

September 24, 2024

The Grant County Commission met at 8 AM 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 September 3rd, 2024 minutes. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes filed. Commissioner Assistant Layher asked to add the approval of a rumble strip and pavement marking agreement from SDDOT. Commissioner Stengel asked to add reporting on the commission convention and Commissioner Mach asked to add the reporting on the recent P & Z meeting. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to approve the agenda with the noted additions. Motion carried 5-0.

Present from the public were Twila Mursu, Dave Van Veen, Doug Schneck, Joyce Hartsoch, Tim Hartsoch, Gene Boerger, Sara Bohn, Jon Bork, Tom Wollschlager, David Kruger, and Devern Klemm. Staff members present were Commissioner Assistant Layher, Drainage Officer Berkner, Hwy Supt Peterson and States Attorney Schwandt.

**Public Comment:** Chairman Tostenson called for public comment. Sara Bohn asked what the process is to move forward with foreclosure of a trailer home in Twin Brooks on a lot they recently purchased. States Attorney Schwandt advised he will start the foreclosure process for the county.

Chairman Tostenson called twice more for public comment. There was no additional public comment.

The Auditor's Account with the Treasurer for August was noted.

**AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER**

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,  
Grant County:

I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the County Treasurer of the County of Grant as of the last day of August, 2024.

Cash on Hand	\$1,750.04
Checks in Treasurer's possession	
less than 3 days	\$23,938.93
Cash Items	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS ON HAND</b>	<b>\$26,688.97</b>

RECONCILED CHECKING

First Bank & Trust	\$21,565.09
Interest	\$0.00
Credit Card Transactions	\$8,891.41
First Bank & Trust (Svgs)	\$9,903,941.00

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

First Bank & Trust	\$0.00
First Bank & Trust (TIF)	\$0.00

**TOTAL CASH ASSETS**

**\$9,960,086.47**

**GENERAL LEDGER CASH BALANCES:**

General	\$4,107,422.89
General restricted cash	\$3,093,000.00
Cash Accounts for Offices General Fund	\$656.00
Sp. Revenue	\$1,443,832.26
Sp. Revenue restricted cash	\$0.00
Ambulance District	\$369.42
Henze Road District	\$0.00
TIF Milbank	\$0.00
TIF Rosewood Mil-3	\$0.00
TIF Koch	\$0.00
Special Assessment Land Rent	\$0.00
Trust & Agency (schools 38,896.28, twps 1,662.52 city/towns 17,387.49)	\$1,314,961.90
ACH Correction	\$0.00

**TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CASH**

**\$9,960,242.47**

Dated this 9th day of September, 2024

Kathy Folk  
County Auditor

The Register of Deeds fees for the month of August were \$10,181.75. The Clerk of Courts fees for the month of August were \$11,652.96. The Sheriff fees for the month of August were \$3,037.91 with \$2,497.91 received into the General Fund.

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

Permit DR2024-47 for Doug Schneck for land located within the W1/2 of Section 2 in Alban West Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to bring back to the table for discussion DR2024-47 for Doug Schneck after being tabled on August 20th. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to bring back to the table DR2024-47 for Doug Schneck. Motion carried 5-0.

Drainage Officer Berkner reported the permit is for tiling 30 acres of land located within the W1/2 of Section 2 in Alban West Township within the North Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. The project would have one inlet, near a culvert under 482nd Avenue, and 5 outlets, 2-5", 1-8" and 2-6". Berkner estimated the maximum flow from the lateral tiles of the combined outlets to be 490 gpm if installed at .1% grade. One of the outlets would use a solar operated discharge pump that would help drain water from a small 2-to-3-acre area. All the water would run onto land owned by the US Fish & Wildlife (USFW) before flowing downstream and eventually into Lake Albert. Berkner said he was contacted by USFW and they have no problems with the design. It is Berkner's opinion that the project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson asked for board discussion reminding the public in attendance the public hearing portion for DR2024-47 was held on August 20th. Commissioner Mach, who was not in attendance for the August 20th meeting, asked for additional information concerning a small wetland/retention pond located on the airport side, and the east side of 484th Avenue that feeds water to the culvert under 484th Avenue. Mach asked if those areas would be affected by the tile project. Schneck responded they wouldn't be affected.

Other areas of discussion included the estimated water volume outputs of the solar pump and the 15 to 18 acres of land from the south side of the project which is the biggest concern of those downstream landowners who spoke during the August 20th public hearing. Commissioner Street brought up the idea of requiring a hydrology study for the waterway flowing toward Lake Albert. Street made an intervening motion to request a hydrology study for this area. The motion died for lack of a second. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-1 with Street casting the "Nay" vote.

Permits DR2024-49a, DR2024-49b and DR2024-49c located within the W1/2 of Section 5 in Grant Center Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to bring back to the table for discussion drainage permits DR2024-49a, DR2024-49b and DR2024-49c, which was tabled for 30 days on August 20th. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to bring

back to the table permits DR2024-49a, DR2024-49b and DR2024-49c. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Tostenson stated the public comment section to approve the three drainage permits was held on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Berkner reported on permits DR2024-49a, DR2024-49b and DR2024-49c stating since the last meeting he had several conversations with Schneck who stated he is willing to amend his original 55-acre tile map design, located in the W1/2 of Section 5 in Grant Center Township within the Whetstone River Watershed. The design would drain both north and south, to only drain the 25-acre portion that would have 5 inlets and drain south through 2-10" outlets. Berkner estimated the designed water capacity of the southern lateral tiles to be an estimated .68 cfs or 306 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. It is Berkner's opinion that the project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson asked Schneck whether grassy areas would be in place to help filter outletting water. Schneck answered yes. After a brief discussion, it was motioned by Mach and seconded by Street to amend the original motion to approve the permit application to reflect only the southern 25-acre drainage design of the project as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Tostenson reminded those that have completed tiling projects to finalize them and to pay their permit fees when the application is filed with the Drainage Officer. Two years after the issuance of the permit, the drainage project should be completed. If this is not completed, the applicant must reapply.

Permits DR2024-54a and DR2024-54b for Adam Bury for lands located within the E1/2 of Section 27 in Alban West Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve permits DR2024-54a and DR2024-54b for Adam Bury. Motion by Street and seconded by Mach to approve permits DR2024-54a and DR2024-54b.

Berkner said the project is for tiling 10 acres of land located within the E1/2 of Section 27 in Alban West Township within the North Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. The drainage project would have 1-inlet, alongside 482nd Avenue. The one outlet could be up to a 10". It is estimated the amount of water to be drained will have a flow rate of .16 cfs or 75 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. Berkner said according to the permittee their current intention is to install the inlet and main this year and re-permit other areas to connect to the main in the future. It

is Berkner's opinion that the drainage project conforms to the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing asking three times for comments in favor or against DR2024-54a and DR2024-54b. No one responded. Bury was not available for comment.

Chairman Tostenson closed the public hearing and invited board discussion. Commissioner Stengel commented that the main tile would be more than adequate for future expansion. With no more discussion, Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2024-55 for Jerry Bury for land located within the SE1/4 of Section 10 in Alban West Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve permit DR2024-55 for Jerry Bury. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve permit DR2024-55.

Berkner said the project is for tiling 4 acres of land located within the SE1/4 of Section 10 in Alban West Township within the North Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. The drainage project would cross 482nd Avenue and connect to previously permitted DR2024-46a. Berkner estimated the amount of water to be drained will have a flow rate of .07 cfs or 31 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. It is Berkner's opinion that the drainage project conforms to the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing asking three times for comments in favor or against DR2024-55. No one responded. Bury was not available for comment.

Chairman Tostenson closed the public hearing and invited board discussion. With minimal discussion, Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2024-56a, DR2024-56b and DR2024-56c for Tom Wollschlager for properties located within the SE1/4 of Section 16, and the W1/2 of Section 15, both in Georgia Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve permits DR2024-56a, DR2024-56b and DR2024-56c for Tom Wollschlager. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve permits DR2024-56a, DR2024-56b and DR2024-56c.

Berkner reported the drainage project is in Georgia Township and is for tiling 35 acres of land in total, with 5 acres located in the SE1/4 of Section 16 which would connect to previously permitted DR2010-37a, and 30 acres in the W1/2SW1/4 and SW1/4NW1/4 in Section 15, all within the South Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. The 5-acres of drainage would be connected to the existing main tile of DR2010-37a, and the 30-acres being tiled would drain thru 5 new outlets, 2-5", 1-6", 1-8" and 1-10", all emptying into grassy waterways. Berkner estimated the maximum outletting flow of all the lateral tiles would be equal to .7 cfs or 314 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. Berkner added that it is his opinion that the drainage project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing and asked Wollschlager for any additional comments. Wollschlager explained the 5-acre side being added to the existing tile is to clean up some wet-spots and the 30-acre side with new tile is designed to reduce erosion. Tostenson asked three times for both comments in favor and against the drainage project. No one responded. Tostenson then closed the public hearing inviting drainage board discussion.

With no more discussion, Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2024-57a and DR2024-57b for Tom Wollschlager for properties located within NE1/4 in Section 15 in Troy Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve permits DR2024-57a and DR2024-57b for Tom Wollschlager. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mach to approve permits DR2024-57a and DR2024-57b.

Berkner said the permit is to tile 35 acres of land located within the NE1/4 of Section 15 in Troy Township within the North Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. The drainage project would have 3-inlets and 2-outlets, 1-8" and 1-12", and would drain directly into a well-established grass waterway with a maximum design flow for the lateral tile of .6 cfs capacity or 270 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. It is Berkner's opinion that the project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing for DR2024-57a and DR2024-57b asking three times for comments in favor or against. No one responded. Wollschlager was asked to comment specifically about the inlets. Wollschlager said they are only there to catch water, reduce erosion and all would drain through a grassy waterway. Tostenson closed the public hearing.

With no discussion Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2024-58a and DR2024-58b for Jon Bork for properties located within the S1/2 of Section 19 in Adams East Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve drainage permit DR2024-58a and DR2024-58b for Jon Bork. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Stengel to approve permits DR2024-58a and DR2024-58b.

Berkner stated the permit application is related to previously permitted DR2024-39a and DR2024-39b. Bork agreed to find an alternate outlet to tile 75 acres of land located within the S1/2 of Section 19 in Adams East Township within the Lac Qui Parle River Watershed. The project would have 1-inlet near culverts that flow east under 484th Avenue and 1-15" outlet that would drain east along SD Highway 20. It is estimated the tile will have a maximum water flow capacity of 1 cfs or 475 gpm if installed at a 1% grade.

Berkner said drainage permits DR2024-58a and DR2024-59b are in response to a request of the drainage board, and other downstream landowners, that Bork consider an alternate design for draining the southernmost water of his original drainage permits, DR2024-39a and DR2024-39b, where originally Bork sought to drain 145 acres to the north. His current request is to drain half of that water straight east. It is Berkner's opinion that the project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing portion for the permits asking Bork for any additional comments. Bork said he had no comments. Tostenson then asked three separate times for comments in favor or against the permits. No one responded.

After closing the public hearing Tostenson invited drainage board discussion. The discussion was on whether the new path sought for outletting water for permits DR2024-58a and DR2024-58b, is within the same watershed as the water drained in DR2024-39a, DR2024-39b. Berkner said they are in the same watershed and that both paths eventually meet up a few miles downstream just before crossing into Minnesota.

With no more discussion, Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Permit DR2024-59 for David Kruger for land located within the W1/2 of Section 32 in Kilborn Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve DR2024-59 for David Kruger. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Mach to approve DR2024-59 for David Kruger.

Berkner said the permit application is to tile 40 acres of land located in the W1/2 of Section 32 in Kilborn Township within the Whetstone River Watershed. The project would have two outlets, 1-8" and 1-12". The water drained through the two outlets would have a combined design water flow capacity of 448 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. Berkner stated it is his opinion that the project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing asking Kruger for any additional comments. Kruger said he will have to change the location of a few lateral tiles to miss a farmable wetland he wasn't aware of until recently. The outlet to the north, going across his neighbor's land will be increased from a 12" tile to a 15" tile to accommodate that neighbor's request to eventually hook into that tile with their own future drainage permit. Kruger said that change also came with a request that an inlet at that location be added. Kruger said he felt those changes would most likely have little effect on the quantity of water being drained from his land. His footprint would remain the same which should greatly reduce the amount of water entering the inlet.

Chairman Tostenson then asked three separate times for comments in favor or against the project. No one responded. Tostenson closed the public hearing and called for board discussion. State's Attorney Schwandt spoke about the changes described by the permittee, the addition of an inlet and up-sizing from a 12" main to a 15" main. Schwandt said if it is going to be considered that way it would have to be considered as an amended permit application. Schwandt then stressed that those types of changes to an original drainage permit would have to have a negligible impact to the overall original drainage permit design otherwise a new public notice would have to be placed in the paper and mailed again to the two-mile downstream landowners.

After a short discussion, the board was unanimous that the changes requested would have a negligible effect to the original drainage permit design. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.



Permit DR2024-60a and DR2024-60b for Paul Nelson for lands located within the SE1/4 of Section 6 and SW1/4 of Section 5, both in Adams East Township.

Chairman Tostenson called for a motion to approve permits DR2024-60a and DR2024-60b for Paul Nelson. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve permits DR2024-60a and DR2024-60b.

Berkner stated the permits are to tile 45 acres of land located within the SE1/4 of Section 6, and the SW1/4 of Section 5, both in Adams East Township within the South Branch of the Yellow Bank River Watershed. Berkner said the drainage project would have 2-inlets and 1-12" outlet and would drain directly into a well-established tree lined waterway with a design flow capacity of 213 gpm if installed at a .1% grade. It is Berkner's opinion that the project conforms to questions asked in the county's drainage ordinance. Nelson was not available for comments.

Chairman Tostenson opened the public hearing for DR2024-60a and DR2024-60b asking three separate times for comments in favor or against. No one responded.

Chairman Tostenson invited board discussion. Commissioner Street said he had gone over the project with Nelson and thought it was a good project. Street said during that discussion with Nelson it was stated that Tim Wollschlager, who owns the land directly to the north in the NE1/4 of Section 6 who was recently granted a drainage permit DR2024-33, could probably share a common outletting tile and is there any way a change to Wollschlager's permit could be allowed while considering Nelson's permit.

States Attorney Schwandt stated that technically if it is a change in Wollschlager's original drainage permit design in where the water, or how the water, is being drained that would require an amended permit by Wollschlager. A copy of DR2024-33 was not available at the time of the board discussion.

With no more discussion, Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**Hwy Dept: ROW Permits:** Hwy Supt Peterson had several ROW permits to be approved. Motion by Buttke and seconded by Stengel to approve the ROW 2024-14 permit for NorthWestern Energy on CR 31/480<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Section 4 and 5, T120, R48. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel to

approve ROW 2024-15 permit from Otter Tail Power Company to cross CR 45 in T121, R47, S24. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Street and seconded by Buttke to approve ROW 2024-16 permit from Northwestern Farm Management Company for CR 26 between Section 9 and 10, T119, R50. Motion carried 5-0.

Spillway/culvert: Supt Peterson reported on the elevations in this area that was taken by Banner Engineering in 2015. The area is very flat with only approximately 3 inches in difference in elevation over the entire area. A lengthy discussion was held. The Commission reiterated it is the landowner's responsibility to clean out the creeks on private land. The county cannot go on private land and clean runs. Motion by Mach and seconded by Stengel that an elevation study was done in 2015 to determine the elevations and the heights are in accordance with normal drainage practices. Therefore, no further work will be done by the county. Skoog should contact his neighbor to clean out the runs with the landowners working together to solve the issue. Chairman Tostenson called for the vote. Motion carried 4-1 with Street voting Nay.

**5-Year Plan:** Auditor Folk reported there are no changes to the 5-year Highway Plan that was presented at the hearing on September 3. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to adopt the 5-year Highway Plan as presented and the following resolution. Motion carried 5-0. Resolution adopted.

### **Grant County Resolution of Adoption**

#### RESOLUTION 2024-11

#### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GRANT COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Transportation Local Bridge and Improvement Grant Fund requires that in order to be eligible to apply for Bridge Improvement Grant funds, Counties are required to develop a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, hereinafter referred to as Plan; and

WHEREAS, Grant County has utilized the South Dakota Department of Transportation, County Staff, the First District Association of Local Governments, Townships, and the general public in developing the various components of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes maps and lists identifying an inventory of highways and bridges, project needs, and revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Grant County held a public meeting on September 3, 2024 to solicit input into the Plan, and the citizens who attended expressed an interest in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County will be able to use the Plan as a tool to budget for transportation enhancements and better coordinate transportation issues with other entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE GRANT COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR GRANT COUNTY.

Dated at Grant County, South Dakota this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

ATTEST: Kathy Folk  
Grant County Auditor

William J. Tostenson  
Grant County Commissioner Chair

**Pavement marking:** Commissioner Assistant Layher presented the Agreement for State Projects PH 0010(166) PCN 06UC with the SD DOT for pavement markings, rumble strips and signage on the county asphalt roads. The State pays 100% of the cost. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to authorize Chairman Tostenson to sign the Agreement for State Projects PH 001(166) PCN 06UC with the SD DOT. Motion carried 5-0.

**2025 Budget:** The Commission reviewed the final changes to the 2025 budget, the County’s tax call for 2025, the levies for the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund and the Jail Bond. Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to adopt the following list of revisions to the Provisional Budget for the 2025 final budget. Motion carried 5-0.

CHANGES FOR 2025 ADOPTED BUDGET

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	PROVISIONAL	ADOPTED	
CHANGE			
REVENUE			
CASH APPLIED	1,147,917	1,089,527	58,390
TOTAL REVENUE CHANGES			58,390
 <b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	 PROVISIONAL	 ADOPTED	 CHANGE
REVENUE			
CASH APPLIED	443,118	427,758	-58,390
TOTAL REVENUE CHANGES			-58,390
 <b>JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</b>	 PROVISIONAL	 ADOPTED	 CHANGE
REVENUE			

	PROCEEDS FROM BONDS ISSUED	4,000,000	4,000,000
	INTEREST EARNED	2,000	2,000
	TOTAL REVENUE CHANGES		4,002,000
EXPENSE			
	CONTRACTED PROJECTS	4,000,000	
4,000,000			
	INTEREST	2,000	2,000
	TOTAL EXPENSE CHANGES	4,002,000	4,002,000
<b>JAIL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>PROVISIONAL</b>	<b>ADOPTED</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
REVENUE			
	PROPERTY TAXES	500,000	500,000
	INTEREST EARNED	200	200
	TOTAL REVENUE CHANGES		500,200
EXPENSE			
	BOND PRINCIPAL	500,000	500,000
	INTEREST EXPENSE	200	200
	TOTAL EXPENSE CHANGES		500,200
TOTAL PROVISIONAL VS. ADOPTED CHANGES	- 0 -	4,502,200	
4,502,200			

Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to adopt the 2025 Budget Resolution to establish the tax call and levy. Motion carried 5-0. Resolution adopted.

2024-12  
 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR GRANT COUNTY, SD  
 For the year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR GRANT COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Whereas (7-21-5 thru 13) SDCL, provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the county and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and

Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR Grant County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County, South Dakota this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of County Auditor, Grant County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Grant County for the year January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Grant County, South Dakota.

William Tostenson, Chairman  
Marty Buttke, Commissioner  
William Street, Commissioner  
Doug Stengel, Commissioner  
Michael Mach, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathy Folk  
County Auditor

COUNTY TAX LEVIES	DOLLARS	\$'s/1000
GENERAL COUNTY PURPOSES	\$5,438,614	3.583
COUNTY ROAD and BRIDGE (10-12-13)	350,604	.231
COUNTY JAIL BOND	500,000	.560
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	\$6,289,218	4.143

**Travel:** Motion by Buttke and seconded by Street to approve travel expenses for Justin Layher to attend the annual road conference in Sioux Falls. Motion carried 5-0.

**County Assistance:** None

**Auditor's Vault:** Commissioner Assistant Layher stated the architect from the elevator project has been measuring the auditor's lower vault to determine how much space is needed for the construction of the elevator shaft. The architect

recommends removing all the records from the room to prevent damage from the dust and construction. Ideas were discussed on where to store the records.

**Plat Size:** P & Z Officer Berkner presented information as requested by the commission on changing the minimum plat sizes from 2 acres to 3-5 acres due to all the variances created due to the current plat size of 2 acres. His office currently does 7-8 variances per year. Chairman Tostenson called for a motion. Motion by Street and seconded by Stengel to have Berkner and Commissioner Mach do a study with the P & Z committee to determine if the plat size should be increased. Motion carried 5-0.

**P & Z:** Commissioner Mach discussed the two CUP permits they granted for Laramie Peiker and Justin DeVaal. They also granted a CUP permit for the Blooming Valley Dairy to increase their herd size from 6,200 to 8,800 head mature dairy cows. They are now to the maximum size. If they want to grow bigger, they will have to increase their lagoon size.

**Applicator Training:** Interim 4-H Director Mueller asked if their office could host private applicator training webinars at the 4-H Complex. The Commissioner gave their consent to schedule the webinars with SDSU.

**Bike Path Trees:** Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttker to plant trees along the bike path in the open area adjacent to the DeBoer property in the Henze Addition. Motion carried 5-0.

**Unfinished Business:** Commissioner Assistant Layher reported Roberts County did not agree to pay our WIC employee for her travel or time to assist their clients. Layher said the DOH contract requires the county to share our WIC employee with other counties as needed. Grant County will get reimbursed for the Roberts County cases she handles.

**New Business:** Commissioner Mach said there is a First District meeting on September 26. Commissioner Stengel reported on the seminars he attended at the commissioner conference.

**Correspondence:** None

**Claims:** Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttker to approve the claims. Motion carried 5-0. MNB CLEANING, prof services 700.00; AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE, health services 450.00; BANNER, contracted proj 17,980.63; BIG

STONE CO SHERIFF, prof services 103.55; BITUMINOUS PAVING, patching 18,465.15; BORNS GROUP, mailing expense 1,728.10; CHS, ethanol & supplies 1,811.06; CITY OF MILBANK, water & sewer 197.30; CITY OF WATERTOWN, 911 surcharge 9,881.96; CITY OF WATERTOWN, non-emergency dispatch 6,000.00; CRAIG DEBOER, car wash card 6.30; DUANE ATHEY, repair & maint 88.00; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, prof services & supplies 1,211.71; EMERGENCY SERVICE MARKETING, contracted proj 2,800.00; FISHER SAND & GRAVEL, gravel 1,600.47; FLAT RATE, gravel 5,137.65; G & R CONTROLS, repairs & maint 36.19; FOOD-N-FUEL, gas 41.06; GRAJCZYK LAW OFFICE, prof services 300.00; GRANT COUNTY LIBRARY, supplies 697.21; GRANT COUNTY REVIEW, publishing 2,692.82; GRANT-ROBERTS RURAL WATER, water usage 44.90; H & H CAR CARE REPAIR, repairs & maint 735.86; INGRAM, books 2,032.10; INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION, service worker 2,628.00; ITC, phone & internet 2,212.42; VALLEY EXPRESS, publishing 195.00; JASON SACKREITER, garbage service 480.00; JDHQ HOTELS, motel 214.00; LEWIS FAMILY DRUG, supplies 678.55; MANUEL CARDENAS, repair & maint, 2,205.15; MARSHALL & SWIFT, ref books 3,786.05; METOCHOL GROUP, supplies 375.00; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, scanner rent 787.00; MORPHO USA, computer maint 2,854.00; MUNDWILER FUNERAL HOME, prof services 3,830.00; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, natural gas 45.00; NOVAK SANITARY SERVICE, shredding services 255.15; OTTER TAIL POWER, electricity 3,350.76; R.D. OFFUTT, repair & maint 6,358.33; RELX, online charges 967.11; ROBERTS CO TREASURER, hwy project 43,672.20; ROLLIN MOREHOUSE, gravel royalties 79,200.00; RUNNINGS, supplies 591.01; SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, supplies 249.72; SCANTRON, prof services 6,225.16; SD ASSN CO COMMISSIONERS, clerp 695.00; SD DEPT OF HEALTH, health services 2,070.44; SDVSOA, dues 50.00; STAR LAUNDRY, rentals 17.92; STATE OF SD, supplies 23.00; US HOTEL ACS VENTURES, motel 359.16; VALLEY OFFICE PRODUCTS, supplies 1,343.71; VALLEY SHOPPER, publishing 28.83; WHETSTONE HOME CENTER, supplies 50.97; WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC, electricity 1,010.36; XEROX, copier rent 263.71; TOTAL: \$241,789.48.

AUGUST 2024 MONTHLY FEES: SDACO, ROD modernization fee 222.00; SD DEPT OF REVENUE, monthly fees 162,732.59. SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales & use tax 246.57. TOTAL: \$163,201.16.

Payroll for the following departments and offices for the September 14, 2024, payroll are as follows: COMMISSIONERS 7,861.04; AUDITOR 8,093.40; ELECTION 555.00; TREASURER 6,177.24; STATES ATTORNEY 7,571.14;

CUSTODIANS 3,582.70; DIR. OF EQUALIZATION 4,689.69; REG. OF DEEDS 5,141.58; VET. SERV. OFFICER 1,483.20; SHERIFF 19,429.63; COMMUNICATION CTR 9,176.60; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE 1,387.20; VISITING NEIGHBOR 1,821.04; LIBRARY 9,092.78; 4-H 3,065.00; WEED CONTROL 2,506.14; P&Z 971.80; DRAINAGE 1,096.10; ROAD & BRIDGE 30,984.99; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2,574.00. TOTAL: \$127,260.27.

Payroll Claims: FIRST BANK & TRUST, Fed WH 9,144.57; FIRST BANK & TRUST, FICA WH & Match 15,356.42; FIRST BANK & TRUST, Medicare WH & Match 3,591.44; ACCOUNTS MANAGEMENT, deduction 80.76; BREIT & BOOMSMA, 27.69; AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE, AFLAC ins. 1,720.32; RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE DENTAL, ins. 402.10; RELIANCE STANDARD SUPPLEMENT LIFE, ins. 160.75; WELLMARK-BLUE CROSS OF SD, Employee health ins. 1,881.01; OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, child support 585.00; SDRS SUPPLEMENTAL, deduction 1,358.33; SDRS, retire 14,383.47. TOTAL: \$48,691.86.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Mach and seconded by Street to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve step increase for Lisa Tiesing to 1 year rate of \$23.05 effective 9-11-24
2. Approve plat of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Jim and Nancy Weber Addition, in the SE1/4 of Section 24, Township 118 North, Range 49 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Grant County, South Dakota
3. Approve 1 yr renewal agreement with ESRI for \$1,160.00

Commissioner Street left the meeting at 11:35 AM.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to enter executive session at 11:35 AM for the purpose of a personnel issue(s) pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) and litigation issue per SDCL 1-25-2(3). Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Assistant Layher, States Attorney Schwandt, Sheriff Owen, DOE Steinlicht and Auditor Folk were present. Chairman Tostenson declared the meeting open to the public at 2:15 PM. Motion by Mach and seconded by Buttke to approve four new hires: Mattison Scott as temporary 4-H assistant at \$15.00 per hour effective 8-23-24, Alan Chrzanowski as full-time dispatcher at \$19.10 per hour effective 9-16-24, Reed Hartman as a part-time Deputy Assessor at \$22.00 per hour effective 9-23-24 and full-time effective 10-21-24, and Abbey Heisinger as a full-time Deputy Auditor at \$21.30 per hour effective 9-25-24. Motion carried 4-0.



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 October 1 and 15, 2024 and November 7 (Thursday) and 19, 2024 at 8 AM in the basement meeting room. Motion by Stengel and seconded by Buttke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Kathy Folk, Grant County Auditor

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William Tostenson, Chairman, Grant County Commissioners