

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

June 17, 2014

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 17, 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 Hanten, to approve the agenda, all present voted aye; motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2014; 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. Commissioner Johnson opened the bid at the set minimum price of \$63.25 per acre. A bid was received from Loren and Todd Fleming in the amount of \$63.25. No other bids were received. Commissioner Johnson declared the auction closed and noted the successful bidders were Loren and Todd Fleming. A lease contract will be offered to the Flemings in the amount of \$63.25 per acre, for 9.48 acres, and a total contract amount of \$599.61

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Highway Supt., Rick Small**, reported the department is graveling as weather permits; chip sealing will begin after July 4<sup>th</sup>; and top cut mowing on paved roads will be completed before July 4<sup>th</sup>. **Facility Manager, Milo Ford**, provided the Board with the following statistics taken from the new campground reservation software: 473 rentals in May through June 16; 506 rentals in June; 1,413 rentals in July; 977 rentals in August; and 570 rentals in September; income from reservations to date is \$33,594.00 which does include reservation income for 2015. Minor wind damage occurred at the Park the weekend of June 14<sup>th</sup>. The new playground equipment for the campground will be installed beginning June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion was also held regarding safety alerts/contingency plans at Memorial Park in the event of inclement weather conditions, wind, rain, flooding, etc; possible expansion of the campground; and progress of the bike trail through the campground. The Facility Dude software has recorded 92 work order requests since Mr. Ford's last report on the software; 42 calls from the Extension Center complex; 28 calls from the Detention Center; and 22 calls from the Courthouse. Mr. Ford noted the maintenance staff assisted with delivery, set up, and pick up of election equipment in the past few weeks and the Extension Center Complex has seen numerous events in recent weeks.

**COUNTY ROAD 11 (OLD HIGHWAY 81) RUMBLE STRIPING PROJECT**

**Highway Supt., Rick Small**, advised the Board that he has received revised cost estimates for the proposed rumble striping project on County Road 11 (Old Highway 81) from the north Watertown City limits to the Grant County line. Mr. Small advised the Board that the SDDOT has estimated the cost for this project at \$12,000 per mile rather than the initial cost estimate of \$45,000.00 for the project. This will change the County's share of the project from \$4,500.00 to \$18,000.00. Mr. Small recommended that the Board proceed with the project despite the increased cost to the County as there is a safety issue on this section of County Highway and the cost to the County is still feasible. Motion by McElhany,

second by Hanten, to proceed with the project at the increased cost estimate to the County of \$18,000.00; all present aye; motion carried.

**COUNTY BRIDGE #15-215-230**

**Highway Supt., Rick Small**, advised the Board that he has received word from the SDDOT that County Bridge #15-215-230 is up for replacement due to its rating and is eligible for replacement funds with a total estimated cost of replacement at \$548,000.00 including an estimated cost to the County of \$106,000.00 to \$125,000.00. The State is asking the County, at this time, to select a consultant to study the design of the structure. The recent transportation study, which the County participated in, raised the question as to whether or not the three bridges over the Sioux River, in the general area of Bridge #15, are necessary. Mr. Small's recommendation was to go ahead with the preliminary engineering study in order to keep the possible replacement project on track, even though down the road the County may choose to forego the bridge replacement. Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to proceed with contacting a consultant to perform the preliminary engineering study to replace Bridge #15-215-230; all present voted aye; motion carried.

**FIREWORKS DISCHARGE APPLICATION**

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve an application from Jeff Bendix, for a discharge of 1.3G and 1.4G cakes & mortars fireworks, at approximately 10:30 p.m., on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 3121 North Serenity Drive, Elmira Township; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Watertown Fire Dept. and Codington County Sheriff previously approved this application.

**CLAIMS**

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve for payment the following claims; all present voted aye; motion carried: Frances Anglin 1100.00 mixer, City of Watertown 22508.89 E-911 surcharge.

**REGIONAL AGING COUNCIL OF NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA**

Motion by Johnson, second by Hanten, to approve the federal mileage rate reimbursement and state rates for other travel reimbursement for appointees to the Regional Aging Council of Northeast South Dakota when appointments occur; all present voted aye; motion carried.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve the following personnel change; all present voted aye; motion carried: Civil Process Server, Adam Reeves, promoted to Deputy Sheriff, step 2/\$20.12 per hour (includes education incentive), effective date June 1, 2014.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the proposed formation of a County/City Committee to address joint jurisdictional issues between the County and City. Discussion was also held regarding a meeting which was held to discuss the cancellation of this year's Prospect Show and planning for future Prospect Shows at the Extension Center Complex. Commissioner Hanten provided each Board member with a report from Interlakes Community Action explaining demographics, population, and poverty in Codington County and other counties in South Dakota.

**JUSTICE CENTER BUILDING PROJECT**

Mark Aspaas, Architecture Inc. and Toby Morris, Justice Center Building Project Financial Advisor, met with the Board to review the recently updated floor plans for the proposed Justice Center Building Project. Mr. Aspaas noted recent changes to the floor plan, based on efficiencies and reorientation in the area of the proposed Detention Center, has resulted in a reduction of 9,000 square feet of space and an approximate cost savings of \$1,800,000.00. Discussion was also held regarding the use of the Design Build Concept for this project. Mr. Aspaas briefly outlined the three basic delivery methods for these

types of projects; Design Bid Build, Construction Manager at Risk, and Design Build Concept. Mr. Aspaas and Mr. Morris made a recommendation to the Board to utilize the Construction Manager at Risk Concept for the proposed Justice Center Building Project. Motion by Johnson, second by Heller, to endorse the recommendation of the Architect and Financial Advisor to utilize the Construction Manager at Risk concept for the proposed Justice Center Project and request the Architect and Financial Advisor to provide the Board with information to prepare requests for proposals for said Construction Manager at Risk; upon roll call vote; McElhany, Heller, Brinkman, Hanten, and Johnson vote aye; motion carried. A meeting of the Citizens Committee will be scheduled in the near future to review the proposed floor plans and estimated cost of this project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 10:43 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman

Codington County Auditor

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