

AGENDA
Codington County Board of Commissioners
Codington County Courthouse, 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown SD
Commission Chambers, Room #114
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2019

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Conflict of interest items**
3. **Call for Public Comment**
4. **Action to approve the agenda**
5. **Action to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019**
6. **Monthly reports**
 - a. **Facilities Manager**
 - b. **Highway Superintendent**
7. **Review 2020 budget requests**
8. **Action on change orders submitted for Courthouse Remodel Project**
9. **Action to approve claims for payment**
10. **Action to approve automatic budget supplements**
11. **Action to approve personnel changes**
12. **Action to approve travel requests**
13. **Old Business**
14. **New Business**
15. **Open**
 - a. **Public Comments**
 - b. **Commission Comments**
16. **Action to enter into Executive session per SDCL 1-25-2**
 - (1) **Discussion of personnel issues**
 - (2) **Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel regarding proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters**
 - (3) **Preparing for contract negotiations with employees or employee's representatives**
17. **Action to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019; at the Codington County Courthouse**

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

July 16, 2019

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the Codington County Courthouse. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Charlie Waterman, Myron Johnson, and Troy VanDusen; Commissioner Brenda Hanten was present via teleconference; Chairman, Myron Johnson, presiding. Commissioner Lee Gabel led the pledge of allegiance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ITEMS

There were no conflict of interest items to note.

CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Johnson called for public comments for the Open. A request to address the Board during the open, regarding a Sheridan Township road, was made.

AGENDA APPROVED

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Hanten, second by Gabel, to approve the minutes of July 9th, 2019; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Facilities Manager, Milo Ford, updated the board on the following: Memorial Park – the campground continues to remain extremely busy with a possible record year despite problems with excess water. Extension Center Complex – excess rain is on the verge of causing problems but drain tiled installed several years ago is currently keeping up. Additional gutters may be installed to deflect moisture from the barn area and center area of the buildings. Courthouse – the landscaping project is finished with the exception of planting. The parking lot seal has been completed. Detention Center – staff installed new flooring in the area utilized for physicians' visits and plans are underway to remove ceiling tile and re-install in a dorm area. **Highway Supt., Rick Hartley**, updated the Board on chip sealing; completion of the new sign shop; the purchase of a rock grizzly; shoulder work; a request to lower the speed limit on a section of road on County Road 14 (4th Ave SW) near 78th St.; and reimbursement received for damages incurred on County Road 20-3 in October 2018. Discussion was also held regarding supplementing the Road & Bridge budget with funds remitted to the County for charges related to engineering service charges on wind energy haul roads.

2020 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed the following 2020 budget requests: Government Buildings, West Nile, County Park, Ag. Building, and Road & Bridge.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by VanDusen, second by Hanten, to approve the following personnel changes; all voted aye; motion carried: Melissa Holtquist, Correctional Officer, anniversary step increase 7/1/2019, to step 8/\$21.88 per hour, Wes Jennings, Correctional Officer, anniversary step increase 7/15/2019, to step 9/\$22.31 per hour, and David Hedding, Highway Maintenance III, anniversary step increase 8/1/2019, to step 13/\$24.67 per hour.

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TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by VanDusen, second by Gabel, to approve the following travel request: Director of Equalization Appraiser, District meeting in Webster; all voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-17

Commissioner Gabel took this time to explain that Resolution 2019-17, recently passed by the Board, to minimize taxpayer costs when funding county infrastructure construction by implementing a 1/2 cent sales tax, subject to a local vote, will be submitted to the SDACC and if approved at that level, will then be presented for consideration to the 2020 SD Legislature.

FORMER CODINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF, CURTIS BERG

The Board took a moment to acknowledge the passing of former Codington County Sheriff, Curtis Berg, who served from 1971 through 1978.

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP ROAD

Emil Wiese and Tom Jostad, appearing independently, met with the Board to discuss the condition of a Township road in Sheridan Township. Mr. Wiese informed the Board the road in question leads to the Meadow Lake Assisted Living Center and is in need of immediate repair. Mr. Wiese noted this road is used by the ambulance service to reach the assisted living center. Mr. Wiese asked for the Board's assistance to encourage the Sheridan Township Board to address the problem. Mr. Jostad addressed the Board with the same concerns as he frequently travels to the assisted living center for residents. Highway Supt., Rick Hartley, noted the road base is firm but needs gravel. Mr. Wiese informed the Board that the Township recently did spread gravel on a portion of the road. Commissioner Hanten will follow up this discussion by contacting Sheridan Township officials.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Hanten, second by Gabel, to adjourn at 10:30 a.m., until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019; all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor

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