

JUNE 6, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Fjeldheim, Wiese and Gage. Commissioner Sutton was absent. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES GRANT:

Kelsi Vinger, States Attorney along with Annie Brokenleg, State Coordinator met with the Commissioners to discuss the Racial & Ethnic Disparities Grant which will provide a cultural appropriate diversion program. Commissioner Dennert asked if Item VI, which was meeting with the Aberdeen Area Diversity Coalition to gain community buy-in was removed could the grant stand on its own. Kelsi said it would, she was brainstorming some other possible partnership organizations. Commissioner Dennert moved to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the grant application with removing item VI. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

UPDATING CAMERAS AT CONTAINER SITES:

Mike Scott, Landfill Manager and Pat Wolberg, IT Director met to discuss upgrading the cameras that are used to monitor the dumpster sites. The cameras being used now are 8-9 years old. They are looking at adding remote cameras to the Warner site as well. Currently, we are issuing about 20 tickets a week for violators at the dump sites. The fee for violators is \$100.00. The new camera system will be around \$30,000 and Avigilon is the company/system that we currently use so plan to purchase these cameras from them. Pat informed the Commission the cameras should be updated every 3-5 years but need to be conscious with tax dollars, also. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve purchasing the cameras out of the Landfill budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Lynn Heupel, County Auditor presented the contract with Election Systems & Software (ES&S) for Election Services Agreement for June 2023 to December 2026. This is the company that has provided our Ballot Tabulator machines for years, and now will be doing our ballot layout and printing as well. Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve and authorize Vice-Chairman Fjeldheim to sign the contract, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DISCRETIONARY:

Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization met with the Commission to ask to pass a new resolution for Residential Property Discretionary due to updating the Codified Laws. This is for plats in a residential subdivision with 8 lots or more.

Commissioner Wiese offered the following resolution as of June 6, 2023:

Resolution #21-23

Assessed Value on Certain Residential Property

Be it resolved by the Brown County Board of Commissioners, as follows:

For assessed value to be used for tax purposes on certain residential properties as described in SDCL 10-6-143.

Properties which can be valued according to this resolution shall meet each of the following conditions:

1. Property must be real property, platted and zoned after November 1, 2022, for future residential construction.
2. Property must be owned by the person or corporation who developed the real property.
3. Property to be classified for this purpose must contain a minimum of 8 lots.

The board of commissioners hereby adopts the following formula under authority of SDCL 10-6-144.

For the first five years following the filing of the plat for the subdivision the assessed value of the lots that remain unsold shall be the same assessed value of the property, which existed in the year preceding the filing of the plat for the subdivision. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed the full and true value as all other property for tax purposes.

Nothing in this resolution is intended to allow any refund or abatement of taxes levied prior to its passage.

Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll Call Vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-absent. Resolution adopted.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – NORTHERN ELECTRIC:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve application, submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #13 in Sec 21-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M, Brown County, SD to provide primary electric services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting minutes of May 30, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

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

Claims: Professional Fees: Devnet \$9,926.25; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$83.86; Mariann Malsom \$60.00; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,430.00; Sanford Aberdeen Cardiology \$8.08; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$333.28; Sanford Acute Care Aberdeen \$90.08; Sanford Clinic Radiology-North Center \$663.34; Sara J. Zahn \$113.10; Schneider Geospatial, LLC \$2,703.00; SD Dept of Transportation \$55.00; SDAAO-SD Assoc of Assessing Officers \$350.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$945.00; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$260.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$150.00; Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC \$599.20. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$142.94; Hub City Radio \$300.00. Rentals: Fordham Signs and Designs \$2,200.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All, LLC \$700.00; Custom Installation Solutions \$125.00; Dakota Doors Inc \$382.91; Gary's Auto Body & Accessories \$542.45; House of Glass \$39.08; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$6,506.48; KNCOS Inc \$1,619.37; Lawson Products, Inc \$36.07; Otis Elevator Company \$3,686.84; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,341.76; RDO Equipment Co \$2,051.40; Runnings \$153.70; Sewer Duck, Inc \$500.00; TripleC Pros LLC \$1,220.00; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$251.02. Supplies: Auto Value Aberdeen \$87.46; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Century Business Products \$218.56; Charm-Tex, Inc \$889.80; Cole Paper Inc \$1,698.93; Dacotah Prairie Museum \$35.64; Dakota Electronics \$160.00; Fastenal Company \$2,663.95; Great Western Tire \$19,656.10; Hillyard Sioux Falls \$411.00; House of Glass \$1,914.92; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$420.85; Karen Swank \$243.00; Lar-Jo's Specialties \$296.58; Lawson Products, Inc \$427.29; Menards \$48.54; Midstates Group \$31.20; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$113.92; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$84.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$60.00; RDO Equipment Co \$951.34; Save A Life \$30.00; Specialty Manufacturing \$14.38; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$11,044.00; US Foods \$8,255.85. Travel & Conference: C. Scott Bader \$597.00; Dave Lunzman \$540.00; Ernest Thompson \$466.52. Utilities: AT&T Mobility 183.91; Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$9,330.70; State of South Dakota \$125.55. Others: Office of Child & Family Services \$10,646.50.

Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,567.02; SA \$27,696.40; Maintenance \$8,440.18; DOE \$16,836.50; ROD \$9,932.81; VSO \$4,254.09; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$5,992.04; HR \$10,929.22; Sheriff \$45,863.00; Jail \$66,475.67; Coroner \$613.60; Court Security \$7,308.14; JDC/HD \$28,305.20; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$12,384.10 Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,641.99; Fair \$5,107.20; 4-H \$786.80; W & P \$4,845.22; P & Z \$7,315.54; Hwy. \$49,388.13; Dispatch \$33,902.36; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,208.12; Landfill \$16,274.95; Meal Benefits \$266.00; FICA \$24,425.84; Medicare \$5,712.40; Discovery_HSA \$1,482.96; Health Insurance_Wellmark BCBS \$118,355.20; Dental Insurance_Delta \$7,621.88; Life Insurance_Dearborn \$1,003.34. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Assistant, Jessica Johnson:

- Acknowledge the resignation of Rhaecine Sam, Brown County JDC Detention Officer, FT; effective May 28, 2023. Request to fill.

- Approve personal miles driven for March 2023 at .655 per mile as follows: Kendell Titze 120 miles at \$78.60; John Florey 114 miles at \$74.67; Mike Scott 220 miles at \$114.10.
- Approve personal miles driven for April 2023 at .655 per mile as follows: Kendell Titze 90 miles at \$58.95; John Florey 114 miles at \$74.67; Mike Scott 140 miles at \$91.70.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the following lease agreement: Good Shepard Lutheran Church for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge on October 8, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Travel Requests: Kathy Fisher, DOE to attend 2023 Annual Assessor School in Rapid City from Sept. 18-22, 2023; Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to attend NACE Annual Conference in Pierre on June 7-8, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for May 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Fjeldheim informed everyone that the Airport was doing a Mock Disaster drill today.

Representative Carl Perry informed the Commission about the following upcoming dates:

- June 12th – Long-Term Care in Pierre – important because we have a lot of Long-Term Care Facilities in Brown County
- June 14th – County Financing in Pierre and Senator Al Novstrup is on the Committee
- August – International Legislation Forum and Representative Perry will be involved with this project
- Representative Schaeffbauer will be on the Air Today with Tamara from Lindell Group on Property Rights.

Representative Perry also commented on the Airport Mock Disaster Drill that it is very important for our First Responders.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:42 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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