

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

May 19, 2015

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19th, 2015, 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 Johnson, to approve the minutes of May 12th, 2015; all present voted aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC AUCTION FOR LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

The Board conducted a public auction, as previously advertised, for the lease of County owned property for the purposes of haying. Chairman Brinkman opened the bidding at the set minimum price of \$63.25 per acre. A bid was received from Paul McElhany in the amount of \$63.25. No other bids were received. Chairman Brinkman declared the auction closed and noted the successful bidder is Paul McElhany. A lease contract will be offered to Mr. McElhany in the amount of \$63.25 per acre, for 9.48 acres, and a total contract amount of \$599.61.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Facilities Manager, Milo Ford, reported Memorial Park has been prepared for the upcoming holiday weekend. The Highway Dept. has been assisting at Memorial Park by spreading gravel in needed areas. The older bathhouse refurbishing project has been completed in the farthest west area of the Park. The Municipal Utility underground project at the Park is slated to be completed this week. The new playground has been completed and heat has been added to the mid-campground bathhouse. The Courthouse has seen 66 completed work orders for a total 23 labor hours; Detention Center 61 completed work orders for a total 41 labor hours; and Extension Center Complex 44 completed work orders for a total of 65 labor hours. Further discussion was held about the poor cell phone service at the Extension Center Complex and its effect on events held at the Complex. Mr. Ford is exploring solutions to this problem. Several Maintenance Dept. employees assisted the Sheriff's Office during the recent visit to Watertown by President Obama. **Highway Supt., Rick Small**, provided the Board with information regarding the recent County Road 20-3 project which came at a cost to the County of \$365,401.50 and expected funding from the State in the amount of \$752,946.38 towards the total cost of the project, to date, in the amount of \$1,118,347.80. The total of the project, to date, is for a three mile section of road and does not include the additional cost for the asphalt paving portion of the project. Mr. Small also provided the Board with information regarding a change in how Counties have been allowed to build up STP (Surface Transportation Program) funds through the SDDOT. Correspondence from the SDDOT proposes current accumulated funds will be paid out to Counties on a payment schedule through September 2016 and then annual payments will begin around July 1, 2017. The proposed payment schedule assumes there is no change to the congressional allocation received by the State so any change that the SDDOT sees in federal funding will be passed on to Counties as well. Discussion was also held regarding an anticipated increase in traffic on a portion of County Road 6 due to a potential business project in the Waverly area.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS SURPLUS VEHICLES

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to authorize the Auditor to publish a notice to bidders for the sale of two Search and Rescue surplus vehicles by sealed bid; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Board will accept sealed bids up until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 16th, and open all bids received at that time.

CLAIMS

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve for payment the following list of claims; all present voted aye; motion carried: Moody County 90.00 reg, Visa 1141.36 rep/sup, City of Watertown 22649.69 911 surcharge.

FIREWORKS DISCHARGE APPLICATIONS

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the following applications for the discharge of fireworks, subject to the enforcement of a burn ban during the designated time frames; all present voted aye; motion carried: June 13th, July 3rd, September 12th, and October 17th, all located at 46345 166th St., Watertown. Discussion was held regarding an act of courtesy, by the person handling the discharge of the fireworks, to notify local livestock producers ahead of said events.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ALLOCATION AWARD

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment #1 to the State of South Dakota Historical Preservation Allocation Award, Project SD-14-028, extending the deadline from May 31, to June 30, 2015; all present voted aye; motion carried.

CCJAC MEETING RECORDINGS

Motion by Gabel, second by Brinkman, to reimburse the City of Watertown for the use of their recording equipment when used during CCJAC meetings held at City Hall; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ANNUAL JAIL VISIT

The Board discussed SDCL 24-11-26 which requires an annual jail visit, to all jails of its County, by the Board of County Commissioners at one of their regular meetings. This visit will be placed on the Board's agenda for their meeting to be held on June 16, 2015.

BURN BAN

Emergency Management Director, Jim Sutton, met briefly with the Board to discuss the amount of rainfall received in the County in the past week. Action on a Burn Ban will be removed from the weekly agenda until such time as there is a need.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Gabel, second by Johnson, to approve the following travel requests; all present voted aye; motion carried: Welfare Director, Medicaid Advisory Committee meeting and Homeless Summit conference. Weed Supervisor, Yellow Toadflax Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 10:10 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 26th, 2015; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman

Codington County Auditor

Codington County, May 19, 2015

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