

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

July 17, 2018

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Charlie Waterman, Myron Johnson, and Troy VanDusen; Commissioners Lee Gabel and Brenda Hanten were present via teleconference; Chairman Johnson, presiding. Weed Supervisor, Steve Molengraaf, led the pledge of allegiance. All motions were taken by roll call vote.

AGENDA APPROVED

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the minutes of July 10th, 2018; all voted aye; motion carried.

2019 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM REVIEW

Ray Kranz, Kranz Insurance, met with the Board to review the 2019 employee health insurance premium renewal with the Sanford Health Plan. Mr. Kranz advised the Board that the increase over the 2018 premium is 5.2%. The 2019 premium is 12.5% less than the premiums the County paid in 2015. Mr. Kranz did recommend accepting the renewal rate with the Sanford Health Plan as the average increase for a group health plan is 10%. The Board will take action at a future meeting regarding the renewal premium with the Sanford Health Plan.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Facilities Manager, Milo Ford, reported on the following: Memorial Park – the campground is very busy; wi-fi coverage is being explored for the campground; there is a demand for additional full time camping sites; and 5 tenting sites have been added. Courthouse – the remodel project continues to progress; prep is underway for a new waterline being brought in for the fire suppression project; and the department will be short staffed for approximately two months. Detention Center – a substantial amount has been spent to repair the air conditioning system and the system is currently operating but not keeping up on 90-degree days. The system is over 40 years old and remains a project in the works. Extension Center Complex – staff is preparing for 4-H Achievement days to be held August 6 – 9; and the roofing repair project has been completed. Mr. Ford has contacted the County's insurance adjuster for a final settlement on the project. **Weed Supervisor, Steve Molengraaf**, reported the following stats for the 2018 weed season to date: 306 hours logged spray time, 2157 miles sprayed, 212 gallons of 2-4D used, 114 gallons of Tordon used, 8.5 gallons of Grazon Next used, and 5 gallons of Glyphosate used. Spot spraying has resulted in a reduction of chemical usage; the 2018 Dodge Ram for the Weed Dept. has been delivered; July 25th is the date for the next Weed Board meeting; larvae has been collected for Poison Hemlock; and the State Weed Commission and Tour will be held in September. Mr. Molengraaf gave a video presentation of recent weed tours and leafy spurge collection.

COURTROOM TABLES

Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to approve the purchase of two tables for the new jury courtroom @\$1,610.00 each; all voted aye; motion carried.

CODINGTON COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK TREE FUND

Facilities Manager, Milo Ford, met with the Board to request authorization and to recommend to the Board the setup of the “Codington County Memorial Park Tree Fund” within the Watertown Area Community Foundation. Mr. Ford advised the Board that the Foundation will act as the depository for any contributions to the Tree Fund and distribute funds appropriately to support the purchase, planting and care of trees at Codington County Memorial Park. Motion by Gabel, second by Hanten; to approve an agreement establishing the Codington County Memorial Park Tree Fund within the Watertown Area Community Foundation; all voted aye; motion carried.

COURTHOUSE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Commissioner Gabel has been in contact with the SD Dept. of Legislative Audit regarding the Board’s action of July 10th to purchase a fire alarm system and installation of same. Commissioner Gabel received word from the Dept. of Legislative Audit, which opined, that this project should have gone through the formal bid process because of the total cost for the system and installation. Motion by Gabel, second by Hanten, to rescind the Board’s action of July 10th to purchase a fire alarm system and installation of same; all voted aye; motion carried.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Motion by Gabel, second by Hanten, to authorize a notice to bidders for a Fire Alarm System and installation of same; all voted aye; motion carried. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for August 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the County Commission chambers. Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 28th, 2018.

2019 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed the following 2019 budget requests: Government Buildings, West Nile, Memorial Park, Ag. Building, and Weed Dept.

HUMAN RESOURCE AND LABOR NEGOTIATION SERVICES

Motion by VanDusen, second by Hanten, to hire Terry Satterlee as the Human Resource Director for Codington County at a rate of \$1,200.00 per mo. Mr. Satterlee will handle only human resource items and will not handle labor contract negotiations. Upon vote of the Board; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board agreed to postpone action on labor contract negotiation services until August 7th, 2018.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

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

Corrections Sergeant, Matt Blackwelder, promoted to Chief Correctional Officer, August 1st, \$25.50 per hour.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Gabel, second by Waterman, to approve the following travel requests; all voted aye; motion carried: Welfare Director, 2018 SDACO Convention and Emergency Management Director, DENR Sponsored Chemical and Oil Industry Safety & Compliance Workshop.

CODINGTON COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Gabel noted the next meeting of the CCJAC will be held on August 14th at LATI.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by Gabel, to adjourn at 10:27 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 24th, 2018; all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Codington County, July 17, 2018

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

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