

August 7, 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 July 17, 2018 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Street to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Present from the public were Ronald Meister, Nathan Granquist, Bruce Granquist, Eric Anderson, Earl Hanson and Darwin Johnson.

The Chairman called for public comment. No public comment given.

**Drainage:** Chairman Buttke adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the Commission acting as the Drainage Board. The Drainage Administrator presented the following permits.

Permit DR2018-24 for Mark Loeschke, in Section 31 of Alban Township to improve crop production. Drainage Administrator reports the NRCS letter is on file and all certified letters were returned with signatures. He is tiling to a stream on his own property and is not crossing any roadways. All is in order with the permit. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Street to approve permit DR2018-24. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2018-25 for owner, Bruce Granquist by Nathan Granquist, in Section 36 of Stockholm Township will help to control erosion and improve the land. The NRCS letter is on file for tiling to the stream on their own land. The letters were sent out to riparian landowners without comment. The permit is recommended to the Drainage Board for passage. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to approve permit DR2018-25. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2018-26 for Bruce Granquist in Section 2 of Troy Township is requested to improve the ground. The NRCS determination is on record and the permit is in order with no adjoining landowner because they are staying in their own land with the outlet into the natural run. The riparian landowner letters were completed. Motion by Street and seconded by Dummann to approve permit DR2018-26. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2018-27 for Earl Hanson in Section 4 of Kilborn Township would improve the cropland in a cooperative project with permit DR2016-12 of Todd Keller's. The project being proposed is entering the original pipe installed by the Keller's to the stream on the

Hanson property. Hanson will also be adding a portion of tile to the southeast that outlets into the same stream on the Hanson property. NRCS determinations and letters are all in order and there are no other needs for the permit to be in compliance. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to approve permit DR2018-27. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2018-28 for James L Anderson is a large cooperative project that would improve the cropland for four landowners between Section 9 and 16 in Vernon Township. James's property would provide the tile outlet at the northern most point in Section 9 with a dual wall main pipe placement and several laterals. The wetland determination is on file and the outlet will remain on his own land with the letters sent out and returned with acknowledgement of riparian landowners. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mach to approve permit DR2018-28. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2018-29 for Ronald Meister in Section 30 of Alban Township will improve the cropland with this being an amendment to improve the former tiling project DR2013-39. The amendment proposes a small lateral in the southern portion of the existing permit and will not change the location of the original request or outlets. All parties involved are still in agreement and the permit is recommended for passage of the amendment. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Street to approve permit DR2018-29. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2018-30 for David Larson in Section 19 of Vernon Township would improve cropland. This permit is presented in compliance by recording NRCS determination, adjoining landowner signature and signatures for certified letters. Motion by Street and seconded by Dummann to approve permit DR2018-30. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2018-31 for Ronald Meister in Section 16 in Vernon Township would improve farmland as a part of the cooperative project. NRCS determination has been completed and the cooperative permit has all information necessary for compliance with ordinance. Motion by Street and seconded by Stengel to approve permit DR2018-31. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2018-32 for Eric Anderson in Section 16 of Vernon Township is part of the cooperative project with DR2018-28 to improve cropland. Eric's property will allow access to tile direction through his property as well as additional laterals into Section 9 owned by James Anderson. The outlet goes into a natural run on their own property. The NRCS determination is complete and all information for this permit is in compliance. Motion by Street and seconded by Stengel to approve permit DR2018-32. Motion carried 5-0.

This concluded the business for the drainage board. Chairman Buttke adjourned the Drainage Board and reconvened the Board of Commissioners.

**Highway:** Supt Schultz reported seal coating was completed on Monday and the staff would return to working on the other scheduled projects. One of the projects is mowing the ROW. His plan is to designate the International tractor for the mowing project. Supt Schultz did not recommend going with a GPS system for the tractor at this time. The Commission continued discussion of cropping within the ROW. They instructed Supt Schultz to mow the ROW including any crops that are infringing on the ROW. Crops that are planted within the ROW are a safety issue for traffic at the intersections and have the potential to undermine the road bed.

BIDS FOR FUEL				
DATE	BIDDER	ETHANOL	DIESEL #1	DIESEL #2
07/16	UPI	2.63		2.55
	Cenex	2.67		2.60
UPI was the low bidder for Ethanol at 2.63 and for Diesel 2 at 2.55.				
07/26	UPI			2.55
	Cenex			2.65

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**Weed:** Supervisor Nathan Mueller reported the enforcement process has been started on the organic farm located on the west end of the county. The Commission also asked him to inspect and contact the owners of a gravel pit to control the weeds or start the enforcement process.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to enter into executive session at 9:19 AM for the purpose of a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried 5-0. Auditor Layher and Supt Schultz were present. Chairman Buttke declared the meeting open to the public at 9:36 AM. No action taken as a result of the executive session.

**Register of Deeds:** Becky Wellnitz introduced her new employee Vickie Gulley to the Commission.

**Sheriff:** Kevin Owen reviewed two bids for a Dodge Ram police vehicle. The first bid was from Wegner Auto in Pierre who has the State bid for SD. The bid for a 2018 Dodge Ram 1500 Police Special package with selected features is \$28,373 including delivery of the auto to Pierre. The second bid is from Nelson Auto Center in Fergus Falls, MN for a 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 Police Special package

with selected features is \$27,373.22 including delivery of the vehicle to Milbank. Motion by Street and seconded by Stengel to approve the purchase from Nelson Auto Center with the reasons of lower price for a year newer vehicle and delivery to Milbank. Motion carried 5-0. 911: Sheriff Owen introduced Captain Scott McMahan and Denny Worik from the Watertown 911 Center. Sheriff Owen explained due to a T-1 line being shut off at the Summit tower location, the Watertown 911 center cannot dispatch Roberts County fire departments to calls in Grant County. Those calls are being transferred to Grant County to dispatch. Captain McMahan explained Grant County has upgraded their equipment at the Summit tower to the ROIP technology. Currently, the two channel ROIP is programmed for Grant and Day, but if the system was re-programmed for Grant and Roberts, the paging issue would be resolved. Sheriff Owen and Captain McMahan will discuss the issue with the Day County Sheriff as this programming change will affect equipment costs for Day County.

**County Assistance:** Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to approve case PR2018-08 for payment at the cost ratio charge. Motion carried 5-0.

**Tax Deed Sale:** Motion by Dummann and seconded by Buttke to approve the sale of the tax deed properties, to abate the back taxes and issue a quit claim deed to the buyer of the property sold at auction. Also, to reject the bid of \$725 by Leon Gapp for the parcel in the Town of Marvin with a refund to be sent. Motion carried 5-0.

**Marvin:**

Parcel: 20.06.27.11, Legal Description: Beginning at the SE corner of Lot 7 in Block 1 of Arvidson's Addn to the Town of Marvin, thence running east 164 ft., thence north 141 ft., thence west 164 ft., thence south 141 ft. to the place of beginning. Rejected the sale to Leon Gapp due to misunderstanding of property location.

**Big Stone City:**

Parcel: 25.05.02.01, Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 2, BSLCA Second Addition, Big Stone City. Sold to Brad and Jody Berkner for \$100.00. Abate \$66.49 in taxes.

Parcel: 25.05.02.02, Legal Description: Lot 2, Block 2, BSLCA Second Addition, Big Stone City. Sold to Brad and Jody Berkner for \$100.00. Abate \$66.49 in taxes.

Parcel: 25.05.02.03, Legal Description: Lot 3, Block 2, BSLCA Second Addition, Big Stone City. Sold to Brad and Jody Berkner for \$100.00. Abate \$66.49 in taxes.

Parcel: 25.05.01.01, Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 1, BSLCA Second Addition, Big Stone City. Sold to Brad and Jody Berkner for \$100.00. Abate \$119.34 in taxes.

Parcel: 25.03.03.06, Legal Description: Lot 6, Block 3, BSLCA, Big Stone City. Sold to Corey and Deann Larson for \$100.00. Abate \$1197.18 in taxes.

**Courthouse:** Commissioner Buttke reported due to a miscount on the number of windows to be replaced on the north and west sides of the courthouse an additional six windows need to be ordered. Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to approve the additional quote of \$3045.92 for six windows for the Courthouse window replacement project. Motion carried 5-0.

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

1. Approve list of volunteers for weather spotters and LEPC roster for workers compensation coverage – list on file in the auditor’s office
2. Approve Register of Deeds Becky Wellnitz wage at \$3973.71 per month effective 07/30/2018
3. Approve Vickie Gulley as the Deputy Register of Deeds effective August 6 at \$16.35 per hour
4. Approve Stephanie Folk as a part time library assistant at the main library at \$12.95 per hour effective 8-6-18
5. Approve Kelly Whitsitte as a part time library assistant at the main library at \$12.95 per hour effective 8-6-18
6. Approve step increase for PT Dispatcher Kayla Coomes to the six month step at \$14.55 effective 6-28-18
7. Approve step increase for Jeanine Dashiell to the six month step at \$13.10 effective 6-29-18

**Unfinished Business:** Auditor Layher reported the July silent auction items sold for \$490.00.

**New Business:** None

**Correspondence:** The Commission received an invitation from GC Economic Development to attend a bus tour of a wind farm site in Lake Benton, SD and Woodstock, MN on August 28. A quorum of Commissioners will be present at the tour.

**Claims:** Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. AARON T. SKOOG, repairs 1,062.50; ACTIVE

DATA SYSTEMS, maint agreement 3,309.00; BERENS WAREHOUSE GROC, supplies 335.05; BIEN PHARMACY, prisoner 283.80; BORNS GROUP, mailing exp 1,005.00; BRENDA L HOLTQUIST, prof service 94.50; BUREAU OF INFO & TELE, internet & email 530.50; BUTLER, repair 621.00; CENTER POINT, books 263.21; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 612.20; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 6,500.52; CLAIMS ASSOCIATES, prof service 5,000.00; CNH INDUSTRIAL, parts 212.28; CONSOLIDATED READY MIX, hwy projects 2,003.37; DELORIS J RUFER, rent 100.00; DUINICK, hwy projects 525,235.58; FHR INVESTMENTS, hwy projects 214,658.72; FISHER SAND & GRAVEL, hwy projects 1,151.10; GRANT CO EC & DEV BOARD, 3rd qtr alloc 8,750.00; GRANT CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 2nd half alloc 5,940.00; GRANT CO SOIL CONSERVATION, 2nd half alloc 12,000.00; GRANT CO REVIEW, publishing 570.12; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER, water 36.40; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, alloc 2,458.33; HARTMAN'S, groceries 764.05; HEDAHLS, supplies 77.94; ICAP, prof services 2,192.00; ITC, phone & internet 989.22; INTOXIMETERS, shipping 23.50; ISTATE TRUCK CENTER, parts 43.02; JAMES B. WARD, publishing 100.00; JOANN PAULSON, prof service 1,161.28; KIBBLE EQUIP, parts 8.60; KRISTI A. BRANDT, prof service 182.20; KRISTIN A WOODALL, prof service 40.80; L. G. EVERIST, gravel 5,624.44, LAKER CHEMICAL, supplies 775.50; LEWIS FAMILY DRUG, supplies 33.44; LIBRARY STORE, supplies 339.36; LINCOLN CO AUDITOR, mental illness bd 18.80; MANUEL CARDENAS, prof service 395.85; MCLEOD'S, supplies 297.70; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, scanner rent 417.00; MICROMARKETING, supplies 136.98; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATION, internet 90.53; MILBANK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, alloc 1,030.00; MILBANK AUTO, parts 2,074.72; MILBANK FIRE DEPT, alloc 750.00; MITCHELL BARKER, supplies 87.99; NELSON LAW OFFICE, court appt atty 3,969.88; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, gas 53.82; NOVAK SANITARY SERVICE, prof service 54.25; PCMG INC, supplies 509.00; PETERS DISTRIBUTING, eq. & repair 641.28; PETTY CASH, postage 17.75; QUICK PRO LUBE, repair & supplies 119.41; RC TECHNOLOGIES, rent 95.96; ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOY, parts 223.51; RUNNINGS, supplies 540.57; SD ASSN CO COMMISSIONERS, 3rd qtr CLERP 3,311.00; SD ATTORNEY GENERAL, 24/7 1,305.00; SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, prof service 2,340.00; SD DEPT OF REV, fee 15.00; SEEHAFFER HARDWARE, supplies 32.72; SIME REPAIR, parts & repair 215.69; SOUTH SHORE AMBULANCE, alloc 750.00; STAR LAUNDRY, prof service 44.46; TECH ONE, supplies 336.50; PENWORTHY, books 106.68; TWIN VALLEY TIRE, repairs & supplies 1,506.50; UPI, diesel fuel 9,764.81; UPTOWNE CLEANERS, prof service 11.27; VALLEY SHOPPER, publishing 79.74; VISA, gas, books &

supplies 1,025.03; WHETSTONE HOME CENTER, supplies 138.54; WILBUR ELLIS AIR, chemicals 9,188.75; WITTROCK & SON, garbage 157.50. TOTAL: \$846,942.72.

GRAND JURY FEES: \$484.44

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the month of July 27, 2018 are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 5186.90; AUDITOR 14,746.60; TREASURER 9933.19; STATES ATTORNEY 11,246.99; CUSTODIANS 5412.43; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 6653.60; REG. OF DEEDS 7085.72; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1027.00; SHERIFF 20,033.18; COMMUNICATION CTR 12,671.26; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 1474.60; ICAP 666.00; VISITING NEIGHBOR 3089.43; LIBRARY 12,554.29; 4-H 5904.81; WEED CONTROL 3585.00; PLAN & ZONING 1683.50; ROAD & BRIDGE 52,423.11; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3108.00. TOTAL: \$178,485.61.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 14,686.65; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 21,760.60; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 5089.26; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 2015.41; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 44,967.50; DEARBORN NATIONAL, life ins. 261.06; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 98.60; OPTILEGRA, ins 376.78; SDSR SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 3265.00; SDRS, retire 18,890.02; COLONIAL LIFE INS ins 27.07. TOTAL: \$111,437.95.

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 August 21 and September 4 and 18, 2018 at 8 AM. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

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Marty Buttke, Chairman, Grant County Comm.