

# **BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 26, 2008**

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 with the following members present: Deanna Santema, Mary Negstad, Don Larson, Emil Klavetter and Dennis Falken.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Santema called the meeting to order.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **PLANNING SESSION**

Jerry Lindberg with TSP, Inc. presented the results of the cost study on the former First Bank and Trust building. The cost analysis takes into consideration architectural, mechanical, and electrical needs and is \$1,815,728.

Commissioner Klavetter pointed out that this estimate does not include contingency or architecture and engineering fees.

Commissioner Falken said that the board wanted this study to get an opinion on the condition of the building considering its age and do get a better idea on how to best spend tax dollars—building new versus remodeling.

Commissioner Klavetter also stated that he does not wish to compete with the City of Brookings in purchasing the former bank building.

City Manager, Jeff Weldon, was at the planning session and informed the board that the city is interested in the property but has concerns over the amount of space it provides. And he said the city is not close to making a decision on administrative space needs at this time. Weldon did say that he hasn't spoken to the council, but that he didn't see this as an opportunity to get into a bidding war with the county, as the county's space needs are more pressing at this time.

In other space needs discussion, Commissioner Larson asked the other board members if he should still be looking into potential properties east of the courthouse for the county to purchase for land to build a new facility. He doesn't feel like he has enough information on that option to make a comparison to the former bank building or to the undisclosed property that Commissioners Falken and Santema have been working with. Larson also stated that he would like to try to keep the option open for having a joint city/county administrative facility in the future.

Commissioner Larson was directed to get more information on the properties to the east of the courthouse and the subcommittee of Commissioners Falken and Santema were directed to follow up with the property owner of the undisclosed location to get as much information as possible to bring back to the next board meeting.

The board scheduled discussion and possible action on space needs options on their Tuesday, December 2, 2008 regular commission agenda.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Santema declared the meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.

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