

Official Proceedings
County of Codington, Watertown, South Dakota
Codington County Courthouse

October 22, 2013

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 22nd, 2013, 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 McElhany, second by Hanten, to approve the agenda, all present voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Johnson, second by Hanten, to approve the minutes of October 15th, 2013; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ANGUS PALM EMPLOYEE EVENT

Matt Sawyer, with Angus Palm, met with the Board to request authorization for the sale of alcohol at an Angus Palm employee holiday party scheduled for December 7th at the Codington County Extension Center Complex. Mr. Sawyer informed the Board that a liquor license, owned by the #1 Casino, will be transferred for this event. Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages during the Angus Palm employee holiday party at the Codington County Extension Center Complex on December 7th, 2013. Mr. Sawyer noted security will be on hand and minors, employed by Angus Palm, will not be sold alcoholic beverages. Upon vote of the Board; all present voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Emergency Management Director, Jim Sutton, reported on the following items: status of Homeland Security grant projects submitted to the State of South Dakota; a safety driving course conducted by the SD Highway Patrol for the Search and Rescue team members; travel to a number of state and local meetings in the month of October; the County's three emergency generators were recently serviced and are in good operating condition; Title 6 paper work continues; hosting of a Wild Land Fire Training, November 15th – 17th; the volunteer appreciation dinner; and assisting with recovery efforts in west river South Dakota following an early season blizzard. **Sheriff, Toby Wishard**, submitted the following statistics for the month ending September 30th, 2013 for the Detention Center and Sheriff's Office: average daily inmate population 51.3; bookings 221; \$10,680.00 collected in fees for out of county prisoner contracts; \$3,945.00 collected in work release fees; \$4,398.00 collected in fees for the 24/7 program, \$5,842.00 collected in SCRAM fees and remitted to the Clerk of Courts Office; with 42 individuals testing twice daily for PBT's; 5 individuals reporting twice weekly for UA Drug testing; and 33 individuals wearing SCRAM (security continuous remote alcohol monitor) bracelets; 446 cases/calls for service; 7 accidents investigated; 92 arrest warrants were served; 293 sets of civil papers served; and a total of 2,376 miles traveled for 10 prisoner transports. Sheriff Wishard also presented the Board with a report of fees collected in the month of September 2013, in the amount of \$6,044.60 retained by the County. Sheriff Wishard also updated the Board on the following items: Completion of firearms qualifications; defensive tactics training for deputies and correctional officers; and partnering with the SD Dept. of Public Safety for traffic simulator demonstrations conducted in the schools in Codington County.

CLAIMS APPROVED

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve for payment the following claims; all present voted aye; motion carried: City of Watertown \$22,779.30 Aug. 911 surcharge collections, National Association of Drug Court \$650.00 registration.

RAUVILLE STATION ON SALE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Motion by McElhany, second by Johnson, to authorize the Auditor to publish a notice of public hearing for the application of an on sale liquor license submitted by Rauville Station; all present voted aye; motion carried. The public hearing was set for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

COUNTY/CITY PICTOMETRY CAPTURE PROJECT

The Board held a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of entering into a joint venture with the City of Watertown for a Pictometry project in the amount of \$94,007.50, of which cost would be split 50/50 between the County and the City and expended over a three year period. The Board took comments from the following Department heads who felt the project would benefit operations in their departments: Director of Equalization, Shawna Constant; Zoning Officer, Luke Muller; Highway Supt., Rick Small; Emergency Management Director, Jim Sutton; and Sheriff, Toby Wishard. Motion by McElhany, second by Hanten, to enter into a joint venture with the City of Watertown to participate in the Pictometry flights project; all present voted aye; motion carried.

COUNTY ROAD 20-3 RIGHT OF WAY DOCUMENTS

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to authorize the Chairman to sign a temporary easement agreement with Nathan Lakness in the amount of \$307.14; for 1.9 acres of land for the County Road 20-3 project; all present voted aye; motion carried. Motion by Johnson, second by Hanten, to authorize the Chairman to sign a temporary easement agreement with Joseph Lakness in the amount of \$307.14; for 1.9 acres of land for the County Road 20-3 project; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ABATEMENT

Motion by Johnson, second by Heller, to approve the following abatement; all present voted aye; motion carried: Record #10591, \$268.32 abated in property taxes due in 2013. This abatement has been submitted for approval to the City of Watertown and has been approved by the Director of Equalization.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Motion by Hanten, second by McElhany, to approve the purchase of computer equipment, associated software, and installation fees; approximate cost \$3,862.50 from Connecting Point; as requested and budgeted, for the Director of Equalization office; all present voted aye; motion carried.

SEALED BID ON UNSOLD TAX DEED PROPERTY

The Board received a sealed bid for a parcel of property which did not sell at a Tax Deed property public auction held on August 13th, 2013. The following bid was opened and announced for property record:

#10586, Lot 3, Block 58, 2nd Railway Add to the City of Watertown
David McElhany \$11,400.00 bid submitted

Motion by Heller, second by Johnson, to accept the bid of David McElhany in the amount of \$11,400.00. The Board held a discussion regarding the amount of special assessments filed against this property by the City of Watertown for mowing and demolition costs, due in the amount of \$11,384.87, including penalties and interest through October 31, 2013. In his bid Mr. McElhany indicated his objective is to build a house on this property. The Board discussed the objective to get the property back on the tax rolls as currently the property is exempt from tax as tax deed property owned by the County. Upon vote of the Board; all present voted aye; motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve the following travel requests; all present voted aye; motion carried: Weed Dept. Supervisor; VanDiest 2013 end of the year seminar, in Sioux Falls, SD. Emergency Management Director; Regional meeting in Aberdeen, SD. Veterans Service Officer; training mini conference in Brookings.

MEETING DATE CHANGE

It was noted per previous action there will be no meeting of the Codington County Commissioners on Tuesday, October 29th, 2013 as this is the fifth Tuesday of the month.

BUILDING STUDY

Commissioner Heller informed the Board he has arranged a meeting with Watertown City officials to discuss property owned by the City which may suit the County needs in their search for property upon which to build a new court/detention facility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Hanten, second by Heller, to enter into executive session at 10:19 a.m., to discuss union contract negotiations and a personnel matter; all present voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 11:26 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 McElhany, second by Hanten, to adjourn at 11:26 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 5th, 2013; all present voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

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