

February 26, 2024

The Grant County Commission met in special session at 8AM with Commissioners Buttke, Stengel, Street, Mach, and Tostenson present. Chairman Tostenson called the meeting to order. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0. The purpose of the special meeting was to consider purchasing a replacement vehicle for EM. Also in attendance were Commissioner Assistant Layher and EM Director Schuelke.

**EM Vehicle:** Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to consider purchasing a replacement vehicle for EM. There is a 2021 Yukon XL 4WD SLE available locally with 57,840 miles. Discussion was held whether the potential vehicle had the right transmission package needed for pulling. Marlin Snell with Unzen Motors was contacted by phone and answered the questions the Commission asked about the vehicle. It was brought up that the other general use county suburban also needs to be replaced. The Commission asked EM Director Schuelke to test drive the vehicle to see if it meets the needs for the EM vehicle or the general use suburban. Mach remarked if the Commission should table the motion until the next meeting. After more discussion, Mach made a substitute motion to approve the purchase of the 2021 Yukon if EM Director Schuelke finds it is an appropriate vehicle for the general use suburban or EM. The motion was seconded by Stengel. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Buttke and seconded by Stengel to enter executive session at 8:15 AM for a personnel issue per SDCL 1-25-2(1). Motion carried 5-0. Present for the executive session were Commissioner Assistant Layher and for a portion of the executive session Auditor Folk. Chairman Tostenson declared the meeting open to the public at 8:38 AM. Chairman Tostenson asked for a motion to advertise for a Deputy Auditor position. Motioned by Stengel and seconded by Street to approve advertising for a Deputy Auditor position. Motion carried 5-0.

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 March 5 and 19, 2024 at 8 AM in the basement meeting room. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Folk, Grant County Auditor

William Tostenson, Chairman, Grant County Commissioners