

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

November 17, 2015

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 17th, 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 Hanten, to approve the minutes of November 10th, 2015; all present voted aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING CODINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Board held a public hearing, as previously advertised, regarding the Codington County Five-Year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan. A record of attendees, specifically in attendance for this public hearing, was recorded by the Auditor. The following Township officers signed the public attendance sheet for this hearing: Dennis Schmeling and Lynn Waege, Leola; Kenneth Bunde, Germantown; and Merrill Simon and Brian Robinson, Sheridan. Highway Supt., Rick Small, reviewed the plan at this time. Mr. Small noted the revenue source page of the plan is missing data under the heading "Other (STP, Bridge, Signing, Hazard, Elimination) and provided that information to the Board. Mr. Small also noted discrepancies in the "BIG-Preservation (Planning to Apply For)" and "BIG-Construction (Planning to Apply For)" columns. Chairman Brinkman at this time opened the meeting to the public in attendance and asked for comments. No comments were offered by the public. Chairman Brinkman closed the hearing to the public and turned to the Board of Commissioners for further discussion. The Board discussed future funding available to Counties from the State of South Dakota which will be based on a County's local effort to raise funds for roads and bridges. The Board will take action on December 1st, 2015 to approve the proposed five-year plan with the corrections noted above.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Highway Supt., Rick Small, reported his department is graveling when possible, the Henry motor grader is down for repairs which is covered under warranty, and the box is being installed on the new dump truck. **Facility Manager, Milo Ford**, reported on the following: Memorial Park – 5,432 camping nights in 2015 compared to 4,726 in 2014, a 14% increase and deposits in 2015 of \$117,578.00. Extension Center Complex – many functions held in the past month, repair work to level out the barn floor, waiting for wood chips delivery in preparation for the 2016 Winter Farm Show, and 35 work orders processed since the last reporting period. Courthouse – the window replacement project has been completed on all side of the building, sidewalk repair/replacement has taken place on the east side of the building, the elevator modernization project for 2016 will begin soon, and 26 work orders have been processed since the last reporting period. Detention Center – recent projects, the alarm system and perimeter fence, are being finished up; planned upgrades have been completed to the control room area, and 29 work orders have been processed in the last month. Mr. Ford is working with the Facility Dude company to begin a capitol assessment program and Mr. Ford also recently attended an annual Safety and Risk Benefits conference.

COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR PROJECT

Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to authorize the Facility Manager to solicit prices to develop engineering specifications for the Courthouse elevator modernization project; all present voted aye; motion carried.

2016 WEED GRANT APPLICATION

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to authorize Weed Supervisor, Steve Molengraaf, to apply for annual grant funding for the Weed Dept. from the State of South Dakota for the year 2016; all present voted aye; motion carried.

EXTENSION CENTER BACKDROP CURTAINS

Facility Manager, Milo Ford, presented the Board with two options to replace 20+ year old backdrop curtains at the Extension Center complex. Mr. Ford secured two options from Montgomery's Furniture as follows: Option #1 \$3,270.00 and Option #2 \$3,934.00. Option #2 has 25% more material than option #1, creating a fuller look. Motion by McElhany, second by Johnson, to accept Option #2 and authorized Mr. Ford to purchase said backdrop curtains; all present voted aye; motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS CONTINGENCY TRANSFER

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to transfer \$4,600.00 from Commissioners Contingency to the Memorial Park budget for projects that were originally intended for 2014 and got pushed back to 2015; all present voted aye; motion carried.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve the following personnel changes; all present voted aye; motion carried: New Hire, Register of Deeds Clerk, Jill Schweitzer; effective date November 15, 2015; step 5/\$16.15 per hour; and new hire, Emergency Management Secretary, Cheri Howell; effective date December 1, 2015; step 3/\$15.17 per hour.

REGIONAL AGING COUNCIL OF NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA

Commissioner Hanten advised the Board that Kathy Perry, who was appointed by this Board to the Regional Aging Council of Northeast South Dakota on August 26, 2014, has left the council and this Board will need to appoint a replacement for Ms. Perry. The Board will take action on this item at their next regularly scheduled meeting on November 24th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to enter into executive session at 9:56 a.m., to discuss union contract negotiations and a personnel issue; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:19 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 10:19 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 24th, 2015; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman

Codington County Auditor

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