

AGENDA
Codington County Board of Commissioners
Codington County Court House, 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown SD
Commission Chambers, Room #114
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 02, 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 May 02, 2023, agenda
5. Action to approve the April 25, 2023, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners
6. Monthly Reports
 - a. Extension
 - b. Veteran Service Officer
7. Action to accept a quote for lavatory and toilet replacements for Detention Center
8. Action to accept a quote for a Kubota UTV side by side for the Weed Department
9. Action to accept a quote for computers for the Register of Deeds Office
10. Action to approve a resolution discharging County liens of deceased clients
11. Note payments for nameplate capacity and production tax for three wind energy projects
12. Action to approve abatement applications
13. Action to approve claims for payment
14. Action to approve automatic budget supplements
15. Action to approve personnel changes
16. Action to approve travel requests
17. Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:
 - a. Lincoln Day Dinner, May 5th, 5:30 PM, 2nd Street Station
18. Old Business
19. New Business
20. Open
 - a. Public Comments
 - b. Commission Comments
21. 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)

22. Action to adjourn upon completion of agenda items

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

May 02, 2023

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 02, 2023, at the Codington County Court House. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Charlie Waterman, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen; absent Randall Schweer; Chair Gabel, presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Waterman.

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 Johnson, to approve the May 02, 2023 agenda, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by Johnson, second by Waterman, to approve the minutes of April 25, 2023 as presented; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Veteran Service Office, Todd Rose, reported two DAV transports occurred in April and there are no transports currently scheduled in May; YTD there are 170 open (working claims) and YTD 92 completed; \$13,398 for the month of April 2023, increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents, YTD a monthly increase of \$45,496; \$92,744 for the month of March 2023, in retro-payments to bring a claim current to monthly compensation YTD retro-payments \$317,872; Todd and Jay attended a 4-hour block on instruction put on by the South Dakota Department of Veteran Affairs, will be fielding new software to process claims with no start date as of now; the Honor Pact Act of August 2022 is bringing a new thought process to how the VA looks at Toxic Exposure, it doesn't necessarily mean Agent Orange and Vietnam or Burn Pits and South-East Asia, if there was a veteran that was a lab-technician, a fueler, or an airplane mechanic, or if your job in the military exposed you to toxins and if those toxins could have been the cause of a medical condition you may have, they could be service connected for that condition, it opens things up significantly for filing possible claims; the VA has seen a 35% increase in claims; May is National Appreciation Month which includes, Loyalty Day on May 1st, Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 12th, Victory in Europe Day on May 8th, Armed Forces Day on May 20th, and Memorial Day on May 29th, May is also Gold Star Awareness Month, providing us the opportunity to pay tribute to families of our fallen heroes; Charles T. Langenfeld will receive a bridge in his honor and it will be the bridge on Willow Creek, there were 12 that were selected out of 70 applicants this year, Codington County is fortunate to have been selected 1 selected in the past 3 years; the American Legion is working on the Memorial Day Plans for May 29th, while the American Legion Riders are working on an event for Armed Forces Days on May 20th, 2023 at Trav's Outfitters; Ashley Alvarado with the Department of Labor is hosting an hour long "Coffee with Veterans" on May 23rd, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at "Gather" coffee shop, Jay and Todd will be attending this event, some of the other local counties do this monthly and is sponsored by the county VSO office, will be curious to see how well it is received and if this is something that they will want to carry on;

LAVATORY AND TOILET REPLACEMENTS FOR DETENTION CENTER

Motion by Johnson, second by VanDusen, to approve the purchase of 7 – stainless-steel toilets and 9 – stainless-steel lavatories for the Detention Center, as budgeted, Facility Manager, Steve Molengraaf presented to the board a quote from Warne Plumbing and Heating, in the amount of \$47,475.00 plus \$2,000.00 for freight for a total of \$49,475.00; all voted aye; motion carried.

KUBOTA ATV SIDE BY SIDE FOR THE WEED DEPARTMENT

Motion by Waterman, second by Johnson, to approve the purchase of Kubota ATV side by side for the Weed Department, as budgeted, Facility Manager, Steve Molengraaf, presented to the board a quote from Sourcewell in the amount of \$23,840.94; the current ATV will be moved to the park for the summer and used at the Courthouse during the winter; all voted aye; motion carried.

COMPUTERS FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE

Motion by VanDusen, second by Johnson, to approve the purchase of 3 HP Eliteone 870 G9 AIO computers for the Register of Deeds Office, as budgeted, Register of Deeds, Ann Rasmussen, presented to the board a quote from Connecting Point in the amount of \$5,430.00; all voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL COUNTY LIENS

Motion by VanDusen, second by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2023-7 to cancel county liens against persons who are known to be deceased with no assets; all voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-9

“TO DISCHARGE COUNTY AID LIENS”

WHEREAS, the Codington County Auditor’s office has furnished a list of liens filed in the Register of Deeds Office and has recommended the discharge of these liens as the individuals who incurred the liens are determined to be deceased, with no assets, and

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 1970 these existing liens total approximately \$148,791.48, and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence collection will be made on any of the total of approximately \$148,791.48,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the Codington County Board of Commissioners, that the Register of Deeds is hereby directed to discharge the liens of known deceased from July 1, 1970 to the present time, as listed on file in the Auditor’s Office.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2023

D. Lee Gabel

D. Lee Gabel, Chairman Codington County Commission

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten

Brenda Hanten, Codington County Auditor

ALTERNATIVE ANNUAL TAX ON WIND FARM PROPERT

The Board noted payment, in the amount of \$1,182,340.68, has been received from the State of South Dakota for 2022 nameplate capacity tax and production tax from Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC, Crowned Ridge 2 Wind, LLC, and Dakota Range 1 & 2 Wind LLC. The following payments will be made with monthly tax apportionment remittances in May:

Codington County	\$413,819.24
Watertown School	\$ 50,322.05
Waverly School	\$540,848.30
Germantown Township	\$ 32,166.86
Kranzburg Township	\$ 38,322.17
Leola Township	\$ 27,076.99
Rauville Township	\$ 4,614.61
Waverly Township	\$ 75,170.46

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by Johnson, second by Waterman, to approve the following personnel change; New hire, Jared Getty, part-time correctional officer, effective 5/01/2023, Step 1/Grade 35, \$23.86 per hour; all voted aye; motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Johnson, second by VanDusen, to approve the following travel request: Director of Equalization Officer and staff to attend the SDAAO Annual Assessor School; all voted aye; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson, second by Waterman, to approve an emergency closing the Extension Office on Friday, May 05, 2023, for the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for the office staff to attend the funeral of Linda Lenards, mother of Jodi Loehrer, all voted aye; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by VanDusen, second by Waterman, to enter into executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2 (2), consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel regarding proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters; at 9:34 a.m.; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 9:46 a.m., no action was taken. States Attorney, Rebecca Morlock-Reeves was present for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by VanDusen, second by Johnson, to adjourn at 9:47 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

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