

September 20, 2022

The Grant County Commission met at 8:00 AM with Commissioners Buttke, Mach, Stengel, Street and Tostenson. Chairman Stengel called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the minutes of the September 6 meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Street to approve the agenda as amended with adding item c under highway for a new hire, adding a contingency transfer under items and adding surplus items of a workstation and printer stand. Motion carried 5-0.

Members of the public present were Spencer Street, Tom Schuelke, Grant Street, Orman Street, Tom Schuneman, Austen Citrowske, Ryan Wollschlager, Blake Sime, Kevin Citrowske, Dale Tuchscherer, Regina Rethke and Leslie Rethke. Staff members present were Drainage Officer Berkner, Deputy Auditor Folk, DOE Steinlicht and States Attorney Schwandt.

The Auditor's account with the Treasurer for August 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 August, 2022.

Cash on Hand	\$1,978.50
Checks in Treasurer's possession	
less than 3 days	\$30,639.72
Cash Items	\$0.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND	\$32,618.22
RECONCILED CHECKING	
First Bank & Trust	\$6,396.83
Interest	\$0.00
Credit Card Transactions	\$5,405.09
TIF Fees	\$0.00
First Bank & Trust (Svgs)	\$8,525,538.00
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	
First Bank & Trust	\$0.00
First Bank & Trust (TIF)	\$0.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$8,569,958.14

GENERAL LEDGER CASH BALANCES:

General	\$2,321,324.03
General restricted cash	\$2,050,000.00
Cash Accounts for Offices General Fund	\$656.00
Sp. Revenue	\$1,399,840.24
Sp. Revenue restricted cash	\$0.00
Henze Road District	\$0.00
TIF Apportioning	\$0.00
TIF Milbank	\$0.00
TIF Milbank Rosewood	\$0.00
Special Assessment Land Rent	\$0.00
Trust & Agency (schools 518,265.75, twps 18,978.48, city/towns 35,188.47)	\$2,798,137.87
ACH Correction	\$0.00

TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH**\$8,569,958.14**

Karen M. Layher

Dated this 9th day of September, 2022

Karen M. Layher

County Auditor

The Register of Deeds fees for the month of August were \$11,275.75, the Clerk of Courts fees for the month of July were \$4,624.97 and for the month of August were \$7,854.16. The Sheriff fees for the month of August were \$3,730.13 with \$2,730.13 receipted into the General Fund.

Public Comment: Chairman Stengel called for public comment. There were no comments. Chairman Stengel closed the public comment.

Drainage: Chairman Stengel adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the Commission acting as the Drainage Board. Chairman Stengel relinquished the chair to Vice-Chairman Mach.

Permit DR2022-41 for Tim Stengel for properties owned by: a.) A.C. Stengel & Sons Inc. for land located in the N 1692.58' OF SW1/4 EX 1.632 ACRES OF LOT H1 in 25-121-48 (Melrose Township); b.) Whetstone Creek Golf Course for land located in GOVT LOT 1 & SE1/4NW1/4 & W1/2NW1/4 EX LT 1 SECOND COUNTRY CLUB ADDN, EX W 550' OF OL A, EX PT PLATTED & SOLD & ROAD; LT 1 in 25-121-48 (Melrose Township); c.) Jeffrey & Corrine McCulloch for land located in SE1/4 in 25-121-48 (Melrose Township). Vice-Chairman Mach called for a motion. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Buttke to approve DR2022-41. Vice-Chairman Mach asked Berkner to present his report on the permit.

Berkner began his report stating it was a joint tiling project between 3 landowners tiling approximately 60 acres of land located in parts of Section 25 in Melrose Township; the project would have 1-12" outlet that would drain east directly into an established tree lined waterway; the outlet could drain as much as 550 gallons per minute if it ran full at a .1% grade. There are no inlets in the project. Berkner closed his report saying the six questions under section 101 were answered in the affirmative and the other list of questions in Section 313 and 317 support the affirmative response.

Vice-Chairman Mach asked Tim Stengel for any additional information. Stengel said that part of the project would be replacing older drainage tile that had failed.

Mach opened the public hearing asking three times for any comments in support of the permit application. Mach recognized Tom Schuneman, representing the Whetstone Creek Golf Course stated they would be adding one run to the main as it passes through the south part of the golf course. Mach then asked three times for any comments in opposition with no one responding.

Mach then closed the public hearing and opened the board discussion. Questions were asked pertaining to whether any solid pipe would be used in the project and that the waterway used for the outlet eventually drains into the North Branch of the Whetstone River.

With no more discussion Mach called for the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Stengel abstaining. Vice-Chairman Mach relinquished the chair back to Chairman Stengel.

Permit DR2022-48 for Chris Zubke for properties owned by: a.) Christopher and Natasha Zubke Living Trust for land located in the E1/2SW1/4 in 16-121-47 (Big Stone Township); b.) Jeffrey, Corrine and Terrence McCulloch for land located in the N1/2NW1/4 & N1/2S1/2NW1/4 INCL LTS 1 & 2 MCCULLOCH SUBDIV and in the S1/2S1/2NW1/4 in 21-121-47 (Big Stone Township). Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve DR2022-48. Chairman Stengel asked Berkner to present his report.

Berkner stated this permit had been postponed from the Sept. 6th meeting for further information as there was a concern the drainage water from the project might have a negative effect on a culvert directly downstream on 481st Avenue from the original outlet location. Berkner stated the applicant had worked out a new route for the main that would empty downstream of the culvert.

Berkner reported the permit is a joint tiling project between two landowners tiling approximately 50 acres of land located in parts of Sections 16 and 21 in Big Stone Township. The project will have 1 outlet that will drain south directly into an established tree lined waterway; the 12” outlet could drain as much as 550 gallons per minute if it ran full at a .1% grade. There are 3 inlets to aid in surface drainage. The permit needs permission from the county to work within ROW. Berkner closed his report saying the six questions under section 101 were answered in the affirmative and the other list of questions in Section 313 and 317 support the affirmative response.

Stengel asked if the applicant had any comments to add. There was no response. Berkner said it was his understanding that downstream landowner Dale Tuchscherer, and two supervisors from both the Big Stone and Melrose Townships had met with Zubke after the permit was postponed. A new route was agreed upon for the water to enter directly into the North Branch of the Whetstone River on Tuchscherer’s land. Chairman Stengel added that he also attended that meeting. Berkner said the current permit application included those changes as well as the signatures needed.

Chairman Stengel then opened the public hearing calling three times for any comments in support or opposition to the permit where no one answered. Stengel then opened the board discussion.

Tostenson stated he had looked at the permit location and thanked the township supervisors, Tuchscherer and Zubke, for working out a better outlet.

The Board considered possible surface water contamination that might originate from the nearby hog CAFO. Berkner stated that CAFOs were required to maintain a SDDANR manure management plan or risk losing their State Permit to operate as a CAFO.

Mach suggested the county should look closely at either starting or at least do a random test on downstream water from a CAFO as they relate to tiling projects. State’s Attorney Schwandt said that any water testing done by the county would need to have permission for access. Tuchscherer was asked if he would allow the county to do water testing on his property and he agreed.

Schwandt said that while the outcomes of the testing could be helpful when considering future drainage permits near CAFO’s he said the county did not have any power to deny any drainage permit once it was permitted. According to

Schwandt that responsibility would be the SDDANR. With no more discussion Stengel called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-58 for Ryan Wollschlager for properties owned by: a.) Ryan Wollschlager for land located in the N1/2SW1/4 INCLUDING LOT 1 DOUG & RENAE WOLLSCHLAGER SUBDIV in 30-119-47 (Vernon East Township); b.) Doug & Renae Wollschlager Living Trust for land located in S1/2SW1/4 in 30-119-47 (Vernon East Township); c.) David & Karlene Wollschlager for land located in NW1/4 in 30-119-47 (Vernon East Township). Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to approve DR2022-58. Chairman Stengel asked Berkner to present his report.

Berkner stated this is a joint tiling project between three landowners and tiling approximately 100 acres of land located in parts of Section 30 of Vernon East Township The project would have 1 outlet that would drain south directly into an established waterway. There are 3 inlets and a sump with a 1,000 gallon per minute lift pump would also be utilized. Permission is needed from the county to work within the ROW. Berkner closed his report saying the six questions under section 101 were answered in the affirmative and the other list of questions in Section 313 and 317 support the affirmative response.

Chairman Stengel asked the applicant for any further information. Wollschlager said that due to elevation differences on his property that surface water will often pond and that both inlets, and the use of a pump, would be necessary to properly tile the land.

Stengel opened the public hearing calling three times for any comments in support or opposition to the permit with no one responding. Wollschlager stated he had talked to all downstream property operators all the way to the Minnesota border and he received no dissent.

Chairman Stengel opened the board's discussion. Board members Mach and Tostenson asked if the water being drained with the pump would normally make its way to the waterway in the project. Wollschlager said yes.

Wollschlager was asked to give more details on the size of the sump and whether it was sealed. He responded the sump would be sealed, was 13 feet deep, and tiled water would enter at a depth of 8 feet. With no further comments or questions Stengel called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-59 for Blake Sime for property owned by Blake & Brenda Sime located in the NW1/4, and the NE1/4 INCL MH AS RE, both in 24-118-48 (Adams West Township). Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Street to approve DR2022-59. Chairman Stengel asked Berkner to present his report on the permit.

Berkner stated the project is for approximately 60 acres located in two parcels in Section 24 of Adams West Township. The project would have 1 outlet that would drain south and then east into an established waterway. It would utilize 2 inlets and a single 12" main, with a maximum 550 gallons per minute if the pipe was full and installed at a .1% grade. Berkner closed his report saying the six questions under section 101 were answered in the affirmative and the other list of questions in Section 313 and 317 support the affirmative response.

Chairman Stengel asked Sime for any additional information. Sime responded that this permit is finishing a tiling project that had been started nearly 20 years ago. He said the two inlets from that past permit would be taken out to be replaced by the two new inlets in this permit.

Chairman Stengel opened the public hearing calling three times for anybody wanting to speak in favor or opposition to the permit with no one responding. Chairman Stengel opened the discussion from the board. Sime was asked about why he was removing the two inlets. He responded that at the time they looked like they would be necessary but had proven ineffective so were being removed. Sime also noted that the outlet water would run for about one-half mile on his own property. Sime said he had also spoken to most of his downstream neighbors about his project and had not received any negative comments. It was the consensus of the board that it was a good project and was improving on a past permitted tiling project. Chairman Stengel called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2022-60 for Austen Citrowske for property owned by Douglas Engebretson located in the NE1/4 in 20-118-47 (Adams East Township). Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve DR2022-60. Chairman Stengel asked Berkner to present his report.

Berkner stated the tiling project would affect approximately 150 acres of land located in the NW1/4 of Section 20 of Adams East Township. The project would have 1 outlet that will drain northeast directly into an established open waterway. A sump with a 1,000 gallons per minute lift pump will be utilized. With 8 screened inlets, limiting water intake to as little as 25% of a normal open inlet. Berkner

stated he had received some concerns from other neighboring landowners and producers. He had been contacted by four individuals who had said they supported agriculture drainage, but they had some concerns about the waterway that was being used by this permit. The concern is if the run continues to be used for drainage, an agreement should be made between landowners and producers on cleaning and maintaining the waterway.

Chairman Stengel asked if Citrowske would like to comment. Citrowske said his permit application showed tiling nearly the whole quarter. His plan is to start with the main line, then start tiling troubled areas until the water problems are resolved. The whole quarter may not need to be tiled but they wanted some flexibility to do more over the next two years if they need to.

Citrowske stated since submitting the application he has spoken with two of the neighboring farmers who have all agreed that a coordinated plan for all their drainage needs would be an advantage. If enough of them get together to meet their tiling needs, the lift pump could eventually be eliminated. Citrowske said it is his intention to bring more of the downstream land into an overall tiling plan.

In support of that idea, Citrowske offered to help with maintaining some of the downstream drainage ditch. Another landowner remarked they are interested in improving some of their own drainage which would require downstream ditch maintenance. Citrowske said the land being tiled isn't always wet and in a good year it can be farmed but with the proposed tiling it would be farmable most years.

Citrowske ended his comments saying that while the lift pump can eject more than 1,000 gallons per minute when it does run. The pump would serve as a choke point when heavy rains would normally overwhelm the drainage waterway. His land would hold the water longer until it seeps down to the buried tile where it would be pumped out at a lower rate over time. He added that if needed, two of the 8 inlets may be an open inlet and not restricted.

Chairman Stengel opened the public hearing calling for anybody wanting to speak in favor to the permit.

Grant Street said he was in favor of the permit but would like more information on an agreement to clean out and maintain the natural run that Citrowske mentioned. Street said there have been problems over the years getting all the landowners who benefit from that drainage waterway to work together in maintaining it.

Blake Sime said he had spoken to Citrowske on the benefits of the neighbors working together on improving each of their own land's drainage. Sime said he could benefit by adding 10 to 15 acres of his land upstream of Citrowske's project.

Sime said he also farmed the land just downstream of Citrowske's outlet, which is owned by Dennis Harstad, that is also in need of some additional tiling and could benefit from a joint waterway maintenance agreement.

Tom Schuelke, a downstream Minnesota landowner, said the project was a good one but that maintaining the existing waterway all the way until it meets the Yellow Bank River in Minnesota is going to be a factor for the drainage to work properly. Chairman Stengel called again for any comments in favor of the project with no one responding.

Chairman Stengel asked three times for any person in opposition to the project. Berkner was asked to read the letter from Dennis Harstad whose land receives the water from this permit.

Harstad's letter said in principle he was against the project unless a plan between the neighbors could be worked out to maintain the drainage waterway. Harstad said that he is not against agriculture drainage when the plan keeps the additional water flowing without putting the burden on downstream landowners.

Berkner said due to the concerns he had received; he did a search of "vested water rights" records. He found recordings regarding this waterway as it passed east into Minnesota. Although the "vested drainage rights" were officially recorded there was no mention of any actual cost sharing maintenance agreements.

Hearing no more comments against the project Stengel closed the public hearing and opened the discussion between the board members. Discussion revolved around how much additional quantity of water this permit would add to the downstream waterway. The delay in time that it will take for water to get down to the tile will slow down the release of water when heavy rains occur, especially with the restricted inlets being installed.

During the discussion it was also talked about adding a condition to the permit that the applicant would have to help maintain the downstream waterway. A counter opinion was brought up that the drainage board could not impose costs on the permit outside of the area being tiled.

Tostenson suggested the board should encourage an agreement between the landowners who have all stated in their comments their shared interest in keeping that waterway open. Tostenson asked if in Citrowske's opinion that type of agreement could be made to coordinate tiling permits and waterway maintenance agreements. Citrowske said that was exactly what they are discussing.

The board discussed if it would be appropriate to ask for a delay on the decision for the permit to be modified. Schwandt said that if the Drainage Board made those type of conditions, then the county becomes responsible for enforcing that everybody complies, which in his opinion, puts the board in the position of being a resolution board. The board asked Citrowske to keep the drainage board informed on the status of his project as well as the performance of the “filtered” inlets that his permit showed would be used. Citrowske agreed. Chairman Stengel asked if the Board was ready to vote. Motion carried 5-0.

County Road #4: Commissioner Buttke recused himself from the discussion. Leslie and Regina Rethke were present to report the cost of the 12” pipe they would like installed in the ROW west of their tree line is \$13,175.00 and they are willing to cost share two-thirds of the cost. The pipe would run west to the county culvert where an inlet would be installed. With the extension of the pipe, the elevation drop should be enough to allow the water from their yard to drain west and then go north into the natural run on their property. The Commission discussed the concerns of the landowners that their property does not drain and water backs up into the shelterbelt. The county had installed a tile pipe further east to help with draining the ROW as snow does collect in the ditch. If the new tile is approved the county’s pipe would not be used as there is not enough slope to move the water west. Questions did arise if the county should cost share on this project or if the cost remains with the landowner. The County had installed the tile years ago to help with draining the water in the ditch and the consensus was the county should help with a solution. Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to approve a maximum of \$9,000 towards the project which would include the cost of the pipe and installation. Motion carried 4-0 with Buttke being recused.

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

5-Year Plan: Auditor Layher reported two bridges were added to the plan as projects, but do not have any expense or revenue attached to them as these two projects are 100% funded by Federal dollars. The two bridges are 26-296-020 and 26-380-083. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to adopt the 5-year Highway Plan as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Resolution adopted.

Grant County Resolution of Adoption

RESOLUTION 2022-18

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GRANT COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Transportation Local Bridge and Improvement Grant Fund requires that in order to be eligible to apply for Bridge Improvement Grant funds, Counties are required to develop a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, hereinafter referred to as Plan; and

WHEREAS, Grant County has utilized the South Dakota Department of Transportation, County Staff, the First District Association of Local Governments, Townships, and the general public in developing the various components of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes maps and lists identifying an inventory of highways and bridges, project needs, and revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Grant County held a public meeting on September 6, 2022 to solicit input into the Plan, and the citizens who attended expressed an interest in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County will be able to use the Plan as a tool to budget for transportation enhancements and better coordinate transportation issues with other entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE GRANT COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR GRANT COUNTY.

Dated at Grant County, South Dakota this 20th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST: Karen M. Layher
Grant County Auditor

Doug Stengel
Grant County Commissioner Chair

Truck Driver: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve hiring Carl Karrasch with an effective hire date of 9-27-22 at \$20.70 per hour upon passing the required tests for the highway maintenance personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

2023 Budget: The Commission reviewed the final changes to the 2023 budget, the County’s tax call for 2023, the levies for the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund. Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to adopt the following list of revisions to the Provisional Budget for the 2023 final budget. Motion carried 5-0.

CHANGES FOR 2023 ADOPTED BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	PROVISIONAL	ADOPTED	CHANGE
REVENUE			
CASH APPLIED	1,320,899	1,311,941	-8,958
PROPERTY TAXES	4,890,964	4,888,156	-2,808

				TOTAL REVENUE CHANGES	-11,766
EXPENSES					
DEPARTMENT					
111	COMMISSIONERS	246,590	252,867	6,277	
120	ELECTIONS	15,608	15,563	-45	
130	JUDICIAL SYSTEM	17,750	15,750	-2,000	
141	AUDITOR	270,091	277,376	7,285	
142	TREASURER	228,428	222,881	-5,547	
151	STATE'S ATTORNEY	250,513	252,386	1,873	
161	GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	272,694	268,609	-4,085	
162	DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION	164,145	163,233	-912	
163	REGISTER OF DEEDS	177,555	176,682	-873	
165	VSO	51,303	39,834	-11,469	
211	SHERIFF	738,072	735,326	-2,746	
212	JAIL	329,369	327,523	-1,846	
421	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	49,534	49,073	-461	
424	AMBULANCE	57,900	30,400	-27,500	
511	LIBRARY	375,149	376,273	1,124	
523	EXHIBITION BUILDING O&M	28,100	23,500	-4,600	
611	EXTENSION	148,562	146,342	-2,220	
615	WEED	118,053	117,589	-464	
624	DRAINAGE	19,579	19,842	263	
711	PLANNING & ZONING	83,283	77,719	-5,564	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE CHANGES				-53,510
	OPERATING TRANSFERS	2,268,803	2,315,803	47,000	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE CHANGES				-6,510

HIGHWAY FUND

PROVISIONAL ADOPTED CHANGE

REVENUE

	CASH APPLIED	48,440	187,259	138,819
	PROPERTY TAXES-ROAD LEVY	303,432	302,867	-565
	TOTAL REVENUE CHANGES			138,254
PERSONAL SERVICES				
311	HIGHWAY	1,182,649	1,209,233	26,584
	TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSE CHANGES			26,584
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND				
PERSONAL SERVICES				
222	EMERGENCY MANANGEMENT	87,563	87,072	-491
	TOTAL EM FUND EXPENSE CHANGES			-491
24/7 SOBRIETY FUND				
PERSONAL SERVICES				
248	24/7 SOBRIETY FUND	4,674	4,642	-32
	TOTAL 24/7 EXPENSE CHANGES			-32
TOTAL PROVISIONAL VS. PROPOSED CHANGES		4,917,164	4,889,715	-27,449

Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Buttke to adopt the 2023 Budget with approved changes. Motion carried 5-0. Resolution adopted.

2022-19

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR GRANT COUNTY, SD
For the year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR GRANT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Whereas (7-21-5 thru 13) SDCL, provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the county and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR Grant County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, South Dakota this 20th day of September, 2022. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of County Auditor, Grant County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Grant County for the year January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Grant County, South Dakota.
 Doug Stengel, Chairman
 William Street, Commissioner
 Marty Buttke, Commissioner
 Michael Mach, Commissioner
 William Tostenson, Commissioner

ATTEST:
 Karen M. Layher
 County Auditor

COUNTY TAX LEVIES	DOLLARS	\$'s/1000
GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES	\$4,888,156	3.862
COUNTY ROAD and BRIDGE (10-12-13)	314,784	.249
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	\$5,202,940	4.111

Fee Schedule: Commissioner Street brought forth for discussion fee changes for wind tower development. The current fee for a wind tower is capped at \$1,000 per tower. He would like to raise this fee to be the same as the building permits based on construction costs of the towers. The Commission asked if the \$1,000 per tower was in addition to the project cost of the building permit. Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to table the discussion until the October 4th meeting and to have P & Z Officer Berkner review the fees charged for towers and building permits. Motion carried 5-0. Berkner came back to the meeting to report on fees collected for towers. Motion by Mach and seconded by Tostenson to bring back to the table the wind tower fee schedule. Motion carried 5-0. Berkner reported the capped fee of \$1,000 is for a temporary tower structure. The fee structure for a wind tower farm follows the fee structure under building permits of \$2.00 per

thousand of construction costs. Motion by Street and seconded by Mach to change the wind tower fee to be the same sliding scale as building projects at \$2.00 per thousand of value. There was discussion on solar fees, removing the wind tower dollar cap and that there is not a need to amend the fee structure as wind tower fees are collected based on the construction cost as per the fee schedule. Chairman Stengel called the vote. Motion failed 0-5 as no change is needed to the fee schedule. There was not any discussion on the administrative fee for drainage permits.

Cash Transfer: Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the cash transfer as per the 2022 budget. Motion carried 5-0.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
101 General Fund	201 Highway Fund	\$500,000

Contingency: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the following contingency transfer. Motion carried 5-0.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
#112 Contingency	#215 Juvenile Detention	2,200
#112 Contingency	#154 Abused and Neglected Children	2,200

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

1. Approve items to be declared surplus: Interior traffic 4 X 8 mat, Brother printer-asset number 10152, Windows 10 HP Laptop-asset number 10314, (27) Falcon Foam backed chairs-asset number 08070, (10) Tan Plastic Chairs-not on inventory; three station work center-asset 08005; three tier printer stand-asset 08591
2. Approve ArcGIS software license renewal for 1 year at \$1,000
3. Approve step increase for Nathan Stecker to 1-year at \$20.80 effective 8-23-2022
4. Approve lease agreement with the SD Dept of Ag for office space at \$120 per month for the period of 10-1-22 to 9-30-24

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The project requests from the township supervisors are due to the auditor's office for consideration of funding from the Small Structure Inventory Program at the October 20th meeting. Commissioner Mach and Tostenson reported on the SDACC Convention training sessions they had attended.

Correspondence: None

Executive Session: Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to enter executive session at 11:40 AM for the purpose of a personnel issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-

2(1), litigation issuer pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) and pursuant to economic development per SDCL 1-25-2(6). Motion carried 5-0. Auditor Layher and States Attorney Schwandt were present. Chairman Stengel declared the meeting open to the public at 12:05 PM. No action was taken because of the executive session.

Claims: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the claims. Motion carried 5-0. A-OX WELDING, supplies 17.11; AL'S BODY SHOP, repairs & maint 320.00; BANNER, hwy proj 994.50; BERENS MARKET, inmate groceries 558.00; BIEN PHARMACY, inmate rx 14.87; BORNS GROUP, mailing expense 1,340.06; BUTLER, parts 188.48; C&C CARPET CLEANING, prof services 279.08; CENTURYLINK, phone 154.42; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 62.21; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 6,260.12; CLAIMS ASSOCIATES, insurance reimburse 5,000.00; CRAIG DEBOER, car wash usage 90.45; DETCO, supplies 189.00; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, supplies 2,186.33; FOOD-N-FUEL, inmate meals 786.00; GRANT COUNTY REVIEW, publishing 360.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, books 713.96; INTER-LAKES COMM ACT, service worker 2,605.25; ITC, phone & internet 2,776.65; INTOXIMETERS, supplies 650.00; ISTATE TRUCK, repairs & maint 134.71; JASON SACKREITER, garbage service 230.00; KRISTIN WOODALL, prof services 71.40; LEWIS, supplies 22.49; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, scanner rent 620.00; MICROMARKETING, audio/visuals 39.99; MILBANK AREA CHAMBER, supplies 200.00; MILBANK AREA HOSPITAL AVERA, blabs 792.00; MORPHO USA, computer maint 2,589.00; OTTER TAIL POWER, electricity 3,007.89; PB ELECTRONICS, equipment 285.00; QUICK PRO LUBE, repair & maint 119.95; QUILL, supplies & minor equip 1,402.50; RC TECHNOLOGIES, transport & tower rent 95.96; RELX, ref books 198.10; RIVER STREET PETROLEUM, diesel 29,063.39; ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS, supplies 253.60; RUNNINGS, supplies 158.46; SANDRA FONDER, prof services 166.67; SCANTRON, prof services 4,802.13; SD DEPT OF HEALTH, blabs 80.00; THOMSON REUTERS, ref books 227.00; TRAPP PLUMBING, repair & maint 174.42; TWIN VALLEY TIRE, repair & tires 3,568.79; VALLEY EXPRESS, publishing 130.00; VALLEY OFFICE PRODUCTS, supplies & furniture 19,466.77; VALLEY SHOPPER, publishing 53.16; VERIZON, hotspot 38.52; VISA, gas, postage, books, door, supplies 1,705.91; WEST CENTRAL COMMUNICATION, repair & maint 62.50; WHETSTONE HOME CENTER, supplies 169.29; WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC, electricity 1,164.89; XEROX, copier rent 241.63.
TOTAL: \$96,882.61.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the September 14, 2022, payroll are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 3,335.90; AUDITOR 8,623.51; ELECTION 428.95; TREASURER 5,441.25; STATES ATTORNEY 7,116.60; CUSTODIANS 3,590.40; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 2,358.00; REG. OF DEEDS 4,631.16; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1,229.45; SHERIFF 14,001.75; COMMUNICATION CTR 7,459.53; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 908.95; ICAP 123.50; VISITING NEIGHBOR 1,818.40; LIBRARY 6,592.00; 4-H 4,630.86; WEED CONTROL 2,568.65; P&Z 1,241.35; DRAINAGE 569.80; ROAD & BRIDGE 33,213.91; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2,376.00. TOTAL: \$112,259.92.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 8,644.75; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 13,676.84; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 3,198.58; ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT, deduction 145.32; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1,496.30; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee health ins. 919.79; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, child support 210.00; SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 1,280.83; SDRS, retire 12,435.62. TOTAL: \$42,008.03.

MONTHLY FEES: SDACO, ROD modernization fee 262.00; SD DEPT OF REVENUE, monthly fees 201,195.73; SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales & use tax 133.10. TOTAL: \$201,590.83.

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 October 4 and 18, 2022 at 8 AM. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

Doug Stengel, Chairman, Grant County Commission