

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 5, 2021

Sanborn County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:00 am, with Jeff Ebersdorfer, Steve Larson, Paul Larson, and Gary Blindauer present. Auditor Diane Larson and Deputy Auditor Kami Moody were also present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This being the annual reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners, the county auditor called for nominations for chairman of the board. S. Larson nominated Jeff Ebersdorfer. Motion by P. Larson, seconded by Blindauer that nominations cease. Motion carried. Ebersdorfer will be Chairman. Ebersdorfer called for nominations for vice-chairman. Blindauer nominated Steve Larson. Motion by P. Larson, seconded by Blindauer, that nominations cease. Motion carried. Steve Larson will be the vice-chairman. Motion by Blindauer, seconded by P. Larson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Stacy Mendenhall, Highway Superintendent, and Sheri Kogel, Highway Administrative Assistant, met with the board. Jason Coenen was present with the highway department to discuss option about purchasing a drone. Motion by P. Larson, second by Blindauer to purchase a drone and a mini-iPad. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by S. Larson to adopt the Utility Occupancy Application Permit. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by P. Larson, second by Blindauer to change the fees from \$20 to \$150 for an over width permit and from \$20 to \$175 for an overweight permit.

JEFF LARSON & TOM FRIDLEY

Jeff and Tom were present to discuss plans moving forward with office space.

RAY OHLROGGE

Ray Ohlrogge has submitted his Letter of Resignation that was received on 12/30/2020. Motion by Blindauer, second by P. Larson to accept Ray's resignation. All ayes, motion carried.

BRULE COUNTY JAIL

Auditor Larson presented the contract between the Sanborn County Sheriff's Department and the Brule County Sheriff's Department, regarding prisoner care. Beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, the contract will remain the same as last year, at \$60.00 per day. Motion by P. Larson, seconded by Blindauer, to approve the contract. All ayes, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND FEES

Chairman Ebersdorfer mad the following appointments: Mental Health Board/Drug – Alcohol Board, Paul Larson; District III: Jeff Ebersdorfer; 4-H Advisory Board: Steve Larson; Sanborn Co Rural Development: Jeff Ebersdorfer; County Planner: Penny Farris; Economic Development Board: New

Board Member will fill; SD Housing Authority Board: Jeff Ebersdorfer; Drainage Board: Gary Blindauer and Paul Larson; Planning & Zoning: Steve Larson. Motion by S. Larson, seconded by Blindauer to approve the appointments. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by P. Larson, to establish a cost of \$2,400.00 for County burial or Cremation plus \$.75 per mile within the State. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S. Larson, seconded by Blindauer, that the following places be designated for holding chattel mortgage sales in Sanborn County for 2021: Front Door of Courthouse, City of Woonsocket; Between Block Four and Five, Original Plat, Town of Letcher; The public street on the North side of the Cortrust Bank, City of Artesian. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by P. Larson, seconded by Blindauer to designate Cortrust Bank of Artesian, First National Bank South Dakota, Dakotaland Federal Credit Union, SD Public Funds Investment Trust (FIT), as Legal Depositories and the Sanborn Weekly Journal as the legal Newspaper. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by S. Larson to approve expenses for CO Commissioners, CO Officials, and CO Employees to attend all scheduled meetings pertaining to CO Business for 2021. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S. Larson, seconded by P. Larson to pay bills each meeting. All ayes, motion carried

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by P. Larson to set mileage (.42 per mile) and Meals (\$6, \$14, \$20) at State Rates. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by P. Larson, seconded by Blindauer to set the wage of election workers at \$150 plus mileage per day and to pay \$35 plus mileage for school of instruction, if attended. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S. Larson, seconded by P. Larson to declare old iron, used bridge planks, old culvers, used tires and old parts as surplus with maximum value of \$1000. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S. Larson, seconded by P. Larson to use the state bid list for county purchases. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by P. Larson to set the commissioners' salary at \$7500 annually, plus insurance, no mileage. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by S. Larson to appoint Jason Coenen as the Emergency Management Director. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S Larson, seconded by P. Larson to establish four (4) or less voting precincts. All ayes, motion carried.

Precincts will be as follows:

- Precinct #1: Afton, Floyd, Benedict, Oneida, Artesian City, Diana, Union, Ravenna -
Artesian Community Center
- Precinct #2: Butler, Letcher, Letcher City, Logan, & Elliott –
Letcher Community Center
- Precinct #4: Jackson, Twin Lake, Woonsocket Township, Silver Creek Township, Ward 2-

Woonsocket Community Center
Precinct #5: Wards 1 & 3, Warren Township –
Woonsocket Community Center

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by P. Larson to set the wages for meeting of extension, planning & zoning, and drainage at the rate of \$45, per meeting plus mileage. All ayes, motion carried.

By agreement of the board, the annual meeting with towns and townships will be on February 16 at 1 pm at the 4-H Building.

Motion by P. Larson, seconded by Blindauer to set the wage for extra part-time help for the Register of Deed, Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff’s Office and Janitor at the minimum wage of \$9.45. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by S. Larson that the Register of Deeds will submit the money collected in that office each month to the treasurer by the 20th of the following month and the Sheriff by the 15th. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Blindauer, seconded by P. Larson to pay \$50 per month for cell phone usage for Deputy Sheriff, \$25 for Sheriff Secretary, and \$50 for Highway Superintendent and Highway Secretary, for usage of their personal cell phone for county business. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by S. Larson, seconded by P. Larson to approve the ambulance roster on file in the auditor’s office. All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS & BILLS

Auditor and Treasurer in all accounts	\$3,476,978.84
Register of Deeds	\$2,226.00

Motion by S. Larson, seconded by Blindauer to approve a 3% raise for the staff for the year of 2021. All ayes, motion carried.
Salaries including the insurance incentive are as follows:

Tom Fridley, Sheriff	Annually	\$56,116.25
Jason Coenen, Deputy Sheriff	Annually	\$43,475.84
Josh Starzman, Deputy Sheriff	Annually	\$38,192.40
Jason Coenen, Emergency Management	Annually	\$6,835.80
Jeff Larson, States Attorney	Annually	\$47,954.8
Penny Farris, Director of Equalization	Annually	\$44,729.34
Elizabeth Hoffman, Clerk	Annually	\$28,640.86
Karen Krueger, Treasurer	Annually	\$50,896.98
Diane Larson, Auditor	Annually	\$49,458.01
Lynn Brueske, Register of Deeds	Annually	\$48,736.98
Steve Larson, Commissioner	Annually	\$7,500.00
Gary Blindauer, Commissioner	Annually	\$7,500.00
Paul Larson, Commissioner	Annually	\$7,500.00
Jeff Ebersdorfer, Commissioner	Annually	\$7,500.00

Stacy Mendenhall, Highway Superintendent	Annually	\$50,606.36
Sheri Kogel, Office Manager	Annually	\$46,107.78
Kami Moody, Deputy Auditor	Hourly	\$18.50
Jamie Miller, Janitor	Hourly	\$16.00
Abby Mathis, Deputy Auditor & Treasurer	Hourly	\$15.00
Jodi Schrank, Deputy Register of Deeds	Hourly	\$13.50
Perianne Clendenning, Secretary	Hourly	\$12.46
Sherryl Rankin, Secretary	Hourly	\$12.46
Dayna Opsahl, Secretary	Hourly	\$12.10
Brian Pearson, Highway	Hourly	\$21.77
David Hjelm, Highway	Hourly	\$18.53
Jim Luthi, Highway	Hourly	\$17.54
Heath Larson, Highway	Hourly	\$16.18
Alan Larson Jr, Highway	Hourly	\$16.18
James Gorter, Highway	Hourly	\$15.45
Richard Miller, Highway	Hourly	\$15.45
Stuart Christian, Highway	Hourly	\$15.45

There being no further business before the board, motion by Blindauer, seconded by P. Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday January 19, 2021.

Diane Larson

Jeff Ebersdorfer

Sanborn County Auditor

Chairman of the Board, Sanborn County