

July 2, 2019

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Mach, Stengel, Street and Tostenson present. Chairman Stengel called the meeting to order. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Present from the public were Jerry Zubke, Chris Zubke, Tim Rabe, Roger McCulloch, Kathy Tyler, Randy Schmieg, Dan Scoblic, Scott Hoeke, Bobbie Bohlen, Arlo Levisen, Paulette Levisen, April Templin and Ron Meister.

The Chairman called for public comment. Melrose Township Supervisor Roger McCulloch and Big Stone Township Supervisor Dan Scoblic were present. Roger addressed the Commission concerning assistance on a bridge located in Section 20 of Melrose and Section 21 of Big Stone Township on 481<sup>st</sup> Ave. The culverts are good and no repairs to the spillway are needed. The request is for approximately 35 yards of concrete to repair and extend the existing concrete to prevent future erosion. This item will be added to the July 16 agenda for consideration.

**Drainage:** Chairman Stengel adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the commission acting as the Drainage Board. Two permits were presented for consideration.

Drainage Permit DR2019-12 for Jerry Zubke in the E ½ SW ¼ and W ½ of SE ¼ in 15-121-47 and S ½ SE ¼ in 10-121-47 (Big Stone Township). The request, if granted, would improve farming. The Drainage Administrator reported the two permits before the board today are a cooperative project. Chairman Stengel called for a motion. Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve the permit. The applications are in order as presented by the Drainage Officer. Chairman Stengel opened the hearing for discussion on the proposed permit. Kathy Tyler spoke on flooding and pollution concerns and reasons to deny the permit. She requested the Board to consider adding conditions of bio-filters and buffer strips to the permit and the ordinance as a measure to address nitrate runoff and she asked Randy Schmieg to address the Commission about his concerns of bank erosion at his property.

Commissioner Stengel stated the board had addressed his concerns and DENR had been contacted and they had advised what needed to be done. Discussion was held on tiling

versus overland flooding, nitrate measurement before and after the manure application and the timing of manure application. Kathy Tyler asked the Commission to place condition on this permit. The Drainage Administrator advised the Board that conditions are actually legislation and affect all future permits. If the Board would like to pursue filters or buffer strips, the better process would be to open the ordinance, have public input and hearings to adopt any changes the Board believes should be part of the ordinance. Applicant Jerry Zubke stated he would be willing to discuss bio-filters in the future to provide data to the Board. Commissioner Tostenson asked the applicant for data on nitrate application and the testing of soil that is done with DENR before and after the application of manure for education purposes. Drainage Administrator stated that Jay Gilbertson from East Dakota Water and area hydrologist Ryan Bjerke with the MN DNR would be good resources to discuss nitrate levels in soils. Written notice from Otter Tail Power Company was provided for the record which stated excavation depth and separation distance for tiling purposes from the transmission poles as the company has a recorded easement where transmission line poles are located. For the application being considered, there are not any transmission poles located on this property requiring setbacks. The letter will go on file for future reference. Chairman Stengel called the question. Motion carried 4-1 with Tostenson voting against.

Drainage Permit DR2019-13 for Tim Rabe in the W ½ of 14-121-47 and the E ½ NE ¼ and E ½ SE ¼ ex Lot 1 Bray Sub in 15-121-47 (Big Stone Township). The request, if granted, would improve farming. Drainage Officer reported the application is in order for approval of this cooperative project with DR2019-12. Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve DR2019-13 as presented. No one offered any comments. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Highway:** Supt Schultz presented for consideration a funding agreement with the SD DOT to receive \$584,924.68 from the 2019 Highway Infrastructure Program Fund Allocation-Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. South Dakota received funding based on the percentage of total deck area of bridges classified in poor condition through the 2019 Highway Infrastructure Program Funding allocation. There are 62 counties and 22 cities and towns across the state receiving an allocation. The funds may be used for bridge replacement, rehab or preservation, a funding match to FEMA funds, funding match for a BIG grant or funding match for emergency relief program from the list of bridges listed in poor condition. The State will disburse the funds to the county after the agreement is

approved. The County will have three years to expend the funds on the bridges listed in the county's agreement. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Buttke to authorize Chairman Stengel to sign the State of South Dakota Department of Transportation Funding Agreement to receive \$584,924.68 for bridge replacement and rehabilitation for the bridges listed in the agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

**Road Levy:** The Commission continued discussion on raising additional funds for roads and bridges. Based on the 2020 projections for the highways funding, the Commission will need to transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Fund the amount of 1,882,104 to support the Highway budget expense of 4,295,870 based on the preliminary budget information. The designated reserve amount of 975,000 is projected to be spent on roads over the next three years. Under SDCL 10-12-13 the Commission may levy an annual tax that may be accumulated and used for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, constructing and reconstructing roads and bridges. The levy may not exceed ninety cents per thousand of valuation. Based on the county's 2019 valuation of 1,017,656,513 not including utility values, a road levy of .25 would raise approximately \$254,414.14 the first year. Due to the condition of the roads this year because of the amount of snow and rain received and the number of bridges that need repair, the commission discussed contracting out additional projects. Commissioner Mach stated there is never a right time to request additional tax, but with the amount of work to get done, the additional levy would be starting place to get some extra projects done and to add to the money received from the SD DOT for roads and bridges. Commissioner Street stated he had discussed the road levy with some residents who were in favor of the levy, but believes the levy should be set at fifty cents. Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve a road and bridge levy of \$.25 per thousand dollars of value for the tax year 2019 payable in 2020 as per SDCL 10-12-13. Motion carried 4-1 with Street voting nay. The notice of the tax increase will be published for two weeks.

DATE	BIDDER	BIDS FOR FUEL		
		ETHANOL	DIESEL #1	DIESEL #2
06/06	UPI			2.35
	Cenex			2.50
UPI was the low bidder for Diesel 2 at 2.35.				
06/13	UPI	2.526		2.32
	Cenex	2.57		2.30
UPI was the low bidder for Ethanol at 2.526 and Cenex was the low bidder for Diesel 2 at 2.30.				
06/24	UPI			2.15
	Cenex			No Bid

UPI was the only bidder for Diesel 2 at 2.15 for the Shop and Marvin location.

**Sheriff:** Kevin Owen reported the May statistics as follows: Average Daily inmate population 4.45; Number of bookings 26; Work release money collected \$740.00; 24/7 Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) fees collected \$294.00; SCRAM (alcohol detecting bracelet) fees collected \$570.00; 24/7 PBT participants 5; SCRAM (Sobriety Program) participants 3; Calls for Service (does not include walk-in traffic) 416; Accidents investigated 5; Civil papers served 94; Cumulative miles traveled 6,543; 911 calls responded to (including Milbank) – report not available.

**2020 Budget:** Departments meeting with the commission for the 2020 budget requests were as follows. Highway and 5 year Plan: Supt Schultz; Weed: Nathan Mueller; Library: Jody Carlson; Historical Society: Arlo and Paulette Levisen; Economic Development: Bobbie Bohlen and Scott Hoeke; Soil Conservation: April Templin and Ron Meister; Treasurer: Raynelle Mueller; States Attorney: Mark Reedstrom. Budget hearings will continue on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

**First District:** Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Mach to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried 5-0. Resolution adopted.

2019-20

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THE  
FIRST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
DURING FISCAL YEAR 2020  
(OCTOBER 1, 2019 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020)

The Grant County Board of County Commissioners, having adopted and signed a Joint Cooperative Agreement on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1972, creating the First Planning and Development District, Model Rural Development Program, do hereby agree to renew their participation in the Joint Cooperative Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020). To support the Joint Cooperative Agreement and the activities of the District staff, the Grant County Board of County Commissioners will provide \$15,865.37 to the First District Association of Local Governments during the aforementioned Fiscal Year 2020 period.

ADOPTION:

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2019  
Doug, Stengel, Chairman  
Grant County Commission

ATTEST:

Karen M. Layher

Grant County Auditor

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

1. Approve step increase to 1 year at \$17.90 for David Athey effective 5-20-2019
2. Set July 16 at 9:30 am for an omitted property hearing for a mobile home as real estate

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Claims:** Motion by Buttke and seconded by Mach to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. AL'S BODY SHOP, repairs 260.00; AUSTIN,HINDERAKER,HOPPER, court appt atty 351.50; AUTOVALUE, equipment 688.43; AVERA MCKENNAN, prisoner care 402.82; BENCO PRODUCTS, repair supplies 179.11; CHS, diesel fuel 3,450.00; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 195.81; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 6,408.99; COLEPAPERS, supplies 220.86; CUMMINS CENTRAL POWER, prof. services 1,008.54; DELORIS J RUFER, lib rent 100.00; FISHER SAND & GRAVEL, stone 122.33; GALL'S, supplies 307.29; DAVE GONZENBACH, mileage 44.10; GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES, supplies 468.99; GRANT CO EC & DEV BOARD, allocation 8,750.00; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, allocation 2,458.33; INTERSTATE TELECOMM, phone 1,033.90; JASON LIEBE, prof. services 1,200.00; JD POWER AND ASSOCIATES, reference books 137.00; KIBBLE EQUIP, parts 161.40; LEWIS FAMILY DRUG, supplies 18.56; LINCOLN COUNTY AUDITOR, prof. services 159.14; MCLEOD'S PRINTING & OFFICE, supplies 47.42; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATION, internet 90.53; MILBANK AREA HOSPITAL AVERA, meals 67.50; MILBANK COMMUNICATIONS, maintenance 170.30; MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, tower rent 300.00; NELSON LAW OFFICE, court appt atty 4,088.98; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, natural gas 262.97; PETTY CASH, postage 19.54; SD ATTORNEY GENERAL, fees 972.00; SDVSOA, dues & registration 100.00; STAR LAUNDRY, prof. services 61.27; STERLING OWEN, reimbursement 6.00; TOP QUALITY MFG, supplies 74.44; UPI PETROLEUM, fuel 5,872.60; VALLEY RENTAL & RECYCLING, allocation 650.00; VALLEY

SHOPPER, publishing 26.58; VAN DIEST SUPPLY, control chemicals 4,701.40; WHETSTONE HOME CENTER, supplies 9.99; WITTROCK & SON, rubbish hauling 525.00; XEROX, copier rent 286.99. TOTAL: 46,460.61

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the month of June 2019 are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 5260.60; AUDITOR 22,221.39; TREASURER 10,419.33; STATES ATTORNEY 11,791.74; CUSTODIANS 5992.40; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 7514.80; REG. OF DEEDS 7317.32; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1478.75; SHERIFF 20,210.00; COMMUNICATION CTR 13,187.85; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 1642.13; ICAP 755.70; VISITING NEIGHBOR 2914.17; LIBRARY 14,163.96; 4-H 6889.96; WEED CONTROL 4701.58; PLAN & ZONING 5714.06; ROAD & BRIDGE 58,028.50; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3524.25. TOTAL: \$203,728.49.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 16,450.60; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 24,839.86; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 5809.34; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 2364.27; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 47,432.58; DEARBORN NATIONAL, life ins. 286.37; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 88.65; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, child support 525.00; OPTILEGRA, ins 389.08; SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 3295.00; SDRS, retire 21,701.43; COLONIAL LIFE INS, ins 98.67. TOTAL: \$123,280.85.

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 July 3 and 16 and August 6 and 20, 2019 at 8 AM. Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

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Doug Stengel, Chairman, Grant County Comm.

July 3, 2019

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Mach, Stengel, Street and Tostenson present. Chairman Stengel called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with department personnel on the 2020 budget requests, review all remaining budgets in preparation of the Provisional Budget.

The Chairman called for public comment. No one present to speak.

The commission heard the 2020 budget requests from the following personnel. Visiting Neighbor: Wanda Koepke; 4-H: Sara Koepke; P & Z and Drainage: Krista Atyeo-Gortmaker; Director of Equalization: Kathy Steinlicht; EM: Kevin Schuelke; Sheriff-Jail-Juvenile-911-24/7: Sheriff Kevin Owen; Register of Deeds: Becky Wellnitz; Auditor and Elections: Karen Layher; Data Processing: Deputy John Gill. All remaining budgets were reviewed by the Commission. The Provisional Budget will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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The next scheduled meeting dates will be Tuesday, July 16 and August 6 and 20, 2019 at 8 AM. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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