

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

February 22, 2017

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Charlie Waterman, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen, and Brenda Hanten; Chairman Johnson, presiding.

AGENDA APPROVED

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to approve the minutes of February 14th, 2017; all present voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Facility Manager, Milo Ford, updated the Board on the following activities: Memorial Park – updating online reservation system and updating campground software; Extension Center Complex – 29 work orders including the Farm Show, many events are scheduled through the end of March, and the search for a site for the new storage building is on-going; Courthouse – 28 work orders, completion of Register of Deeds office project painting and new carpet and minor plumbing issues in the building; Detention Center – 35 work orders and making contact with the roofing contractor to determine a start date for the roofing project approved in 2016.

ORDINANCE #65 REFERRAL

Zoning Officer, Luke Muller and States Attorney, Patrick McCann, had a lengthy discussion with the Board regarding the referral of County Ordinance #65 to a public vote. Mr. Muller reviewed the presumed valid ordinances and presumed invalid ordinances should Ordinance #65 be defeated at a special election. Mr. Muller noted, according to FEMA correspondence, that Codington County will be suspended from the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) if Ordinance #65 is not approved at the special election scheduled for March 27th, 2017.

MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN USE/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to place a moratorium on use/building applications which apply to County Ordinance #'s 18, 23, 30, 31, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, & 62, until the completion of the canvass of the Special Election scheduled for March 27th, 2017; per the recommendation of the Zoning Officer and States Attorney; all present voted aye; motion carried.

WIRELESS INTERNET IMPROVEMENTS

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to approve a project to upgrade the County's wireless internet connection for better reception/faster connection speed in the Court Rooms, estimated cost \$2,247.00; all present voted aye; motion carried.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF COUNTY LIENS

Scott and Laina Strohfus met with the Board to request a release of County liens against property they own in Codington County. The Board requested that Mr. & Mrs. Strohfus provide additional information, before the Board will take action on this request, pertaining to their Codington County property and property which they own in Clark County. The Board did not take action at this time.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEFLECTION PROGRAM M.O.U.

Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to authorize the Chairman to sign a Behavioral Health Deflection Program Memorandum of Understanding between the Codington County Commission, the Codington County Sheriff, and the Watertown Police Dept., per the request of Welfare Director, Sarah Petersen; all present voted aye; motion carried.

CCJAC

Commissioner Gabel updated the Board on the latest meeting of the CCJAC. Commissioner Gabel advised the Board that of the six options under consideration by the CCJAC, with project costs ranging from \$16,500,000 to \$25,800,000, the CCJAC has determined that the jail space is the most critical issue. Commissioner Gabel noted discussions with the City of Watertown continue for the purchase of the City Auditorium parking lot. The next meeting of the CCJAC will be at 6:10 p.m., Tuesday, March 7th at LATI.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to enter into executive session at 10:27 a.m., to discuss a personnel issue and litigation; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:56 a.m., no action was taken. States Attorney, Patrick McCann, was present for executive session.

CLAIMS

Motion by Hanten, second by Waterman, to approve for payment the following claims; all present voted aye; motion carried: Visa 1042.77 sup/trav, Watertown City Finance 21888.04 surcharge 911 Dec 2016.

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the following property tax abatement application, totaling \$1,300.22; record # 12157; all present voted aye; motion carried.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Hanten, second by Waterman, to approve the following personnel changes; all present vote aye; motion carried: Treasurer Clerk, Ashley Lindner, anniversary step increase, step 4/\$16.10 per hour and new hires part time Deputy Sheriffs, Tyler Varns and Tim Cerny, step 1/\$20.45 per hour.

RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATIONS

Travis Paulson, Eden Township Supervisor, appeared before the Board regarding right of way encroachment/planting in the right of way. Mr. Paulson noted Eden Township has been actively enforcing right of way violations along Eden Township roads. Mr. Paulson requested that the Board consider additional steps to enforce these violations along County roads. The Board thanked Mr. Paulson for his input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by Gabel, to adjourn at 11:16 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 28th, 2017; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

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