

August 21, 2018

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Dummann, Mach, Stengel and Street present. Chairman Buttke called the meeting to order. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting with a correction on the additional number of windows to be replaced on the north and west sides of the courthouse to state four not six needing to be ordered at a cost of \$3045.92. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Dummann to approve the agenda with an addition of a discussion item of Marvin Fire Department building project. Motion carried 5-0.

Present from the public were Al Robish, Kristi Mogen, Teresa Kaaz, Amber Christenson, Scott Hoeke, David Hicks, Bobbie Bohlen and Dave Hepper.

Public Comment: Kristi Mogen addressed the Commission on the issues of transparency by videoing the meeting and posting the meeting to the website. She asked to have the application of the conditional use permit applications put on the website to allow all interested persons a chance to review the permit or change the cost for a paper copy from \$1 per page to 25 cents per page. She also questioned if the information being submitted for the wind energy discussion is being put on the website in a timely manner to allow everyone time to review the materials. She also asked to have printed copies of the materials submitted available for the P & Z members if requested. She spoke on issues of concern of flicker, tax benefits, and health concerns relating to the wind energy projects. Chairman Buttke closed the public comment.

The Auditor's account with the Treasurer for the month of July 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 July, 2018

Cash on Hand	\$1,273.73
Checks in Treasurer's possession	
less than 3 days	\$55,480.93
Cash Items	\$0.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$56,754.66

RECONCILED CHECKING	
First Bank & Trust	\$1,881.59
Interest	\$0.00
Credit Card Transactions	\$529.90
First Bank & Trust (Svgs)	\$4,962,433.00
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
First Bank & Trust	\$0.00
First Bank & Trust (TIF)	\$268,509.03
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$5,290,108.18

GENERAL LEDGER CASH BALANCES:

General	\$2,353,044.65
General restricted cash	\$1,460,000.00
Cash Accounts for Offices General Fund	\$605.00
Sp. Revenue	\$722,183.04
Sp. Revenue restricted cash	\$0.00
Henze Road District	\$148.24
TIF Apportioning Northern Lights	\$0.00
TIF Milbank	\$0.00
TIF Northern Lights	\$268,509.03
Trust & Agency	\$485,618.22
(schools 24,978.98, twps 26,021.31, city/town 12,453.01)	

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH **\$5,290,108.18**

Dated this 10th day of August, 2018

Karen M. Layher

County Auditor

The Register of Deeds fees for the month of July were \$8,252.75, Clerk of Courts remittance fees for the month of July were \$11,707.57 and Sheriff Fees for the month of July were \$17,458.66 with \$3,745.66 receipted into the General Fund. The 2nd quarter report for Family and Community Health Services was noted.

Weed: Supervisor Nathan Mueller demonstrated the sprayer he will be using to spray trees within the ROW. The wand/pump meters a measured amount of Tordon to be sprayed at the base of the tree. Nathan will work with Kerwin on locating and spraying the trees within the ROW. During the winter the Highway workers will cut the trees. Nathan also reported on West Nile cases and fogging the area towns for mosquitoes. He reported the property on the west side of the county is in the process of being put under enforcement. The owners of the gravel pit have sprayed the weeds and will have the gravel site sprayed again after the first frost.

Hwy: Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to set September 4 at 9:15 for the public hearing on the 2019 Five year Highway Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Supt Schultz advised the Commission of a change to SDCL 31-14-27 regarding county construction or replacement of bridges and culverts on township roads with an opening of sixteen square feet or more. The amendment allows the county and township to enter into an agreement as to how the cost in excess of five hundred dollars will be split between the county and the township. Prior to the amendment, the township's maximum cost was \$500. Supt Schultz reported on bridge work, chip sealing, mowing ROW and sweeping loose rocks from asphalt roads.

Community Health Nurse: Jennifer Meyer reported the work in the office is progressing smoothly. The office is closed one to two days per week as she travels to other counties to provide services and the county's clerical staff is scheduled for 3 days a week. Appointments have been for immunizations for children getting ready for returning to school.

Economic Development: Bobbie Bohlen summarized the steps the development corporation has gone through on the housing needs for the community. The results were a need for starter homes and townhouses. The development group identified potential building sites and sent letters out to developers. Currently, the project being developed is a multi-residential housing complex. Bobbie asked the Commission to adopt a commercial / residential discretionary resolution as is allowed under statute like the Commercial formula the Commission adopted in 2011 as this demonstrates an investment in the County's future and demonstrates an openness to developers. Commissioner Street brought forth the discussion on approving an agricultural discretionary resolution. This is a separate issue and can be on a future agenda. Commissioner Stengel expressed support as this type of housing is needed. Presently the design is a 30 unit building. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Dummann to adopt the following resolution. Discussion followed. Motion carried 5-0. Resolution adopted. The discretionary formula would be effective for the tax year 2019 payable in 2020.

2018-18

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION FOR COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL DISCRETIONARY FORMULA

WHEREAS, SDCL 10-6-35.25 classifies for taxation purposes any new commercial residential structure, or addition to existing structure, which new structure or addition have a true and full value of thirty thousand dollars or more and, for the purposes of this section, a commercial residential structure shall contain four or more units; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 10-6-35.2, the Board of County Commissioners has been given the discretion to adopt any formula for assessed value to be used for tax purposes as set forth in SDCL 10-6-35.2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, South Dakota, that the following formula be and is hereby adopted for the assessment year of 2019:

1. For the first tax year following construction, not more than 20% of the taxable value, shall be used for tax purposes on such property; and
2. For the second year following construction, not more than 40% of the taxable value shall be used for tax purposes on such property; and
3. For the third year following construction, not more than 60% of the taxable value shall be used for tax purposes on such property; and
4. For the fourth year following construction, not more than 80% of the taxable value shall be used for tax purposes on such property; and
5. For the fifth year following construction, the full value of 100% shall be used for tax purposes on such property.

Dated this 21st day August, 2018.

Marty Buttke
Chairman, Grant County Commission

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher
Grant County Auditor

EM: Director Kevin Schuelke gave a report on classes and trainings he has attended and office work load. Currently, he is reviewing the plan on Haz Mat and Pre Disaster Mitigation, worked on the State Full Scale exercise, and planning to attend a radio TTT class.

Sheriff: Kevin Owen reported on the statistics for the month of July for the Detention Center and Sheriff's Office. Average Daily inmate population 5.48; Number of bookings 36; Work release money collected \$690.00; 24/7 Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) fees collected \$188.00; SCRAM (alcohol detecting bracelet) fees collected \$500.00; 24/7 PBT participants 4; SCRAM (Sobriety Program) participants 2; Calls for Service (does not include walk-in traffic) 436; Accidents investigated 4; Civil papers served 56; Cumulative miles traveled 8124; 911 calls responded to 71. **Summit Tower:** Captain McMahon from Watertown Dispatch has been in contact with the Sheriff from Day County on reprogramming the ROIP for the counties of Grant and Roberts.

Equalization: Director Kathy Steinlicht met with the Commission to discuss a resolution that would allow the assessor to treat agricultural land within 120 feet of a designated river or tributary as a riparian buffer strip for taxation purposes. This is a conservation measure to filter impurities and reduce pollutants entering the waterways. The buffer strip area has been designated by law, but the county may extend the buffer strip along the designated waterways by resolution. DOE Kathy provided the Commission with a map indicating four areas that have been suggested to expand the riparian buffer strip area of the county. An applicant would need to apply yearly by October 15 for this designation. Jay Gilbertson, Manager of East Dakota Water District, has asked to address the Commission on September 4 to answer any additional questions on the buffer strip.

Travel: Motion by Street and seconded by Stengel to approve travel expenses for EM Director Kevin Schuelke to attend Annual Conference in Sioux Falls and for Weed Supervisor Nathan Mueller to attend Annual Conference in Pierre. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session: Motion by Mach and seconded by Dummann to enter into executive session at 10:32 AM for the purpose of a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried 5-0. Auditor Layher was present. Chairman Buttke declared the meeting open to the public at 10:42 AM. No action taken as a result of the executive session.

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

1. Approve plats:

RESOLUTION 2018-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: "Lots 1 and 2 Hansen First Addition, in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 120 North, Range 50 West of the 5th P.M., Grant County, South Dakota", which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 21th day of August, 2018.

Marty Buttke,
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Grant County, South Dakota

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher
County Auditor, Grant County, South Dakota

RESOLUTION 2018-20

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: "Lot 1 Hansen Second Addition, in Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 6, Township 119 North, Range 50 West of the 5th P.M., Grant County, South Dakota", which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2018.

Marty Buttke,
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Grant County, South Dakota

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher,
County Auditor, Grant County, South Dakota

2018-21
COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION

IT WAS MOVED BY Commissioner Stengel, seconded by Commissioner Mach, motion carried that "LOT 1 OF WIPF SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW ¼) OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 121 NORTH, RANGE 50 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., GRANT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA", AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND HEREON BE APPROVED AND ACCEPTED AND THE CHAIRMAN IS HEREBY INSTRUCTED TO ENDORSE ON SUCH PLAT THIS RESOLUTION AND TO CERTIFY THE SAME.

Marty Buttke,
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Grant County, South Dakota

2018-22
PLAT OF: LOTS 1 AND 2 OF FRANSEN SUBDIVISION

Document # 2018-22

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled "LOTS 1 AND 2 OF FRANSEN SUBDIVISION IN THE COUNTY OF GRANT, SOUTH DAKOTA, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (S ½ SW1/4) OF SECTION 1, T120N, R52W OF THE 5th P.M., GRANT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA", which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appearing that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and

executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2018.

Karen Layher, County Auditor,
Grant County, South Dakota

2. Declare surplus an office chair, fixed asset #2411, from Dept 211 Sheriff

Marvin Fire Dept: Commissioner Dummann reported on the construction of the new fire hall in Marvin. The building is constructed, but work needs to be done on insulating the wall and pouring the cement floor. He asked the Commission to consider an allocation of \$20,000 to assist the fire department with completing the structure. Budget 221 Fire Protection has \$5000 available for this type of request and any additional allocation would be from the Contingency Funds.

Unfinished Business: Commissioner Street asked to address the issue of posting the CUP and the applications for a CAFO on the website. States Attorney Reedstrom will be asked to address the issue at the next meeting.

New Business: None

Correspondence: The Commission will be on a bus tour of two wind farm sites in Lake Benton, MN and Woodstock, MN on August 28. A quorum of Commissioners will be present at the tour.

Claims: Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. A-OX WELDING, supplies 7.65; AVERA MCKENNAN, county assistance 1,852.61; BANNER ASSOC., prof service 11,539.50; BERENS, supplies 194.69; BREWSTER'S, supplies 137.77; BUREAU OF INFO & TELE, internet & email 530.50; BUTLER MACHINERY, repair 3,253.50; CENTER POINT, books 404.06; CENTURYLINK, phone line 141.04; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 6,487.12; CODINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF, 24/7 fee 30.00; COLE PAPERS, supplies 180.12; CONSOLIDATED READY MIX, hwy projects 6,404.06; CRAIG DEBOER, car washes 53.34; DUINICK, hwy projects 962.80; EMERY PRATT CO., books 62.05; FHR, hwy projects 12,288.83; FREMAREK, supplies 205.59; GJT INC., prison meals 1,118.25; GRANT COUNTY REVIEW, publishing 235.75; HARTMAN'S, supplies 15.14; HURKES IMP, parts 56.59; INGRAM LIBRARY, books 561.48; ITC, internet 159.71, JOHN WINQUIST, reimbursement 1,092.11; KEN VANORNY, prof service 175.00; L. G. EVERIST, gravel 7,460.95; LABOLT

FARMERS GRAIN, chemical 7,193.00; LARRY J TRAPP, repairs 1,224.41; LEWIS FAMILY DRUG, prison supplies 99.98; MICROMARKETING, audiobook 39.99; MIKE SMITH, prof service 65.00; MILBANK AREA HOSPITAL, prof services 1,926.00; MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, rent 300.00; MOMAR, supplies 294.40; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, natural gas 30.00; SCOTT O'DONNELL, reimbursement 1,412.05; OFFICE PEEPS, supplies 56.63; ORTONVILLE AUTO, parts 205.03; OTTER TAIL, elect 3,212.47; PRO WELDING & REPAIR, prof services 909.80; QUICK PRO LUBE, repair 990.63; RELIANCE TELEPHONE, phone cards 500.00; RELX, prof services 705.00; ROBERT HENNRICH, repairs 1,220.00; ROY STOLPMAN, hwy projects 681.16; SDACO, registrations 555.00; SD ATTY GEN, scam fees 1,258.00; SD DEPT OF REV, lab fees 275.00; SEEHAFFER'S, supplies 22.06; ST WILLIAMS, prof services 466.20; STATE OF SD, equipment 1,225.00; TECH ONE, supplies 600.00; UPI, fuel 8,963.05; VALLEY OFFICE, supplies 91.28; VERIZON, hotspot 38.52; WATERTOWN PUBLIC OPINION, subscription 160.00; WHETSTONE HOME CENTER, supplies 646.43; WVEC, electricity 569.02; WITTROCK & SON, garbage 35.00; WYATT KELLY, prof services 450.00; XEROX, rent 773.24. TOTAL: \$92,813.56.

Fire Ins Reversion: BIG STONE CITY FIRE DEPT, 5,242.03; LABOLT FIRE DEPT, 903.07; MARVIN FIRE DEPT, 188.86; MILBANK FIRE DEPT, 18,381.84; REVILLO FIRE DEPT, 2,671.67 SOUTH SHORE AREA VOL FIRE, 1,085.07; STOCKHOLM FIRE DEPT, 1,698.56; SUMMIT FIRE DEPT, 2,347.72; TOWN OF CORONA, 1,111.22; WILMOT FIRE DEPT, 174.68. TOTAL: \$33,804.72.

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 Tuesday, September 4 and 18 and October 2 and 16, 2018 at 8 AM. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Dummann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

Marty Buttke, Chairman, Grant County Comm.