

December 1, 2015

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Dummann, Mach, Stengel and Tucholke present. Chairman Tucholke called the meeting to order. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve the agenda noting the canceled appointment by Jay Gilbertson due to weather and the addition of an update on a wind energy project by Jim Newcomb. Motion carried 5-0.

Drainage: Chairman Tucholke adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the commission acting as the Drainage Board and reviewed the following application.

Permit DR2015-27 by Ron Anderson in the NE ¼ except Lot 4 & part deeded SE ¼ in 19-119-48 (Vernon). The request is an amendment to a prior approved permit issued in 2012. This application is to add laterals in an adjacent field to tie into the tile permit approved in 2012. There are not any changes to the inlets or the outlets. The Drainage Officer's correspondence stated the permit is in order. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to approve DR2015-27. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Highway: Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve a request to install a culvert in a driveway approach in Section 16 of Big Stone Township for the purpose of placing a manure hose, if needed, so the resident can maintain use of the driveway. Motion carried 5-0. **Highway Plan:** The recommended changes to the plan are: 1. Remove pay loader purchase for 2016. 2. Split the County Road 8 project into two projects – 9 miles being completed with the STP funds and 6 miles being done with county funds of \$750,000. 3. Bridge # 330-195 and #330-196 on County Road 35 (AKA 482nd Ave) will be done as one project with total project cost of \$460,000. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the changes to the 5 year plan and to adopt the following resolution approving the plan. Motion carried 5-0. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2015-35

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 November 19, 2015 to solicit input into the Plan, and the citizens who attended expressed an interest in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Grant 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 this 1st day of December, 2015.

Clayton Tucholke, Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen M. Layher, Auditor

4-H: Commissioner Buttke stated he had a request from the 4-H Advisor for a window to be installed in an interior wall due to reconfiguration of the office layout. Auditor Layher stated the Gov't Building budget is sufficient to cover the request. The estimated cost for the project is \$3,350.00. It was the consensus of the board to have Commissioner Buttke, as the building commissioner, manage the project.

Branch Library: The City of Big Stone City has graciously agreed to finance three additional hours per week for the branch library to be open in Big Stone City. An agreement was prepared by States Attorney Reedstrom to address employment and workman's compensation for each entities hours of operation. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to approve the agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Defender: Motion by Buttke and seconded by Stengel to extend the public defender contract for the 2016 year to Chad Nelson, Nelson Law Office. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Buttke excused himself from the meeting at 8:50 AM.

Wind Energy: Jim Newcomb reported Dakota Range Wind is planning a multiyear wind development project to coincide with the CapX transmission line project to create electrical energy on the Coteau Ridge and sell the energy to the eastern markets. The first phase of the project has 120 to 150 turbines being installed. Commissioner Dummann questioned if issues of crossing County Road 4 had been resolved with the landowners and Jim reported the company is working with the landowners on a solution.

Tax Certificate: Grant County Economic Development Director Bobbi Bohlen and Treasurer Raynelle Mueller were present. Bobbi thanked the board for their support and gave a brief update on activities. She also presented a discussion item her board is considering which is having industrial buildings available for a business opportunity. She asked the commission if they would consider selling a tax certificate on a commercial building to the Economic Development Board. Treasurer Mueller explained all tax certificates are held by the county and the commission passed a resolution in 2007 to allow the commission to approve the sale of a certificate under certain conditions. For the commission to consider this request, the purchaser must submit a written request to the Treasurer and the purchaser must follow the procedure on tax certificates as specified in SD codified law.

2016 Health Insurance: A review of the plan benefits and deductible options for the Wellmark health plan was completed. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve Wellmark as the health insurance provider for 2016 with a change to Plan 1XD/1XB-D with the same benefits as the current plan of a deductible of \$6350 for single coverage with the county's share of the deductible reimbursement set at a maximum of \$5350 for the employee only. Motion carried 4-0. The premiums for coverage to be \$809.63 for single, \$1658.13 for employee/spouse (county pays the single portion), \$1532.63 for employee /children (county pays the single portion) and \$2,484.76 for family coverage (county pays half). This represents a 3.51% increase in premium. **Vision Insurance:** The AFLAC carrier now is able to offer a vision plan. No action taken by the commission to change from the current carrier Optilegra.

Consent: Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

1. Approve auto supplement of revenue and expense for the amount of \$645.00 to 611 4-H/Extension for the reimbursement of the program Famers Grow My Plate Program

Executive Session: Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mach to enter into executive session at 10:05 AM for the purpose of a personnel issue(s) pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried 4-0. Auditor Layher was present. Chairman Tucholke declared the meeting open to the public at 10:25 AM. No action taken.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Claims: Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mach to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 4-0. BIEN PHARMACY, batteries 8.07; BITUMINOUS PAVING INC, hwy projects 227,359.29; BRENDA HOLTQUIST, prof serv 105.00; BREWSTER BLD CENTER, roof project 4-H Livestock bld 5,327.68; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 570.27; CRETEX CONCRETE, bridge project 23,400.00; DON HAUKOS, prof serv 35.00; GALL'S LLC, uniforms 733.82; GRANT CO EC & DEV BOARD, alloca 8,750.00; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, alloca 2,681.23; MITCH'S CARPET CLEANING, prof serv 240.32; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, nat gas 372.36; QUICK PRO LUBE, oil chg 39.46; REGENCY MIDWEST, room 171.00; SAFETY-KLEEN, parts 291.92; SCHUNEMAN EQUIP, repair 526.32; SD DEPT TRANS., paint 5,413.20; SEEHAFFER HARDWARE, supplies 133.61; STATE OF SD, supplies & Infraport 50,277.50; THOMAS PAULI, prof serv 45.00; ULINE INC, supplies 672.85; VALLEY OFFICE, supplies 406.95. TOTALS: \$ 327,560.85

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the month of November 2015 are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 4,783.75; AUDITOR 13,779.13; TREASURER 9,142.21; STATES ATTORNEY 10,485.10; CUSTODIANS 5,086.10; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 6,295.00; REG. OF DEEDS 6,547.70; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1,206.58; SHERIFF 17,039.98; COMMUNICATION CTR 10,989.63; CORONER 351.50; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 1,212.95; ICAP 642.60; VISITING NEIGHBOR 3,473.98; LIBRARY 11,034.42; 4-H 4,231.55; WEED CONTROL 3,167.41; PLAN & ZONING 1,843.99; ROAD & BRIDGE 50,203.40; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3,076.80. TOTAL: \$164,593.78

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 15,578.01; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA & Med WH & Match 24,631.80; SDRS, retire 18,486.35; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 42,327.63; DEARBORN NATIONAL, life ins. 229.86; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1,659.14; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 172.30; OPTILEGRA, ins 343.32; SDSRF, deduction 150.00; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT, deduction 566.00. TOTAL: \$ 104,144.41.

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 December 15 and 30, 2015 at 8 AM. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

Clayton Tucholke, Chairman, Grant County Comm.