

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

May 16, 2017

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 16th, 2017, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Charlie Waterman, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen, and Brenda Hanten; Chairman Myron Johnson presiding.

AGENDA APPROVED

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Hanten, second by Waterman, to approve the minutes of May 9th, 2017; all voted aye; motion carried.

JACK SMITH, CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

Jack Smith, Case Manager for Supportive Services for Veterans Families, with The Corner Stone Rescue Mission, met with the Board to review program services available to Veterans and their families. Mr. Smith noted program services include: Outreach to Veterans, case management, help applying for Department of Veterans Affairs assistance and other benefits, financial assistance to secure or preserve housing, and help connecting Veterans with other community resources and services. The Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program assists homeless Veterans, or those at risk of becoming homeless, in securing safe and stable housing. SSVS is funded through a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Corner Stone Mission is the grantee. The three main criteria for eligibility in the program are income level, any status other than dishonorable discharge, and the veteran must be homeless or facing eviction.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Facility Manager, Milo Ford, updated the Board on the following: Memorial Park – bike trail progress and double picnic shelter roofing project; Courthouse – Register of Deeds carpeting, tile replacement in the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Courts Offices, new door locking system, and development of safety procedures in the event of a power outage; Detention Center – air conditioning unit has been repaired. Discussion was held regarding the status of the sound system previously used in the Commissioner’s office.

MEMORIAL PARK VOLUNTEER

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to add Greg Dargatz as a volunteer at Memorial Park for purposes of workers’ compensation insurance coverage; all present voted aye; motion carried.

EXTENSION CENTER STORAGE BUILDING SITE LOCATION

The Board discussed the proposed site for the County storage building to be built in the area of the Extension Center Complex. Commissioner Hanten advised the Board that the Watertown City Council will take action at their next meeting to approve a lease agreement with the County for a City owned site for the storage building project.

HAYING RIGHTS LEASE CONTRACT

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to authorize the Chairman to sign a Hay Ground Lease contract with the successful bidder, Paul McElhany, from the May 9th auction; all present voted aye; motion carried.

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COUNTY BOND ISSUE RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

The Board held a discussion regarding amending ballot language in Resolution 2017-7 originally adopted on April 25, 2017. The Board adopted the following amended Resolution:

RESOLUTION # 2017-7 (AMENDED 5/16/2017)

RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY AND EXPEDIENCY FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND CALLING AN ELECTION

WHEREAS, Codington County (the “County”) hereby finds it necessary to pay to for the constructing and/or renovating justice and public safety facilities to include an appropriate jail, appropriate court facilities and possibly an appropriate sheriff operations facility (the “Improvements”), if so approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to issue bonds pursuant to SDCL Chapter 7-24 to finance the Improvements, if so approved by the voters, and copies of said preliminary plans on file with the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SDCL 6-8B-3 no bonds may be issued unless authorized by a vote of the people.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of County Codington, South Dakota, as follows:

1. Declaration of Necessity. It is hereby found, determined and declared that it is necessary and expedient for this County to borrow money by issuing its General Obligation Bonds in an amount not exceeding \$18,875,000 payable from 1 and not to exceed 20 years from year of issuance, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rate or rates as may be determined by the Commission, for the purpose of constructing and/or renovating justice and public safety facilities to include an appropriate jail, appropriate court facilities and possibly an appropriate sheriff operations facility, if so approved by the voters.
2. Election. The question of authorizing the issuance of such bonds shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County at a bond election which is to be held on the June 20, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. The question shall be in substantially the following form:

SHALL CODINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, ISSUE AND SELL ITS NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN A REGISTERED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$18,875,000, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, BEARING INTEREST AT SUCH RATES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, PAYABLE AND MATURING FROM 1 AND NOT TO EXCEED 20 YEARS AFTER THE YEAR OF ISSUANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING COURT, COUNTY JAIL AND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES.

SHALL THE ABOVE PROPOSITION BE APPROVED AND THE BONDS ISSUED?

3. Polling places and Judges. Polling places and judges and clerks for said election shall be selected according to South Dakota Law.
4. Voter Registration Deadline. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of voter registration and deadline therefore, as required by law. The deadline for voter registration shall not be less than fifteen (15) days prior to the election. The County Auditor shall give notice of the availability of registration officials and state when registration will be terminated and the effect of a failure to have registered. Such notice shall be published in official newspapers of the County at least

All present voted aye; motion carried.

2017-2018 MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to approve the following 2017-2018 Malt Beverage renewal applications as announced by the Auditor: Gordon Kliegel, DBA - Rauville Station; David Blutorn, DBA - Rooster Bar; W.J. Schmitt Enterprise, Inc., DBA-Southfork Lounge; and Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe DBA Dakota Sioux Casino. Upon vote of the Board; all present voted aye; motion carried.

MEETING DATE CHANGE

Motion by Hanten, second by Waterman, to change the Board's regular meeting date from Tuesday, June 20th to Wednesday, June 21st, to allow for the canvas of the June 20th County Bond Election results; all present voted aye; motion carried.

CLAIMS

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve for payment the following claims; all present voted aye; motion carried: Great Western Bank Visa 1855.71 sup/trav/util, Lindner Music 2600.00 sup, City of Watertown 22006.26 911 surcharge collections, Watertown Ford 14249.00 veh.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by VanDusen, second by Gabel, to approve the following personnel changes; all voted aye; motion carried: Director of Equalization Clerk, Sarah Tesch, anniversary step increase, to step 4/\$16.10 per hour. Director of Equalization Office Coordinator, Diane Merchant, anniversary step increase, to step 11/\$20.48 per hour. States Attorney Criminal Civil Records Management, Jamie Monson, six-month step increase, to step 2/\$18.59 per hour.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by VanDusen, second by Waterman, to approve the following travel requests; all voted aye; motion carried: County Nurse and WIC secretarial staff, Staff Conference, in Pierre.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by Gabel, to adjourn at 9:59 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman

Codington County Auditor

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