

**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., Thursday, November 07, 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 November 07, 2024, agenda
5. Action to approve the October 22, 2024, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners
6. Action to approve plat resolution #2024-32
7. Monthly Reports
  - a. Extension
  - b. Veterans Service Office
8. Discussion/possible action to authorize Steve Molengraaf, Facility Manager, in a joint effort with Codington/Clark County Conservation District to apply for the FY26 SD Competitive Weed Grant
9. Action to approve rate increase of Codington County Basic Life Insurance with Reliance Matrix
10. Discussion/possible action to approve estimate with Deutsch Excavating for bridge wing wall repair
11. Discussion/possible action to approve quote for hot tack sprayer for the Highway Dept.
12. Discussion/possible action to approve quote for skid steer loader for the Highway Dept.
13. Discussion/possible action to appoint interim Highway Superintendent
14. Action to approve the renewal of County liquor license applications
  - a. Country Road Barn
  - b. Dakota Sioux Casino
  - c. Joy Ranch of South Dakota
  - d. Rooster Sports Bar
  - e. Southfork Lounge
15. Canvass of the 2024 General Election results and action to approve
16. Draw 2024 General Election Post Election Audit Precincts and Races
17. Note 2024 General Election Post Election Audit date
18. Note office closures, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day
19. Action to approve a resolution to lift a ban on open burning
20. Action to approve abatement applications
21. Action to approve claims for payment
22. Action to approve automatic budget supplements

**23. Action to approve personnel changes**

**24. Action to approve travel requests**

**25. Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:**

**26. Old Business**

**27. New Business**

**28. Open**

**a. Public Comments**

**b. Commission Comments**

**29. 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)**

**30. 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**

November 07, 2024

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 07, 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 VanDusen.

**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 VanDusen, second by Gabel to approve the agenda for November 07, 2024, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve the minutes of October 22, 2024; all voted aye; motion carried.

**PLAT RESOLUTION APPROVED**

Zoning Officer, Luke Muller, reviewed and presented the Board with the Plat of Whitney First Addition for their approval. The Board took the following action:

**RESOLUTION 2024-32**

A Resolution to approve the platting of Whitney First 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:

Whitney First Addition in the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 118 North, Range 51 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Codington County, South Dakota (Waverly Township), 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, and second by Commissioner Gabel; all voted aye; 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 November, 2024, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

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Randall Schweer

Commission Chair, Codington County, South Dakota

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 2024-32, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Codington County, South Dakota.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, at Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

Brenda Hanten

County Auditor, Codington County, South Dakota .

### MONTHLY REPORTS

**4-H/Youth Program Advisor, Jodi Loehrer**, updated the Board: The new 4-H year began October 1, 2024, we have youth re-enrolling and new youth enrolling, please call the Extension Office if interested in joining 4-H; attended the National 4-H Conference in Boise, Idaho in October, spoke about Farm Safety at the Progressive Ag Safety session, I am co-chair of the Workforce Development and Career Exploration working group of the National Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4-HHYDP) for 2024-2025 with Corey S., Purdue University Extension, met via zoom with colleagues from across the United States; congratulations to all of the 4-H youth and volunteers who were honored at the 4-H Recognition Event on October 27; 4-H Cloverbuds was held this week in Florence and Waverly/South Shore and will be held in Watertown on November 18 & 19, at this time, there are 37 cloverbuds enrolled; we held a shooting sports coaches meeting last month to discuss the upcoming season, we will begin registration for BB Gun, Air Pistol/Rifle and Archery on November 13 through our FairEntry program; 4-H will be represented at the Watertown Non-Profit Happy Hour on December 3 at the Goss; 4-H will have a display at the Watertown Optimist Club Winter Wonderland which opens after Thanksgiving; plans are in the works for the Farm Show lunch counters, we need one more overall chair, if interested, please give me a call. **Veterans Service Officer, Todd Rose**, updated the Board: metrics for the month, 175 open claims (working claims) 83 pending action from VA, 222 completed (YTD), Hamlin 14 open (working claims) 8 pending from VA, 17 completed (YTD), currently working for 18 veterans and have completed 27 claims for veterans from outside our county; \$17,648 for the month of October 2024, increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents YTD monthly increase \$125,688, \$217,439 for the month of October retro-payment to bring a claim current to monthly compensation YTD retro-payments \$1,088,531; 4 veteran DAV transports in October, 4 - currently scheduled for November, 7 drivers with 1 application submitted; surpassed the 1-million-dollar mark in Retro-Payments as of this October 31, 2024; submitted bill to Hamlin County for VSO services for June-December 2024; are currently tracking to be under budget and will be turning funds back to the County General Fund at the end of the year; the Watertown based Veteran Transportation Services (VTS) is ready for use, veterans can now start to submit their requests, the process for veterans, regardless of being service connected for a disability, is to request a ride to an APPROVED VA medical appointment, VTS has the capability to provide rides for ambulatory and non-ambulatory veterans, call VTS in Sioux Falls at 605-977-4400 between 7:30 am-3:30 pm, Monday-Friday (excluding Holidays), call 3 business days in advance to be scheduled; cancellations MUST be made 1 day in advance; Community Transit of Watertown will provide rides to veterans for VA and non-VA medical appointments in the city of Watertown, veterans can call 605-882-5287 to request a ride, you MUST call 24 hours in advance, at a minimum to request a ride; completed information briefing at Redleg Summit is November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Watertown Readiness Center; Codington County Vets Council met Tuesday and Codington County Veteran of the Year has been selected and

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will be announced at the Veteran's Day Ceremony; the Veteran's Ceremony will be at the Extension Center on November 11, 2024 at 10:30 am, Major Mike Nei is the speaker; Jay did the radio interviews on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, KWAT @ 8:30 and KXLG @ 9:05; Veterans/Military Appreciation Event @ Joy Ranch co-hosted by Sea of Good Will and Watertown Area Community Foundation on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10:30 – 1:30 (lunch/remarks scheduled for 12:00, noon), at Joy Ranch of South Dakota, 16633 448<sup>th</sup>, Florence, SD; Veterans have been receiving tax letters/summery of benefits, see your VSO when you receive them and we will look them over.

#### **FY2025 COMPETITIVE WEED GRANT**

Motion by Johnson, second by VanDusen, to authorize the application for FY2026 Competitive Weed Grant funds, Facility Manager, Steve Molengraaf, explained to the Board that this is a joint effort with Codington/Clark County Conservation District on the FY26 South Dakota Competitive Weed Grant funds and is being submitted by Codington/Clark Conservation District; all voted aye; motion carried.

#### **BRIDGE WING WALL REPAIR**

Motion by Johnson, second by Waterman, to approve an estimate, in the amount of \$18,418.40, from Deutsch Excavating, for bridge wing wall repair on Codington County Road 1, Kranzburg Ave., one and half miles north of Kranzburg, the County will supply the rip rap for this project; as presented by interim Highway Supt., Lynn Solberg; all voted aye; motion carried.

#### **HOT TACK SPRAYER FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Gabel, second by VanDusen, to approve the purchase of hot tack sprayer (oil pot), for the Highway Department, from Midstates Equipment and Supply in the amount of \$43,750.00, interim Highway Supt., Lynn Solberg, presented to the Board two quotes from Midstates Equipment and Supply in the amount of \$43,750.00 and RDO Equipment, Sioux Falls, SD, in the amount of \$83,180.00; this will replace a 1951 model oil pot; interim Highway Supt., Lynn Solberg, recommended to accept the quote from Midstates Equipment and Supply; all voted aye; motion carried.

#### **KUBOTA SKID STEER FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Johnson, second by VanDusen, to approve the purchase of KUBOTA S series skid steer with forklift and snowblower, from Eastside Equipment, in the amount of \$63,144.16, interim Highway Supt., Lynn Solberg, presented to the Board three quotes from Sourcewell, Eastside Equipment (Kubota), in the amount of \$63,144.16, includes forklift and snowblower; Butler (Caterpillar), in the amount of \$70,500.00, price includes forklift only, Kibble Equipment (John Deere), in the amount of \$65,011.88, price includes forklift only, all voted aye; motion carried.

#### **COUNTY LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Motion by Gabel, second by Waterman, to approve rate increase for County life insurance coverage with Reliance matrix through Risty Benefits, the increase is with the Basic Life Insurance coverage which the current rate is \$.18/\$1,000 and the renewal rate will be \$.23/\$1,000 which rate will be effective January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2026, the basic AD&D Insurance didn't increase so it will remain at \$.015/\$1,000; all voted aye; motion carried.

#### **2025 LIQUOR LICENSES**

The Board reviewed the 2025 applications for renewal of Codington County held liquor licenses. Motion by VanDusen, second by Johnson, to approve the renewal of the following County liquor licenses for the year beginning January 1, 2025; all voted aye; motion carried:

CLASS A – On sale liquor and Sunday liquor located nearest a class one municipality:

Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, d.b.a. Dakota Sioux Casino; Robert & Brenda Boettcher d.b.a. Country Road Bard LLC; David Blutorn, d.b.a. The Rooster Bar; and W.J. Schmitt Enterprise, d.b.a. Southfork Lounge. On-off sale wine and cider: Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, d.b.a. Dakota Sioux Casino and Joy Ranch of South Dakota.

**CANVASS OF 2024 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS**

The Board conducted the canvass of the 2024 General Election results. Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve the canvass and vote totals as announced and sign the canvass certificate, as submitted by the Auditor; all voted aye; motion carried.

**DRAW FOR 2024 GENERAL ELECTION POST-ELECTION AUDIT PRECINCTS AND RACES**

Auditor, Brenda Hanten, provided the Board with the 23 Precincts and 16 Races to draw for the 2024 General Election Post-Election Audit, one of which needs to be a state race and then one other race and there also needs to be 100 ballots cast in the respective races to audit; the first race drawn was Amendment G and the Precinct drawn for this race is B-2; the second race drawn was Referred Law 21 and the Precinct drawn for this race is Germantown/Rauville, there were 100 ballots cast in each of these precincts so that requirement was met.

**NOTE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION POST-ELECTION AUDIT**

Auditor, Brenda Hanten, informed the Board that the Post-Election Audit will be conducted on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

**NOTE VETERANS' DAY CODINGTON COUNTY OFFICE CLOSURES**

Note that the Court House and all County Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in observance of Veterans' Day.

**RESOLUTION TO LIFT THE BAN ON OPEN BURNING**

Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado, informed the Board that he has spoken with the Fire Departments in the County and the general consensus is to lift the ban on open burning at this time, which was enacted by Resolution at the Board's meeting on October 08, 2024. Motion by Waterman, second by Gabel, to approve Resolution 2024-33 to lift the County's ban on open burning; all voted aye; motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-33  
A RESOLUTION TO LIFT BURNING BAN  
ENACTED BY PRIOR RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Resolution 2024-33 declared a fire danger emergency and banned open burning in the rural area of Codington County, and

WHEREAS, the County has received adequate moisture to temporarily reduce the immediate fire danger, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Codington County Board of Commissioners that the ban on open burning pursuant to Resolution 2024-33 is hereby rescinded.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

Randall Schweer,  
Chair

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten  
Codington County Auditor

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**CLAIMS**

Motion by Johnson, second by Gabel, to approve the October salary claims; all voted aye; motion carried.  
Commissioners: 11,754.33 total salaries. Auditor: 24,877.62 total salaries. Co. Treasurer: 39,026.02 total salaries.  
States Attorney: 45,587.38 total salaries. Gov. Buildings: 21,358.26 total salaries. Dir. Equalization: 52,349.88  
total salaries. Reg. of Deeds: 30,101.10 total salaries. Veterans Service: 12,927.21 total salaries. Sheriff:  
133,378.30 total salaries. Jail: 168,696.57 total salaries; Kolten Eszlinger 24.81 PT new hire; Matthew Feiock  
4316.94 FT. Coroner: 3,552.45 total salaries. Welfare: 21,185.12 total salaries. CO. Nurse: 5,798.43 total salaries.  
Co.Park: 9,441.05 total salaries. Ag. Bldg.: 12,081.90 total salaries. Co. Extension: 12,976.58 total salaries.  
Weed: 10,461.28 total salaries. Planning Board: 570.17 total salaries. Road & Bridge: 112,573.06 total salaries.  
Emergency Management: 14,941.43 total salaries. Crime Victim: 8,521.25 total salaries. W.I.C.: 5,342.70 total  
salaries. 24/7: 6,872.40 total salaries. Total 764,374.49

Breakdown of withholding amounts which are included in the above:

S.D. Retirement 72,614.70; VSP 959.66 eye insurance; S.D. Supplemental Retire. 4,860.00 suppl. retire.; Sanford  
97,239.62; Reliance Standard Life Insurance 810.99 life ins.; Delta Dental 7,333.90 ins.; Codington County  
6,512.03 employee HSA contribution; Nationwide Retire. Sol. 25.29 suppl. retire.; AFSCME Council 65 504.00  
employee union dues; AFLAC 3,998.75 ins.; VSP 359.68 eye insurance; John Hancock 4,675.00 suppl. retire.;  
AFLAC 1,701.68 ins.; Sioux Valley Credit Union 20,738.00 employee payments; John Hancock Roth 200.00  
suppl. retire.; SDRS Supplemental Retirement 5,190.00 Roth retirement; Teamsters Local Union 120 592.00  
employee union due; Codington County Deputy Sheriff's Association 160.00 employee union dues; ReliaBank  
Dakota 53,365.98 federal withholding; ReliaBank Dakota 70,050.22 social security; ReliaBank Dakota 16,382.64  
Medicare; Division of Child Support 726.00 employee payment; United Way 60.00 employee contributions;  
Health Equity 6,512.03 employee HSA contribution; SDRS Special Pay Plan 30,506.20 employee payment.

**OPEN**

Commission Comments – Commissioner Gabel thanked the Codington County Justice Advisory Committee and  
the Concerned Citizens group for their work on the Codington County Bond issue that was on the ballot and he  
also explained the next steps in the process with the approval of the Codington County Bond. Commissioner  
Johnson thanked Commissioner Gabel for all his time that he has put into this issue also.

**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, at 9:48 a.m.; all voted aye; motion carried. The  
Board returned to regular session at 10:18 a.m., no action was taken. Human Resource Representative, Natalie  
Remund, was present for executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten

Codington County Auditor

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