

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, March 5, 2024

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 5, 2024, agenda
5. Action to approve the February 27, 2024, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners
6. Monthly Reports
 - a. Extension
 - b. Veterans Service Office
7. Action to approve a quote for striping of County roads
8. Action to approve job shadowing for a LATC CHW student at the Community Services Office
9. Action to approve allocation from Community Service rent assistance budget to support Watertown Cares Program
10. Discussion/possible action to accept a proposal for jail pre-design architectural services
11. Discussion/possible action on eminent domain of Bridge #15-216-220
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 Commissioners Association meeting, Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 12:00 p.m., Huron, 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 items

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

March 5, 2024

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at the Codington County Court House. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Charlie Waterman, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen and Randall Schweer; Chair Schweer, presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ITEMS

Chair Schweer 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 Waterman, second by Gabel, to approve the agenda for March 5, 2024, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by VanDusen, second by Johnson, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2024; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

4-H/Youth Program Advisor, Jodi Loehrer, updated the Board: held the 4-H shooting sports spaghetti feed on Sunday, a big thank you to all who attended and supported this first-time event, shooting sports will continue on Tuesday and Thursday nights, the State 4-H Shoot is April 26-28 in Ft. Pierre; a virtual Kid Kare will be held on Mondays from March 18-April 29, information was in the 4-H newsletter and is available on our Codington County 4-H Facebook to register for the virtual Kid Kare and DASH+, the Kid Kare deadline is this Thursday, March 7, 2024 to allow time to prepare materials for the youth; DASH+ will be held on March 23, 2024 for both teens and adult leaders at the Codington County Extension Complex; will be assisting with the Women In Science next Monday, March 11, 2024 at Lake Area Technical College where over 100, 8th Grade youth will learn about Science Careers; next week March 12-14 is the Spring 4-H Association Conference. **Veterans Service Officer, Todd Rose**, updated the Board: metrics for the month, 182 open claims (working claims) (87 pending action from VA) 32 completed (YTD), currently working for 22 veterans and have completed claims for 37 veterans from outside our county; \$14,413 for the month of February 2024, increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents YTD monthly increase \$19,405; \$67,757 for the month of February 2024, retro-payment to bring a claim current to monthly compensation YTD retro-payments \$232,410; 5 veteran DAV transport in February; 2 transports currently scheduled for March; HB 1068 – an act to allow disabled veterans to obtain a standard issue county motor vehicle or motorcycle plate (if they are eligible for Disabled Veterans plate), has been signed by the Governor; HB 1082 – an act to change the eligibility requirements, and the exempt value of property tax relief program for Disabled veterans and surviving spouses (exempt value went from 150K to 200K); HB 1007 – an act to amend the requirement to employ a county veterans' service officer, 33A-1-22, the board of county commissioners of each county in this state shall employ a county veterans' service officer, join with another county or counties in employing a county veterans' service officer, or contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs; public announcement: if you are looking for a way to give back to a veteran and the community, we are always looking for volunteer drivers to give veterans rides to approved VA medical appointments, looking into

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establishing some basic guidelines for an understanding of assisting veterans with transportation to approved VA rides; there is going to be some informational briefings, open to the public at the Watertown Event Center on March 23, 2024 from 9:00-12:00 and the same information will be given from 1:00-4:00 and will be geared toward Gulf War and Post 911 veterans this is conjunction with the 2/147th Field Artillery 20-year reunion of their deployment in 2004, the Sioux Falls VA, SD Dept. of Veterans Affairs, SD Army National Guard, and the SD Transitional Assistance Advisors to present briefings covering VA benefits, claims, Honor the Pact Act, Retirement and Tricare, anyone is welcome to attend; there may be something coming down from the VA, to make veterans immediately eligible rather than phasing them in as of March 5, 2024, for any veteran that may have been exposed to toxins even if they weren't deployed over there.

QUOTE FOR STRIPING OF COUNTY ROADS

Motion by Gabel, second by Waterman, to approve a quote with Dakota Traffic Services for the striping of approximately 40 miles of County roads at an estimated cost to the County in the amount of \$54,476.42; all voted aye; motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE LATC CHW SHADOW STUDENT

Motion by Johnson, second by VanDusen, to approve an on-the-job training agreement between Codington County and LATC, to allow LATC student Erin Haufschild, to "job shadow" staff in the Codington County Community Services Office during the month of April; all voted aye; motion carried.

ALLOCATION FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES RENT ASSISTANCE BUDGET

Motion by VanDusen, second by Johnson, to approve the allocation of \$10,000.00 from the Community Services rent assistance to Watertown Cares; all voted aye; motion carried.

JAIL PRE-DESIGN ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to accept a proposal with Architect Inc, working with HDR for jail pre-design architectural services, in the amount of \$40,000.00; all voted aye; motion carried.

EMINENT DOMAIN OF BRIDGE #15-216-220

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to talk with a lawyer because there are some issues obtaining the right-of-way for Bridge #15-216-220 which is load limited and is located on 176th Street/County Road 20, the grant has been approved by the state to replace the bridge and need to obtain the right-of-way, there is ¼ acre that will be a permanent easement and 1.1 acres that will be a temporary easement, still in negotiation with the landowner and this is in case the County needs to go to the next step, the state wants to bid this project late this summer to be replaced next year; all voted aye; motion carried.

AUTOMATIC BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

Motion by Johnson, second by VanDusen, to approve an automatic budget supplement in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Emergency Management Budget for the HMEP Grant; all voted aye; motion carried.

PERSONNEL CHANGE

Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to approve the following personnel change: Randy Falvey, Highway Dept., Maintenance II, effective 2/01/2024, Grade 25/Step 10, \$26.83 per hour; all voted aye; motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Johnson, second by Waterman, to approve the following travel requests: Government Buildings, to haul merchandise purchased from SD Federal Surplus; Community Services to shadow with Human Services Alliance Program; all voted aye; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Gabel informed the Board that there have been 5 proposals received in response to the construction manager at risk RFP.

OPEN

Commission Comments: Commissioner VanDusen gave an update about HB1092 which is the 911 funding bill which has been assigned to a conference committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to enter into executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2 (3) preparing for contract negotiations with employees or employee's representatives discussion of personnel issues at 9:35 a.m.; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:18 a.m., no action was taken. States Attorney, Rebecca Morlock Reeves, Highway Supt., Rick Hartley, Veteran Service Officer, Todd Rose, were present for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, second by Waterman to adjourn at 10:18 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten
Codington County Auditor

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