

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

March 6, 2018

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen, and Brenda Hanten; Charlie Waterman, absent; Chairman Johnson, presiding. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2018; all voted aye; motion carried.

**2018 BRIDGE INSPECTION RESOLUTUION**

Highway Supt., Rick Small, presented the Board with a resolution to appoint an engineering firm to conduct inspections of bridges in Codington County. Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approved Resolution 2018-7; all voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2018-7  
BRIDGE REINSPECTION  
PROGRAM RESOLUTION  
FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS**

**WHEREAS**, Title 23, Section 151, United States Code and Title 23, Part 650, Subpart C, Code of Federal Regulations, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

**THEREFORE**, Codington County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program using Bridge Replacement funds.

Codington County requests SDDOT to hire Banner Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. Codington County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, at Watertown, South Dakota

Board of County Commissioners of Codington County.

Myron Johnson  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman

Codington County, March 6, 2018

County Auditor

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Veterans Service Officer, Al Janzen**, reported 76 appointments/walk-ins and 4 trips with 10 riders in the month of January and 73 appointments/walk-ins and 5 trips with 10 riders in the month of February. A brief discussion was held regarding the timeline of the moving of the Veterans Service Office from the Courthouse to the City Auditorium. **Weed Supervisor, Steve Molengraaf**, updated the Board on the following items: annual meeting of the Weed Dept., Towns and Townships; Commercial Applicator recertification training; Farm Show; researching ROW easements; and prepping the spray truck for the upcoming season. Mr. Molengraaf advised the Board that the pickup ordered for the Weed Dept. could be another 8-12 weeks out for delivery.

**2018 OUTSTANDING WEED SUPERVISOR AWARD**

The Board congratulated Codington County Weed Supervisor, Steve Molengraaf, for being recognized as the Outstanding Weed Supervisor at the annual Weed Conference in Rapid City.

**TREASURERS' OFFICE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to approve the purchase of six new computer workstations for the Treasurers' office, as budgeted; all voted aye; motion carried.

**CARPET SCRUBBER EQUIPMENT**

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to authorize the purchase of a carpet scrubber for the Maintenance Office, to replace a scrubber purchased in 2002, and as budgeted; all voted aye; motion carried.

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to declare GEN01037, aqua clean carpet scrubber, surplus to be destroyed, per the request of Facility Manager, Milo Ford; all voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO DISCHARGE COUNTY LIENS**

County Auditor, Cindy Brugman, presented to the Board a resolution for the discharge of County liens. The Auditor advised the Board that the liens are considered uncollectible as the persons against whom the liens are filed have been deemed deceased with no assets. The list assembled by the Auditor's Office contains approximately 124 names and totals \$371,483.64. Motion by Gabel, second by Hanten, to approve Resolution 2018-6; all voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2018-6  
"TO DISCHARGE COUNTY AID LIENS"**

**WHEREAS**, the Codington County Auditor's office has furnished a list of liens filed in the Register of Deeds Office and has recommended the discharge of these liens as the individuals who incurred the liens are determined to be deceased, with no assets, and

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 1970 these existing liens total approximately \$371,483.64, and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence collection will be made on any of the total of approximately \$371,483.64

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the Codington County Board of Commissioners, that the Register of Deeds is hereby directed to discharge the liens of known deceased from July 1, 1970 to the present time, as listed on file in the Auditor's Office.

Codington County, March 6, 2018

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018

Myron Johnson  
Chairman Codrington County Commission

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman  
Codrington County Auditor

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to authorize the Auditor to publish a notice to bidders for a General Construction Contract including general, mechanical and electrical work, court technology and limited site work for the “Codrington County Courts Remodel”; all voted aye; motion carried. Bids will be opened at the Board’s meeting scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**PROPOSED HOG CONFINEMENT**

Germantown property owners Jim Beskow, Larin Bunde, and Keith Schick, met with the Board to discuss a recent Planning and Zoning Board meeting regarding a proposed Hog Confinement in Rauville Township. Chairman Johnson advised the group that the Board of County Commissioners has no legal authority to override a decision of the Planning and Zoning Board. The property owners were advised to contact the Zoning Officer to determine whether proper notification was made to all property owners who own land adjacent to the proposed confinement project.

**PROPERTY OWNER ASSESSMENT DISPUTE**

Property owner, Leslie McElhany, representing himself and David McElhany, met with the Board to discuss an assessment notice he received on property located at 1210 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE. Mr. McElhany advised the Board that on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, there was no structure on the property but the assessment notice that was sent to Mr. McElhany reflected a structure assessment of \$105,538. Mr. McElhany noted, the Director of Equalization office was aware, that on November 1, 2017, the property was land only. Commissioner Johnson advised Mr. McElhany that the common practice to dispute an assessment is through the annual Board of Equalization proceedings. Chairman Johnson noted this matter will also be taken up in executive session as a personnel issue and Mr. McElhany’s concerns will be addressed at that time.

Commissioner Waterman was present at 10:05 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to enter into executive session at 10:05 a.m., per SDCL 1-25-2, (1) discussion of personnel issues and (3) consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel regarding proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:27 a.m., no action was taken. Auditor, Cindy Brugman and States Attorney, Rebecca Morlock Reeves, were present for executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to adjourn at 10:27 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018; all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Codrington County, March 6, 2018

Cindy Brugman  
Codington County Auditor

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