

MAY 5, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the general meeting and consolidated board of equalization minutes of April 28, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAMS:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$12,509.95; Brick's TV & Appliance \$1,032.50; Clark Engineering \$304.08; Dohrer Law Office \$524.70; Haar Law Office \$42.20; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$173.20; Lucy Lewno \$160.00; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; Matthew Payne \$200.00; RTI \$12,659.09; SD DOT \$1,632.98; Taliaferro Law Firm \$70.25. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$569.18; Fordham Signs \$2,000.00; Groton Independent \$577.06. Repairs & Maintenance: Kathy Baer \$284.45; Bahr Spray Foam \$6,881.18; Dakota Pump \$857.14; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$113.54; EPG \$5,021.92; Graham Tire \$80.00; Interstate PowerSystems \$776.00; Lang's \$295.00; Lawson Products \$11.99; Pierson-Ford \$2,606.76; Ringgenberg Electric \$487.00; Running's \$799.95; Trinity Services Group \$100.00. Supplies: Aberdeen American News \$227.00; AmeriPride Services \$58.90; Axon Enterprise \$282.50; DSG \$11.63; Danko \$186.23; Fastenal \$1,320.31; FedEx \$12.58; Hedahl's \$6.98; Kessler's \$93.85; LG Everist \$2,563.58; Lawson Products \$73.61; Lucy Lewno \$5.00; Mac's \$412.24; Marco \$138.86; Menards \$93.29; Pizza Ranch \$218.91; Pro Hydro-Testing \$64.00; Quality Welding \$104.33; Rixstine Recognition \$636.76; Running's \$621.92; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$302.87; SD State Historical Society \$50.00; Sherwin Williams \$71.76; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$43.86. Travel & Conf.: Mark Milbrandt \$248.00; SDSU Extension \$105.60. Utilities: AT&T \$247.25; CenturyLink \$1,080.00; Midcontinent \$513.03; NWPS \$11,165.49; NVC \$241.88. Other: Kountry Korrall \$400.00; SD Dept. of Revenue – Special Tax Division \$150.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Feickert to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

- Acknowledge resignation of Randy Evans, Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; effective April 30, 2020 and approve request to fill vacancy.
- Acknowledge resignation of Bill Rohrbach, Brown County Building Maintenance, full-time; effective May 4, 2020 and approve request to fill vacancy.
- Approve hiring of Pat Wolberg as Brown County IT Director full-time at a salary of \$85,000/year with a tentative effective date of May 18, 2020.
- Approve hiring of Tremell Anderson as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting at \$16.65 per hour, effective May 4, 2020.
- Approve hiring of Amber Barnett as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$16.65 per hour; effective May 4, 2020.
- Approve hiring of Monty Forsting as Brown County Building Maintenance, full-time; starting wage \$16.17 per hour; effective May 11, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert –aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese- nay, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following application for occupancy: Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 16, in section 8/7, Township 123, Range 62, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT TRANSFER:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to transfer the following equipment from Emergency Management to Brown County Sheriff: 2012 Chevrolet 2500 Suburban (decal #391, license plate CO10946), Emergency Light/siren package, County and State Radio Package, Dash Camera System, Radio/light mounting system, Mobile Command Box (decal #370). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TIRE WASTE CLEANUP PROJECT GRANT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize chair sign grant agreement with SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources for waste tire cleanup. Award is for \$80,000 or 80 percent of the cost of the waste tire disposal event, whichever is less. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ROOF BID:

Place and time as advertised to read, open and consider sealed bids for replacement of courthouse roof. One bid received from Hub City Roofing, Inc in the amount of \$49,750. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to award bid to Hub City Roofing, Inc. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update:

Scott Meints, Emergency Manager recommended county implement phase one of the transitions to resume normal operations. Included are continuing to practice good hygiene and sanitation, sick employees stay home, having masks available for employees, practicing physical distancing, and screening employees for symptoms. Employee temperatures will be taken. Offices will continue to use windows for business and not bring customers into the offices. Museum will continue to stay closed. 124 building is by appointment only; dispatch center will continue full lockdown. Landfill, highway, fair, fairgrounds, Zoning, and Veteran's office should continue to limit visitors.

NUISANCE COMPLAINT:

Individual met with the board to discuss a complaint about excessive animals at their neighbor's house causing issues on their property.

ATTORNEY RAISES:

Brown County State's Attorney, Ernest Thompson, met to discuss structure of the State's Attorney Office and raises for attorneys. Formal request for raises will come through a Human Resources report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal per SDCL 1-25-2(1,3). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:33a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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