

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, with the following members present: Dennis Falken, Emil Klavetter, Don Larson, Mary Negstad, and Deanna Santema.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Santema called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Santema declared the Consent Agenda approved with no objection from the board. The Consent Agenda consisted of the agenda for the May 8, 2008 Commission Meeting, and the minutes from the April 29, 2008 Commission Meeting.

Travel/Education: Beth Mueller, Cindy Schmit, Candace Stamp, Cara Caylor, and Abbey Howell to attend the WILL Luncheon in Brookings, SD on May 7, 2008; Rose Stee to attend Youth Development Program Planning in Salem, SD on May 21, 2008; Erik Markve, Chris Lilla, Matt Archer and Joyce Dragseth to attend the Annual Assessor's Recertification School in Sioux Falls, SD from September 15-19, 2008.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Weed & Pest Supervisor, Gary Egeberg met with the board to discuss the grant process for weed spraying and the need for more county funding due to the cut of grant funding.

Zoning and Drainage Director, Robert Hill met with the board to discuss the upcoming Planning & Zoning board meeting, the changes to the Zoning Ordinance to adopt Flood Plain maps, further wind tower development in Brookings County, the American Planning Association meeting and the end of Leadership Brookings.

Director of Equalization, Joyce Dragseth met with the board to discuss the Owner Occupied status process and the possibility of an abatement request regarding Owner Occupied status.

Highway Superintendent, Larry Jensen met with the board to discuss the end of snow removal, the crack sealing program, new vehicles and a vehicle trade to another county department, damage to a truck from a man-hole and diesel fuel purchases.

PUBLIC HEARING

As scheduled, a public hearing was held at 9:00am for the Petition for Vacation of Plat of Lot One, Fuhr Addition in the East ½ of the Northwest Quarter of Section Six, Township One Hundred

Twelve North, Range Fifty-two, West of the 5th P.M., Brookings County, South Dakota, which property is owned by John Fuhr, who is the petitioner. Chairperson Santema opened the public hearing and called for comments from both proponents and opponents. Larry Furney of Lake Poinsett discussed the reason for the vacation. Planning & Zoning Director, Robert Hill discussed the procedure of the vacation. Chairperson Santema closed the public hearing.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Falken to approve the Vacation of Plat. Roll Call Vote: Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Brookings County Sheriff, Martin Stanwick updated the board on the 24/7 and SCRAM programs, inmate counts, a DWI incident, and courthouse/courtroom security and screening.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Agreement #08-20: A Memorandum of Understanding between Brookings County, Banner Associates and Brookings School District for sharing of GIS Data. Roll Call Vote: Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Klavetter to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Agreement #08-21: A Memorandum of Understanding between Brookings County and Brookings Municipal Utilities for sharing of GIS Data. GIS Coordinator, Allan Janus and Commissioner Falken discussed the need for this information to be shared. Roll Call Vote: Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Resolution #08-20: A Resolution Extending Weight Limit Enforcements on Brookings County Highways. Roll Call Vote: Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Resolution #08-20

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENTS ON BROOKINGS COUNTY HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, Seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, and

WHEREAS, based upon highway and climatic conditions an extension of seasonal weight limits is warranted through May 31, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Brookings County Board of County Commissioners, desires the enforcement of weight limitation of Brookings County Roads as set forth and posted by the Brookings County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The limits on Brookings County Highway shall be set as six (6) and seven (7) ton per axle, on all asphalt surface roads, during spring thaw period and when limit signs are in place; and

That the South Dakota Highway Patrol be and hereby is authorized and requested to enforce weight limitations on Brookings County Roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

Vote of Brookings County Commission

Dated this 6th Day of May, 2008.

Deanna Santema

Chairperson, Brookings County Commission

ATTEST:

Krista Spence

County Deputy Auditor

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Larson to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Agreement #08-22: An Application for Occupancy of County Highway #1 Right of Way made by Sioux Valley Energy. Roll Call Vote: Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Falken to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Agreement #08-23: A Purchase Agreement between Brookings County and Flint Hills for purchase of Road Oil. Roll Call Vote: Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Agreement #08-24: A Purchase Agreement between Brookings County and Huron Culvert and Tank Company for purchase of Metal Culverts and Bridge Material. Roll Call Vote: Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Falken to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Agreement #08-25: A Purchase Agreement between Brookings County and L.G. Everist for purchase of 3/8" Pea Rock. Roll Call Vote: Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Agreement #08-26: A Purchase Agreement between Brookings County and Hanson Pipe and Products for purchase of Concrete Culverts. Roll Call Vote: Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Motion Negstad, seconded by Larson to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Agreement #08-27: A Purchase Agreement between Brookings County and Dakota Earthworks for purchase of 3/8" Pea Rock. Roll Call Vote: Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion Carried.

Space Needs Discussion: Chairperson Santema discussed the tour of the former First Bank & Trust building scheduled for May 6, 2008. Commission Klavetter recommended the Chair form a sub-committee to visit with the owners of the building to obtain purchase price and other information. Commissioner Negstad stated the urgency for proceeding and was not in favor of pursuing the use of the 1921 Building. Commissioner Klavetter also expressed the need for expediency on the process and in obtaining sale information on the former First Bank & Trust building. Commissioner Falken said he would like the sale information in the next week or two. Be it noted, Chairperson Santema appointed herself, Commissioner Falken and Deputy States Attorney, Wm. Mark Kratochvil to a sub-committee to gather information on purchasing the former First Bank & Trust building.

Commission Assistant/Human Resource Director, Stephanie Vogel met with the board to discuss personnel matters, correspondence received and a Request to Fill Vacancy.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Klavetter to approve the Request to Fill Vacancy for the Assistant Highway Superintendent position. Commissioner Falken discussed the need to fill the position, while Commissioners Klavetter, Negstad, Larson, and Santema all stated they were not ready to fill the position at this time. Roll Call Vote: Klavetter "Nay," Falken "Aye," Larson "Nay," Negstad "Nay," Santema "Nay." Motion Failed.

Be it noted, the board approved the following Personnel Action Notices: New Hire: Micah Johnson Temporary Election Worker at \$10.00.

COMMISSIONER'S OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Larson reported on the reception for Executive Director of the South Dakota Board of Regents, Robert T. Tad Perry.

Commissioner Negstad reported on the meeting with Bob Fishback in regards the former First Bank & Trust building and a resident expressing his opinion on not using the 1921 building for the County administrative offices.

Commissioner Falken reported on the Workers Compensation Board of Directors Annual Training, and the NACO retirement program.

Commissioner Klavetter reported on the special First District Planning Association meeting.

Commissioner Santema reported on the Domestic Abuse Shelter Luncheon, Bio diesel fuel usage in other states and discussed the Assistant Highway Superintendent position further.

Be it noted, the board attend a tour of the former First Bank & Trust building at 11:00am.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Santema declared the meeting adjourned until 8:30am Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

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