

**Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
January 7, 2025**

9:00 A.M. Present are Supervisors Kim Wermersen, Stephen Dullard, Levi Markwardt, Steve Clark vice-chairperson, and Chairperson Bill Leupold.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

Spring Jones, Veterans Affairs Director, present for further discussion on approval of her employee going from part-time to full-time. Jones stated that numbers have doubled with walk in clients and phone calls. After further discussion, it was moved by Wermersen, seconded by Dullard, for Kay Miller to go from part-time to full-time effective immediately with the same hourly rate for FY '25. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to approve the January 2, 2025 board meeting minutes as amended. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Dullard, to approve the drainage claim for JT2 BR 60 D&O to Dickinson County News in the amount of \$48.30. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the drainage claim for JT3 D&O to Dickinson County News in the amount of \$124.46. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Wermersen started discussion on rescinding the 28E agreement of sharing mental health advocate services with Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region due to department of health and human services changes. Beginning July 1, 2025, the state will implement behavioral health districts. Dickinson County will be one of fourteen counties within the new district. The current agreement will end June 30th, 2025. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the FY '26 ISAC Wellness Program Plan Agreement for all insured employees. The county will be providing \$75 per employee after completion of the online assessment, the physician physical form, and the county reaches the 80% participation in the wellness program. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Leupold recused and stepped out of the room when discussing a supervisor-chair stipend of \$1000. Clark explained to the remaining board members that the chair has extra duties when being the chair of the board of supervisors and should receive a stipend for those extra duties. After further discussion, it was moved by Dullard, seconded by Markwardt to approve the supervisor-chair stipend of \$1,000.00 to Chairman Leupold. Roll call vote: Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-aye, and Clark-aye.

Collin Klingbeil, Jacobson Westergard P.E., present for drainage reports that have been received in the auditor's office. The first report is for JT61 Br 399 CDE. This will show that it is Br399 but in the reclassification report, it will be Br 398. Klingbeil stated that there are numerous areas in this branch that show there is very little that helps drain this ditch and an improvement project has been requested by a landowner via petition. After further discussion, it was moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to accept the Engineer's report tentatively and set an informational hearing for January 28th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Klingbeil also had a letter report that was received in the auditor's office for a repair and/or improvement for DD25 Br48-9. It was moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to set an informational meeting for January 28th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and a letter be sent to all landowners in and around the branch. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

The Board gave their board and committee reports and continued into general discussion. There being no further items presented to the board, moved by Clark, seconded by Dullard, to adjourn. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairperson at 10:13 a.m.

_____ William Leupold, Chairperson

_____ Lori Pedersen, Auditor