

Official Proceedings
County of Codington, Watertown, South Dakota
Codington County Courthouse
14 1st Ave SE

August 16, 2016

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 16th, 2016, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Elmer Brinkman, and Brenda Hanten; Chairman Elmer Brinkman presiding.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the agenda; all present voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to approve the minutes of August 9th, 2016; all present voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Highway Supt., Rick Small, updated the board on the following items: gravel stockpile bid contract; rumble striping on County Road 6 is complete; the window project at the shop is partially complete; problems have arisen with the computer program used with the fuel system; milling is complete on 14th Ave and 10th St West near the Highway Dept. and the milling shavings will be mixed with gravel for future road shoulder work; the railroad crossing on County Road 6, in Waverly Township, is in need of repair and County residents are encouraged to contact Railroad officials about the disrepair of the crossing; the County wide signing project is underway in the NW part of the County; and the regrading project on County Road 20 continues as weather permits. **Facility Manager, Milo Ford**, reported on the following: Memorial Park – water levels at the boat landing are still critically low after recent rains and the City will soon receive bids on the bike trail project which will run through the Memorial Park campground. Courthouse – slight water seepage has occurred in the basement after a 3+ inch rain on August 12th and the project to reseal and repair the parking lot has been completed. Detention Center – numerous water leaks have occurred after the rain received August 12th with a number of ceiling panels, on two different levels, ruined in the facility. Mr. Ford has contacted a contractor for estimates to repair or possibly completely replace the roof on the Detention Center. Extension Center Complex – Water seepage occurred in the County Offices area of the complex and in the barn area. Mr. Ford has authorized a project to install drain tile between the buildings at the complex to avoid further water problems in the future. The County/City parking lot project at the complex has a tentative start date of August 22nd. West Nile – recent rains in the area have resulted in an increase of flood mosquitoes but not necessarily mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus. **Veteran’s Service Officer, Al Janzen**, reported 121 appointments/walk-ins and 5 medical trips with 11 riders in the month of July. The Veteran Service Office received assistance from a Veterans Service State Field Officer and the Brookings County Veterans Service Officer during Mr. Janzen’s scheduled vacation time. Veterans’ Day plans are currently underway.

CLAIMS

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve for payment the following claims; all present voted aye; motion carried: PMB 48.00 util, SD Counties 175.00 trav, Thomson Reuters-West Pub. Corp. 234.50 svc, Watertown City Finance Office 21664.58 E-911, Flint Hills Resources 348862.77 sup.

HOSTILE EVENT PRESENTATION

Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to authorize funding, estimated at \$500.00, for a “Hostile Event” presentation coordinated through Watertown Municipal Utilities. The County’s participation in this presentation will allow County employees to attend the presentation, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th. Upon vote of the Board; all present voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION LIFTING BAN ON OPEN BURNING

Emergency Management Director, Jim Sutton, met with the Board to discuss the current ban on open burning in Codington County. Mr. Sutton advised the Board he has spoken with local fire chiefs who are in agreement that the County has received sufficient rainfall to the lift the ban on open burning at this time. Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to approve Resolution 2016-18, lifting the ban on open burning enacted by Resolution 2016-17. Commissioner Johnson informed the Board he has been contacted by a Codington County resident who does not like the County’s current ordinance which allows action, to enact or lift the open burning ban, only during the weekly meetings of the County Commissioners. Upon vote, of Commissioner McElhany’s motion to approve Resolution 2016-18; all present voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2016-18
A RESOLUTION TO LIFT BURNING BAN
ENACTED BY PRIOR RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Resolution #2016-17 declared a fire danger emergency and banned open burning in the rural area of Codington County, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief’s Association is in support of lifting the burn ban on open burning, at this time, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Codington County Board of Commissioners that the ban on open burning pursuant to Resolution #2016-17 is hereby rescinded.

Approved this 16th day of August, 2016

Elmer Brinkman
Chairman

Lee Gabel

Tyler McElhany

Myron Johnson

Brenda Hanten

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Hanten, second by Johnson, to approve the following anniversary step increase personnel changes; all present voted aye; motion carried: Treasurers’ Office – Clerk, Betty Overlie, step 10/\$18.32

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per hour and Clerk, Sandy Theye, step 6/\$16.97 per hour. Maintenance Dept. – Building Maintenance, Steve DeVille, step 9/\$18.04 per hour and Deputy Maintenance Supervisor, Robert Byer, step 9/\$21.76 per hour. Correctional Officers, Kelly Oelrich, step 4/\$18.81 per hour and Maria Escamilla step 5/\$19.40 per hour.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve the following travel requests; all present voted aye; motion carried: Welfare Director, SDACWO, annual conference; Weed and Pest Supervisor, SD State Fair Weed booth; and Emergency Management Director, evaluation a training exercise in Groton for Brown County Emergency Management.

CCJAC

Commissioner Gabel advised the Board the next working meeting of the CCJAC is scheduled for August 25th at 6:10 p.m. at LATI. Commissioner Gabel also noted the next public presentation is scheduled for September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at LATI.

MEETINGS

Commissioners McElhany and Johnson attended the most recent Government Affairs meeting. Commissioners Johnson and Brinkman attended the quarterly district meeting of the Sioux Valley Commissioners Association. Commissioner Hanten attended the Codington County Soil Conservation district meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to enter into executive session at 9:52 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:21 a.m., no action was taken. Human Resource Director, Terry Satterlee, was present for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 10:25 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016; all present voted aye; motion carried.

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