

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

March 15, 2016

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 15th, 2016, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Elmer Brinkman, and Brenda Hanten; Chairman 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 March 8th, 2016; all present voted aye; motion carried.

DAKOTA RANGE WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Jim Newcomb, Summit Wind LLC and Wahpeton Wind, LLC, met with the Board to update them on the progress of the Dakota Range Wind Farm Development. Mr. Newcomb indicated this project involves properties in Codington, Grant and Roberts County; including property located primarily within the townships of Leola and Germantown in Codington. Work continues on securing leases and easements for the transmission line for this project.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Highway Supt., Rick Small, reported on asphalt cold mix patching, crack sealing, progress of securing County Road 20-3 right of way easements, and load limits currently enforced. Discussion was also held regarding the reconstruction of County road 20-3 to Highway 81 and the possibility of a CFO coming in along the remaining section of that road. **Facility Manager, Milo Ford**, updated the Board on the following: Memorial Park – online reservations, new campground brochures, no anticipated start date for the proposed bike trail, and 2016 staffing. West Nile – grant funds will once again be available in 2016. Extension Center Complex – the last large scheduled event will be held this weekend, 38 work orders have been placed since the last report and an estimate of over 300 maintenance staff labor hours has been calculated in conjunction with the Farm Show event. Courthouse – 19 work orders have been placed, new court room chairs have been delivered, the west court room PA system has been ordered and pallets of license plates have been received and stored for the Treasurer’s office. Detention Center – 28 work orders have been placed, plumbing issues need to be addressed, and parking lot repairs have been conducted by the Highway Dept.

COUNTY ROAD 20-3 RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENTS

Highway Supt., Rick Small, presented the Board with right of way agreements for the County Road 20-3 paving project. Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel; to authorize the Chairman to sign the following agreements for right of way acquisition: Todd Fuerstenau \$223.88 and Kenneth & Dorothy Hunter \$358.98. Upon vote of the Board; all present voted aye; motion carried.

EXTENSION CENTER KITCHEN MEETING ROOM PA SYSTEM

The Board further discussed a request for a PA system for the Kitchen meeting room at the Extension Center Complex. Facility Manager, Milo Ford, provided the Board with two costs estimates. A basic system will cost approximately \$3,198.00 and an upgraded system approximately \$4,813.00. The upgraded system would come with a feedback eliminator. Mr. Ford recommended purchase of the

upgraded system. Commissioner Johnson and Mr. Ford, both, noted this is a non-budgeted item. Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to purchase the upgraded system, approximate cost \$4,813.00; Gabel, Johnson, Brinkman, and Hanten voted aye; McElhany voted no; motion carried.

P.O.D. GRANT FUNDS

Community Health Nurse, Anne Kriese, requested authorization to apply for POD (Point of Dispensing) grant funds in order to conduct a POD exercise utilizing a private contractor. A contract will come at a later date, for the private contractor, if grant funds are received. Motion by Johnson, second by Hanten, to authorize the application for POD grant funds; all present voted aye; motion carried.

FY 2016 WIC CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to amend the 2016 WIC Contract for the provision of an additional \$1,300.00 in funding from the South Dakota Department of Health; all present voted aye; motion carried.

DELTA DENTAL PREMIUM RENEWAL

The Board received correspondence from Delta Dental of South Dakota notifying the County that an analysis of costs and expenses suggests the need for an 8.3% increase in Codington County's employee Delta Dental premiums. Delta Dental noted the County's rate increase will be limited to a 2.1% increase to keep rates as stable as possible. Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve the following rates and cost share for employee dental insurance coverage for the time period beginning June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, upon vote of the Board, all present vote aye; motion carried:

Single coverage premium: \$39.30 – paid by the County (an overall increase of \$.80)

Two party coverage premium: \$70.76 – County share \$39.30, Employee share \$31.46 (an overall increase of \$1.46)

Family coverage premium: \$103.00 – County share \$51.50, Employee share \$51.50 (an overall increase of \$2.12)

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER SALARY REIMBURSEMENT

The Board noted reimbursement, in the amount of \$4,375.00, from the State of South Dakota, per SDCL 33A-1-31, towards the 2015 salary of the Codington County Veterans Service Officer.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Johnson, second by Hanten, to approve the following personnel changes; all present voted aye; motion carried: Calvin Engels, Highway Maintenance II, anniversary step increase to step 10/\$3,807.12 per month. Kim Johnson, new hire Extension Office Deputy Office Coordinator, step 4/\$16.47 per hour, effective March 21, 2016.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve the following travel request; all present voted aye; motion carried: Emergency Management Secretary, SLA Meeting in Aberdeen.

CCJAC

Commissioner Gabel informed the Board that his update to the Watertown City Council, on the activities of the CCJAC and progress towards County justice facilities, has been re-scheduled for some time in April.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 10:04 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

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