

September 6, 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 Dummann and seconded by Mach to approve the minutes for the August 16, 2016 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Members of the public present were Craig Barlund, Doug Barlund, Mark Mueller, Emily Mueller, Melissa Mueller, Raynelle Mueller, Roger Loeschke, Jim Newcomb, Bill Street, Jim Wohlleber, Roger McCulloch, Bert Loehrer, Keith Christians, Bob Spartz, Mark Maversberger, Jim DeVaal, Ginny Tostenson and Holli Seehafer.

Drainage: Chairman Stengel adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the commission acting as the Drainage Board. The Drainage Officer presented Permit DR2016-09 for Doug Barlund in the S1/2 SE ¼ of 8-119-48 (Vernon). Krista reported the tile permit is to improve the cropland. The NRCS letter is on file and certified letter for the downstream landowners have been acknowledged. The outlets are on the landowner's land and goes into a natural run. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Buttke to approve DR2016-09 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2016-10 by applicant Jerry Bury for the W ½ of 33-119-48 and the NE ¼ of 32-119-48(Vernon) was presented for consideration. The landowner Doug Buri has signed the application. The permit is for land improvement and includes a request to install a culvert on 480th Ave between Sections 32-33. A discussion was held with Supt Schultz on the condition of the county road and if the county could partner on the project to improve the condition of the road bed. Supt Schultz responded the road does have a soft spot in this area and would be willing to work with the applicant on the tiling project for road improvement. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Buttke to approve DR2016-10 with the condition the applicant work with Supt Schultz to address the road issue with the tiling project. Motion carried 5-0. This concluded the business for the drainage board. Chairman Stengel adjourned the Drainage Board and reconvened the Board of Commissioners.

ROW: Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Dummann to approve a request for right-of-way occupancy for permit ROW 2016-09 from Jerry Bury to dig across the county road to install a culvert under 480th Ave between Sections 32 & 33. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Tucholke reported Peggy Schulte would not be attending the meeting today due to the other boards have not had time to meet to discuss the removal of old Reville School debris.

Hwy: Supt Schutz presented a request for proposal from the Minnesota bid documents for a John Deere motor grader with wing for \$304,723.01. A current bid from another entity for a Caterpillar motor grader came in at \$310,227. The wing attachment for the Cat motor grader is estimated to be an additional amount of \$15,000. The RFP is good through September 30 and it was the consensus of the commission to place the item back on the Sept 20th agenda. **Mud on roads:** Supt Schultz had reported he has had calls concerning chunks of mud from fields being left on the county roads and causing a driving hazard. Under SDCL 31-32-9, it is the governing board duty to remove the obstruction and the cost to remove the obstruction can be recovered from the individual causing the issue. A notice will be in the paper asking assistance from the area farmers and contractors to clear off the excess dirt left on the road by the equipment. **Pony Truss Bridge:** The bi-annual bridge report indicated the pony truss bridge located in Big Stone Twp needs to be closed. Supt Schultz will contact the township supervisors to work with them on the required notices to close the bridge.

BIDS FOR FUEL

| DATE | BIDDER | ETHANOL | DIESEL #1 | DIESEL #2 |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 08/02 | UPI | | | No Bid |
| | Cenex | | | 1.80 |
| Cenex was the low bidder at 1.80. | | | | |
| 08/10 | UPI | 1.96 | | 1.676 |
| | Cenex | 1.97 | | 1.75 |
| UPI was the low bidder for Ethanol at 1.96 and for Diesel 2 at 1.676. | | | | |
| 08/24 | UPI | | | 1.84 |
| | Cenex | | | 1.85 |

UPI was the low bidder for Diesel 2 at 1.84.

New Malt/Wine License: The 8:30 AM public hearing for the issuance of an On-Off sale Malt Beverage and an On-Off sale SD Farm Wines license by the applicant known as, The Pumpkin Patch, owned by Mark and Emily Mueller was held. This is a new license for the period ending June 30, 2017. The legal description for the license is Lot 1 Freiwald Addn in Govt 1,2,7,8 (6.16Acres) in 5-120-47. The Muellers explained at the present time they do not have any events scheduled, but they are making improvements to their barn and acreage to expand

their business. They would like to be able to offer to hold special events and the license would allow them to include beer and wine for the special events. Chairman Stengel opened the hearing to the public. Questions were asked if parking would be allowed on the road and a concern of the driveway not having any shoulders. Mark Mueller stated he is planning a parking area for any event being held and he would address the concerns with the neighbors. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Buttke to approve the issuance of the requested license and to forward the application to the Dept of Revenue Special Licensing division in Pierre. Motion carried 5-0.

Highway 5 Year Plan: The public hearing for the County's Five Year Highway and Bridge Plan was held at 9 AM. Chairman Stengel opened the meeting for public comment during Highway Supt Kerwin Schultz's presentation. Grant County has 169 inspected structures and 44 non-inspected structures which are under 20 feet in length. A total of 94 structures have been repaired or replaced since 1998. The 5 year programmed project list was reviewed. Supt Schultz states the county bridge crew's goal is to replace three structures a year. Also in the plan is stripping, asphalt, gravel and replacing two structures with culverts. The funding for these larger structures will now be applied for through the BIG program. Auditor Layher reviewed the revenue document in the 5 year plan. Public comments and questions were:

1. Is there funding available to the townships for culverts under 16 square feet opening – This size culvert is the responsibility of the township.
2. Are the townships expected to post weight limits on the bridges less than 20' in diameter – Bridges over 20' are required to be inspected and weight limits posted. Uninspected bridges do not have this requirement.
3. Is it the county's intention to replace bridges with a culvert due to cost savings? Yes, some would be for cost savings. Replacing a bridge with culverts where possible makes the road more equipment friendly. Any bridge that is replaced with a culvert has a hydraulic study completed by an engineer and installed with the engineer's recommendation.
4. Lura Twp Supervisor Mark Aselson had contacted Supt Schultz and requested that a couple of the concrete sided bridges be considered for replacement. One of the bridges in question has a high sufficiency rating and would not be considered for replacement at this time.

Chairman Stengel closed the public hearing for the Five Year plan and thanked the participants for attending and for the comments. The plan will be on the October

4th agenda for the commission's approval and then sent on to SD DOT by October 15th.

Summit Wind: Project Manager Jim Newcomb provided the Commission with an update on SummitWind which is a 90 megawatt operation. Most of the turbines will be in Farmington Township and the estimated tax revenue will be \$340,000 to be distributed to the county, township and schools. Estimated construction cost of the wind farm is \$140 to \$150 million with six fulltime jobs after the construction phase. Jim asked the commission for a letter of support as he is working with a company to purchase the production of the energy and he wants to show there is community support for the project. There was discussion among the Commission concerning supporting a company or remaining neutral on the issue as other wind development companies may ask for a letter of support. Commissioner Mach suggested evaluating each company request separately. Motion by Tucholke and seconded by Mach to approve signing a letter of support for the Summit Wind Project. Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Dummann abstaining.

Milbank: Mayor Pat Rafferty and City Administrator Jason Kettwig addressed the commission on the recent housing study findings and invited the commission to attend a meeting on Sept 15 to discuss the housing issues within the county. The purpose of the community meeting is to find solutions to the housing shortage for the entry level job force.

2017 Budget Hearing: The published 9AM hearing for the 2017 budget was held with no members of the public present. The Commission reviewed revenue and expense changes to the provisional budget. The Wellmark health insurance renewal for 2017 has a 2.24% increase. The provisional budget had a 15% increase projected for health insurance. This means the final budget will be able to be decreased by 73,093. The Commission also reviewed the centrally assessed valuations, growth percentage of 2.746% for the county and a projected levy. Final adoption of the 2017 budget will be held on September 20 at 9AM.

Grant Deuel School: A letter was received from the SD Dept of Education informing the commission the date for the school election for voting on the reorganization plan has been set for October 18.

Shelter Grant: Auditor Layher informed the Commission the bid of Gray Construction for the shelter in Riggin's Trailer Park did not include the costs from

Civil Design of \$32,500. EM Director Sheryl Ward has checked on additional grant funding which is available from the State. The county would need to apply for the additional grant dollars after the project is completed. However, the State cannot guarantee how many additional dollars will be available at the time of the application. The current grant award is valid through 2018. The commission will discuss options at the next meeting.

Travel: Motion by Buttke and seconded by Dummann to approve travel for Sheriff Owen and Deputies Leusink and Steffenson to attend Coroner Training in Sioux Falls and for Sheriff Deputy Rob Newstrand to attend Investigator Training in Pierre. Motion carried 5-0.

County Assistance: None

Executive Session: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

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

1. Declare surplus (4) Three Stall Metal/cloth Election booths- Fixed asset 5097, 5104, 5110, 7589
2. Declare surplus 1990 Ford Econoline Van to be sold at public auction
3. Approve Lease #0131-449-19 in the amount of \$220 per month with State of SD for office space in the Courthouse
4. Approve easement with Otter Tail Power for the underground power line to the Library Building

Claims: Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0. ALEX AIR APPARATUS, repair 776.00; AVERA MCKENNAN, prisoner care 135.94; BIEN PHARMACY, supplies 1.74; BITUMINOUS PAVING, hwy projects 5,894.58; BRENDA L HOLTQUIST, janitorial services 94.50; BUREAU OF INFO & TELE, internet & email 485.00; BUTLER, parts & repair 4,600.27; CENTER POINT, books 491.18; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 661.08; CRAIG DEBOER, carwash usage 29.48; DESIGN ELECTRONICS, supplies 24.98; FISHER SAND & GRAVEL, hwy projects 375.38; FLAT RATE, hwy projects 1,357.13; FREMAREK, supplies 71.76; GALE GROUP, books 21.69; GRANT CO SHERIFF, postage 40.08; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER, rural water 32.20; GRANT/ROBERTS AMBULANCE, allocation 2,458.33; HARMS OIL CO, bulk oil 1,288.32;

HARTMAN'S, prisoner meals 524.73; HOLLI K SEEHAFFER, books 25.98; LEWIS DRUG, supplies 130.76; LUKONEN'S TOOL SERVICE, supplies 29.65; MARK W ST MARTIN, magnets 460.44; MICROMARKETING, audiobooks 46.00; MIDCONTINENT, internet 69.23; MILBANK AUTO PARTS, parts & supplies 669.02; MINNEHAHA CO AUDITOR, mental illness bd 217.50; NATL 4-H COUNCIL, supplies 51.85; NORMAN GIESEN, parts 62.95; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, nat gas 44.25; OFFICE PEEPS, supplies 28.85; QUILL, supplies 173.78; REGENCY MIDWEST VENTURES, room 288.00; SAFETY-KLEEN, supplies 308.49; SCOTT R BRATLAND, ct appty atty 947.60; SEEHAFFER HARDWARE, supplies 241.71; SHANE L LARSON, prof service 1,800.00; ST WILLIAMS, LEPC mtg 307.00; TECH ONE, postage & supplies 102.67; THE PENWORTHY CO, books 128.86; US HOTEL ACS VENTURES, rooms 301.59; VISA, supplies, gas, ticket & books 920.77. TOTAL: \$26,721.32.

WITNESS FEES: \$70.40.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the month of August 2016 are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 4922.75; AUDITOR 13,908.78; TREASURER 9150.20; STATES ATTORNEY 10,470.10; CUSTODIANS 4884.84; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 7094.16; REG. OF DEEDS 6621.60; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1162.20; SHERIFF 17,359.84; COMMUNICATION CTR 11,642.05; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 2259.60; CORONER 434.40; ICAP 661.50; VISITING NEIGHBOR 3133.83; LIBRARY 11,236.32; 4-H 4262.95; WEED CONTROL 3530.95; PLAN & ZONING 1646.41; ROAD & BRIDGE 48,932.24; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 3022.00. TOTAL: \$166,336.72.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 16,705.17; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 20,126.22; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 4706.92; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1726.57; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 45,330.39; DEARBORN NATIONAL, life ins. 222.86; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 159.35; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT, deduction 566.00; OPTILEGRA, ins 343.32; SDSR SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 160.00; SDSR, retire 18,657.93; UNITED ACCOUNTS, deduction 200.00; AAA COLLECTIONS, deduction 142.45. TOTAL: \$109,047.18.

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 September 20 and October 4 and 18, 2016 at 8 AM. Motion by Dummann 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.