BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 with the following members present: Donald Larson, Tom Yseth, Dennis Falken, Stephne Miller, and Ryan Krogman.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Donald Larson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the November 18, 2014 Commission Meeting was approved as amended without objection from the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved without objection from the board.

The consent agenda consisted of the minutes from the November, 6, 2014 Commission Meeting.

Travel & Education Requests: Martin Stanwick and Bart Sweebe to attend the 2014 South Dakota Sheriff's Association Fall Conference in Sioux Falls November, 12th-13th; Steven Olson, Glen Nachtigal, Gary Heldt, Tim Bauer, Stephne Miller, Lawrence Barnett, and Gary Egeberg to attend the yearly noon luncheon and Weed Board Meeting.

Human Services Report: case #14-130 for Brookings Municipal Utilities was denied; case #14-131 for Brookings Municipal Utilities was denied; case #14-029A for Avera McKennan was denied; case #14-160 for Avera McKennan was denied; case #14-161 for Avera McKennan was denied; case # 14-162 for Avera McKennan was denied; case #14-164 for Avera McKennan was denied; case #14-165 for Avera McKennan was denied; case 14-180 for Sanford Medical was denied; case #14-188 for City of Aurora was approved; case #14-190 for Brookings Municipal Utilities was approved; case #14-193 for Rent was approved; case #14-194 for Avera McKennan was denied; case #14-189 for Rent was approved.

Routine Business

Approval of Claims

Motion by Miller, seconded by Yseth to approve the following claims. Roll call vote: Yseth "aye," Krogman "aye," Miller "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

A&B Business Inc, Copier Maint, $129.40, Copier Maint, $83.35, Copier Maint, $45.82, Copier Maint, $567.81; Adair Asset Management LLC, Tax Cert Redemption, $13,297.56; AgFirst Farmers Coop, Propane for Command Trailer, $20.75, Amine 2-4D, $8,409.68; Allegra Print & Imaging, Business Cards, $76.47; AT&T Mobility, Cell Phone Service, $73.83; Aurora City, COP Utilities, $276.38; Availability

Employment, Temp Employee Wages, $3,222.00; Avera McKennan Hospital, COP Medical, $3,497.64, COP Medical, $3,410.46, Copies of Medical Records, $70.50; Avera Medical Group, PMD, $223.24; Avera Queen of Peace, Drug Testing, $56.90; Bowes Construction, Asphalt/Crushed Gravel, $48,742.15; Boyer Trucks, Seat Cover/Foam Seat, $147.70; Brookings City Utilities, Water/Sewer/Electric/Phone, $651.75, Electric/Sewer/Water, $1,695.37, Water, $274.61, Phone/Internet Service, $53.39, Phone Service, $1,220.70, Monthly Service, $280.51, Utilities, $2,471.10, Local Phone/Alarms, $515.02; Brookings County Finance, Advance Taxes, $530.64, Delinquent Taxes, $1,385.51; Brookings Engraving, Name Plate, $10.00, Signature Stamp, $52.00; Brookings Health System, ER Sexual Assault Exam, $436.72; Brookings Register, Tax Deadline Notice, $272.00, Notice to Bidders, $18.33, Legal Publishing, $55.13, Advertising, $60.00, Publishing, $5,322.14; Brookings Rotary Club, Boulevard Tree Project, $750.00; Brookings Utilities, COP Utilities, $93.84; Butler Machinery Co, Parts/Supplies, $1,723.09; C&W Repair, Repairs, $42.45; Carquest Auto, Brake Pads/Core Return, $130.48; Central Business Supply, Envelopes, $12.12, Copy Paper/Ink Cartridges, $583.33, Office Supplies, $275.36, Office Supplies, $526.25; Century Business Product, Copier Supplies/Maint, $74.16; City of Brookings Landfill, Tire Disposal, $33.00; City of Brookings, Health Fair Refreshments, $104.36; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, Commercial Service, $175.00, Regular/White Shop Pick Up, $130.76, November Service, $224.28; Courtesy Plumbing Inc, Toilet Repairs, $196.86; Cretex Concrete Products, Double Box Culvert, $1,641.00; Dakota Data Shred, Shred Call-In, $166.98; Daniel's Residential Inc, Payment #7, $163,485.00, Payment #8, $40,090.00; Einspahr Auto Plaza, Oil Changes, $82.87; Fairfield Inn, PD-HLS Grant Class Lodging, $1,144.00; First Bank & Trust, Credit Card Charges, $128.90; Fish, Veronica, Copy of Transcript, $60.25; Foerster Office & Supply, Janitor Supplies, $18.00, Janitor Supplies, $492.05, Janitorial Supplies, $161.60; Friedrich, Cliff, Steel Toe Work Boots, $100.00; G&K Services, Laundry Service, $268.87; Jared Gass, CAA, $523.59, CAA, $475.45; Geotek Engineering Inc, Truck Shed Testing, $1,001.00; Goldammer, Jennifer, Mental Health Board Chair Fees, $239.25; Graham Tire North, Tires, $3,485.60; Guarantee Roofing & Sheeting, Courthouse Roof Repair, $486.40; Harmelink, Fox & Ravnsborg, CAA Inv MI Hearing, $138.50; Patricia J Hartsel, Transcripts, $60.80; Hollaway Construction, Install Double Cell Culvert, $57,289.45; Joanie S Holm, Coroners School, $300.00; Human Services Center, Copies of Medical Records, $112.20; Jackrabbit Tire & Service, Pick Up Repairs/Service, $109.25; JCL Solutions, Orange Tough, $569.66, Cleaning Supplies, $147.51; KCH Law, CAA Inv MI Hearing, $188.15; Kennedy Pier Knoff Loftus, CAA Inv MI Hearing, $275.70; Benjamin L. Kleinjan, CAA, $87.00; L&L Auto & Truck Parts, Parts/Supplies, $194.10, Wiper Blades, $8.39; L.G. Everist Inc, Icing Sand, $609.81; Lincoln County Auditor, MI Expense, $18.00; M&T Fire & Safety Inc, Sharps Container, $10.50; Mack, Sonia, Oct/Nov Travel Expenses, $214.97; Mailfinance, Postage Machine Lease, $1,310.37; Martin's Inc, Diesel/Gas/Chevron 15-40, $25,043.27; Master Blaster Inc, Hose and Steel Socket/Plug, $243.50; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Welding Supplies, $96.88; M.E. McCann, CAA, $2,253.91; McKeever's Vending, Inmate Commissary, $628.62; Mediacom LLC, Nov Law Library Internet, $75.51; Medtox Laboratories, Inc, Tox Screen for Investigation, $157.50; Microfilm Imaging System, Scanning Equip Rental, $100.00; Midwest Glass, Windshield Repair, $50.00; Minnehaha County Auditor, Debt Service Payment 2nd Half, $11,363.09; Myers Tire - Des Moines, Demount Tool, $592.92; National 4-H Council, 1st Year Member Pins, $42.95; National Tactical Office, Instructor Certification Class, $13,585.00; Nancy J Nelson, CAA, $469.80, CAA, $520.26, CAA, $724.71, CAA, $351.48, CAA, $404.55; Office Peeps Inc, Desk Calendars, $13.40, Office Supplies/Printer, $399.00, Office Supplies, $37.75; Pierce, Irene, Cell Phone Increase Nov 2014, $15.00; Prussman, Chris, Steel Toe Boots, $100.00; Razor's Edge Lawncare, Courthouse Lawn Care, $1,200.00; Reliance Telephone, Inmate Phone Cards, $2,000.00; Rick Ribstein, CAA, $918.56; Rude's Funeral Home Inc, Autopsy Transport, $240.00; Running's Supply Inc, Parts/Supplies, $85.97, After School Program Supplies, $29.55, Supplies/Squeegee, $149.18;

Schuneman Equipment Co, Parts/Repairs, $489.17; SD Attorney General's Office, 24/7 SCRAM Daily Fees, $1,248.00, 24/7 State Participation Fee, $132.00; SD Building Officials' Assn, 2014 Membership Dues, $65.00; SD Dept of Revenue, Blood Testing, $595.00; SD Sheriff's Association, Conference Registration, $150.00; SDACO, ROD Modernization/Preservation, $984.00; Sinai City, Water/Sewer/Garbage, $64.00; Sinai Coop Elevator, Diesel, $1,684.70; Sinai Legion Hall, 2014 General Election Rent, $35.00; Sioux Valley Cleaners Inc, October WIC Janitorial, $385.00; Sioux Valley Energy, Electricity, $327.00; Speedy Cleaners, Rug Rental Service, $35.80, Rugs, $59.80; Sterzinger Construction, Crushed Gravel, $7,308.41; Sturdevant's Auto Parts, Supplies, $251.03, Pressure Washer Parts, $3.91; Swiftel Center, November Facility Maint, $1,577.00; Town & Country Shopper, Property Tax Deadline Notice, $84.00; Truenorth Steel, Steel Culverts, $9,684.20; UPS Store, Shipping, $10.33; Steven Ust, Inspections, $1,300.00; Walburg, Duane, Animal Control Mileage, $96.00; Walmart Community, Dry Erase Board/Binders, $11.97; Wellington Heights, COP Rent, $457.00; Wheelco Truck & Trailer, Filters/Additive/Supplies, $653.08; White City, Water/Sewer/Electric, $51.45; Terry D Wieczorek PC, CAA, $209.49, CAA, $287.10; Winter Inc, Concrete, $182.00; Yankton County Sheriff, Service of Process, $50.00. The following payments were made to workers for the 2014 General Election: Ahartz, Kenneth, $136.00; Ammann, Lonny, $27.50; Anderegg, Sharon, $169.00; Anderson, Charlene, $148.50; Anderson, Ruth, $226.44; Angle, Lois, $163.50; Antonen, Joan, $215.28; Audus, Jodi, $169.00; Bartley, Bobbe, $233.50; Bell, Robert, $169.00; Bommersbach, Marilyn, $163.50; Bommersbach, Roger, $15.00; Brotsky, Eleda, $174.50; Canaday, Dolores, $163.50; Carlson, Beverly, $174.50; Christensen, Judy, $170.25; Clague, Carolyn, $70.00; Clark, Tanya, $169.00; Cooper, Kris, $210.50; Crosser, Barbara, $77.40; Derdall, Ardelle, $70.00; Dezeeuw, Patricia, $163.50; Dorn, Ray, $81.00; Dusharm, Carol, $174.50; Earley, Pauline, $70.00; Even, Anna, $208.05; Fiedler, Mary, $70.00; Flynn, Nancy, $182.75; Foerster, Marilyn, $202.00; Foster, Dianne, $208.25; Havrevold, Floyd, $93.46; Headley, Marcella, $204.75; Herrboldt, Ellen, $224.00; Heylens, Kathy, $193.05; Hopfinger, Dennis, $70.00; Hult, Larry, $141.50; Ishol, Dorothy, $174.50; Jacobs, Sharon, $163.50; Jones, Terri, $169.00; Josephsen, Delores, $87.76; Kampmann, Linda, $163.50; Kjellsen, Doris, $95.90; Knutzen, Sue, $233.50; Kranz, Linda, $70.00; Krogman, Norma, $185.50; Kruse, Joanne, $70.00; Kruse, Nelva, $220.12; Kurtz, Lavonne, $163.50; Lindsey, Ruth, $70.00; Linn, Norma, $196.50; Madsen, Dianne, $191.00; Mckinney, Myrtle, $169.00; Myers, Vikkie, $117.82; Nelson, Bette, $163.50; Olson, Gloria, $163.50; Peterson, Mary, $114.00; Pike, Gloria, $169.00; Renkly, Eunice, $211.30; Reppe, Adelpha, $163.50; Rohl, Sandy, $15.00; Santema, Deanna, $163.50; Schlobohm, Luella, $169.00; Steenson, Donna, $70.00; Steffensen, Michael, $37.22; Thaden, Linda, $163.50; Thaden, Ronald, $163.50; Thvedt, Gloria, $174.50; Tillgren, Wilma, $191.00; Tolrud, Deanna, $202.00; Torgrude, Linda, $84.80; Torgrude, Margaret, $84.80; Town, Helen, $163.50; Tyler, Wanda, $169.00; Vaughn, Betty, $163.50; Vincent, Patricia, $185.50; Vostad, Jeff, $180.00; Waldner, Josephine, $70.00; Washechek, Lois, $169.00; Weiss, Carol, $196.50; West, Gayle, $154.00; Westall, Betty, $82.95; Westall, Robert, $82.95; Wiskur, Devona, $220.45; Witchey, Greg, $56.31.

Department Head Reports

Finance Officer Vicki Buseth said the delinquent letters for taxes were sent out. She said there were about 80 less than the prior year and about 10% are oversights from the owners. Buseth said the amount of the penalties is good throughout the month; and if they are paid up by the end of November, it won't be published in the newspaper. She said the levies have not been approved by Pierre yet. Buseth said they are preparing for the tax certificate sale on December 15th as well.

Highway Superintendent Richard Birk said the Highway Department is busy with snow removal and working on preparing machinery for the cold temperatures. He said he took a look at an accident

location on Highway 11 last Thursday. Birk said there is nothing minor they can do to alleviate the issues on that road. He said he is putting together ideas, but the road isn't different than any other county road. Birk said he is also putting together a list of structures less than 20 feet and prioritizing the top six structures to be fixed. Should there be funding available, Birk said this list will help decide which structures to fix. He said they are taking traffic into consideration, but are also looking at the structural aspects. Birk said he has also made a list of bridge structures that can be done on a smaller budget; but when the engineering is started as part of the replacement program, the county is locked into that. Krogman asked if there is a report on how things have changed on the structures over 20 feet long. Birk said Banner just finished their inspections and their report will show how those structures have changed in the last two years.

County Development Deputy Director Meghan Thoreau said that a meeting is set later this week with First District to talk about the comp plan. Thoreau said she has been traveling the past couple weeks and learning how to strengthen our ag sector and working on food-related policies. She said Office Manager Richard Haugen is attending a conference on Flood Plain management. Yseth asked when they will get the results of the grant application that Thoreau had submitted. Thoreau said they should know by the end of November. Yseth said that County Development Director Robert Hill wanted the board to know that his travel budget is in the red and there will be additional zoning meetings.

By consensus, the board directed Hill to look at bringing the Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness workshop to Brookings.

Regular Business

Motion by Yseth, seconded by Krogman to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign the following liquor license renewals for businesses operating outside municipalities for license year 2015, contingent upon the property taxes being paid by December 1, 2014: Danceland Campground, Brookings Country Club, Cubby's at ABR, Meadow Creek Golf Course, Skyview Junction, and Smokins' Pub N Grub. Commission Department Director Stacy Steffensen notified the board that the taxes are not up-to-date for one of license holders. Roll call vote: Krogman "aye," Miller "aye," Falken "aye," Yseth "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Yseth, seconded by Krogman to award a bid in the amount of $256.00 per ton to Rust Fencing of Estelline for I-Beams from the Highway Department. Background information was provided by Highway Superintendent Richard Birk. Roll call vote: Miller "aye," Falken "aye," Yseth "aye," Krogman "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Scheduled Agenda Items

As scheduled at 9:00 a.m., the board held a public hearing on the transfer of a retail on/off sale malt beverage license to operate outside of a municipality for the remainder of the 2014 licensing period. Chairperson Larson opened the public hearing and called for proponents and opponents. Hearing none, Chairperson Larson closed the public hearing. Motion by Falken, seconded by Miller to approve the transfer of a Retail On/Off Sale Malt Beverage License from West Oak Pub, Shelly Renken - owner, to West Oak Pub, Jennifer Harrison - owner. Roll call: Falken "aye," Yseth "aye," Krogman "aye," Miller "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Members of the Sinai Fire Department appeared before the board to discuss concerns with the road conditions of Highway 11. Fire Chief Jeremy Wosje and Fireman Scott Schade said they have seen an increase in rollover accidents on this road. Wosje said they've built that road up over the years without

making shoulders and he's wondering if there is something that can be done. Highway Superintendent Richard Birk stated that with the county system the way it is, it would be hard to produce what is being requested. He said a shoulder would change the profile of the road and make the ditch steeper, and additional right-of-way would be needed to change the slope of the ditch. Birk said this type of project would be very costly to the county. Yseth asked if there were safety standards set or if they could hire someone to examine the roads. He said he has trouble spending money on non-mandated items when they have roads that aren't safe for the traveling public. Birk said that the South Dakota Department of Transportation has set standards for secondary roads. He suggested hiring an engineering firm to do a detailed analysis of the profiles of all county roads and determine what would be unacceptable or could be improved upon. Yseth said, unfortunately, the county doesn't have unlimited resources, but they look at bridges; if a road is dangerous, it is just as serious as a bridge.

Birk said the current road system is geared towards 1930s era traffic. He said they could approach this as a countywide project, but also incorporate changes into any new projects as well. Birk said the narrowness of Highway 11 is more of a concern, but they can't keep people from leaving the road or not paying attention.

Miller said this discussion isn't dealing with the issue. She said if they fix what these men are talking about, it would be a major project and would require additional right-of-way acquisition. Birk said they aren't talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars, but where do they start or stop. Falken said he wants to know the causes of these accidents. He said they can't change drivers' actions, but he'd like to look at a particular area that may need signage or linear posts.

Schade said all of the accidents were within three miles of each other. Wosje said he drives a sprayer and it is scary going north and south out of Sinai. He said they can't continue to apply asphalt upon asphalt without fixing the shoulder. Wosje said equipment is getting larger and larger and if you meet a piece of equipment on these roads, someone has to move. Falken asked Birk if that road could be monitored and see if there are temporary things that could be done and continue to talk. Wosje said the farm equipment being used on this road is too large to put up safety posts.

Sheriff Martin Stanwick said that he is also concerned with this area too. He said the area has been busy and they've had a couple DWIs along with the rollovers.

Birk said the morning after an accident he went out to see if there were issues the county needed fix. He said state troopers were there taking measurements and he asked them if there was anything that stood out. They both said that this area looks like any other part of the road.

Yseth said he can't believe that someone else hasn't confronted this before. He said maybe they would know of fixes or warnings without expanding the right-of-way. Yseth said there may be places where they will have to bite the bullet and fix too. Birk said the interstate highway system is the most over-designed system in the world and there are still accidents on it.

Larson said he agrees with everyone; the fixes will be expensive and regulations will need to be followed. He said they are fortunate that Brookings County has an aggressive system and keeps up with the overlays, but the problem needs to be addressed. Miller asked if there was something short term to alleviate the shoulder issues. Birk said if there is an existing shoulder, they could put down some more gravel and try to keep relatively the same profile of road. He said this would give an immediate relief to leaving the road, but if someone left the road completely they would be in the same predicament. Krogman said there would be an excessive drop-off if they add more gravel, but he questioned which is worse. He said the ditches would be steeper, but the added gravel would give drivers a chance to correct and get back on the road.

Falken said he is also concerned that if this is done, it would create a greater liability for the county. Stanwick said accidents are hard to prevent when someone leaves the roadway, but he is also concerned when people meet large pieces of machinery on the road. He said maybe some signage would help. Larson said they recognize the problem and need to try to fix it. He suggested taking a section of road and trying something to see how it works. Larson said he doesn't want to create a false sense of

security either. He said they need to solve the issue to the best of their ability until the road is completely redone. Yseth said he wants some action taken, rather than just monitoring.

Scott Mohror from Banner Associates updated the board on the 34th Avenue Project. He said the railroad permit application was mailed this week. Mohror said this Thursday is the utility meeting. He said he is starting to plan the bid advertising for the project and would like the Board's input. Mohror gave some background on advertising requirements and suggested advertising in late January with the bid opening on February 11th due to trips planned by potential contractors bidding the project. Miller said she spoke with Jason Bowes with Bowes Construction and he said that he could have a bid ready if they had the plans before the 20th. She said they need to advertise at the end of December and keep the planned bid opening date of January 15th. Larson asked how soon Mohror could have the bid prepared. Mohror said after Thursday's meeting they'll know if there are any changes that the utilities need and they could have a cost estimate by mid-December. Larson said this has been a long process and if the meeting goes well they need to start advertising early to mid-December. He said this has gone on an awful long time; they should just have the final details to work out by now. Larson said they need to pull the numbers together and have bids ready to open in late December or early January. He said they want the advantage of early bidding so contractors don't have work lined up already. Krogman said they would like to be the first ones to get their bids out so contractors will be more aggressive on this bid. Falken asked if there would be a timeline for the project once a bid is accepted. Mohror said that there will be substantial completion and final completion dates in the bids. The board agreed to advertise the bid opening on December 29th, 2014 and January 5th, 2015; with the bid opening on January 15th, 2015.

Regular Business

Motion by Miller, seconded by Yseth to approve for recording purposes and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Resolution 14-50: A Plat of Tract 3 of Luze's Addition in the northwest quarter Section 12, Township 111 North, Range 51 West of the 5th P.M., Brookings County, SD. Roll call vote: Yseth "aye," Krogman "aye," Miller "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Falken to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign a Letter of Understanding with Teamsters Local 120-Brookings County Highway Department modifying the Christmas Holiday administrative leave date from December 24, 2014 to December 26, 2014. Roll call vote: Krogman "aye," Miller "aye," Falken "aye," Yseth "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Krogman to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign a Letter of Understanding with Teamsters Local 120-Brookings County Sheriff's Department modifying the Christmas Holiday administrative leave date from December 24, 2014 to December 26, 2014. Roll call vote: Miller "aye," Falken "aye," Yseth "aye," Krogman "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by Krogman to approve a one-time change to the county's employee handbook, allowing for an administrative leave day on December 26, 2014 rather than December 24, 2014. Roll call vote: Falken "aye," Yseth "aye," Krogman "aye," Miller "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Commission Department Director Stacy Steffensen reported that the $3,000 check was cut for railroad fees and sent along with the railroad permit application as part of the 34th Avenue project. She said she attended a Safety & Loss Conference in Pierre last week with HR Specialist Laura Littlecott. Steffensen said she has talked with 4H Youth Advisor Sonia Mack about the 2015 budget and there is a second part time 4-H program assistant position budgeted. Steffensen said they will start advertising for

that position now to have someone in place as close to the first of the year as possible. She said she is working on getting a list of volunteer board members and when their terms are up. In regards to the exit interview process, Steffensen said that HR has always handled them in the past and will continue to do so. Yseth said he would like to have the commissioners review the exit interviews for all full-time regular employees after they have been conducted. Steffensen said she attended the meeting with City Manager Jeff Weldon and Building Inspector Greg Miller about the HVAC system in the administrative building and will send more information to the Joint Powers Board, along with the recommendations that came from that meeting. Steffensen also discussed the upcoming Optimist's Breakfast on December 2nd. Steffensen reminded the board that after the Commission meeting they will tour the highway department.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Commissioner Falken reported on former GIS Technician Jason Meusburger's going away party, the law enforcement standards and training commission meeting and the work comp board of director's meeting.

Commissioner Miller reported on Meusburger's going away party and meeting with Sheriff Stanwick and City of Brookings officials to discuss the four-way stop at South Main Avenue and 32nd Street South. She also reported on the 8-County meeting in DeSmet.

Falken asked about the 4-way stop sign meeting. Stanwick said it was an in-office meeting to see how law enforcement felt and the proposal to keep the 4-way stop up will come before the commission and the city council for action. Larson noted that it is hard to see the stop signs. Krogman recommended that they add flashing lights to the signs so more attention is brought to them. Miller said reducing the speed limit in that area was also discussed. Falken said he wanted to look for reasons to justify having the 4-way stop there; not just doing it because someone wants them. He said the county has had requests for signage that they've denied because they couldn't justify having it. Stanwick said there is an issue at that intersection where drivers have a difficult time seeing conflicting traffic. He said the final decision will still be made by the commission and council.

Brookings County resident Delaine Knause said he believes the stop signs are a good idea, but there isn't enough signage there. He said they need to paint 'stop ahead' on the road if they are going to be there permanently. Miller said they do have plans to mitigate some of the issues people are having with seeing the signs. Yseth said they need to do something right now because the stop signs are already in place. He said he understands they will be taking action on a resolution to make it permanent, but in the meantime something more is needed.

Knause said that Commissioner Larson was spearheading the drainage effort on the south side of town and he doesn't want the ball to get dropped after the first of the year. Yseth said the board has it as a work session topic and it is discussed at every meeting; another commissioner will get appointed to continue on after January 1st Larson asked Knause to check with City Manager Jeff Weldon on getting that group together again.

Commissioner Krogman reported on a meeting with Rick Eggebrecht to discuss the Novita project. He said it sounds like things are going well and Eggebrecht asked the county to update the road agreement. Krogman said Deputy State's Attorney Abigail Howard is reviewing the agreement and will recommend changes. He said they hope they can approve it before the first of the year. Krogman said Novita believes than can start moving forward yet this fall and they should know more in the new few weeks. Larson said they have been working with CDI on this project and are nearing a point where they should have something formal with them. Krogman also reported on the 8-County meeting in DeSmet.

He said he recently attended the National Real Estate Convention and that group is also concerned about roads and bridges and where the funding will come from. Krogman said the Hospital Board meeting is November 19th and asked if another board member could take his place since he'll be out of town. Larson and Yseth both indicated they could possibly attend in his place.

Commissioner Yseth reported on the Planning & Zoning meeting and the Growth Partnership meeting. He also discussed the United Way's 211 meeting. Yseth also reported on the 8-County meeting in DeSmet and the East Central Behavior Health meeting. He also discussed two upcoming Planning & Zoning meetings. Yseth said he met with commissioners-elect Larry Jensen and Lee Ann Pierce to discuss commissioner orientation. He also discussed closing offices on Christmas Eve Day from 3:00-5:00. Falken said there are ramifications in the jail, highway and sheriff's departments when they give extra time off. He said most departments will be working with a skeleton crew that day anyway.

Commissioner Larson reported on EPA meetings. He encouraged all of the board members to attend the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington DC next year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Larson declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

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Work Session

The board discussed BATA space at the highway department, the strategic plan, south Brookings drainage, and the 34th Avenue project. They also discussed the Novita project, Vote Center locations, mosquito spraying, IT positions, and the available liquor license.

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