

February 2, 2016

The Grant County Commission met at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Dummann, Mach, Stengel and Tucholke present. Chairman Stengel called the meeting to order. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Dummann to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion item on Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

Members of the public present were Ginny Tostenson, with the Valley Express News, Jim DeVaal and Bill Street.

Highway: Supt Schultz reported the SD DOT has approved the county's 5 Year Plan after some minor changes had been done on the projects costs. In accordance with the 5 year plan, Supt Schultz stated he has sent in an application for a Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) for a preliminary survey and hydraulic study for bridge structure 26-325-222 located on County road 35 (AKA 482nd Ave) by Revillo. The grant would be an 80/20 share with the grant estimate to be \$10,800 and the county share to be \$2,700 for a total of \$13,500. **Snow:** A discussion was held on incidents where residents have pushed snow from their driveways across the county road into the ditch. This creates a hazard for the plow operators and may cause damage to the equipment. The commission requested the notice be placed in the newspaper reminding residents the dumping of snow into the ROW is not allowed. The commission informed Kerwin to have the States Attorney send a notice to the landowners in the future if the issue continues. **Underpasses:** Kerwin reported he had received an email from DOT on a construction program to perform improvements to intersecting roads that cross Interstate 29. The work is scheduled for 2018 and will affect three sites in Grant County. This is a state funded project with no cost to the county. This is just a preliminary plan for review in preparation of signing a joint agreement in the future. **Pavement Marking:** The striping agreement with DOT for the striping of the center line of asphalt roads was reviewed. The agreement is for approximately 82.5 miles of striping. The county's 40% share is \$3,201.55. The county's amount over the allocated limit is \$13,847.66 for a total cost to the county of \$17,049.21. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Dummann to authorize Chairman Stengel to sign agreement number 2016-04 for pavement marking. Motion carried 5-0.

Travel: Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Dummann to approve travel for 4-H Advisor Sara Koepke to attend JCEP Leadership Conference in Las Vegas with reimbursement of expenses covered by NAE 4-H, for 4-H Advisor to attend Spring Professional Meeting in Hill City, for Commissioners Tucholke, Mach, Buttke and Auditor Layher to attend Commissioners and Welfare Officials Workshop in Pierre, for Weed Supervisor Mueller to attend Annual Weed Conference in Aberdeen and to approve travel expenses for county personnel who may need to travel to Pierre during the 2016 Legislative Session. Motion carried 5-0.

County Assistance: Motion by Mach and seconded by Tucholke to deny case PR 2016-01. Motion carried 5-0.

Wheel Tax: Auditor Layher presented a revised resolution reflecting the current wheel tax rate of \$5 per wheel, not to exceed \$60 per vehicle which states the wheel tax is non-refundable. The original resolution was adopted in 2010. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Mach to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried 5-0. Resolution adopted.

2016-05A

GRANT COUNTY WHEEL TAX COLLECTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Grant County assesses a \$5.00 per wheel tax on vehicles licensed in Grant County with the total not to exceed \$60 per vehicle, and

WHEREAS, the seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, and

WHEREAS, Grant County maintains a total of 279.25 miles of gravel roads and 180.25 miles of asphalt roads, and

WHEREAS, The Grant County Board of County Commissioners endeavor to maintain and improve the existing Grant County highways and bridges, ultimately saving tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, SDCL 32-5A-7 states if a motor vehicle is licensed for a period of less time than twelve months, any wheel tax imposed on such vehicle shall be prorated, and

WHEREAS, the wheel tax is a county ordinance and state statute does not address the refunding of the wheel tax,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; it is the policy of Grant County the wheel tax is non-refundable.

Vote of Grant County Commission: AYE: 5 NAY: 0

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2016 at Milbank, SD.

Doug Stengel

ATTEST:
Karen M. Layher
Grant County Auditor

Range Fire Suppression: A letter from the SD Dept. of Agriculture Wild Land Fire Suppression was reviewed requesting the county to provide the department with a list of individuals who would be authorized to request assistance from the State of South Dakota, under the County Rangeland Fire Protection Agreement in the event of a wild range land fire. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Buttke to approve the Fire Chief from each organized Fire Department, namely Milbank- Kevin Schuelke, Big Stone City- Joe Wiik, Reville- Jared Engebretson, LaBolt- Tom Peschong, Marvin-Rodney Thaden, Stockholm- Jake Wientjes, Commissioners Mike Mach, Paul Dummann, Marty Buttke, Doug Stengel, Clayton Tucholke, Sheriff Kevin Owen, Deputy Mark Luesink, Deputy Bill Newstrand, Deputy Jeremy Steffensen and EM Manager Sheryl Ward as the authorized individuals to request the assistance. Motion carried 5-0.

Mobile Homes: Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Buttke to approve the administrative abatements for mobile taxes collected 1 year in advance due to the trailer home being moved out of the county and the 2015 taxes had to be paid in advance with the adjustment credit done on the 2016 tax record. Motion carried 5-0.

Weed: Motion by Mach and seconded by Tucholke to approve the appointment of Joel O'Brien to the County Weed and Pest Board to fill the term of Robert Mueller who has submitted his resignation. Motion carried 5-0. The commission wishes to thank Robert for his many years of service on the weed board.

Executive Session: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: The Visiting Neighbor 2015 YE Report was noted. Discussed proposed alcoholic beverage fund distribution if SB2 is signed. Noted the 2015 program report from the SD Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Damage Management.

Zoning: Commissioner Dummann asked to address the commission on the proposed zoning ordinance changes as he would not be able to attend the public hearing on February 9th. He discussed an increase in setbacks to Class C and would like Class A, B and C to be brought forth for a permit hearing with only Class D and E permitted through a checklist by the Zoning Officer.

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

1. Approve step increase to 6 month rate of \$13.65 for Dispatcher Scott O'Donnell effective 01-19-2016
2. Declare surplus a 2 drawer file cabinet from the Community Health Nurse office, fixed asset# 0648
3. Declare surplus Metal Desk from the Community Health Nurse Office, fixed asset #1874
4. Approve Deb Hermans as a Grant County Library volunteer effective 01-12-2016

Claims: Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. ARTCRAFT & FOREMOST, supplies 260.00; BERENS, supplies 414.36; BOB BARKER CO, prisoner supplies 105.42; BRENDA L HOLTQUIST, prof serv 105.00; BUREAU OF INFO & TELE, email & internet 440.00; CCP INDUSTRIES, supplies 841.49; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 544.32; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 6,161.66; COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL, supplies 143.01; DAKOTA POWER EQUIP, parts & repair 232.43; DEUEL COUNTY, hwy projects 21,056.93; EMERY PRATT CO, ref mat 73.95; GRANT CO SHERIFF, postage 6.08; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER, rural water 36.40; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, alloca 2,681.19; HEATHER RISE, reimburse 4,250.00; HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY, alloca 8,152.50; LAWSON PRODUCTS, supplies 266.44; MARTY BUTTKE, reimburse 4,250.00; MCLEOD'S, supplies 168.10; MICROMARKETING, books 112.64; MILBANK AUTO PARTS, parts & supplies 607.17; MILBANK COMMUNICATIONS, maint 952.50; MINNEHAHA CO AUDITOR, prof service 67.50; MOMAR, supplies 317.97; NEWMAN SIGNS, signs 216.81; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, nat gas 1,319.87; OVERDRIVE, maint 1,500.00; QUICK PRO LUBE, oil change 75.97; REGINA L NEU, prof serv 6.00; SD ASSN COUNTY HWY SUPTS, regis 80.00; SD DEPT TRANS, hwy projects 2,221.59; THE PENWORTHY CO, books 125.85; THOMPSON INFORMATION, ref mat 536.99; TYLER COMPUTER, supplies 265.00; XEROX, copier rent 91.55. TOTAL: \$58,686.69.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the month of January 2016 are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 4922.75; AUDITOR 15,207.59; TREASURER 10,769.58; STATES ATTORNEY 10,791.30; CUSTODIANS

5434.50; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 7023.36; REG. OF DEEDS 6885.60; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1497.45; SHERIFF 18,862.65; COMMUNICATION CTR 12,835.05; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 1966.80; ICAP 598.50; VISITING NEIGHBOR 3009.65; LIBRARY 12,034.32; 4-H 4681.70; WEED CONTROL 3463.60; PLAN & ZONING 2315.25; ROAD & BRIDGE 57,454.90; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3518.80; TOTAL: \$183,273.35.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 18,941.90; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 22,277.46; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 5210.02; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1643.24; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 44,624.39; DEARBORN NATIONAL, life ins. 238.86; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 159.35; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT, deduction 566.00; OPTILEGRA, ins 343.32; SDSR SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 150.00; SDSR, retire 20,757.10. TOTAL: \$114,911.64.

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 February 16 and March 1 and 15, 2016 and 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 Comm.