

November 7, 2024

The Grant County Commission met at 8 AM with Commissioners Buttke, Mach, Street and Tostenson present. Commissioner Stengel was absent. Chairman Tostenson called the meeting to order. Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to approve the October 15, 2024, minutes. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Mach to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Present from the public were Mike Schwandt, Ben Wollschlager, Tim Wollschlager, John Loeschke, Doug Wollschlager, Ryan Wollschlager, Grant Street, Spencer Street, Michael Schneck, Gene Pinkert, Ben Rethke, Greg Streich, Keith Pillatzki, Chad Boehnke, Darren Strasser, Eric Anderson, Doug Schneck, Steve Spiering and Tracy Stein. Staff members present were States Attorney Schwandt, Drainage Officer Berkner and Sheriff Owen.

Public Comment: Chairman Tostenson called for public comments three times. There were no comments.

Drainage: Chairman Tostenson adjourned the Board of Commissioners and convened the Commission acting as the Drainage Board.

Permits DR2024-69a, DR2024-69b, DR2024-69c for Michael Schwandt for land located within the N1/2 of Section 6 and the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 5, both in Kilborn Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve DR2024-69a, DR2024-69b and DR2024-69c for Michael Schwandt. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve permits DR2024-69a, DR2024-69b and DR2024-69c.

Drainage Officer Berkner stated the drainage project is for tiling approximately 210 acres of land located within the N1/2 of Section 6 and the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 5 in Kilborn Township within the Whetstone River Watershed. Schwandt is seeking to re-permit portions of drainage permits DR2022-50 in Section 5, which was never completed, along with tiling within Section 6. The combined tiling projects between the two landowners, Michael Schwandt and Travis Strasser, would use up to 6 inlets. Berkner said the drainage water would outlet through 5 different outlets into 2 different waterways, one in Roberts County and the other in Grant County. The maximum amount of flow is estimated to be 1,045 gallons per

minute (gpm) if installed at a .1% grade and will be split roughly equally between the two outlets. It is Berkner opinion that the drainage projects conform to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson asked Schwandt if he had any additional comments. Schwandt said the project could take up to two years to finish before they determine the total number of inlets that would be needed. Schwandt said up to 3 of the inlets may not be installed if not needed. Darren Strasser, who had drainage elements related to Schwandt's design and is also being permitted, said his portion of the combined drainage permit application is targeting a large depression that often holds water, and he was using more pattern tiling.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing for DR2024-69a, DR2024-69b and DR2024-69c asking three separate times for comments in favor or against the drainage projects. No one responded. Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting drainage board discussion.

The board stated the projects seem to be well thought out and the board stressed that it is important to file the final completed design to the drainage office as required by the county's drainage ordinance. Chairman Tostenson said even though the drainage ordinance gave a permittee two years to sign and turn in their completed tile maps; he would prefer they turned in that information as soon as they are finished with the project. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Permit DR2024-70 for Spencer Street for land located within the SE1/4 of Section 8 in Adams East Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permit DR2024-70 for Spencer Street. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve permit DR2024-70.

Berkner reported the permit is for tiling approximately 30 acres of land located within the SE1/4 of Section 8 in Adams East Township located in the South Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. The project would have 3 inlets and would connect to existing tile projects DR2007-10 and DR2021-19. He estimated the combined flow of water from the additional lateral tiles could be as much as 90 gpm if installed at a .1% grade, but that amount would be limited by the size of the 4 existing outlets from the two original permitted drainage designs. Berkner said it is his opinion that the drainage project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson asked Spencer Street if he had any additional comments. He replied he is just targeting a few remaining areas in that quarter that are slow to drain. Tostenson opened the public hearing for DR2024-70 asking three separate times for comments in favor or against the permit. No one responded. Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting drainage board discussion.

During board discussion Mach asked if the three inlets were necessary with all the pattern tile that would be installed as well as the existing tile. Spencer said the inlets are all located next to roadways and will be picking up water as it enters the property. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Permit DR2024-71 for Eric Anderson for land located within the SE1/4 of Section 18 in Vernon West Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permit DR2024-71 for Eric Anderson. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve permit DR2024-71.

Berkner said drainage project DR2024-71 is for tiling approximately 30 acres of land located within the SE1/4 of Section 18 in Vernon West Township within the South Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. Anderson is adding additional tiling to an area that had previously been permitted with drainage permits DR2017-35 and DR2017-36. The project would have one 5" outlet and the estimated maximum amount of flow from the tile project would be equal to 70 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. Berkner said that it is his opinion that the drainage project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson asked Anderson if he had any comments. Anderson said he is trying to clean up a few wet areas that were not previously tiled. Tostenson opened the public hearing for DR2024-71 asking three separate time for comments in favor or against the permit. No one responded. Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting drainage board discussion.

Commissioner Street commented that the project was very straightforward and had no inlets. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Permit DR2024-72 for Eric Anderson for land located within the S1/2 of Section 4 in Stockholm Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permit DR2024-72 for Eric Anderson. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve permit DR2024-72.

Berkner said the permit is for making changes to DR2017-25 located in the SE1/2 of Section 4 in Stockholm Township, located in the South Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. Anderson intends to add an alternate path for water to drain from the previous permit into the same waterway as originally permitted. Berkner said depending on conditions found during excavation Anderson would either use a 12" drainage tile or possibly an open ditch if that was found to work better. Berkner added no additional lateral tiles would be added during the drainage work. The amount of flow would be the same into that waterway. It is Berkner's opinion that the drainage project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson asked Anderson for any additional comments. Anderson stated the original design is not working well and it is causing some additional erosion. His intention is to correct those deficiencies. Tostenson opened the public hearing asking three separate times for comments in favor or against the drainage project. No one responded. Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting drainage board discussion.

With little discussion Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Permits DR2024-73a, DR2024-73b and DR2024-73c for Mike Schneck for properties located within the: W1/2NE1/4 & the NW1/4SE1/4, the SE1/4NW1/4 & the NE1/4SW1/4, and the SW1/4NW1/4, all in Section 9 of Alban East Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permits DR2024-73a, DR2024-73b and DR2024-73c for Mike Schneck. Motion made by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve permits DR2024-73a, DR2024-74b and DR2024-74c.

Berkner said the drainage permits are for tiling 35 acres of land located within three parcels in Section 9 in Alban East Township within the Whetstone River Watershed. The projects would have 3-inlets with 2-outlets, 1-6" and 1-10", and the estimated flow rate from the lateral tiles through the outlets would be 220 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. Schneck's plan is to install 2-inlets and lateral tiles only in areas that have trouble draining. Most of the land in the parcels, 230 acres, would not receive any tiling. It is Berkner's opinion that the drainage projects conform to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Berkner concluded his report, saying that four downstream landowners had been mailed certified letters and his office had been contacted by one downstream landowner on their concerns about the drainage project.

Chairman Tostenson asked Schneck if he had any additional comments. Schneck said that the area receiving the tiling is prone to erosion. His intentions are to reduce runoff onto his neighbor's land as well as his own. Tostenson opened the public hearing asking three separate times for comments in favor or against the permits. Gene Pinkert responded saying that the waterway receiving the outletting water tends to become flooded due to an ongoing problem just across the state line in Minnesota. According to Pinkert, a drainage berm or dike needs to be removed in Lac qui Parle County (MN), as required by a recently approved Minnesota drainage permit. That has not happened yet. Pinkert said that he thought the overall design for Schneck's tile design was good, and possibly would even make conditions better for him. He stated the conditions in Lac qui Parle County need to be addressed by their drainage officials as it's causing problems on his land in Grant County.

With no more public comments, Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting board discussion. Street commented that Pinkert is probably the best person to contact the Minnesota landowner with his concerns about the berm that needs to be removed. With no further discussion, Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Permit DR2024-74 for Jerald Zubke for land located within the SW1/4 of Section 15, and the NW1/4 of Section 22, both in Big Stone Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permit DR2024-74 for Jerald Zubke. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve permit DR2024-74.

Berkner stated the drainage permit is requesting to install a deeper culvert under 145th Street (County Road 4), between 482nd and 483rd Avenues, between Sections 15 and 22 in Big Stone Township within the Whetstone River Watershed. The 16" culvert would be installed adjacent to, and 12" lower, than the existing culvert under the county road where water backs up as it flows south to the Whetstone River because the road ditch is deeper than the existing culvert level. The maximum water flow through a 16" culvert could be as much as 700 gpm if installed at a .1% grade.

Zubke was not present.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing for DR2024-74 asking three separate times for comments in favor or against the permits. No one responded. Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting drainage board discussion.

Board discussion topics included that the county was not being asked to pay for any part of the project and there would be no open excavation as a boring machine would install the new culvert. Additional topics included that the drainage board had visited the site, and it is obvious the county's culvert was significantly higher than the bottom of the road ditch. It was also noted that changing culvert elevations is not normally considered.

Commissioners Mach and Street commented they had some concerns about whether riprap should be required for the project. Commissioner Buttke commented he thought Hwy Supt Peterson's opinion should be included in the decision for determining if any other standard should be required of Zubke during installation. Since neither Peterson nor Zubke were present it was motioned by Street and seconded by Mach to table permit DR2024-74 until the November 19th meeting or sooner if schedules allow. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Permits DR2024-75a, DR2024-75b, DR2024-75c, DR2024-75d and DR2024 -75e for Chad Boehnke for lands located within the S1/2 of Section 36 in Big Stone Township.

Commissioner Stengel joins the meeting via telephone.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permits DR2024-75a, DR2024-75b, DR2024-75c, DR2024-75d and DR2024-75e for Chad Boehnke. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve permits DR2024-75a, DR2024-75b, DR2024-75c, DR2024-75d and DR2024-75e.

Berkner reported the drainage projects are for tiling 100 acres of land located within the S1/2 of Section 36 in Big Stone Township within the Whetstone River Watershed. The projects would have 5-inlets, of which 4 would be located within the footprint of 7 vested drainage ditches, and 5-outlets all draining into a wetland that drains north into a series of wetlands that have no natural outlet. The estimated maximum flow of the lateral tile could be as much as 530 gpm if installed at a .1% grade.

Chairman Tostenson asked Boehnke for any additional comments. Boehnke said he would be available for any questions if needed. Tostenson opened the public

hearing asking three separate times for comments in favor or against the permits. Greg Streich spoke on his concerns of the wetlands that would receive the water adjacent to his land that could take some of his land out of production. Keith Pillatzki, whose land is adjacent to these wetlands, stated in wet years he already has problems with cropland flooding.

Chairman Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting board discussion. After lengthy discussion it was suggested, a professional third-party review should be sought to determine what the impact of the proposed drainage project would have on downstream landowners since there is no natural outlet. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to table the original motion until the December 3rd drainage board meeting so more information could be reviewed on what options would be available to have the drainage project professionally reviewed and who would be responsible for paying those costs. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote to table the permits. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Stengel left the meeting at 9:38 AM.

Permits DR2024-76a, DR2024-76b, DR2024-76c and DR2024-76d for Doug Schneck for land located within the S1/2 of Section 26 in Alban West Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permits DR2024-76a, DR2024-76b, DR2024-76c and DR2024-76d for Doug Schneck. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve permits DR2024-76a, DR2024-76b, DR2024-76c and DR2024-76d.

Berkner said the drainage projects are for tiling approximately 45 acres of land located within the S1/2 of Section 26 in Alban West Township within the North Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. The projects would have 4-outlets, 1-5", 2-6" and 1-8", that would have an estimated flow rate of 188 gpm if installed at .1% grade. It is Berkner's opinion that the drainage projects conform to the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson asked Doug Schneck if he had any additional comments. Schneck said his objective is to reduce erosion by getting the water directly into the neighboring stream. Tostenson opened the public hearing asking three separate times for comments in favor or against the permits. No one responded.

Chairman Tostenson closed the public hearing inviting board discussion. Street commented that it looked very practical only tiling problem areas. Mach stated the road ditch directly adjacent to the waterway that flows parallel to 153rd Street is

often at risk of eroding the ditch and the drainage permit has three of the four outlets entering that waterway downstream of that location. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Tabled permit DR2024-65 for Vernon Township for land located within the SE1/4 of Section 25 of Vernon West Township and the SW1/4 of Section 30 in Vernon East Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to bring back to the table permit DR2024-65 for Vernon Township. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to bring back to the table permit DR2024-65. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to reopen the public hearing for DR2024-65. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to reopen the public hearing for DR2024-65. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Drainage Officer Berkner gave an update for DR2024-65. Vernon Township originally requested a permit to replace a 42" wide arched culvert with a 36" round culvert. The culverts have nearly the same size opening but the 36" culvert would have to be installed deeper to allow for the same estimated 9" of cover that existed from the top of the current culvert to the surface of the road. The culvert is in Vernon Township 484th Avenue between 158th and 159th Streets between Section 25 in Vernon West and Section 30 in Vernon East Township.

The township originally requested to replace an estimated arched 42" wide x 27" tall culvert, that had approximately 9" of cover from the surface of the road to the top of the culvert. The flowline was approximately 36" below the township road. With a 36" round culvert, if it had at least the same 9" of cover from the top of the 36" culvert to the surface of the road it's flowline would be at least 45" inches down from the road surface to its flowline, or 9" deeper.

At the October 1st meeting downstream landowners stated their concern about the additional quantity of water they would receive due to a 36" culvert being installed deeper.

Berkner said that after having recent conversations with Vernon Township, since the motion was tabled, their biggest concerns are that the replacement culvert would have nearly the same opening size as the culvert that was being replaced. Also, there would be at least the same amount of cover from the top of the culvert to the road surface if not a few inches more.

Berkner said according to the township if they couldn't install a 1-36" round culvert, that would be at least 9" deeper, they would consider 2-24" round culverts installed side by side at the same flowline as the existing 42" wide arched culvert. This would give them a few more inches of cover between the top of the two new 24" culverts and the road surface.

Berkner added the township also has concerns that the current flowline height is also being undermined during heavy runoff conditions. They believe lowering the flowline of any replacement culvert would be in the best interest of the township to avoid future erosion problems with the road and replacement culvert.

Berkner went over the size of openings and flowrates comparing the existing 42" wide arched culvert to either 1-36" round culvert, or 2-24" round culverts. Arguments could be made for or against which culverts, and at what flowline heights they are installed.

Chairman Tostenson asked Vernon Township supervisors Tim Wollschlager and John Loeschke if they have comments. The township supervisors spoke in favor of installing 2-24" round culverts at the same flowline elevation as the existing 42" wide culvert. They stated the 1-36" round culvert that would have to be installed 9" deeper. They have concerns that the current culvert height is being undermined and they may be forced to close the road for the winter if a decision isn't made soon.

Chairman Tostenson re-opened the public hearing stating since a second option was presented. The supervisors proposed having 2-24" side by side culverts installed at the same elevation of the existing 42" x 27" culvert, instead of 1-36" round culvert installed 9" deeper. Due to Vernon Township proposing the change the drainage board would hear additional public comments related to that possible change.

Chairman Tostenson called three separate times for comments in favor of permit DR2024-64. No one responded. Chairman Tostenson called three separate times for comments against permit DR2024-64. Upstream landowner Ben Wollschlager stated it is a vested waterway with a 36" culvert. The culvert size should not be decreased. Ryan Wollschlager doesn't want the culvert lowered than the current depth. Doug Wollschlager asked how the ditch and culvert will be maintained in the future. Steve Spiering, a landowner downstream from Ryan Wollschlager's land, stated he receives all the water that Ryan Wollschlager's doesn't take. Spiering believes this culvert improvement should not be at someone else's expense.

Tostenson closed the public hearing and invited board discussion. After a lengthy discussion, including comments from State’s Attorney Schwandt addressing any design chosen by Vernon Township and permitted by the county would be the Township’s responsibility to defend in court if needed. The county is doing their part in following their drainage ordinance and having a public hearing. Chairman Tostenson asked the parties involved if the drainage board would go into recess would they be interested in trying to work out a solution in private. Tostenson called for a recess.

After the recess Chairman Tostenson reconvened the drainage board meeting and asked the Vernon Township supervisors if they had reached a workable solution. They said they did and would like to change their permit application to be for a standard 42” wide arched steel culvert installed 5” deeper, instead of the 36” round culvert installed at least 9” deeper in their original permit application.

Drainage Officer Berkner stated the original permit for DR2024-65 is amended to read that a 42” wide arched culvert will be installed at a flowline elevation 5” lower than the existing arched culvert. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

This concluded the business of the Drainage Board. Chairman Tostenson adjourned the Drainage Board and reconvened as the Board of Commissioners.

General Election Canvass: The Board canvassed the results of the November 5th General Election. The results are as follows:

Milbank 1-1
Ballots Counted 346
Voters 346

Milbank 1-2
Ballots Counted 93
Voters 93

Milbank 2-1
Ballots Counted 157
Voters 157

Milbank 2-2
Ballots Counted 362
Voters 362

Milbank 3-1
Ballot Counted 59
Voters 59

Milbank 3-2
Ballots Counted 89
Voters 89

Milbank 3-3
Ballots Counted 438
Voters 438

41 Adams-Albee-Reville-Vernon
Ballots Counted 229
Voters 229

42 Alban
Ballots Counted 310
Voters 310

43 Big Stone City & Twp
Ballots Counted 431
Voters 431

44 Blooming Valley-Farmington-Lura
Ballots Counted 147
Voters 147

45 Georgia-LaBolt-Madison
Ballots Counted 158
Voters 158

46 Grant Center
Ballots Counted 225
Voters 225

47 Melrose
Ballots Counted 236
Voters 236

49 Mazeppa-Osceola-Marvin
Ballots Counted 111
Voters 111

52 Stockholm Town & Twp
Ballots Counted 83
Voters 83

53 Troy & Strandburg
Ballots Counted 57
Voters 57

54 Twin Brooks Town, Twp & Kilborn
Ballots Counted 163
Voters 163

Total ballots cast were 3,694 with a 76.02% turnout.

Motion by Buttke and seconded by Mach to certify the canvass of votes as correct and to sign the canvass certificate for the Secretary of State's Office. Motion carried 4-0.

Post Election Audit Selection: Auditor Folk conducted the Post Election Audit selection of the precinct to be hand counted. Precinct Milbank 1-1 was selected by random draw to meet the minimum requirement of 100 ballots to be hand counted. The Post Election Audit will be held on November 21, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the jury room of the courthouse.

Travel: None

County Assistance: None

Tyler Tech Quote: Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve the quote for \$3,480 from Tyler Technologies for tax management program training. Motion carried 4-0.

Unfinished Business: Chairman Tostenson reported on the Community Transit annual statistics from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. They had 23,688 riders with total miles traveled of 113,628.

New Business: The Commissioners discussed if there will be a need to develop an ordinance for high pressure pipelines in the county. Commissioner Mach said he will bring that topic up at the P & Z meeting next week. Commissioner Buttke stated he attended the conservation meeting in Webster and gave the commission an update on the status of the elevator project.

Correspondence: None

Claims: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the claims. Motion carried 4-0. ALBAN TOWNSHIP, contracted proj 86,355.40; MNB CLEANING, prof services 700.00; AUSTIN, STRAIT, BENSON, THOLE, court appt atty 345.00; AUTOVALUE, supplies 33.00; BANNER, contracted proj 504.00; BUTLER, parts 1,991.13; CENTER POINT, books 610.72; CHS, diesel & ethanol 5,519.88; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 1,397.67; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 10,307.32; CODY KELLY, prof services 200.00; CRAIG DEBOER, car wash card 97.11; DELORIS RUFER, lib rent 100.00; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, supplies 908.40; ESRI, computer repairs & maint 1,160.00; FIRST BANK & TRUST/VISA, motel, gas, computers 8,035.88; GEORGIA TOWNSHIP, RAIF reimbursement 5,848.91; GRAJCZYK LAW OFFICE, prof services 3,550.00; GRANT COUNTY REVIEW, publishing 3,061.89; HASSLEN CONSTRUCTION, contracted proj 8,395.00; IMEG CONSULTANTS, prof services 4,760.00; INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION, service worker 2,628.00; JASON LIEBE, prof services 1,200.00; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, parts 69.42; KEVIN MEYER, parts 100.39; KRISTIN WOODALL, court appt atty 7.80; LEWIS FAMILY DRUG, supplies 454.85; MCLEOD'S PRINTING, supplies 439.48; MIDCO, lib internet 108.92; MILBANK SCHOOL, allocation 35,000.00; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, natural gas 101.27; QUICK PRO LUBE, repair & maint 81.99; RELX, online charges 725.00; RIVER STREET PETROLEUM, diesel 15,533.79; ROBERTS CO SHERIFF, inmate housing 2,781.91; ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS, supplies 257.26; SCANTRON, minor equip & prof services 9,281.47; SCOTT BRATLAND, court appt atty 2,403.50; SD DEPT TRANSPORTATION, contracted proj 29,362.46; SUMNER DIESEL, parts 218.75; SUPERIOR CAPITAL HOLDINGS, repairs & maint 599.42; TRAPP PLUMBING, repairs & maint 185.64; TWIN VALLEY TIRE, repairs & maint 4,599.18; TYLER

TECHNOLOGIES, comp software 449.00; VALLEY RENTAL & RECYCLING, allocation 650.00; XEROX, copier rent 103.15; TOTAL: \$251,223.96.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the October 28, 2024, payroll are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 7,861.04; AUDITOR 10,418.23; ELECTION 1,870.35; TREASURER 6,311.14; STATES ATTORNEY 7,571.14; CUSTODIANS 3,612.14; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 5,277.20; REG. OF DEEDS 4,653.18; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1,359.60; SHERIFF 18,360.98; COMMUNICATION CTR 9,227.80; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 1,387.20; VISITING NEIGHBOR 1,751.61; LIBRARY 9,221.35; 4-H 3,165.13; WEED CONTROL 2,590.91; P&Z 1,197.80; DRAINAGE 791.00; ROAD & BRIDGE 31,119.42; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2,574.00. TOTAL: \$130,321.22.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 9,219.54; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 15,697.58; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 3,671.26; ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT, deduction 52.17; BREIT & BOOMSMA 27.69; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1,667.40; RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE DENTAL, ins. 391.89; RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE VISION, ins. 361.91; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee and Commission health ins. 52,408.05; COLONIAL LIFE, ins. 27.07; RELIANCE STANDARD BASE, life ins. 367.18; RELIANCE STANDARD SUPPLEMENTAL, life ins. 149.26; MASA, air ambulance 319.00; LEGAL SHIELD, deduction 38.85; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, child support 2,749.51; SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 1,458.33; SDRS, retire 14,831.46. TOTAL: \$103,438.15.

Executive Session: Motion by Buttke and seconded by Mach to enter in executive session at 11:35 AM for the purpose of a personnel issue(s) pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1). Motion carried 4-0. States Attorney Schwandt and Auditor Folk were present. Chairman Tostenson declared the meeting open to the public at 11:45 AM. No action was taken because of the executive session.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

1. Approve hiring Rochelle Reede as Administrative Assistant for 4-H at \$18.70 per hour effective 11-18-24
2. Approve grant application for the FY2026 Weed and Pest funds for approximate grant of \$5000.00
3. Approve signing agreement with the SD Office of Attorney General for new LiveScan Fingerprint machine at no cost to the county

4. Approve Cathy Halvorson as a Library volunteer effective 11-1-2024
5. Approve step increase for Visiting Neighbor aide Teri Spors to 6-month step on 10-10-24 at \$17.60 per hour
6. Approve step increase for Deputy Auditor Jennie Carrino to step 1 on 10-23-24 at \$21.80 per hour
7. Declare surplus a HP Pavilion Desktop PC 2334 Touchscreen, fixed asset 10155
8. Declare surplus a monitor model #vs14298, serial number 10492
9. Approve FortiGate subscription renewal with Secur-Serv for \$1,388.59 for 1 year (web filtering/anti-spam)
10. Approve change order with Secur-Serv for a PC replacement in the assessor's office for \$1,866.11
11. Approve ROW occupancy applications 2024-18 thru 2024-27 from Otter Tail Power for the overhead electrical line project

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 November 19, 2024, and December 3, 17 and 31, 2024, at the 4-H Complex. All meetings will begin at 8 AM. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

Kathy Folk, Grant County Auditor

William Tostenson, Chairman, Grant County Commissioners