

Official Proceedings
County of Codington, Watertown, South Dakota
Codington County Courthouse

February 4, 2014

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: George Heller, Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Elmer Brinkman, and Brenda Hanten; Chairman Brinkman presiding.

AGENDA APPROVED

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Hanten, second by Heller, to approve the minutes of January 28th, 2014; all present voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

4-H/Youth Program Advisor, Jodi Loehrer, reported on Farm Show preparations, Archery and BB Gun programs, Strengthening Families program, and 4-H online enrollment numbers. Ms. Loehrer advised the Board that she is the current President of the SD Association of Extension 4-H Professionals. Ms. Loehrer also provided the Board with a brochure regarding the SD State Fair Foundation embarking on an important venture to replace its largest non-animal building on the fairgrounds, Clover Hall. **Community Health Nurse, Karla Moes**, submitted a quarterly report of activities in the office of the Codington County Community Health Nurse. **Veterans Service Officer, Al Janzen**, reported 3 trips with 8 riders in the month of January. Mr. Janzen reviewed with the Board the Governors program to reach out to all veterans. Mr. Janzen informed the Board that he is in the process of scheduling seven outreach events in communities in Codington County. **Weed Dept. Manager, Paul Johnson**, reported on upcoming meetings and conferences for the Weed Dept. employees. **SDSU Regional Extension Specialist, Paul Johnson**, reported on the current activities of the Regional Extension staff. **Welfare Director, Sarah Petersen**, submitted the following statistics for the time period January 7th through February 4th, 2014: 6 applications; with 0 approved for County assistance; 4 denials; 2 pending or referred; 0 other resources utilized; 0 guarantees; and 0 new clients approved. Total Assistance: \$0.00; 0 active medical cases and 3 medical applications pending decision. Total Credits: \$3,139.36. The Welfare Director noted statistics for the NACo Prescription Drug Program in Codington County during the month of December with 218 persons utilizing the program and a realized savings of \$6,944.80. Ms. Petersen noted she has attended the Crisis Intervention Training sponsored in part with Codington County funds.

LEPC ROSTER APPROVED

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the 2014 LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Membership Roster, as submitted and recommended by the Emergency Management Director, all present voted aye; motion carried. A copy of this roster will be kept on file in the office of the County Auditor.

COMBINING OF VOTING PRECINCTS

Motion by McElhany, second by Johnson, to adopt Resolution 2014-3, per the recommendation of the Auditor, which will combine voting precincts within Codington County; all present voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-3

WHEREAS, SDCL 12-4-1 states the Board of County Commissioners shall by resolution change precinct boundaries of election precincts already established; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of reducing expenses and to provide more orderly and efficient election precincts, and

WHEREAS, Precincts 0002 (Eden, Phipps, & Wallace) & 0005 (Germantown) within Codington County have polling places that are not in compliance with federal polling place requirements for voters with disabilities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Codington County Board of Commissioners adopts the following precinct and polling place changes;

Precinct 0002, Eden Township, Phipps Township, and Wallace Village will be merged with Precinct 0004, Fuller Township and Florence Village, Polling place Florence Community Center

Precinct 0005, Germantown Township will be merged with Precinct 0014 Rauville Township, Polling place Codington County Extension Center Complex

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be in effect beginning with the June 2014 Primary Election and continue unless repealed or modified by duly enacted resolution.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2014.

Elmer P. Brinkman
Chairman

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Auditor

SURPLUS PHONE EQUIPMENT

Motion by Hanten, second by Heller, to declare obsolete Comdial telephone equipment, originally purchased by the Sheriff's Office and later transferred to the Treasurer's Office, surplus to be destroyed; all present voted aye; motion carried. A list of this equipment can be found in the office of the County Auditor.

COMMISSIONERS SALARY

The Board held a discussion regarding the possibility of changing Commissioner Heller's salary back to the 2013 amount per his request. It was determined that the salary for the Commissioners, which was voted on at their first meeting of the year, as required by SDCL 7-7-3, cannot be changed at this time. Discussion was held regarding options available Commissioner Heller to return his 2014 raise in pay to the County.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Johnson, second by Hanten, to approve the following travel requests; all present voted aye; motion carried: Emergency Management Director, Red Cross Meeting in Brookings and Regional

Emergency Management meeting in Aberdeen; and Register of Deeds, Senate Committee hearing on SB68 in Pierre.

JUSTICE CENTER BUILDING PROJECT

States Attorney, Dawn Elshere, met with the Board to discuss the assistance bond counsel would provide the County for the proposed Justice Center Building project and possible bond election. The Board asked the States Attorney to prepare some statistics of yearly cases opened and juvenile caseload to inform the public on the need for a new facility for both the housing of inmates and court appearances/jury trials of defendants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Heller, second by Johnson, to enter into executive session at 9:49 a.m., to discuss a personnel issue; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:05 a.m., no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Heller, second by Johnson, to adjourn at 10:05 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 11th, 2014; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

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