

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

May 15, 2018

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 15, 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 May 8th, 2018; all voted aye; motion carried.

FIRE SUPRESSION SYSTEM BIDS

Bids were received and opened for a “Fire Suppression System” as previously advertised. Watertown Fire Marshall, Chip Premus and Facilities Manager, Milo Ford, assisted with the bid opening.

PLUMBING BIDS

Warne Plumbing and Heating, Watertown, SD; base bid \$32,330.00; alternate \$1,175.00; bid check enclosed.

Andor Inc., Watertown, SD; base bid \$43,210.00; bid bond enclosed.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Xtreme Fire Protection, Sioux Falls, SD; base bid \$93,000.00; bid bond enclosed.

Prairie Sons Inc., Brandon, SD; base bid \$56,745.00, alternate \$1,025.00; bid bond enclosed.

The Fire Marshall and Facilities Manager reviewed the bids for accuracy and recommended acceptance of the bids from Warne Plumbing and Heating and Prairie Sons, Inc. Motion by Gabel, second by Hanten, to accept the plumbing bid of \$32,330.00, from Warne Plumbing and Heating, including the alternate bid in the amount of \$1,175.00; all voted aye; motion carried. Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to accept the sprinkler system bid of \$56,745.00, from Prairie Sons, Inc., including the alternate bid in the amount of \$1,025.00; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Facilities Manager, Milo Ford, updated the Board on the following: Memorial Park – the office is open and a water main break has occurred in the campground area, which is being monitored. The Extension Center Complex, Courthouse, and Detention Center continue to operate with no major problems at this time. **Interim Highway Supt., Rick Small**, sanders and wings have been removed, crack sealing continues, patching will begin soon, load limits are still in place, the County Road 6 project has no estimated start date at this time, and the traffic counters have again been set out on 460th Ave South of Highway 212 for additional data.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to declare the following Sheriff’s Office vehicles surplus to be traded for new patrol vehicles: GEN01451 – 2007 Ford Taurus and GEN01409 – 2009 Dodge Durango. Upon vote of the Board; all voted aye; motion carried.

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INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY

Welfare Director, Sarah Petersen, met with the Board to review proposed indigent burial guidelines and procedure changes. Ms. Petersen's indicated the two main points that need clarity are: Defining "next of kin" and the method used to determine financial eligibility for next of kin; and defining and clarifying the role of the County and Funeral Home during the indigent burial application process. Ms. Petersen reviewed several options with the Board for clarifying these points. The Welfare Director requested that the Board review the options prior to taking action to approve a policy. The Board scheduled action for May 22nd.

COURTHOUSE REMODEL PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to approve a change order in the amount of \$2,240.00 for the Courthouse Remodel Project. Commissioner Gabel advised the Board the change order comes as a result of demolition, to the office space to be occupied by the Clerk of Courts, and a request to reconfigure and redesign the public lobby and associated public counters after space was revealed during the demolition process. Upon vote of the Board; all voted aye; motion carried.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Hanten, second by Waterman, to approve the following personnel change: Lisa Felch, new hire, Legal Secretary, step 3/\$15.85 per hour; all voted aye; motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Hanten, second by VanDusen, to approve the following travel request; all voted aye; motion carried: Treasurers' office clerks; SDACO Deputy Workshop.

PROPERTY OWNER CONCERNS

Property owner, Ron DeVille, met with the Board to discuss property located along South Lake Drive that is proposed for annexation into the City of Watertown. Mr. DeVille expressed concerns that the property will be developed and will interfere with wildlife in the Toby Slough area. Mr. DeVille asked for the Board's consideration to stop development that could result in a large residential home being built that would disturb the wildlife in the area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to enter into executive session at 10:16 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 10:53 a.m., no action was taken. The Human Resource Director, Sheriff and States Attorney were present for executive session at varying times.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by Gabel, to adjourn as a Board of Commissioners at 10:53 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018; all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

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