

**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, April 18, 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 April 18, 2023, agenda**
  5. **Action to approve the April 11, 2023, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners**
  6. **Monthly Reports**
  7. **Discussion/possible action to approve a resolution declaring an emergency/disaster and asking the Governor to declare an emergency/disaster for Codington County**
  8. **Action to approve abatement applications**
  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. **Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:**
    - a. **Codington County Connects Day – April 18, 2023**
    - b. **SDACO/SDACC New Officials Workshop**
  14. **Old Business**
  15. **New Business**
  16. **Open**
    - a. **Public Comments**
    - b. **Commission Comments**
  17. **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)**
  18. **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**

April 18, 2023

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 18, 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 Schweer, to approve the agenda for April 18, 2023, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Johnson, second by Waterman, to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023; all voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER**

**Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado**, presented, for the Board's action, a disaster declaration resolution due to the recent and anticipated flooding damage incurred in Codington County. Motion by Waterman, second by VanDusen, to declare an emergency and to adopt the following disaster declaration resolution; all present voted aye; motion carried:

**RESOLUTION #2023-8**

**RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER**

**WHEREAS**, Codington County, South Dakota, has suffered severe damage, brought on by rapid snow melt and spring flood waters, on the date of April 10, 2023 and ongoing;

**WHEREAS**, Starting March 27, 2023, jurisdictions within the boundaries of Codington County have committed extraordinary resources, taken all possible actions within jurisdictional boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, Local resources are not adequate to cope with the situation, and local jurisdictions have requested State assistance to combat and to alleviate damages from the emergency/disaster;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Codington County Board of Commissioners, at a regular meeting held on April 18, 2023, it is hereby requested that the Governor declare an emergency/disaster to exist in the County of Codington.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

Lee Gabel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Codington County, 18 April 2023

Brenda Hanten, Auditor

#### FLOOD UPDATE

**Commissioner VanDusen**, updated the board on the current flood conditions; the flood command team met on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and were provided an update by the National Weather Service, the forecast is for warmer temps the first half of the week and then cooling off toward the weekend, the Big Sioux River continues to recede, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. N has now been opened to traffic, Lake Kampeska did hit the crest on Sunday afternoon, so the real focus turns to the ice and the ice melt coming up on shore, causing possible structural damage, people are asked if you are having ice move toward your residence to mindful of their gas mains if there is any concern with this contact Watertown Municipal Utilities so they can come out and inspect it; the good news is hopefully the worst is over and will continue to see the water recede, with no large amounts of precipitation expected; water continues to rise in Pelican and haven't seen it crest yet, it is anticipated to equalize in the next day or so. **Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado**, informed the board, that Codington County has enough damage initially to meet the threshold to receive funding if there would be a disaster declared for the State, the State is required to meet a threshold of \$1,569,400.59, Codington County would need to meet a threshold of \$125,763.00, and each entities within Codington County would need to have a minimum of \$3,800.00; Townships have been called and advised that they need to document any damages to the roads, including taking pictures before any repairs to the roads are done, damage estimates will need to be completed so a dollar amount can be assigned and reported to the emergency management office.

#### CLAIMS

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to approve for payment the following claims: Borns Group 5,445.88 postage; CNA Surety 100.00 surety bond; VISA Reliabank 1,498.04 travel/fuel/sup; all voted aye; motion carried. Motion by Johnson, second by Waterman, to approve the following claim for payment: City of Watertown, \$22,961.86, February 911 surcharge collections; Gabel, Waterman, Schweer and Johnson voted aye; VanDusen was recused; motion carried.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by VanDusen, second by Schweer, to approve the following personnel change: John Engels, rehire, Seasonal Assistant Weed Supervisor, effective April 17, 2023, step DD 2, \$22.23 per hour; all voted aye; motion carried.

#### TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by VanDusen, second by Waterman, to approve the following travel requests; Highway employee, training; Director of Equalization & Office Staff, SDAAO Conference; Treasurer & Deputy Treasurer, SDACO Spring Workshop; all voted aye; motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by Waterman, to adjourn at 9:19 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten

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