

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, August 01, 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 August 01, 2023, agenda
5. Action to approve the July 25, 2023, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioner
6. Presentation by Watertown Development Company Representative
7. Monthly Reports
 - a. Extension
 - b. Veteran Service Officer
8. Review 2024 budget requests
9. Action to approve advertising and hiring of a Deputy States Attorney to fill a vacancy
10. Action to declare Codington County Search & Rescue 2005 (8x22) boat trailer surplus to be donated
11. Discussion/possible action to enact a burn ban resolution
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. Sioux Valley Commission Association Meeting, 12:00 noon, August 9th, Mad Mary's Steak House in Flandreau, SD
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 item

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

August 01, 2023

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 01, 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 VanDusen.

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 August 01, 2023, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

PRESENTATION BY WATERTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Watertown Development Company Board Member, Mark Dunn, presented to the Board the next 5-year campaign, Grow Watertown 2.0, the 5-year strategies for the campaign are: Business Retention & Expansion, New Business Attraction, Workforce Development, Community Development and a Flexibility Fund, Goals and Outcomes by 2028 are: 600 direct jobs, 300 business retention/expansion visits, increase new housing inventory, increase Codington County workforce and labor participation rate, the last 5-year contribution that the County made contributed to an annual tax revenue increase of \$224,173., the request that the Watertown Development Company is requesting for the next 5-year campaign is \$300,000.00 total or \$60,000.00 per year for the next 5 years.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Veteran Service Office, Todd Rose, updated the board: metrics for the month, 155 open claims (working claims) (73 pending action from VA) 166 completed (YTD), currently working for 51 veterans and have completed claims for 21 veterans from outside our county; \$9,986 for the month of July 2023, increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents YTD monthly increase \$77,350; \$483,306 for the month of July 2023, retro-payment to bring a claim current to monthly compensation YTD retro-payments \$ 934,873; 5 veteran DAV transports in July and 2 transports currently scheduled for Aug.; City Auditorium update: still working to get the AC fixed, City isn't going to do anything with the AC until at least October 2023, when or if they do it will be just enough to get by; the handicap chair access still is not working; the VA dropped off another DAV vehicle in Watertown, it was from Grant County as they were not using it due to not having any drivers; submitted travel requests to attend State VSO training and certification; Veterans Day Ceremony will be at the County Extension Building on Friday, November 10th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., S.D. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Greg Whitlock will be the guest speaker.

2024 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board reviewed 2024 budget requests for the following: mandated budgets and non-profits.
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DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY POSITION VACANCY

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to authorize State's Attorney, Rebecca Morlock Reeves, to hire a Deputy State's Attorney to fill a vacancy, all voted aye; motion carried.

SURPLUS TRAILER

Motion by VanDusen, second by Johnson, to declare the following vehicle from the Codington County Search and Rescue, **Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado**, informed the Board that was purchased with Search and Rescue Support and is registered to Codington County Search and Rescue, surplus to be donated to the Game, Fish & Parks: 2005 8x22 Ezloader Trailer, VIN #1ZEADALA55Aoo9603; Gen01205; all voted aye; motion carried.

BURN BAN DISCUSSION

Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado, informed the board that he didn't think that it was necessary to enact a burn ban at this time.

PERSONNEL CHANGE

Motion by Schweer, second by Waterman, to approve the following personnel change; all voted aye; motion carried. State's Attorney Administrative Specialist; Kari Lieffort, step 1/\$21.69 per hour, effective August 1, 2023.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by VanDusen, second by Schweer, to approve the following travel requests: Director of Equalization Office staff to attend an Ultra Software Users Meeting; all voted aye; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Johnson, second by Schweer, to enter into executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) discussion of personnel issues, at 9:40 a.m.; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m., no action was taken. Human Resource Associate, Larissa Swanson and State's Attorney, Rebecca Morlock Reeves; were present for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by Schweer, to adjourn at 10:01 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten

Codington County Auditor

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