

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

July 19, 2016

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 19th, 2016, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Tyler McElhany, Elmer Brinkman, and Brenda Hanten; absent Myron Johnson; 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 Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve the minutes of July 12th, 2016; all present voted aye; motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve for payment the following claims; all present voted aye; motion carried: Codington Co. Treasurer 34.00 title/license, Nathan Gast 194.00 trav, Larry Howard 194.00 trav, Sarah Petersen 624.16 trav, PMB 54.00 util, SDN Communications 1151.28 util, Symantec Corp. 2184.00 sup, Visa 2951.20 sup/trav, West Payment Center 234.50 sup.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Highway Supt., Rick Small, reported on the progress of chip sealing; a pre-construction meeting for the regrading of County Road 20-3 is scheduled for Monday, July 25th; the rumble striping project on County road 11 is planned for the end of July to the middle of August; and the County's 5 year Road & Bridge plan is being updated with the assistance of the First District Association of Local Governments. A brief discussion was held regarding County Road 21 on the west end of Goose Lake which is pretty much dry at this time. **Facility Manager, Milo Ford**, reported on the following facilities: Memorial Park – the boat ramp has been repaired but the dock may have to be removed in the near future due to the low lake levels; the camping season has been very successful to date; an underground water break has occurred in the campground and repairs are being explored at this time; due to a lack of progress on the bike trail, which will eventually run through the campground, several camping spots will now be available which were not available previously due to the anticipated bike trail project; and the reservation software glitch seems to be resolved. Ag. Building – preparations are under way for 4-H Achievement Days with no significant building issues in the past month. Courthouse – “Pokémon Go” players have inundated the Courthouse grounds in the last week; the granddaughter of the artist who painted the original murals in the Courthouse rotunda recently visited the Courthouse to view the murals; and a tour of ESL (English as a second language) students took place in the past month. Detention Center – numerous inmate vandalism events have taken place in the past month and a leak continues in the roof when rainfall occurs. West Nile – Codington County and the towns of Kranzburg, Henry, Wallace, and Florence have received grant funding from the SD Dept. of Health for West Nile Virus prevention and an additional County employee has been licensed to perform public health spraying which bring the total number of available employees to three who are able to run the mosquito spraying equipment.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS GRAVEL STOCKPILE

Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to authorize the Auditor to publish a notice to bidders for a gravel stockpile; all present voted aye; motion carried. The opening of bids is set for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

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WAVERLY TOWNSHIP BRIDGE

Charles Schurman, Waverly Township property owner, met with the Board to discuss bridge #15-261-130, located 2.2 miles west and 5 miles north of Kranzburg, which was recently closed after an official bridge inspection rating. Mr. Schurman would like to see the road straightened rather than repairing the bridge. Highway Supt., Rick Small, who was present for this discussion, noted the road, where the bridge has been closed, is a township road and therefore the responsibility of straightening the road would fall on Waverly Township.

COURTHOUSE HOUSE PARKING LOT SEALING

Facility Manager, Milo Ford, presented the Board with a proposal to seal coat the Courthouse parking lot. Mr. Ford also requested authorization to mill out the west entrance and replace with new asphalt bringing the total cost for the project to \$9,573.00. Mr. Ford noted there are budgeted funds available for this project. Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to authorize Mr. Ford to proceed with the project; all present voted aye; motion carried.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT APPLICATION

Facility Manager, Milo Ford, requested authorization to apply for Homeland Security grant funds for a security project at the Courthouse. Mr. Ford advised the Board an electronic locking system will be installed if the grant funds are awarded. Mr. Ford also noted the electronic system will not cover the entire Courthouse but only a portion of the facility at this time. Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to authorize the application of the Homeland Security grant funds for the project outlined by Mr. Ford; all present voted aye; motion carried.

BAN ON OPEN BURNING

Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to approve resolution 2016-17 which will immediately call for a ban on open burning in Codington County. The Emergency Management Director was contacted for additional information regarding the opinion of local fire chiefs on the matter. Emergency Management Director Sutton noted, via speaker phone, that he has not been contacted by any local fire chiefs regarding implementing a ban on open burning in Codington County since the ban was lifted on July 12th. Upon vote of Commissioner McElhany's motion; McElhany, Brinkman, and Hanten vote aye; Gabel vote no; Johnson was absent; motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2016-17
A RESOLUTION DECLARING A FIRE DANGER EMERGENCY
IN CODINGTON COUNTY PROHIBITING ANY OPEN BURNING

WHEREAS, due to extreme drought conditions prevalent in Codington County and due to recent high temperatures, a fire danger emergency now exists within Codington County, South Dakota,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Codington County Board of Commissioners that a Fire Danger Emergency is hereby declared and until this resolution be otherwise rescinded by the Codington County Board of Commissioners, all open burning as defined in Codington County Ordinance #13-A is hereby prohibited within the boundaries of Codington County, South Dakota, exclusive of any incorporated municipality within the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is declared to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 7-18-A-8, effective immediately, and shall continue in force and affect until rescinded by the Codington County Board of Commissioners.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2016

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Elmer P. Brinkman
Chairman

Lee Gabel

Tyler McElhany

Brenda Hanten

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

2017 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed the following 2017 budget requests: Road and Bridge, West Nile, Government Buildings, County Park, and Ag. Building.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the following personnel changes; all present voted aye; motion carried: Dave Hedding, Highway Maintenance III, anniversary step increase from step 9/\$22.29 to step 10/\$22.63 per hour. Wesley Jennings, Correctional Officer, anniversary step increase from step 5/\$19.40 to step 6/\$20.05 per hour. Scott Swanson, Building Maintenance, anniversary step increase from step 9/\$18.04 to step 10/\$18.32 per hour.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the following travel request: States Attorney, Patrick McCann, Drug Court training; upon vote of the Board all present voted aye; motion carried.

MULTI-COUNTY MEETING INMATES/JAIL FACILITIES

Commissioner Gabel noted a second meeting has been held to discuss future jail cooperation with neighboring counties.

HIGHWAY 212 ACCESS

Commissioner Hanten asked the Board for approval to proceed with talking to the SD DOT and City of Watertown Officials regarding a possible access road to the County's property on west Highway 212, which was originally designated as the site for a Justice Center. Commissioner Hanten noted a traffic study would need to be conducted before the site could be considered for an access road from Highway 212. Commissioner Hanten will contact the aforementioned officials to look into a traffic study.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to enter into executive session at 10:15 a.m., to discuss a personnel issue; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:39 a.m.; no action was taken. Human Resource Director, Terry Satterlee and Facility Manager, Milo Ford, were 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 10:39 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 26th, 2016; all present voted aye; motion carried.

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