May 2, 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 Dummann to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017, Consolidated and County Board of Equalization meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Stengel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Members of the public present were Jerry Zubke, Dale Tuchscherer, Dennis Kohl, Darin Thiele, Douglas Wittnebel, Dana Johnson, Jerry Bury and Jim DeVaal.

**Drainage:** Chairman Mach adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the commission acting as the Drainage Board. The Drainage Administrator presented the following permit requests.

Permit DR 2017-17 for Dale Tuchscherer in the NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 21, Township 121, Range 47 (Big Stone Township). The request, if granted, would permit timely planting of crops and to remove excess water during or following heavy rains. The NRCS letter of determination is on record. The outlet is on the landowner's own land into a natural run. Dale stated the crops in the SE corner of his field remain under water for a period of 4 to 5 days after a rain. Commission Stengel stated he had reviewed the project and would recommend approval of DR 2017-17. Motion was seconded by Street. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2017-18 (Cooperative Project) for Granite View Farms in Section 23 for the NW1/4 exc the S 703.4 ft of W 611 ft of the SW1/4NW1/4, Owners, Mike & Nancy Johnson and Owner, Jerry & Nichole Bury Trust for SW1/4 also Section 23 and Owner, Debra Thiele for the S1/2 SW1/4 of Section 14, and Owner, Jerry & Nichole Bury Trust for the N1/2 SW1/4 and S1/2 NW1/4 of Section 14 all of Township 120, Range 48 (Alban Township). This is a cooperative project between the listed landowners. The tile project starts in Section 23 on the Johnson property and goes north to include the Thiele property and ending with an outlet on the Bury property into a natural run. The tile outlet is an 18 inch diameter. The whole project is within the same watershed. The NRCS letters are on file. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Street to approve Permit DR 2017-18. Motion carried 5-0. The drainage application includes a ROW occupancy to cross County Road 12 (AKA 151<sup>st</sup> St) between Section 23 and 14. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Street to approve ROW 2017-12. Motion carried 5-0.

Buri/Bury/Kohl Drainage: Drainage Officer Krista reported the site inspection had been done on May 2 along 159<sup>th</sup> St between Section 28 and 33 in Vernon Twp. Jerry Bury had cleaned the ditch and had placed a ground level rock berm by the culvert to slow the overland water going through the culvert. Dennis Kohl stated he had discussed the drainage issue with an attorney who advised him to ask the question of who will maintain the ditch, clean out the cornstalks or debris from the ditch, otherwise the attorney believed the drainage run would be good. Commissioner Street questioned the placement of rocks and stated he thinks Jerry Bury should maintain the rock berm as it is his tile project. Discussion was held on cleaning additional sections of ditch and adding an additional tile line in the county ditch. Jerry questioned when it will be enough; the issue is the water is flowing to the lowest point. Commissioner Street believes the surface water will displace the rock berm. Motion by Street and seconded by Dummann to require Jerry Bury to check the rock berm to ensure the rock placement stays intact. Further discussion continued with concern expressed of corn stalks needing to be cleaned out of the ditch. Chairman Mach called the question. 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:** At the last meeting, Supt Schultz had mentioned to the Commission the lot next to the shop in Marvin was for sale and would benefit the county for additional parking of equipment or supplies. A bid of \$101.00 was submitted under the sealed bid process for the lot and building owned by Osceola Township on Main Street in Marvin. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to approve the purchase of the lot and the building for the South Twenty-five Feet (S. 25') of Lot Six (6), Block Two (2), Plat of the Original Townsite of Marvin, Grant County, South Dakota, for the bid price of \$101.00. Motion carried 5-0. A discussion was held on removing the building or finding an interested party in removing the building. The owner of the trailer house located on the lot will be contacted. Insurance: The County's insurance carrier had inspected all the buildings and is making a recommendation to repair or re-shingle the weed supply building. Supt Schultz stated he would have the highway personnel complete the project before winter. Mechanic: Supt Schultz stated he plans to advertise for a mechanic. ROW: Commissioner Stengel reported this past week he had received phone calls with concerns of crops blocking the line of vision in the past years at the intersection of County Road 10 and 35 (482<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 149<sup>th</sup> St). After further discussion, the commission agreed a letter should be sent to the landowners adjacent to this intersection requesting their assistance with keeping the crop out of the ROW. In addition, a notice will be placed in the Grant County Review reminding landowners and renters to not plant within the ROW or the crop will be mowed or sprayed. Discussion was held on the slope percentage for the

crown on a gravel road and re-shaping a ditch on County Road 10. Supt Schultz reported Riley Brothers has been award the State let bid contract for Project BRF 6311(00) and BRO 8026(22) for bridge structures near Albee. Their total bid was \$561,816.50. The County will be responsible for 20%.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Dummann and seconded by Stengel to enter into executive session at 9:05 AM for the purpose of personnel issues pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried 5-0. Auditor Layher and Sheriff Owen were present. Chairman Mach declared the meeting open to the public at 10:00 AM. No action taken.

**Tax Deed:** Auditor Layher advised the Commission Treasurer Mueller had received the payment of back taxes on a parcel taken under the tax deed process, as State law does allow a period of 180 day to redeem property. Motion by Dummann and seconded by Buttke to approve Chairman Mach to sign the quit claim deed for Parcel 01.48.21.5003, Legal Description: The East Three Hundred Eighteen Feet (E 318') of the South Four Hundred Forty-four (S 444') in the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 21, Township 118 North, Range 48, West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Grant County, South Dakota. Motion carried 5-0.

**Grant Deuel:** The Commission reviewed a resolution prepared by the States attorney on the monetary gift the Grant Deuel School Board is considering to give the County. The resolution will be sent to the School Supt Al Stewart for his Board's review.

<u>**Consent Agenda:**</u> Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1. Approve step increase to 6 month rate of \$12.80 for Revillo Branch Librarian Yvette Johnson effective 01-04-17
- 2. Approve Carol Tyler as a volunteer at the Big Stone Branch Library effective 4-8-17

## **Unfinished Business:** None.

## New Business: None

## Correspondence: None

<u>Claims:</u> Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. 3-D SPECIALTIES, telespar 1,352.00; AVERA MILBANK HOSPITAL, BLAB 96.00; BERENS, supplies 421.04; BRENDA L

HOLTQUIST, prof service 84.00; BUREAU OF INFO & TELE, email & internet 512.00; CENTER POINT, books 434.21; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 6,644.52; CONSOLIDATED READY MIX, fill sand 4,281.12; CRIMESTAR, support renewal 1,500.00; DAKTECH, computer supplies 249.00; DEMCO, supplies 133.75; FIKSDAL FUNERAL SERVICE, co assistance 3,100.00; G & K SERVICES, supplies 59.62; GJT, gas 48.00; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER, rural water 36.40; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, allocation 2,458.33; JOHNSON FEED, road salt 6,675.75; LEWIS FAMILY DRUG, supplies 11.99; LIBRARY SALES, books 276.96; MANUEL CARDENAS, prof service 956.50; MCLEOD'S, supplies 157.86; MIDCONTINENT, internet 73.49; MIDWEST POWERSPORTS, supplies 22.70; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 596.90; MILBANK AUTO PARTS, parts & supplies 866.59; MILBANK COMMUNICATIONS, antennas 968.50; NASASP, dues 39.00; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, nat gas 787.14; SCOTT O'DONNELL, reimburse 5,350.00; OSCEOLA TOWNSHIP, lot purchase 101.00; POSTMASTER, stamps 56.00; QUICK PRO LUBE, maint & repairs 1,570.48; QUILL, supplies 171.94; REED ELSEVIER, ref mat 700.00; RELIANCE TELEPHONE, phone cards 500.00; RUNNINGS, parts & supplies 433.41; SCHUNEMAN EQUIP, parts & supplies 111.47; SD DEPT OF REVENUE, BLAB 35.00; SD DEPT OF REVENUE – MOTOR, title & plate 21.20; SDOEM, books 68.00; ST WILLIAMS, prof service 298.80; STAR LAUNDRY, prof service 41.92; STERN OIL, oil 5,742.33; TECH ONE, supplies 61.00; TRUENORTH STEEL, culvert & bands 4,772.10; TWIN VALLEY TIRE, tires 1,832.00; UPI, ethanol 5,078.92; VISA, books, gas, rooms & regis 1,118.01; WESTERN SURETY CO, notary bond 50.00. TOTALS: \$60,956.95.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the month of April 2017 are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 5013.60; AUDITOR 14,752.95; TREASURER 9904.75; STATES ATTORNEY 11,134.44; CUSTODIANS 5286.75; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 7110.01; REG. OF DEEDS 7161.97; VET. SERV. OFFICER 491.20; SHERIFF 18,615.46; COMMUNICATION CTR 12,029.93; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 2603.61; ICAP 712.80; VISITING NEIGHBOR 2896.51; LIBRARY 12,512.37; 4-H 4799.10; WEED CONTROL 3623.00; PLAN & ZONING 1919.44; ROAD & BRIDGE 54,437.73; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3621.66. TOTAL: \$178,627.28.

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 May 16 and June 6 and 20, 2017 at 8 AM. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Karen M. Layher, Grant County Auditor

Mike Mach, Chairman, Grant County Comm.