

June 2, 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 Dummann and seconded by Buttke to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Highway /Drainage: Supt Schultz and Vernon Twp. Supervisor John Loeschke were present. On behalf of the Vernon Township Board of Supervisors, John requested permission to increase a culvert size from a 48 inch round to a 54 inch arched culvert. The location of the culvert is one-fourth mile south of the intersection of 155th St and 483rd Avenue. The present culvert has fallen in and installing an arched culvert would help prevent the water from flowing over the road at this location. The culvert replacement would be the township's responsibility because the diameter is less than sixteen foot. One of the requirements of FEMA is a change in culvert size needs to be approved by the drainage board. The township's plan is to start looking at the downstream areas where the water goes over the roads. Chairman Tucholke adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the commission acting as the Drainage Board. Drainage administrator Krista Atyeo-Gortmaker was present. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to approve the request of the Vernon Township Board to change the size of the culvert to a 54 inch arched. Motion carried 5-0.

Drainage Administrator Krista reported the two drainage permits presented at the May 19 meeting had been withdrawn and will be re-advertised for the June 16 meeting.

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

BIDS FOR FUEL

DATE	BIDDER	ETHANOL	DIESEL #1	DIESEL #2
05/05	UPI	2.315		2.20
	Cenex	2.34		2.25
UPI was the low bidder for Ethanol at 2.315 and for Diesel #2 at 2.20.				
05/19	UPI			2.20

Cenex

2.35

UPI was the low bidder for Diesel 2 at 2.20

05/21 UPI 2.419

Cenex 2.60

UPI was the low bidder for Ethanol at 2.419.

Grants: Present for a discussion on grant funding for roads were Greg Maag with First District of Local Government, Supt Schultz and Leo Reiffenberger, the LaBolt Elevator Manager. Greg explained the Agri Business and the Local Infrastructure Improvement Project (LIIP) grants the county and/or towns could apply for. Each grant has different deadlines and requirements. The commission discussed possible projects on County Road 8 on the west end of the county. Also discussed were turning lanes off of County Road 18 onto Main Street of LaBolt and widening the intersection of County Road 18 and 27. The commission agreed costs estimates of the projects need to be done to determine if it is feasible to move forward with the grant applications. Supt Schultz will contact Aason Engineering to develop the estimates on the projects.

Senate Bill 1: A discussion was held on the local funding options available to counties with the passage of SB1 to fund local road and bridge projects. One segment of the new law includes the option to increase the local wheel tax. Currently the county wheel tax is \$4 per wheel for total of \$16 per vehicle. The new law allows the commission to increase the wheel tax to \$5 per wheel up to twelve wheels for a total of \$60 per vehicle. The wheel tax rate for the counties is tied to the new statewide \$15 million bridge grant program that will be administered through the state Transportation Commission. The counties will now compete for grant funding and any county that has less than \$5 per wheel will be in a less competitive position for the grant award program called the Bridge Improvement Program (BIG). This grant program replaces the counties Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) bridge funding. The wheel tax dollars generated in the county are designated for road and bridge purposes. Another component of the grant funding requires the county to have a five year transportation plan. Another segment of the law allows the commission to levy a maximum of 1.20 per thousand of value for a county under one billion in valuation with the revenue generated from the levy going into the highway fund. The commission reviewed projected revenue figures generated by SB1. They also reviewed the road and bridge projects that will be completed with the county's accumulated STIP funds in 2016 and 2017. Also, the commission reviewed the bridge replacement projects that will no longer be funded by the STIP funds as these projects will now need to be bid and compete with other counties through the

BIG grant program. Each of the proposed bridge projects is estimated to cost between \$310,000 to \$455,000. Grant County currently has six bridges on the STIP list that will have to compete for the BIG grant funds. If grant funds are not received, the county will have to fund the cost for the replacement of these bridges.

Omitted Property Hearing: The hearing to add omitted property to the 2015 assessment year was held at 9 AM. The appellants were not present. Parcel 26.07.03.16, Legal of Merritt's Addition Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 Ex Lot H-2, Block 3, City of Milbank. The assessor had discovered the valuation for the addition to the bank building had not been added into the assessed value of the building for the tax year 2015 pay 2016. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to correct parcel 26.07.03.16 to increase the value of the building due to new construction by 388,690 with the addition qualifying for the commercial discretionary formula with the value of 77,738 being the taxable value for the tax year 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

Sheriff: Kevin Owen presented the statistics for the month of April for the Detention Center and Sheriff's Office as follows: Average Daily inmate population 2.56; Number of bookings 18; Work release money collected \$0.00; 24/7 Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) fees collected \$109.00; SCRAM (alcohol detecting bracelet) fees collected \$560.00; 24/7 PBT participants 1; SCRAM (Sobriety Program) participants 3; Calls for Service (does not include walk-in traffic) 102; Accidents investigated 7; Civil papers served 43; Cumulative miles traveled 7554; 911 calls responded to 73. **Hiring:** Sheriff Owen requested approval to hire Brittany Johnson as the office secretary with benefits effective June 1 at \$14.05 per hour. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Dummann to approve the request to hire. Motion carried 5-0. **Travel:** Motion by Stengel and seconded by Dummann to approve travel expenses for dispatchers Andrew Pillatzki and Kevin Speaker to attend training in Pierre. Motion carried 5-0. **Vehicle:** Motion by Buttke and seconded by Dummann to declare surplus the 2009 Dodge Durango and to sell by sealed bid with bids to be opened on July 7 at 9 AM. Motion carried 5-0. Minimum bid of \$4200.00.

Malt Beverage License Renewal: Under the current law, renewal applications for malt beverage renewals do not need to have a public hearing. Auditor Layher reported the three applications for renewal of the malt beverage licenses have been completed, returned and the first half of taxes have been paid for the 2014 payable 2015 tax year. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Mach to approve the renewal of the three malt beverage licenses for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Gertje VanLith Post 229 American Legion Club, located in Lot A NE1/4NE1/4 (4.82A) Section 24, Township 121, Range 47, in Grant County, South Dakota.
2. BitterSweet Lodge located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ SW ¼ of 7-120-51
3. Pine Hills Golf Club located in NW1/4 EX Lot 1, 2nd Country Club Addn., EX W 550' of OL A EX PT Platted and Sold and EX Road; Lt 1 Third Country Club Addn in NW1/4 & Lt 1 4th Country Club Addn, Govt Lot 4 (142.42 A)

Consent Agenda: Motion by Stengel and seconded by Dummann to approve the consent agenda with the addition of list of items to be declare surplus and sold on silent auction. Motion carried 5-0. The list of silent auction items is on file in the Auditor's Office.

1. Approve FY 2016 WIC Contract with SD Dept of Health for service reimbursement for a contract amount of \$8,585.00
2. Approve hiring of Jeanine Dashiell as a temporary position of a custodian effective May 28 at \$11.70 per hour
3. Declare surplus (2) Children's Chairs, asset number 8022 and 8023, no longer usable
4. Approve Alice Bernard as a library volunteer effective 05-29-2015

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: The Commission is invited to attend the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) review at First District office in Watertown on July 1.

Claims: Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. AASON ENGINEERING, prof service 1,827.50; AL'S BODY SHOP, repair 585.00; BUREAU OF INFO & TELE, internet & email 416.00; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 559.13; DENNIS HOYLES, prof service 500.00; DIESEL MACHINERY, parts & repair 18,108.89; GALL'S, supplies 226.90; GLOBAL, computers 1,202.87; GRANT CO EC & DEV BD, alloca 8,750.00; GRANT CO SHERIFF, postage 8.86; GRANT CO REVIEW, publishing 1,693.13; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER, water 36.40; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, allocation 2,458.33; ITC, internet 34.95; LARRY'S REFRIG & HEAT, repair 2,628.85; LEWIS FAMILY DRUG, supplies 21.12; MICROMARKETING, books 126.97; MILBANK AUTO PARTS, parts 1,613.77; MILBANK COMMUNICATIONS, prof serv 1,293.14; MUNDWILER, co assistance 3,225.00; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, nat gas 173.17;

REGENCY MIDWEST, rooms 464.95; REGINA L NEU, prof service 18.00; RYAN R. GRUBA, prof service 40.00; SD ASSN CO COMM, CLERP & ref mat 1,863.33; SD MOTOR VEHICLE, title 5.00; SEEHAFFER HARDWARE HANK, supplies 432.54; THOMAS P PAULI, prof service 60.00; TRACIE JIBBENS, prof service 240.00; XEROX, copier rent 217.51. TOTALS: \$48,831.31.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the month of May 2015 are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 4783.75; AUDITOR 14,110.30; TREASURER 9458.13; STATES ATTORNEY 10,371.50; CUSTODIANS 4899.85; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 6295.01; REG. OF DEEDS 6521.70; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1336.63; SHERIFF 17,172.58; COMMUNICATION CTR 10,205.73; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 3210.01; ICAP 663.00; VISITING NEIGHBOR 2879.10; LIBRARY 10,766.48; 4-H 4287.30; WEED CONTROL 3977.25; PLAN & ZONING 2064.60; ROAD & BRIDGE 50,597.00; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3291.00. TOTAL: \$166,890.92.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 16,325.22; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 20,227.34; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 4730.64; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1797.46; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 41,545.48; DEARBORN NATIONAL, life ins. 232.36; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 172.30; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT, deduction 566.00; OPTILEGRA, ins 370.81; ROGENBURG LAW, deduction 350.00; SDSR SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 140.00; SDRS, retire 18,787.27. TOTAL: \$105,244.88.

It is the policy of Grant County, South Dakota, not to discriminate against the handicapped in employment or the provision of service.

The next meeting will be June 16 and July 7 and 21, 2015 at 8 AM. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Dummann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

Clayton Tucholke, Chairman, Grant County Comm.