

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

May 1, 2018

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Charlie Waterman, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen, and Brenda Hanten; Chairman Johnson, presiding. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

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

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018; all voted aye; motion carried.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #68**

Zoning Officer, Luke Muller, gave the First Reading of Ordinance #68, An ordinance amending Article II Definitions and Chapter 5.22 Wind Energy Systems (WES) of Article V General Provisions, of Ordinance 65, an ordinance amending Ordinance 15, An ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations for Codington County, South Dakota, as amended. The second reading, public hearing, and action to adopt is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS**

Amber Christenson appeared before the Board to request a moratorium on wind energy systems. Chairman Johnson provided information from the Codington County States Attorney regarding the process for the adoption of moratoriums. Ms. Christenson provided the Board with reasons why a moratorium on wind energy should be entertained based on how Ordinance #65 is worded. The Board did not take action on the request for the moratorium.

**VACATION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN KAMPESKA TOWNSHIP**

Motion by Gabel, second by Waterman, to vacate a public right of way described as: “Amos Street” adjacent to lot 6 of the plat entitled, “Codington County Railroad Land Company Addition in the SW1/4 of Section 1-T116N-R54W and SE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 2-T116N-R54W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., in the town of Vera, Codington County, South Dakota”; and Lots 13-24 in Block 5 of the plat entitled “Vera” located in SE1/4 of Section 2-T116N-R54 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., in the Town of Kampeska, Codington County, South Dakota. Zoning Officer, Luke Muller, reviewed the petition to vacate. Upon vote of the Board; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**4-H/Youth Program Advisor, Jodi Loehrer**, reported on the following items: Shooting sports; Strengthening Families Program, iGrow Readers – nutritional program for K-3 students, iRespect – cyber bullying program for grades 6-8, Bike Safety programs, Farm Safety camp, Kid Care Babysitting clinic, 4-H camp registration, team leadership conference, 4-H Judging Schools, and entering of livestock through 4-H online. **Veterans’ Service Officer, Al Janzen**, who could not be present for this meeting provided the Board with a written report of 4 trips with 9 riders in April and 96 appointments/walk ins for the month. Mr. Janzen expressed concern with the handicap access to his office in the City Auditorium. **Welfare Director, Sarah Petersen**, provided the Board with a report of statistics from the Welfare office

for the month of March 2018: 38 people were served for the following: 12 medical, 9 housing, 3 housing support, 1 homeless, 1 burial, 3 economic assistance, 4 transportation and 5 utilities; there were \$2,098.50 in funds expended by the County for these contacts and \$138,490.76 was saved using other resources. The Welfare Director presented the Board with a power point presentation on Eight Dimensions of Wellness, a SAMHSA'S (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Wellness Initiative and Two-Generation Approach to Combating Multigenerational Poverty in Our Nation's Counties. Ms. Petersen provided the Board with the agenda from the NACo Conference ReImagine HHS panel of which she is a representative.

**WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to approve Resolution 2018-13, in support of Wildfire Awareness Month; all voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2018-13  
CODINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH**

**Whereas**, the Commissioners of Codington County are charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Codington County, including all property situated therein; and

**Whereas**, wildfires threaten the environmental, economic, and social well-being of Codington County residents while challenging firefighter's efforts to protect life and property; and

**Whereas**, the Commissioners of Codington County have determined that in the interest of public health and safety; and

**Whereas**, wildfire suppression costs represent only a small portion of overall economic impacts and do not reflect the total cost of catastrophic fires; and

**Whereas**, residents have the responsibility to recognize the high risk of wildfire and institute safe and early evacuation plans, increase their home's resistance to wildfire, and create fire adapted communities to increase the safety and survivability of the public and emergency personnel; and

**Whereas**, Wildfire Awareness Month is an important opportunity for Codington County residents and all South Dakota's communities and fire service agencies to reduce the risk of wildfire, increase firefighter safety, and enhance public safety and awareness through education on fire safety, preparation, and prevention; now

**Therefore, be it Resolved**, that Codington County supports the month of May 2018 as South Dakota Wildfire Awareness Month; and

**Therefore, be it Further Resolved**, that the theme for this year, "One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire" is a call for the residents of Codington County to educate themselves and to take action to reduce the wildfire threat to their homes and help their community move toward becoming a fire adapted community.

Duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Codington County Commission on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2018.

Myron Johnson  
Chairman,

Codington County, May 1, 2018

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman  
 Codington County Auditor

**2018 CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MINUTES**

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the 2018 Consolidated Board of Equalization minutes; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MEMORIAL PARK CONCRETE PATIO/WIND BREAK**

Facilities Manager, Milo Ford, presented the Board with a request from Lutheran Church of our Redeemer to construct a patio/wind break in the area where summer Church services are held at Memorial Park. The Church will construct the patio/wind break at their own expense to meet or exceed existing code and ask that the County would then overtake the maintenance and structure upkeep. Motion by Gabel, second by Hanten, to approve the construction, at no cost to the County, of a patio/windbreak as requested; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MEMORIAL PARK BUILDING #3 RE-ROOF PROJECT**

Motion by Hanten, second by Waterman, to authorize a project to re-roof Building #3 at Memorial Park as budgeted and requested by Facilities Manager, Milo Ford. Mr. Ford estimated the cost for the project at \$7,653.07. Upon vote of the Board; all voted aye; motion carried.

**FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Board discussed an agenda item, requested by a private citizen who was not present for this meeting, regarding the need for Feeding South Dakota in Watertown. Representatives from First United Methodist Church, Pastor Sara Nelson and Robert Schultz, were present to provide information on Feeding South Dakota and several other food programs in Codington County. Welfare Director, Sarah Petersen, also provided information regarding this item. Currently in Codington County the Salvation Army, the PACH Program, First United Methodist Church, and the Human Service Agency are Feeding South Dakota partners.

**ABATEMENT**

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to approve an abatement application for property record #19949, in the amount of \$35.63; all voted aye; motion carried.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Motion by VanDusen, second by Gabel, to approve the following personnel changes; all voted aye; motion carried:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STEP/WAGE</u>
Mike Morgan	Deputy Sheriff, new hire	3/\$22.17 per hour
Lori Mills	24/7 Coordinator	12/\$22.76 per hour
Jef Schnackenberg	Park Maintenance	1/\$14.97 per hour
Sarah Tesch	DOE Clerk	5/\$16.88 per hour
Diane Merchant	DOE Office Coordinator	12/\$21.09 per hour

**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the following travel requests; all voted aye; motion carried: Correctional Officer and State’s Attorney, Drug Court Tune Up Training, and Deputy State’s Attorneys, State’s Attorney’s Conference.

**MORATORIUM REQUEST**

The Board further discussed the request for a moratorium on Wind Energy Systems and the options that were available to them at this meeting. Zoning Officer, Luke Muller, outlined those three options as follows: 1) an outright no vote on the request; 2) a motion to publish a notice on having a moratorium hearing after the ordinance public hearing schedule for next week; 3) the request can be addressed in depth during the ordinance public hearing scheduled for next week. Further discussion was held regarding options available on the request after the public hearing on Ordinance #68 scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Hanten, second by Waterman, to enter into executive session at 10:19 a.m., to discuss personnel issues; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:38 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 Hanten, second by VanDusen, to adjourn as a Board of Commissioners at 10:38 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018; all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman  
Codington County Auditor

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