

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

April 21, 2015

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 McElhany, second by Hanten, to approve the agenda, all present voted aye; motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015; all present voted aye; motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #60 SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board held the second reading of Ordinance #60, an ordinance to amend Ordinance #53, which established a limited license agreement for the use of the Codington County road right-of-way. Zoning Officer, Luke Muller was present for and reviewed the proposed changes to this ordinance. Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to adopt Ordinance #60. Chairman Brinkman opened the meeting to the public at this time. Paul Leiseth, Hamlin County resident, addressed the proposed ordinance and offered additional language to add to the ordinance. Motion by Gabel, second by Hanten, to table action on Ordinance #60 for one week to confer with the States Attorney on Mr. Leiseth's proposed language for the ordinance; all present voted aye; motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #61 FIRST READING**

The Board held the first reading on Ordinance #61 which would change the Zoning Ordinance regarding several identified properties currently classified as "A" agricultural to "RR" rural residential. Zoning Officer, Luke Muller, advised the Board that the Codington County Planning and Zoning Board has unanimously recommended this ordinance be disposed of after testimony was given at the Planning Board meeting of April 20th. Mr. Muller also noted the legal notice for this ordinance has been completed and it would be prudent to follow that legal notice and hold a second reading and public hearing as scheduled on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, before the Board takes any action on the proposed ordinance. The second reading and action on the proposed ordinance is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Facilities Manager, Milo Ford**, reported seasonal staff is on site at Memorial Park, some buckthorn and brush has being removed, several campers have used the campground already this season, and the sidewalk has been installed to the new playground. Mr. Ford noted the Watertown Municipal Utilities will be upgrading the overhead wiring and transformers located at the Park.

**CLAIMS APPROVED**

Motion by Hanten, second by Johnson, to approve for payment the following claims; all present voted aye; motion carried: Visa 1,792.79 sup/trav.

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE BURN BAN**

Emergency Management Director, Jim Sutton, met with the Board to discuss the burn ban currently in place in Codington County. Mr. Sutton reviewed with the Board several fires that have gotten out of control in the past week. Mr. Sutton advised the Board he has spoken with four out of five area Fire

Chiefs and all are in support of removing the ban at this time if residents are careful, have a plan in place, have farm machinery on hand to plow a fire break if necessary, notify their local fire department and contact Watertown dispatch before they burn. Mr. Sutton noted Codington County is still included in a moderate drought area. Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to approve resolution 2015-11 to rescind the burn ban currently in place in Codington County and to urge those who plan a controlled burn to take the precautions outlined by Mr. Sutton; all present voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-11  
A RESOLUTION TO LIFT BURNING BAN  
ENACTED BY PRIOR RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Resolution #2015-10 declared a fire danger emergency and banned open burning in the rural area of Codington County, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief's Association is in support of lifting the burn ban on open burning, at this time, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Codington County Board of Commissioners that the ban on open burning pursuant to Resolution #2015-10 is hereby rescinded.

Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015

Elmer P. Brinkman  
Chairman

Myron Johnson

Brenda Hanten

Lee Gabel

Tyler McElhany

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman  
Codington County Auditor

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the following personnel changes; all present voted aye; motion carried: New Hire, Part time Correctional Officer, Karter Lingen, step 1/\$16.70 per hour.

**COURT FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Commissioner Gabel advised the Board the National Center for State Courts will be onsite to begin the court facility needs assessment on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to enter into executive session at 9:37 a.m., to discuss personnel; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:15 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 10:16 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015; all present voted aye; motion carried.

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