

February 21, 2017

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Dummann, Mach, Stengel and Street. Chairman Mach called the meeting to order. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Street to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Buttke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Members of the public present were Eric Anderson, Ginny Tostenson with Valley News Express, Todd Kays, Mark Mauersberger, David Lau and Holli Seehafer with the Grant County Review.

The Auditor's account with the Treasurer for January 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 January, 2017

Cash on Hand	\$3,002.73
Checks in Treasurer's possession less than 3 days	\$17,775.26
Cash Items	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND</b>	<b>\$20,777.99</b>

RECONCILED CHECKING

First Bank & Trust	\$31,143.94
Interest	\$0.00
Credit Card Transactions	\$214.20
First Bank & Trust (Svg)	\$3,847,274.92

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

First Bank & Trust	\$0.00
First Bank & Trust (TIF)	\$337,891.26

**TOTAL CASH ASSETS** **\$4,237,302.31**

**GENERAL LEDGER CASH BALANCES:**

General	\$1,842,875.74
General restricted cash	\$870,932.00
Cash Accounts for Offices General Fund	\$1,605.00

Sp. Revenue	\$705,355.16
Sp. Revenue restricted cash	\$0.00
Henze Road District	\$109.48
TIF Apportioning Northern Lights	\$0.00
TIF Milbank	\$0.00
TIF Northern Lights	\$337,891.26
Trust & Agency (schools 100,725.91, twps 18,623.76, city/towns 16,665.30)	\$478,533.67
<b>TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH</b>	<b>\$4,237,302.31</b>

Dated this 10th day of February, 2017  
Karen M. Layher  
County Auditor

The Sheriff's fees for the month of January were \$5,349.89 with \$2,045.89 receipted into the County's General Fund. Statistics for the month of January for the Detention Center and Sheriff's Office as follows: Average Daily inmate population 3.87; Number of bookings 19; Work release money collected \$480.00; 24/7 Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) fees collected \$252.00; SCRAM (alcohol detecting bracelet) fees collected \$630.00; 24/7 PBT participants 4; SCRAM (Sobriety Program) participants 2; Calls for Service (does not include walk-in traffic) 332; Accidents investigated 4; Civil papers served 64; Cumulative miles traveled 6,471; 911 calls responded to: 61. The Register of Deeds fees for the month of January were \$7,349.25. The Clerk of Courts fees for the month of January were \$10,110.70.

**Drainage:** Chairman Mach adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the commission acting as the Drainage Board. The Drainage Officer presented Permit DR2017-01 for owner Eric Anderson in the SE ¼ in 9-118-49 (Georgia). The adjoining landowner's signature has been obtained and NCRS letter is on file. The tile outlets are on Eric's land and outlet into the natural waterway. Eric stated the project covers about 90 acres. Motion by Street and seconded by Stengel to approve DR 2017-01 as presented. Motion carried 5-0. This concluded the business for the drainage board. Chairman Mach adjourned the Drainage Board and reconvened the Board of Commissioners.

**Highway:** Kerwin reported he had been contacted by another county on the 2007 motor grader to be sold and is sending information on the motor grader to the county. He asked to have the sale of the motor grader put on the March 7 agenda. Commissioner Stengel reported on a clean out of a county ditch in Section 6 of Melrose that Supt Schultz had approved. Commissioner Street asked about a policy on back slope. Supt Schultz stated the county policy is to use a 4 to 1 slope. The

Commission received for their review a Winter Mail Box Damage Policy and a proposed ordinance on the removal of obstructions from the right-of-ways such as snow, rock and debris. Supt Shultz stated these two items were being given to them to study and would be on the March 7 agenda for discussion.

**Assessor:** Kathy Steinlicht presented information on the AG percentage adjustments currently applied in the townships of Blooming Valley, Farmington and Lura which has a 10% adjustment factor applied and Mazeppa, Osceola and Marvin that have a 5% adjustment factor applied. The total reduction of value is 13,611,567 which directly lowers the assessed valuation and taxable valuation. This Ag factor has been referred to as a climate line. The Dept of Revenue has not approved of the adjustment factor as the temperature, growing season and rain fall are all factored into the productivity method of assessing Ag land. It appears the county has received a higher equalization factor due to the adjustment factor. This factor is applied to the assessed value to equalize to the taxable value. The county level of assessment is near 100% since the county is at full productivity. If the county is given an Ag level assessment of 100%, the Dept of Revenue may apply an equalization factor closer to 85%. Auditor Layher provided a tax comparison between the full value to the adjusted value of each taxing authority which illustrated the difference in taxes to be collected based on the current equalization factor and levies. Commissioner Dummann spoke on the difference between the crops on the west end compared to the valley and the difference on the heat units, but stated if the Dept of Revenue does not recognize the adjustment factor because these factors are taken into account using the productivity method, then the time has come to take the adjustment factors off. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Street to authorize the assessor remove the adjustment factor for Blooming Valley, Farmington, Lura, Mazeppa, Osceola and Marvin. Motion carried 5-0.

**Economic Development:** Director Bobbi Bohlen reported Career Day had been held and was deemed a success. There will be an open house for the home that was remodeled. She is working on an inventory of vacant lots as housing continues to be an agenda item. Day care is an issue for the community and the board is working on this issue. Bobbi extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the annual meeting to be held on May 18.

**First District:** Executive Director Todd Kays reported on the agency's activities, funding sources, economic development and staff duties. He reported on the responsibilities of the governing board, funding sources and the work area for the district. Some of the projects the First District staff has provided assistance to the county include 911 GIS Database Management, E-911 Address Assigning, SD DOT I-29 Parcel Data Set Creation, County Address Range GIS Data Set

Maintenance, County Road Centerline GIS Data Set Maintenance, Webhost and maintain County GIS Website, Maintain County Parcel GIS Data Set, Rural Address Point Map, Facilitated development of Zoning Ordinance Updates and Assisted in the development of SD DOT Bridge and Highway Plan. Todd expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their support and looks forward to working together in 2017.

**Wind Energy:** Present were Dakota Range Wind representatives David Lau, Project Manager Scott Koziar, Senior Director of Project Development and Mark Mauersberger, Senior Development Manager who provided an overview of the parent company, Apex Clean Energy, and reported on the wind energy project for the west end of the county. The project area has over 65,000 acres signed into long term agreements. The capacity of the full project is a 700 megawatt facility with phase one being 300 megawatts. There will have approximately 120 wind towers in Grant and Codington counties. The permitting process will be done in 2017, construction will begin in 2018 and ready to go online in 2019. Being able to interconnect with the Big Stone South to Ellendale Project is a plus as a transmission line will not have to be built. When the line is operational, it is estimated the project will employ 30 people.

Commissioner Stengel excused himself from the meeting at 9:50 AM.

**Travel:** Motion by Buttke and seconded by Dummann to approve travel for 4-H Advisor Sara Koepke to attend Spring Conference in Chamberlain and for Commissioner Street to attend New Officials workshop in Pierre. Motion carried 4-0.

**Zoning:** Motion by Dummann and seconded by Buttke to hold a joint hearing on March 7 at 9AM with the Planning and Zoning Board on proposed ordinance 2016-01B on adding Chapter 1215 on Agribusinesses to the zoning ordinance. Motion carried 4-0.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Buttke 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 4-0. Auditor Layher was present. Chairman Mach declared the meeting open to the public at 10:36 AM. No action taken as a result of the executive session.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Dummann and seconded by Buttke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

1. Approve Plats:

2017-06

COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION

LOT 1 OF DANA JOHNSON ADDITION, located in Government Lot 2 of Section 11, Township 120 North, Range 48 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Grant County, South Dakota, as described above and heron be approved and accepted and the chairman is hereby instructed to endorse on such plat this resolution to certify the same.

Michael J. Mach  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners,  
Grant County, South Dakota

2017-07

COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION

LOT 2, RONGLIEN SUBDIVISION, located in the E1/2 NE ¼ of Section 20, Township 121 North, Range 46 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Grant County, South Dakota, as described above and herin be approved and accepted and the chairman is hereby instructed to endorse on such plat this resolution to certify the same.

Michael J. Mach  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners,  
Grant County

2017-08

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, South Dakota, that the plat entitled: "LOTS 1, 2 and 3 of STENGEL FIRST ADDITION located in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 121 North, Range 48 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., in the County of Grant, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017.

Michael J. Mach, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Grant County, South Dakota

ATTEST:

Karen M. Layher  
County Auditor  
Grant County, South Dakota

2. Approve items of books and materials to be declared surplus from the Library for the months of Oct-Dec 2016
3. Approve auto supplement of revenue and expense to 226-222 in the amount of \$18,399.19 for reimbursement on the Shelter Grant

**Unfinished Business:** A copy of the CAFO Vesting documents to be used by the Zoning Administrator were provided to the Commission.

**New Business:** None

**Correspondence:** None

Commissioner Dummann excused himself from the meeting at 10:38 AM.

**Claims:** Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0. A-OX, supplies 183.56; AVERA-MILBANK AREA HOSPITAL, BLAB 576.00; AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE, prof serv 277.80; BERENS, supplies 5.07; BIEN PHARMACY, prisoner care 61.01; BORNS, mailing expense 945.29; BREWSTER, supplies 15.66; BRODART CO, supplies 84.32; BUREAU OF INFO & TELE, internet & email 512.00; BUTLER, parts & supplies 345.90; CENTER POINT, books 82.47; CENTRAL PROGRAMS, books 481.75; CENTURYLINK, phone 587.11; CHS, supplies 6.00; CLIMATE AIR, router 341.06; SUSAN DAVIS, book 16.00; DEMCO, shipping fee 22.45; CRAIG DEBOER, car wash 59.20; G&R CONTROLS, repair 1426.94; GRAJCZYK LAW, court appt atty 230.00; GRANT CO REVIEW, publishing 758.55; HARTMAN'S, supplies 772.40; HEDAHL, supplies 80.64; INGRAM, books 894.43; INTER-LAKES COMM ACTION, worker 2104.92 ; ITC, internet 159.24; MT LIBRARY SERV, books 65.00; LABOLT DEVELOP, internet & rent 45.00; LACROIX LAW OFFICE, prof serv 230.93; LARRY'S REFRIGERATION, prof serv 232.14; LEWIS DRUG, supplies 61.47; RYAN MAGEDANZ, prof serv 259.83; MICROFILM, rent 362.00; MICROMARKETING, DVD 117.77; NELSON LAW, allocation 3854.25; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, nat gas 1656.79; NOVAK SANITARY SERV, shredding 15.00; OTTER TAIL POWER, electricity 3992.27; PAYSEN CARPET CLEANING, prof serv 504.40; POSTMASTER, postage 166.25; QUILL, supplies 64.96; RC TECHNOLOGIES, 911 transport & rent 95.96; RDO, supplies 1037.85;

RELIANCE, phone cards 500.00; ROBERTS CO SHERIFF, prisoner care 130.00; ROGER BRIGGS, parts 226.01; ROY STOLPMAN, riprap 3410.52; DELORIS RUFER, rent 100.00; RUNNINGS, supplies 181.30; SD DEPT OF REVENUE, BLAB 140.00; SD DRUG CONTROL, restitution 90.00; SD EMERGENCY MGMT, dues & meals 95.00; SDAE4-HP, registration 35.00; SDSU EXTENSION, registration 20.00; SEEHAFFER, supplies 380.88; SHOPKO, supplies 75.98; ST WILLIAMS, laundry 262.80; OLDE MILL HOSPITALITY, room 165.00; TECH ONE, supplies 138.00; THOMPSON INFO SERV, books 37.99; LARRY TRAPP, repair 676.78; TREVETT, meals for prisoners 924.00; TWIN VALLEY TIRE, oil change 75.09; UPI, ethanol & propane 1918.60; VALLEY OFFICE PRODUCTS, supplies 1708.86; VALLEY SHOPPER, publishing 24.15; VERIZON, hotspot 38.52; WATERTOWN IRON & METAL, flat iron & tubing 701.53; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 6739.15; WHETSTONE HOME CENTER, supplies 65.20; WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC, electricity 4183.31; WITTROCK & SON, rubbish hauling 150.00; XEROX CAPITAL SERVICES, copier rent 763.00; TOTAL: \$48,148.31

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 March 7 and 21, 2017 and at 8 AM. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

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Mike Mach, Chairman, Grant County Comm.