

NOVEMBER 29, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Fjeldheim, Gage, Sutton, and Wiese. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Gage moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NWPS GAS FRANCHISE RENEWAL:

Robert Gehm, Real Estate Agent for Northwestern Public Service met with the Commission Board requesting them to renew the Franchise Permits which allows permitting do to be done through the Highway Department for new buildings and only for natural gas pipelines. The Franchise Permits term out or expire every 20 years. Motioned by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the franchise renewal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT RESOURCE HOME MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU):

Kelsi Vinger and Ernest Thompson met with the Commission Board to discuss the MOU for Court Resource Home. Kelis informed the Commission that they someone going through the process to be a Licensed Court Resource Home so asking them to approve and sign the MOU which identifies the roll of Lutheran Social Services and Brown County and the payment structure for this grant. Commissioner Wiese motioned to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the MOU for Court Resource Home, which was seconded by Feickert. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

TRUANCY COURT:

Ernest Thompson, States Attorney wanted to ask the Commission to think about transferring the Teen Court budget to a budget for Truancy Court since we no longer have Teen Court. This will give us the opportunity to make a positive impact on a critical issue with Juveniles. Since Brown County no longer has Teen Court or receiving Grant funds for the programs, we are not asking for any more funding that what was already allocated. Commissioner Feickert asked what was in the Fund, for 2023 Budget \$26,575.00 is allocated to Teen Court. Chairman Sutton asked Auditor Heupel to look into this and will follow-up with Commission on the process.

JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Joint Election Agreement with Aberdeen School District, City of Aberdeen, and Brown County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMPENSATION STUDY/MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNION:

Erica Coughlin, HR Director informed the Commission that she met with the Union, and they have agreed to Table A – Modified. Next step is to sign the MOU and then move forward with the implementation of the wage study. The employees will be shown their current wage, proposed new wage and the difference. Chairman Sutton commented that he feels the wage study was money well-spent and hopes it will improve the relations with the County Employees. Motioned by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the MOU with the Union. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the November 22, 2022 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: BJ Clocksene \$50.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$8,541.67; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$8,541.67; Dohrer Law Office \$8,541.67; Jerald M. McNeary \$8,541.67; Kristi Brandt \$668.40; Kuck Law Office \$8,541.67; NE Mental Health Center \$1,534.00; Ross K. Den Herder \$151.50; Taliaferro Law Firm \$8,647.67; Tyler Technologies Inc \$260.00.

Publishing: Groton Independent \$84.99; Gatehouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$1,188.99.

Repairs & Maintenance: Pierson-Ford-Lincoln -Mercury \$2,141.18; Steven Lust Automotive \$328.73; Titan Machinery, Inc - Aberdeen Case Ih \$472.40.

Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$1,007.31; Avera McKennan \$173.50; Century Business Products \$245.24; Claremont Area Fire Protection District \$1,137.00; FedEx \$22.06; Fire Safety First, LLC \$88.00; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$71.60; Mac's Inc \$193.42; Menards \$31.24; Richard Marberg \$9,648.79; Runnings \$519.87; Titan Machinery, Inc - Aberdeen Case IH \$628.47; Truenorth Steel \$28,164.30.

Travel & Conference: SD Assoc Of County Hwy Supt \$350.00.

Utilities: Dependable Sanitation Inc \$165.00; Midcontinent Communications \$129.58; Montana Dakota Utilities Co \$30.94; Northern Valley Communication \$273.20; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$1,739.62.

Others: Alan P. Or Angela P. Bernard \$13,007.53; Darwin H. or Mary J. Bettmann \$1,951.08; David and Jill Lehmann Living Trust \$16,258.70; Donald D. or Maxine E. Fischer \$1,950.95; FDM Revocable Living Trust \$16,258.55; Great Plains Bank \$19,510.80; Herman Schumacher \$8,129.35; James D. Gressett \$16,258.55; John Kippley \$3,251.80; Joop Antonius Hubertus Bollen \$16,258.55; Kendall or Linda Peterson \$6,503.27; Kendall Peterson Trustee Pt 09 \$39,021.60; Lynette Durham \$6,503.27; Mark & Mary Volk \$6,503.27; Marlin Nilsson \$13,007.53; Plains Commerce Bank - Abdn \$248,108.74; Pyush Ramanlal Patel \$16,258.55; Robert M. or Lora M. Larson \$3,252.05.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report:

- Acknowledge the last day of employment for Joe Kaven, Brown County Fairgrounds worker; effective October 14, 2022.
- Acknowledge the last day of employment for Richard Burns, Brown County Fairgrounds worker; effective November 2, 2022.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss Personnel, Legal and Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:27 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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