

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 with the following members present: Deanna Santema, Donald Larson, Mary Negstad, Emil Klavetter and Dennis Falken.

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 August 19, 2008 Commission meeting, and the minutes from the August 12, 2008 Commission meeting.

Travel/Education: Bart Sweebe and Darren DeJong to attend the 1-day Jail Evacuation Implementation and Planning training class October 15, 2008 in Pierre, SD; Mark Anawski to attend a child safety seat certified technician course October 28-30, 2008 in Watertown, SD.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Brookings County Extension Agronomy Educator, John Kieckhefer, updated the board on Achievement Days; the reusable shopping bag program; citizen concerns about bees and wasps and land rent; the Master Gardener Program; the Master Beekeeper Program; the growing issue of aphids in the area; and the upcoming State Fair.

Veterans/Welfare Director, Lionel Torgrude, and State Commander for the Disabled American Veterans, Robert Hill, presented Irene Pierce, with the award for being the 2008 Outstanding Hospital Transportation Coordinator of the Year for the Disabled American Veterans Department of South Dakota.

Zoning Director, Robert Hill, updated the board on a complaint received regarding a mobile home park on Main Avenue South, Brookings; an office printer that needs to be replaced; and grant money available to attend the 2008 Code Conference in Minneapolis, MN by joining the South Dakota Building Officials Association.

Highway Superintendent, Larry Jensen, updated the board on the State Department of Transportation roads survey and training; he updated the board on the road striping schedule; and he updated the board on the topeka shiner habitat restoration project.

Equalization Director, Joyce Dragseth, updated the board on a lawsuit and the public's use of website.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Klavetter to approve the following Automatic Supplement for unanticipated expenses incurred and reimbursement made to Brookings County. Department: Highway; Amount: \$16,218.53, receipt #104976, Reason: insurance refund for deductible, from line 201-3-3431900 to line 201-4-311-4250. Roll call vote: Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Falken, to approve the following Automatic Supplement for unanticipated expenses incurred and reimbursement made to Brookings County. Department: States Attorney; Amount: \$6,036.87, receipts #104980 and 104955; Reason: grant match money for the Juvenile Block Grant, from line 101-3-3350600 to line 101-4-151-4262. Roll call vote: Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Larson, to approve the following Automatic Supplement for unanticipated expenses incurred and reimbursement made to Brookings County. Department: Sheriff; Amount: \$469.50, receipt #104910; Reason: airfare reimbursement, from line 101-3-3690000 to line 101-4-211-4270. Roll call vote: Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Klavetter, to approve the following Automatic Supplement for unanticipated expenses incurred and reimbursement made to Brookings County. Department: Equalization; Amount: \$209.70, receipts #104973 and 104437; Reason: travel reimbursement and conference registration, from line 1013-3690000 to line 101-4-162-4270. Roll call vote: Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Larson, to delay action on Agreement #08-47, an Animal Control Enforcement Agreement between the City of Brookings and Brookings County, until August 26, 2008. Roll call vote: Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Negstad, to fund Brookings Area Transit Authority in the amount of \$6,250 to assist with their budget shortfall for 2008. The board discussed the need for this funding and why it is important, but they also discussed this being a one-time assistance. Motion to amend by Klavetter, seconded by Negstad, to take the \$6,250 out of line 101-4-111-4290. Roll call vote on the amendment: Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Santema "Aye." Amendment passed. Roll call vote on the main motion: Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Negstad to proceed with drafting an ordinance to implement the additional \$2.00/wheel wheel tax. Commissioner Klavetter stated that these additional dollars would have to go towards funding roads and bridges and that the only other revenue source would be additional cuts to non-mandates. Commissioner Falken stated that this would mean an additional \$8.00 per vehicle, and that the public will be able to voice any concerns during the process of adopting the ordinance. Commissioner Negstad said that she would hate to see non-mandates not get the funding that they need. Commissioner Santema stated that she would rather not have to implement the additional tax, but it's necessary at this point. Roll call vote: Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Negstad to authorize the County Finance Officer to publish the hearing notices for the adoption of the provisional budget. Roll call vote: Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Klavetter to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign a letter that states the board sees no conflict if First District completes tasks set out in an RFP from Basin River Power Cooperative regarding the proposed Deer Creek station combined cycle gas plant near White, SD. Roll call vote: Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Commission Assistant/Human Resources Director Stephanie Vogel presented the Commission Assistant/Human Resources report.

Be it noted, the board approved the following Personnel Action Notices: routine step increase, Irene Pierce, from \$15.63 to \$15.94; voluntary resignation, Allan Janus, GIS Coordinator; new hire, Jackie Rippert, Finance Assistant at \$12.50.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Klavetter, to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign the request to fill vacancy for a GIS Technician. Roll call vote: Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried.

Vogel reported the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program.

Be it noted, the board received notice from the South Dakota Department of Health of a disinterment permit affecting Brookings County.

Vogel also reported on the SDML Workers' Compensation Fund annual meeting agenda; the Brookings County Domestic Abuse Shelter informational flyer on the "Cycle to Stop the Cycle" event and possible funding request; the Point of Disbursement (POD) meeting and the county's annual flu shot clinic being a POD training exercise this fall; Plain Green workshop information; Inter-Lakes Community Partnership's strategic planning session; East River's annual meeting; the 34th Avenue Improvement Project progress report meeting; the Daktronics Open House; and Banner Associates information on the SDSU Innovation Center.

Deputy State's Attorney, Wm. Mark Kratochvil, discussed the continuing issue of space needs for the court system.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Commissioner Larson reported on a County Road 10 issue, and doing some public relations releases when the price savings for the county with the NACo Prescription Drug Card program reaches \$100,000.

Commissioner Negstad had nothing to report.

Commissioner Falken reported on the Plain Green workshop, and the tour of the SDSU Wellness Center.

Commissioner Klavetter reported on the tour of the SDSU Wellness Center.

Chairperson Santema reported on the tour of the SDSU Wellness Center, the Resolution Committee meeting in Pierre, the Point of Disbursement meeting, the URC Child Development Center open house, and the appraisal of the former First Bank & Trust building.

The board recessed until 10:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., the board heard a presentation from Basin River Power Cooperative's proposed Deer Creek Station. Project Representative, Curt Pearson, informed the board that this would be a 250-300 megawatt combined cycle gas fired generation facility near White, SD. They are currently in the planning stages. Project Manager, Gavin McCollam, told the board that construction is scheduled to begin in 2010 with 350 workers on site during the peak of construction. Commercial operation would begin in the spring of 2012 and it is estimated to require 25-30 operational workers.

Commissioner Larson said that he's not against the project, but has some concerns about the costs that would be incurred to enhance the roads and bridges in the area so the facility could be built.

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Falken to enter into Executive Session at 10:55 a.m. for personnel reasons. Roll call vote: Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Santema "Aye." Motion carried. The board came out of Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Santema declared the meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 26, 2008.

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