

#### APRIL 6, 2021 –GENERAL MEETING

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of March 30, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

#### CLAIMS:

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

Other: Aberdeen Kirby \$320.00; City of Hecla \$800.00; Emma Burnham Public Library \$1,000.00; Groton Township \$1,000.00; City of Aberdeen \$12,000.00; Warner Library \$1,000.00. Professional Fees: City of Aberdeen \$498.91; Avera St. Luke's \$54.18; Avera McKennan Hospital \$74.71; Avera St. Luke's \$1,268.19; BCT \$21.20; Drew Becker \$200.00; Birmingham & Cwach Law Office \$476.85; CGI \$1,164.52; Cogley Law Office \$7,656.25; Dohrer Law Office \$7,656.25; Christopher Haar \$7,116.71; Houston Engineering \$6,411.40; Mark Katterhagen \$27.00; Kuck Law \$7,070.31; Lucy Lewno \$290.00; Darcy Lockwood \$27.00; Matthew Bender \$68.08; Jerald McNeary \$7,070.31; NE Mental Health Center \$1,586.00; Sanford Health \$4,431.13; SD Dept. of Health \$1,215.00; State of South Dakota \$16,671.85; Christy Griffin-Serr Law \$7,070.31; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$36.50; Taliaferro Law Firm \$7,656.25; Tyler Technologies \$520.00; University of North Dakota \$300.00; West Publishing \$350.10. Publishing: Groton Independent \$107.55. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All \$325.00; Dakota Doors \$3,383.77; Lang's Audio TV & Appliance \$246.00; Nardini Fire Equipment \$190.50; Pro-Windmill \$345.00; Pierson-Ford \$79.18; Ringgenberg Electric \$2,433.90; Sherwin Williams \$81.01; Kirby Kiesz \$142.80; Western States Fire \$3,789.42. Supplies: American Business Forms \$100.00; Aramark \$77.43; Cole Papers \$354.60; Farnams Genuine Parts \$279.98; Fastenal \$51.13; GovConnection \$544.36; L.G. Everist \$6,559.03; Larry Becker \$802.47; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$89.02; Lucy Lewno \$8.76; Marco \$19.33; McKesson Medical \$239.39; Menards \$313.02; Midstates Printing \$828.00; Performance Rentals \$100.00; Runnings \$61.14; Kirby Kiesz \$171.54. Travel & Conference: Regency Midwest Ventures \$606.00. Utilities: AT & T Mobility \$197.42; Qwest Corporation \$60.62; Montana Dakota Utilities \$44.11; Northwestern Energy \$2,552.39. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

#### HR REPORT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following:

- Acknowledge retirement of Daryl Lloyd, Brown County Highway Department, full-time, effective April 2, 2021.
- Approve hiring of Brandon Richardson as full-time Brown County Correctional officer effective April 5, 2021 @ \$16.82/hour.
- Approve hiring of Breanna Locke Brown County Fairgrounds full-time summer-help effective April 12, 2021 @ \$12.29/hour.
- Approve hiring of John Noyes as Brown County State's Attorney intern effective May 12, 2021 @ \$500/week.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACTS:**

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Brown County Fair Agreement: Deb Stamm @ \$100 (4-H Judge). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARD**

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Agreement with the SD Department of Transportation for Rehabilitation/Replacement of BRO-8007(00)21-1, PCN 08FG. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE\_DAKOTA SLIDEWAYZ:**

Lease tabled for next week. No actions taken.

**LEASE\_MOSBRUCKER RODEO:**

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve lease agreement with Mosbrucker Rodeo for the lease of Expo Building and Expo Addition on April 9-10. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:**

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to to authorize Auditor sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENTS:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatement: West Rondell Township @ \$13,189.77. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BROWN COUNTY PDM PLAN AND CONTRACT:**

Scott Meints(EM Director), Lesleann Palmer & Alison Kiesz(NECOG) met with the Commission to discuss about the Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan Assistance for Brown County. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the chair to sign the agreement for Pre Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Plan Assistance with Northeast Council of Governments (NECOG). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITH DOE:**

Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization, met for conference per SDCL 10-3-14, discussing County Equalization, County Consolidated Boards of Equalization and the Agricultural Land Assessment. No actions taken.

**DISCRETIONARY FORMULA RESOLUTION:**

Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 19-21**

Whereas, The Brown County Commission has adopted a “discretionary formula” for certain structures in Brown County

Whereas, SDCL 10-6-35.2 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners, at its discretion, to adopt a formula for the assessment of structures classified as “industrial”.

Whereas, for the purpose of this resolution an “industrial structure” is defined as: “Generally, any property used in a manufacturing activity, including a factory, wholesale bakery, dairy plant, food processing plant, mill, mine, quarry, all locally assessed utility property, and the like”. Glossary for Property Appraisal and Assessment, pg134, (International Association of Assessing Officers, 2nd ed. 2013).

Whereas, SDCL 10-6-35.2 states the formula may include for any or all of the five tax years following construction, all, any portion, or none of the assessed valuation for tax purposes.

Whereas, the board of County Commissioners may, if requested by the owner of any property described as above, not apply the above formula, in which case the full assessment shall be made without application of the formula. In waiving this formula for one structure for one owner, the Board of County Commissioners is not prohibited from applying the formula for subsequent new structures by that owner.

Whereas, the current discretionary formula does allow for a level of assessment for all qualifying structures to be at 0% the first year, 0% the second year, 0% the third year, 0% the fourth year and 0% the fifth year.

Whereas, the assessed value during any of the five years may not be less than the assessed valuation of the property year proceeding the first year of the tax years following construction.

Whereas, any structure that is partially constructed on the assessment date may be valued for tax purposes pursuant to this resolution and the valuation may not be less than the assessed valuation of the property in the year preceding the beginning of construction.

Whereas, the county hopes all eligible projects will avail themselves to the formula, and exercise their responsibility to notify the county.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Brown County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts a new discretionary formula as authorized by SDCL 10-6-35.2. Upon recommendation by the Director of Equalization and approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the level of assessment for structures on properties classified as “industrial” as defined previously in this document, and built on land with “industrial zoning” classification, shall be 0% the first year, 0% the second year, 0% the third year, 0% the fourth year, and 0% the fifth year. This formula shall be applied to any new industrial structures and additions with construction start date of July1, 2020 or later.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-nay, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

**SOUTH DUMPSITE RELOCATION:**

Dawn Shepard met with the Commission to inquire and gather updates about south dumpsite relocation area. No actions taken.

**PLANNING & ZONING SECRETARY:**

Scott Bader (P&Z Director) met with the commission to discuss about updating the job description and salary compensation for its department secretary prior to hiring. No actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:44a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor  
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