

**AGENDA**  
**Codington County Board of Commissioners**  
**Codington County Court House, 14 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Watertown SD**  
**Commission Chambers, Room #114**  
**9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Call for public comment. Public comment may be submitted in person or via telephone at 605-882-6248 or 605-882-6297**
3. **Conflict of interest items**
4. **Action to approve the March 7, 2023, agenda**
5. **Action to approve the February 28, 2023, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners**
6. **Monthly Reports**
  - a. **Extension**
  - b. **Veteran Service Officer**
7. **Action to approve Resolution 2023-7, Kahnke Addition Plat (Fuller Township)**
8. **Action to approve application for SD Community Foundation Bid Idea Grant for Systems of Care sustainability**
9. **Action to approve application for Community Health Worker SD grant – 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding**
10. **Action to approve allocation from Welfare rent assistance budget to support Watertown Cares Program**
11. **Action to approve February ARPA salary transfers**
12. **Action to approve claims for payment**
13. **Action to approve automatic budget supplements**
14. **Action to approve personnel changes**
15. **Action to approve travel requests**
16. **Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:**
  - a. **Annual meeting of the Weed Board and Townships, Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Codington County Extension Center**
  - b. **Sioux Valley Commissioners Association meeting, 12:00 noon, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant, SD**
17. **Old Business**
18. **New Business**

**19. Open**

- a. Public Comments**
- b. Commission Comments**

**20. 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**
- (4) Discussing information listed in SDCL 1-27-1.5 (8) and 1-27-1.5 (17) (safety or disaster)**

**21. Action to adjourn upon completion of agenda items**

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**Official Proceedings  
County of Codington  
Codington County Court House  
14 1<sup>st</sup> Ave SE  
Watertown, SD 57201**

March 07, 2023

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 07, 2023, at the Codington County Court House. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Charlie Waterman, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen and Randall Schweer; Chair Gabel, presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

**CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ITEMS**

Chair Gabel called for public comments to be taken up during the open portion of the meeting; none were offered. There were no conflict-of-interest items to note.

**AGENDA APPROVED**

Motion by VanDusen, second by Waterman, to approve the March 07, 2023 agenda, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023 as presented; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**4-H/Youth Program Advisor, Jodi Loehrer,** reported: Jodi thanked all the volunteers that helped with the Farm Show lunch counters and to all the club members, parents, and leaders who volunteered at the Home Builders lunch counter, the funds raised will assist in offering more education to the youth; the Northeast 4-H Youth Program Advisors are offering a Virtual Kid Kare Babysitting Clinic for 6 weeks starting March 27<sup>th</sup> until May 1<sup>st</sup>, they will have until March 19<sup>th</sup>, to sign up and then packets will go out to the advisors; the next 4-H Teen Dash Mixer for the region is Saturday, March 25, at the Extension Complex, since Watertown is a great central location, this is for teen leaders to come together and learn leadership skills, this year's theme is "I Hate Winter" and there will also be some survivor games. Shooting sports is going well, and there was a robin hood that happened last week that was right in the bullseye by a junior member, 11–13-year age bracket; Jodi will be assisting with the Women in Science at LATC on March 13<sup>th</sup>, this is for 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth learning about science careers; the South Dakota Assn. of 4-H Youth Program will be in Aberdeen the last week of March; this year there are 48 Clover buds registered. **Veteran Service Office, Todd Rose,** reported two DAV transports occurred in February and there are two transports currently scheduled in March; there are 2,100 veterans in Codington County according to the VA 2021 GDX report; YTD there are 155 open (working claims) and 57 completed; there was an increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents, YTD a monthly increase of \$28,031; there was an increase in retro- payments of \$68,957 for the month of February, YTD retro-payments are \$210,499; the Honor Pact Act of August 10, 2022 has started and starting to see the impact in his office, this will be a huge impact on the VA and Veterans for years to come; Vietnam Veterans (Agent Orange Exposure) Locations: Vietnam or on vessel operating within 12 Nautical Miles, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Guam (some areas have a certain time frame), currently there are 17 Presumptive Conditions; also includes Gulf War and Post 9/11 Veterans (Toxic Exposure), Locations: Southwest Asia theater of Operation, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Uzbekistan (Some areas have a certain time frame), currently there is 27 Presumptive Conditions; they are currently

working to review old records and claims to see if there are veterans that have passed and might have served in these areas to see if they would have been eligible for the presumptive conditions if there could be benefits for surviving spouses; the future plan would be a possible veteran’s town hall/symposium event and also do a driver campaign at the same time.

**PLAT RESOLUTION APPROVED**

Zoning Officer, Luke Muller, reviewed and presented the Board the plat of Kahnke Addition for their approval. The board took the following action:

**RESOLUTION #2023-7**

A Resolution to approve the platting of the Kahnke Addition in the County of Codington, South Dakota.

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota, as follows:

That an examination has been made of the plat entitled:

Kahnke Addition, in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 3-T118N-R54W, of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., in the County of Codington, South Dakota; and it appearing to the Board of County Commissioners that the arrangement of streets and alleys and the area within its jurisdiction have not been interfered with by the said plat and survey, and that the County Planning Commission of the said County has recommended approval of the said plat, and it also appearing that the plat and survey accompanying the same has been executed according to law.

NOW, THEREFORE, said plat is hereby approved and the County Auditor of Codington County, South Dakota, is hereby authorized to endorse on the said plat a copy of the Resolution and to certify to the same thereon.

The above and foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Waterman; whereupon the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners declared the same to be duly passed and adopted.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

Lee Gabel, Chair

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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COUNTY OF CODINGTON

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed, elected, qualified, and acting County Auditor of Codington County, South Dakota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2023-7, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

Brenda Hanten

County Auditor, Codington County, South Dakota

**SD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BIG IDEA GRANT**

Motion by Johnson, second by VanDusen, to authorize the application for the SD Community Foundation Big Idea Grant for Systems of Care sustainability; all voted aye; motion carried.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SD GRANT**

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to authorize the application for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding for the Community Health Worker SD Grant; all voted aye; motion carried.

**ALLOCATION FROM WELFARE RENT ASSISTANCE BUDGET**

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve the allocation of \$15,000.00 from the Welfare rent assistance budget to Watertown Cares; all voted aye; motion carried.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OPERATING CASH TRANSFER**

Motion by VanDusen, second by Waterman, to approve operating cash transfers from the ARPA fund in the amount of \$643,865.04, to the General Fund in the amount of \$536,215.93, Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$99,628.48, and Crime Victims Fund in the amount of \$8,020.63; for February payroll claims; all voted aye; motion carried.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Motion by VanDusen, second by Schweer, to approve the following personnel changes; Newly elected Auditor, Brenda Hanten, effective March 6, 2023, Grade 65E/step 1, 6455.40 per month; Cindy Brugman, Auditor Specialist, effective March 6, 2023, occasional part-time employee, 19 hours per week, or less, with no benefits, \$40.00 per hour; New hire, Harold Rounds, Highway Tech. III, Grade 35/Step 1, \$23.86 per hour; all voted aye; motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve the following travel request: Welfare Director, Collective Impact Action Summit, virtual event; all voted aye; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by VanDusen, to adjourn at 9:40 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten

Codington County Auditor

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