIF projects will exceed the RAIF

Fund balance of \$407,800 in 2025. The State Legislature has discontinued the program and will not contribute to the RAIF Funds anymore. Layher recommended to apportion the overage amount of \$28,384 of the RAIF fund between the Melrose/Kilborn project and the Grant Center project who requested additional funds. The apportioned amount for the Melrose/Kilborn project will be \$15,386 and \$12,998 for the Grant Center project. These amounts will be in addition to their 20% share. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the RAIF payout recommendations of Layher for Grant Center, Melrose and Kilborn Townships. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Drainage: Chairman Tostenson adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the Commission acting as the Drainage Board.

Permit DR2025-09a for Dana Johnson for properties located within the NW1/4 of Section 36-121-47 in Big Stone Township

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permit DR2025-09a for Dana Johnson. Motioned by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve permit DR2025-09a.

Drainage Officer Berkner reported the project is for tiling 40 acres of land that would flow west and north, and 8 acres of land that would flow east connecting to a tile main in DR2025-05, all within the NW1/4 of Section 36 in Big Stone Township within the Whetstone River Watershed. Berkner estimated the flow of the water going west could be up to 300 gallons per minute (gpm) and the water flowing east could be at a 50 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. Both flows would enter into USGS blue-line waterways. The eastern flow would end up in a US Fish & Wildlife slough before entering a blue-line waterway. The western flow would enter directly into a north flowing blue-line waterway. Berkner had been contacted by downstream landowners about the need for the eastern blue-line waterway to be cleaned out.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing asking Johnson for any additional comments. Johnson said the drainage project is designed to work within existing water easements and wetland determinations. Johnson added three inlets may be needed on the west 40 acres, but they would wait and see how the lateral tiles performed before deciding if they were needed. Tostenson asked Berkner if the three possible inlets were indicated in the drainage permit application. Berkner said they are mentioned in the application. Tostenson then asked three times for public comments against the project where Dave Van Veen, who owns land crossed by

the receiving waterway on the west side, and Kenneth Lee, who owns land crossed by the eastern flowing waterway, asked to speak.

Van Veen said the waterway crossing his land doesn't flow quickly. It is more of a wetland. He is also concerned that any additional water might cause problems for him. Lee had similar concerns, and he hoped the drainage board physically inspected the condition of any waterway receiving permitted drainage water. In his opinion, the east waterway is not a good natural run in its present condition and without some type of cleaning or improvements it would cause problems for downstream landowners.

Berkner was asked to read a signed statement by Ben Wollschlager, who was not able to attend the meeting and farms land adjacent to the east flowing waterway. Wollschlager's statement said currently water does not flow freely and backs up through the culverts under 147th Street onto his property. Wollschlager's opinion is that the additional water from the previously permitted DR2025-05, along with the current permit being considered, is going to make things worse without proper waterway maintenance and both permits are in violation of Section 101.05, of the county's drainage ordinance that states drainage water should not cause any undue harm to neighboring land. Wollschlager also had concerns that both permits, DR2025-05 and DR2025-09, are in violation of Section 201.14 of the county's drainage ordinance, that the water was being drained through a route that was not natural.

With no more comments against the tile project, Chairman Tostenson asked three times for comments in support of the drainage project. No one responded. Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting drainage board discussion.

Chairman Tostenson led board discussion saying the drainage board can only look at actual relevant facts as they pertain to any drainage permit design. It remains the responsibility of the permittee to get their drainage water to a natural waterway. He also stressed that the drainage board does not design drainage projects. It is up to the permittee, in their drainage design, to address possible downstream flooding concerns and it's important that ongoing proper waterway maintenance needs to be done. The board can only encourage landowners to work together in maintaining shared waterways.

States Attorney Schwandt commented any blue-line, or vested waterway, is the landowner's responsibility to keep it clear and free flowing.

Landowner Raynelle Mueller, who also owns land which receives water that flows east, was allowed to comment during board discussion that according to NRCS, the waterway that flows across her land cannot be made any wider or deeper to accommodate more water. She also said most of the water that flows past the location that often backs-up near 147th Street soaks into the ground as it leaves her property and normally doesn't make it very far downstream.

Commissioner Stengel commented that he thought Johnson had a sound design that used two separate paths to drain water into existing defined blue-line waterways that meet concerns of both NRCS and Game Fish and Parks. Commissioner Street asked the board if a third-party drainage study should be required before voting on the permit. Street made a motion to postpone the permits DR2025-09a and 09b to have the applicant work with his downstream landowners for a resolution. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. After a lengthy discussion Stengel called the question for DR2025-09a, -09b. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote on the question. Motion carried 4-1 with Street casting the nay vote. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote to approve drainage permits DR2025-09a and 09b for Dana Johnson. Motion carried 4-1 with Street casting the Nay vote.

DR2025-12 for Paul Anderson for property located within the SW1/4 in 8-118-49 of Georgia Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permit DR2025-12 for Paul Anderson. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve permit DR2025-12.

Berkner reported the project is in the SW1/4 of Section 8 in Georgia Township within the South Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. The project has two separate inlets, with no lateral tiles, draining through separate 10" mains that would follow existing ditches. The quantity of water normally drained through each run would be the same.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing asking for additional comments from Anderson. Anderson said he had nothing to add. Tostenson asked three separate times for comments in favor or against DR2025-12. Paul Peterson said he is directly downstream of some of the out-letting water and is in support of the project. Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting board discussion. There were no concerns about the project. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

DR2025-13 for Dustin Nelson for property located with the NW1/4 in 30-121-51 in the former Sisseton Wahpeton Indian Reservation, Farmington Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permit DR2025-13 for Dustin Nelson. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve permit DR2025-13.

Berkner said the permit is for tiling approximately 135 acres of land located within the NW1/4 of Section 30 in Farmington Township located in the Big Sioux River Watershed. The drainage project would have 1-inlet and two outlets, 1-12" and 1-18". The 18" tile would cross 455th Avenue. The two out-letting tile mains would have an estimated design capacity for the lateral tile of 920 gpm. Berkner said the tile mains have most likely been up sized to possibly accept future tile projects. Berkner added that it was his opinion the drainage project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing for DR2025-13. Nelson was not present. Chairman Tostenson asked three separate times for both comments in support and against the drainage project. No one responded. Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting drainage board discussion. Tostenson said he had met with Nelson to review the project in person. He said the inlet is along a fence line that channels water into Nelson's land which causes erosion. Tostenson agreed the tile project is most likely using larger mains than necessary for the 135-acre project to accommodate possible future drainage projects. With minimal additional discussion, Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

DR2025-11a, -11b, -11c, -11d, -11e, -11f, -11g, -11h, -11i, -11j, -11k and -11l for John Loeschke for properties located within the S1/2SE1/4 of Section 11, the NE1/4 of Section 14, the N1/2 of Section 13, and the S1/2 and the NE1/4 of Section 12, in Vernon West Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve DR2025-11a thru -11l. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve DR2025-11a thru -11l. Berkner explained the request was made just minutes before the meeting that DR2025-11l, should be removed from the current motion. NRCS requires the water to be drained south, where it feeds a wetland, instead of north. Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to amend the original motion to remove DR2025-11l from the original motion and to postpone permit DR2025-11l to the May 6th meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Berkner said the 11 remaining related drainage projects are located within Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, all within Vernon West Township, and would share a single common 30" out-letting main. Berkner talked to the tiling contractor about the 30" main tile size. The contractor said it is borderline if a 24" tile would work to tile 670 acres. Berkner thought with 55 acres of lateral tile potentially being re-routed south, there is a good chance a 24" main would work with less acreage. The capacity of a 30" main covering the original 670 acres with inlets could have a maximum discharge rate of 8,900 gpm if installed at a .2% grade. In comparison a 24" tile with no inlets would be nearly half of that amount. Berkner continued with other design elements, the combined drainage projects would have 20 inlets, with 6 of those being located at road crossing culverts.

Berkner concluded by saying he had sent out the required certified letters to five landowners and the required public notices also ran twice in the local paper. He had five people contact him concerning the impact of the project on their downstream properties. He has also compiled drainage way LIDAR elevations and relevant culverts and bridge sizes from the County Highway Department for review if needed.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing asking John Loeschke for any additional information. Loeschke said even though the size of the project seems large, it is a group of farmers working together to greatly reduce erosion. The inlets would use terraces and berms only drawing water from about a foot above the surface.

Chairman Tostenson then asked three times for both comments in favor and against permits DR2025-11a thru -11k. Half a dozen people spoke against the project based mostly on the unknown amounts of additional water that would flow their direction through a blue-line waterway that often overflows and causes damage to area roads and causes flooding of area fields. After a lengthy discussion, it was motioned by Street and seconded by Buttke to request a professional drainage design review for DR2025-11a thru -11k to be paid for by the applicants. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Drainage Violation: Non-permitted inlet in Section 10 of Adams East Township.

Chairman Tostenson continued drainage board discussion on the penalty phase for an inlet that was installed without a drainage permit in Section 10 of Adams East Township that was postponed until the current April 15th meeting.

Berkner gave a brief update on the non-permitted inlet. It was installed near the property line on land owned by Joe Kanthak and connected to a 15” out-letting main that was part of DR2021-19 by Grant Street for land that was tiled in the S1/2 of Section 9. Berkner said the same non-permitted inlet was installed at the same time work was done on DR2021-19. In 2022 the County asked for it to be either properly permitted or disconnected. Kanthak agreed to immediately disconnect the inlet, and the County waived any penalty due to a misunderstanding between landowners.

Late last year, Berkner’s office was contacted to say the inlet had been reinstalled again without a permit. The county gave Kanthak to the current drainage board meeting to permit the inlet and at that time the county would also go forward with the penalty phase. After a lengthy discussion, it was motioned by Mach and seconded by Stengel to access a penalty of \$2,000 for the non-permitted inlet. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0 with Street abstaining from the vote.

This concluded the business for the Drainage Board. Chairman Tostenson adjourned the Drainage Board and reconvened the Board of Commissioners.

P & Z: Director Berkner updated the Commission on the Board of Adjustment lot size recommendations from First District for planned residential development in the county.

NW Energy: Robert Gehm with Northwestern Energy was present to explain the application for the county natural gas franchise renewal. This is done every 20 years with the county. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the 20-year renewal with Northwestern Energy and adopt Resolution 2025-05.

2025-05

RESOLUTION AND RECITALS

I.

WHEREAS, **NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, a South Dakota corporation, d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern)**, has filed an application with the Grant County Board of Commissioners pursuant to SDCL Section 7-8-23 on April 15, 2025, seeking the right to construct, lay, maintain and operate natural gas pipelines and mains along the county highways located in Grant County, South Dakota.

II.

WHEREAS, the Grant County Board of Commissioners has the jurisdiction and authority to grant the application of **NorthWestern** as set forth in paragraph I above, subject to such conditions as it may desire to impose.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grant County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the application of **Northwestern** dated March 31, 2025, for permission to construct, lay, maintain and operate natural gas pipelines and mains on and along Grant County Roads is granted subject to the conditions set forth herein.
2. That this grant is for a period of twenty (20) years from and after April 15, 2025, or as may be extended by the Grant County Board of Commissioners in writing at a subsequent date.
3. That as consideration for this grant, **NorthWestern** agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Grant County, its officers and employees from any and all liability, damages, claims, demands or otherwise, whether the same is based on contract or otherwise in law or in equity associated with the design, construction, installation, laying, operating, inspecting, repairing, maintaining, replacing and removing of pipes, mains, valves and all other devices used in connection with the operation of its natural gas pipeline located pursuant to this grant, except such liability, damages, claims or demands which arise as a result of the negligence of the county, its officers, employees or agents.
4. That as additional consideration for this grant, **NorthWestern** agrees to restore, at its expense, the affected areas in as good condition as before said work was commenced and replace any structures affected, i.e. culverts and signs; and if the county road should be rebuilt or construction and maintenance of the county road requires the removal or relocation of the pipeline, it shall be solely at the expense of **NorthWestern**.
5. That the rights and conditions by this grant shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of **NorthWestern**.
6. This grant shall further be subject to all rules and regulations as are prescribed by the State of South Dakota relating to the construction, operation and maintenance of gas pipelines and mains.
7. That this grant shall not be effective until execution of the acceptance of the conditions set forth below by **NorthWestern**.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2025.

GRANT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

William Tostenson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:
Kathy Folk, Auditor

The foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Street and seconded by Commissioner Buttke, and upon a vote being taken thereon:

The following voted yea: Buttke, Mach, Stengel, Street, Tostenson

The following voted nay: None

Whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

GCDC: Traci Stein with the Grant County Development Corporation has received from the Governor's Office of Economic Development and the Office of Corrections a statewide request to see if there is interest in other counties in housing a men's prison. Stein gave details of what is needed to accommodate the prison and asked the Commission if GCDC could get a letter of support from them. It was the consensus of the Commission to support this request.

Mazeppa Township: Jim Urban, Philip Taecker and Allen Heuer were present to discuss the two miles of township road that has unapproved road work done on them. The roads are along Section 36 on 460th Avenue and 154th Street. The work was completed after November. States Attorney Schwandt advised the township how to proceed with documentation and have the Sheriff investigate.

HWY: SDDOT Request: Supt Peterson asked approval of SDDOT request for design exception for BRO 8026(00) 24-1 PCN: 09N8 Bridge: 26-380-083. Motion by Street and seconded by Stengel to approve SDDOT's request for design exception for Bridge: 26-380-083. Motion carried 5-0. **Otter Tail:** Supt Peterson requested approval of an Agreement of Use and Restoration of Haul Road and ROW application ROW 2025-03 in Big Stone Township for Otter Tail. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to approve the Haul Road agreement and ROW 2025-03. Motion carried 5-0. **Dustin Nelson:** Supt Peterson requested approval of ROW application ROW 2025-04 from Dustin Nelson in Farmington Township to bore under the road. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve ROW 2025-04. Motion carried 5-0. **Christians:** Supt Peterson asked approval of ROW

permit ROW 2025-05 for Keith Christians and one for Michael Christians ROW 2025-06. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve permits ROW 2025-05 and ROW 2025-06. Motion carried 5-0.

Travel: Commissioner Assistant Layher requested travel approval for States Attorney Schwandt to a States Attorney conference in Deadwood and 4-H Educator, Melissa Mueller to attend the National 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator Training. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve the travel requests. Motion carried 5-0.

County Assistance: None

Cash Transfers: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the cash transfers as per the 2025 budget. Motion carried 5-0.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
101-General	229 Domestic Abuse	1,565
101-General	766 Law Library	4,100
101-General	226 Emergency Mgmt	60,000

Hasslen Proposals: Commissioner Assistant Layher presented proposals from Hasslen Construction for carpet replacement on second floor for \$8,000, remodel of first floor office space for \$27,100 and replacing sewer pipe in basement for \$16,600 for approval. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve the carpet replacement, first floor remodel and sewer pipe replacement proposals from Hasslen Construction. Motion carried 5-0.

ROD Policy: Commissioner Assistant Layher requested approval of a new ROD Fee & Search policy. It states the customer is responsible for the additional credit card or debit card processing fee and the cost of the copies they request. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to approve the new ROD Fee & Search policy. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business: Commissioner Assistant Layher stated she has received the approved conditional use permit and building permit for re-locating the 3-stall garage from the City of Milbank. Auditor Folk reported the March revenue, expenses and unassigned cash balance to the Commission and the 2024 year-end department budget balances.

New Business: Reports were given on the New County Official Conference in Pierre that was attended. Commissioner Mach stated the First District Spring meeting will be April 24th in Watertown.

Correspondence: None.

Executive Session: None.

Claims: Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mach to approve the claims with the addition of Otter Tail \$1,133.07. Motion carried 5-0. 15 HOTEL GROUP, motel 220.00; AGTEGRA, ethanol & diesel 7,433.31; BANNER, contracted proj 537.00; BEACON CENTER, 1st qtr domestic abuse 220.50; BERENS MARKET, inmate groceries 486.54; BOB BARKER, supplies 88.46; BORNS GROUP, mailing expense 1,617.83; BUTLER, parts 1,886.38; CARLSON DRUG, inmate r/x 793.98; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 323.37; CRAIG DEBOER, car wash card 146.76; CLEAR CHOICE CLEANING, prof services 2,200.00; EASTSIDE EQUIPMENT, parts 274.80; EQUIPMENT BLADES, parts 2,452.00; FIRST BANK & TRUST/VISA, gas, microwave, paper, supplies 1,756.55; FOOD & FUEL, inmate meals 545.98; GRANT COUNTY REVIEW, publishing 1,602.94; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER, water usage 41.50; HMN ARCHITECTS, prof services 112,722.76; HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY, appropriations 8,584.18; INGRAM, books 1,399.99; INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION, service worker 2,634.33; ITC, phone & internet 2,168.22; J.W. PETRO SERVICES, prof services 15,996.58; JASON SACKREITER, garbage service 360.00; LUTHER ROBE CONSULTING, prof services 1,800.00; MACK STEEL, parts 2,675.17; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, rentals 862.00; MILBANK AREA HOSPITAL AVERA, blabs 3,128.00; MILBANK AUTO PARTS, supplies 905.08; MOES FEEDLOT, fence 2,484.30; MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE, prof services 21,000.00; NEWMAN SIGNS, signs & posts 717.34; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, natural gas 125.46; NOVAK SANITARY SERVICE, shredding service 19.33; OTTER TAIL POWER, electricity 3,512.56; OXYGEN SERVICE, supplies 188.70; R.D. OFFUTT, repair & maint 105.59; RC TECHNOLOGIES, 911 transport & tower rent 95.96; REDLINGER BROS. PLUMBING, repair & maint 447.96; ROBERTS CO SHERIFF, prof services 315.00; RUNNINGS, supplies 537.61; RYAN MAGEDANZ, repair & maint 1,314.60; SANDRA FONDER, prof services 60.00; SECUR SERV, prof services 6,845.69; SD ASSN COUNTY OFFICIALS, registration 600.00; SD DEPT OF HEALTH, blabs 595.00; STAR LAUNDRY, rentals 120.61; SUMNER DIESEL, supplies 33.78; TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL, patching 1,044.50; TURNWELL MENTAL HEALTH, prof services 5,600.00; TWIN VALLEY

TIRE, repair & maint 1,265.00; U.S. BANK TRUST CO, prof services 1,200.00; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, mailing expense 84.00; UNZEN MOTORS, repair & maint 1,173.72; VALLEY OFFICE PRODUCTS, supplies 1,575.93; VALLEY SHOPPER, publishing 28.83; VERIZON, hotspot 38.52; WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC, electricity 2,572.99; XEROX, copier rent 765.98. TOTAL: \$230,333.17.

MONTHLY FEES: SD DEPT OF HEALTH, SDACO, ROD modernization fee 180.00; SD DEPT OF REVENUE, monthly fees 162,456.85. TOTAL: \$162,636.85.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for April 14, 2025, payroll are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 8,120.60; AUDITOR 9,911.41; ELECTION 304.09; TREASURER 6,031.28; STATES ATTORNEY 7,851.30; CUSTODIANS 3,776.00; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 6,391.01; REG. OF DEEDS 4,878.65; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1,402.50; SHERIFF 18,634.04; COMMUNICATION CTR 7,817.40; VISITING NEIGHBOR 1,639.16; LIBRARY 8,869.06; 4-H 4,114.89; WEED CONTROL 2,083.00; P&Z 1,141.70; DRAINAGE 722.30; ROAD & BRIDGE 31,581.26; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2,623.05. TOTAL: \$127,892.70.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 6,740.65; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 15,400.00; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 3,601.64; ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT, deduction 90.88; MESSERO; & KRAMER, 285.94; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1,691.94; RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE DENTAL, ins. 439.70; RELIANCE STANDARD SUPPLEMENT LIFE, ins. 153.76; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee health ins. 2,279.20; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, child support 1,325.00; SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 1,623.33; SDRS, retire 14,743.33. TOTAL: \$48,375.37.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve automatic supplement of \$3,450.80 for the Sheriff budget due to insurance claim on vehicle.
2. Approve contract with SDDOT for 2025 Pocket Gopher Baiting on state ROW's for \$6,000.
3. Approve contract with SDDOT for 2025 Weed Control on state ROW's for \$29,500.

4. Approve step increase for Tammy Rufer, library dept., to step 3 rate of \$18.75 effective 3-25-2025.

It is the policy of Grant County, South Dakota, not to discriminate against the handicapped in employment or the provision of service.

The next scheduled meeting dates will be May 6 and 20 and June 3 and 17, 2025 at 8 AM in the basement Commissioner room. Please use the elevator. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mach to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Folk, Grant County Auditor

William Tostenson, Chairman, Grant County Commissioners

