

# **BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2008**

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 with the following members present: Deanna Santema, Don 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 December 16, 2008 Commission meeting, and the minutes from the December 9, 2008 Commission meeting.

Welfare Matters: case #08-005 HSC for an admission fee was approved; case #08-074A for Brookings Utilities was approved; case #08-118 for rent was approved; and case #08-117 for rent was approved. The consent agenda also included authorization for the chairperson to sign an admittance letter to the South Dakota Human Services Center and authorization for the chairperson to sign a payment request from the County Catastrophic Poor Relief Service Fund.

The board approved the following personnel action notices: voluntary resignation of Sarah Wells; new hire Craig Chapman as the combined Highway and Weed Department Truck Driver at \$11.63.

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Negstad to approve the following claims. Roll call vote: Larson "aye," Negstad "aye," Klavetter "aye," Falken "aye," Santema "aye." Motion carried.

A&B Business, Maint Agreement 11/29-12/28, \$507.96, Maint Contract Inv #118133, \$36.88, Monthly Maintenance Fee, \$36.88; A&S Sales, Ams Oil Filters, \$168.75; Ace Hardware, Outlet, \$2.79, Keys For 6-1h, \$9.58; Action Process Serving, Service Of Subpoena, \$39.00; Aflac, Flex-One Service Fees Nov 2008, \$75.00; Agfirst Farmers Coop, 22 Plain Insulated Gloves, \$165.00; Aplan, Denise, Juror Fees, \$129.60; Aurora Auto Body & Glass, 6-1r Windshield, \$349.65; Avera Heart Hospital, Cop, \$26,792.05; Avera Queen Of Peace Health Services, Cop, \$1,160.00; Avera McKennan Hospital, Cop, \$2,320.00, Cop, \$3,762.65; Avera Rehabilitation Ass, Medical Records, \$50.00; Bangor Township, Pocket Gopher Trapping, \$172.50; Beckman, Eugene & Sons, Bolts/Pin/Wing Donuts/Ether, \$76.28; Bortnem, Sharon M, Juror Fees, \$10.74; Boyer Trucks, Plow Lites Inv #99631, \$89.91; Brkgs Co Treasurer, Advance Tax, \$1,231.99; Brkgs Daily Register, Office Hours Ad Inv #235920, \$360.00, Commission Minutes, \$380.69; Brkgs. City Utilities, Phone November 2008, \$115.23, Cop, \$155.62, Electric/Water/Sewer, \$2,586.85, H2o/Sewer/Electric/Phone, \$567.50, Cop Utilities, \$90.61, Utilities, \$1,891.14, Monthly Service Charge, \$49.76, Phone Charges, \$162.23, Phone And Fax, \$83.76, Monthly Service, \$296.14, 10 Mb Fiber/DSL Access/Phone, \$1,753.42, Monthly Statement, \$70.23, Phone And Internet Service, \$69.39, Water, \$48.54, Phone Service, \$237.13, E911, \$400.00, E911 Utilities, \$150.50, Phone, \$197.99, E911 Database,

\$3,191.23, Phone & Fax, \$131.91; Brkgs., City Of, Landfill Fees, \$7.50, Yard Junk/Silt Fence, \$85.31, Medical Dispatch Recertification, \$218.00; Brookings Health System, Pmd, \$592.73; Brookings Health System, Copies Of Medical Records, \$19.75; Buchholtz, Ted, Juror Fees, \$12.22; Bullberry Systems, Inc., GIS Software Consulting, \$90.00; Burgard, Alecia, Juror Fees, \$105.92; Butler Machinery Co., Filters/30t Oil/Cover Kit, \$1,638.63; Callies, Kim E., Transcripts, \$794.00; Central Business Supply, Maint Contract Sharp Ar-208, \$30.00, Copy Paper/Binding Combs, \$39.75, Toner, Paper, Calendars, Punch, \$942.17, Binder/Pens/Misc, \$31.85, Various Invoices, \$642.63; Century Business Product, Copier Supplies/Maint, \$75.12; Cook's Recycling, Garbage/Recycling Dec 2008, \$177.51, Nov Service Inv #70656, \$87.52, Garbage Disposal, \$126.78, Regular Pick Up, \$83.36; Days Inn Brookings, LEPC Meeting Room & Meals, \$159.39; Debates, Ella, Juror Fees, \$10.74; DeKraai, Gary, Juror Fees, \$10.74; Doescher, Meghan, Child Care - Love & Logic, \$90.00; Ecolab Pest Elimination, 10/8/08 Qtly Fumigation, \$65.50; Egeberg, Gary, Mileage, \$35.52; Einspahr Auto Plaza, 6-1r Oil Change, \$37.68, Assessor Van Repair Inv#56067, \$234.18; Election Systems & Software, Ballots/Tabulator/Layout, \$8,965.43; Ellingsen, Charles, Juror Fees, \$129.60; Emmett, Beverly, Juror Fees, \$21.10; Everist, L.G. Inc., Washed Sand Inv #126195, \$1,486.88; Fergen's, Alterations, \$19.00; First Bank & Trust, Visa Bill, \$344.84; Fischer, Jeff, Juror Fees, \$101.48; Fite, Robert G, Caa Cr 08-307, \$896.00, Caa Cr 06-114, \$561.80; Foerster Wholesale Supply, Roll Towels Inv #24787, \$30.60; Fox, Youngberg & Lewno, Caa Mi Hearing, \$144.56; Frederiksen, Beth, Ext Educator Eval Mileage, \$10.36; Galls, 6-1h Patrol Jacket, \$235.45; Gibbons, Shirley, Juror Fees, \$11.48; Glover, Alan, Caa 08-287 William Faehnrich, \$2,192.00; Golden "K" Kiwanis, Ice Melt Inv #1126, \$16.00; Gordon, Karen, Juror Fees, \$105.92; Gradert, Melissa, Child Care - Love & Logic, \$72.00; Graybar Electric Co Inc, Florescent Lamps & Ballasts, \$339.48; Great Plains Int'l Truck, Switch Inv #230613, \$12.62; Great Plains Psyc Service, Psych Testing Shawn M Drewes, \$2,290.00; Harold's Printing, Letterheads Job #81798, \$101.20, Window Envelopes - Tax Notices, \$797.35; Hartsel, Patricia J., Transcript 08-0628 Sa Ordered, \$81.60; Haub, Richard, Juror Fees, \$11.48; Hill, Robert, Meals & Mileage, \$68.92; Homestead Do-It Center, Hose Ends Inv #7164789, \$3.98; Hy-Vee Food Store, Jury Meals, \$29.62; Insty-Prints, Lamination Inv #71606, \$4.28; Integrated Business Solutions, Technology Service Agreement, \$465.00; Inter-Lakes Comm. Action, Community Service Worker Dec, \$750.00; Interstate Telecom. Coop, E911 Database, \$713.45; Jcl Solutions, Supplies, \$173.62, Janitor Supplies Inv #868659, \$23.09; Jensen, Randy J., 12/2 Zoning Mtg Absent, \$0.00; Johnson, Paula, Ext Educator Eval Mileage, \$7.77; Kennedy, Pier & Knoff, Caa Mi Hearing Mary Baca, \$108.00; Kenner Plumbing Company, Bathroom Repair Inv #1201, \$74.18; Kidwiler, Mary, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$2.22; Kieckhefer, Jon, Mileage/Chamber Dues/Reg, \$253.57; Kingsbury Co Sheriff, Service Of Subpoena, \$28.06; Klavetter, Emil, 1st District Mtg Mileage, \$42.92; Kleinjan, Darrel, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$14.80; Kleven, Nicholas R, Overpayment Of Caa Lien, \$234.00; Knobloch, John, Juror Fees, \$102.96; Knutson, Duane, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$3.33; Kramer, Joyce, Juror Fees, \$24.80; L&L Parts, Various Invoices, \$632.64, 6-1r Wiper Blades/Bushing, \$57.17; Lake Sinai Township, Pocket Gopher Trapping, \$6.00; Lexisnexis, November 2008 Online Services, \$150.00; Liebing, Amy E, Juror Fees, \$10.74; Loomis, Robb, 12/2 - Pd For 10/7 Mtg Absent, \$0.00; Lowe's, Key Inv#1057928, \$1.79; Lukonen, Doug, Inv #69495 Soap, \$18.95; Lund Truck Parts, Wing Parts Inv #Nc72880, \$992.75; Lush, Jerry, Juror Fees, \$11.48; Martin's Inc., Fuel/Diesel/Chevron 1000, \$4,197.55; Mastercard, Credit Card Statement, \$989.59, Credit Card Statement, \$542.20; McCarty, Donald, Caa 08-170 Joseph Woldt, \$1,409.69; McKeever's Vending, Supplies, \$152.20; Merchen, Clara, Juror Fees, \$10.74; Mersbergen, Kristen, Juror Fees, \$32.20; Meusburger, Jason, Gasoline Reimbursement, \$30.04; Mid-American Research, Cleaning Chemicals/Supplies, \$83.77; Miller, Mary, Juror Fees, \$102.96; Mills Property Management, October Janitorial, \$165.35; Mobile Binders, Laminated Plats & Install, \$490.00; Molengraaf, Alice, Juror Fees, \$21.84; Molengraaf, I, Juror Fees, \$15.18; Nacrc, 2009 Membership Dues, \$135.00; Nat'l 4-H Council, Medals For Recognition Event, \$38.05; Nelson, Betty, Juror Fees, \$10.74; Nelson, Darrel E., Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$6.66; Nelson, Janelle, Juror Fees, \$23.32; Nelson, Nancy J., Caa Cr 08-650 Steven Ramon, \$958.40; Nelson, Terry, Juror Fees, \$24.80; Northern Truck Equipment, Dust Caps/Monroe 8' Jr Wing, \$25,613.66; Northwestern Public Service, Natural Gas/Shop & Office, \$812.74, Detention Center/County, \$2,505.78; Oakwood Township, Pocket Gopher Trapping, \$435.75; Office Systems Inc, Jail Copier, \$47.72; Oines, Jerry, Juror Fees,

\$108.88; Parmely, Ronny, Ext Educator Eval Mileage, \$7.40; Peterson, Wendi, Juror Fees, \$17.40; Pheasantland Industries, Sofy T-Shirts, \$47.12; Pike, Gloria, Ext Educator Eval Mileage, \$4.07; Postmaster, Bulk Rate Permit, \$360.00; Printrak International, Ringerprint Machine, \$445.83; Qualified Presort, Mv Renewal Notices, \$518.13; Quill Corp., Office Supplies, \$95.56; Radio Shack, Radioshack, \$112.97; Razor's Edge Lawn Care, November Services, \$1,125.00; Reliance Telephone, Inmate Phone Cards, \$1,000.00; Rental Depot, The, Bull Float/Roto Hammer Rental, \$88.80; Rfd, Winter Hours/Use Of Row, \$149.60, Commission Minutes, \$318.60, Commission Minutes, \$318.60; Robbins, Jeff, Planning Meeting Mileage, \$26.27; Rochel, Robert, Zoning Meeting Mileage, \$14.43; Rocolle, Conner, Juror Fees, \$102.96; Running's Supply Inc, Various Invoices, \$201.85; Scheibel, Jesse, Juror Fees, \$101.48; Sd Dept Of Transportatio, Const Contracts/Engineering, \$21,657.36; Sd Federal Prop. Agency, Gloves/Comfort Pack/Blankets, \$92.50; Sd State's Att'y Assoc., 2009 Dues Calhoon/Kratochvil, \$1,346.00; Sdaao, 4 Member Dues, \$220.00; Sdacc, Clerp Fund Payment, \$6,908.33; Sdsu West River Ag Cente, 1 Lego Mindstorms Nxt, \$265.20; Sioux Falls Two Way Radi, Battery & Shipping, \$81.94, Rptr Problems, \$80.00; Sioux Valley Cleaners In, Wic Office Cleaning 2008, \$2,610.00; Sioux Valley Energy, Elec I-29 Sandpile/Sinai/Bruce, \$137.00; Sirchie Finger Print Lab, Test Kits, \$31.82; Sneve, Joe S., Juror Fees, \$13.70; Software Services Inc., Software Services, \$1,100.00; Speedy Cleaners, Rug Rental Service Inv #22424, \$32.30; State Bar Of South Dakota, 2009 Dues Calhoon/Kratochvil, \$830.00; Stee, Rose Marie, Travel/Registration/Supplies, \$878.19; Sturdevant's Auto, Various Invoices, \$246.37; Tangen, Laurie, Mileage/Registration, \$159.89; Teal, Gregory W., Juror Fees, \$10.74; Thomas, Gary, Juror Fees, \$107.40; Thompson, Leanna, Juror Fees, \$11.48; Thompson, Vickie, Juror Fees, \$22.58; Todey, Dennis, Juror Fees, \$105.92; Uecker, Amanda, Juror Fees, \$14.44; Ups Store, 6-1j Training Records, \$11.63; Vandenberg Law Firm, Caa 08f-448 Rickie R Mcrae Jr, \$1,160.00, Caa 08m-3941 Timothy Cadotte, \$200.00; Vandyke, Cora, Juror Fees, \$22.58; Velvet Uniforms, 2-Tops & 1-Pant 6-1r, \$104.48; Verizon Business, 6-1 Long Distance Service, \$286.21; Verizon Wireless, Cell Phone November 2008, \$131.31, Monthly Service 695-6083, \$60.25; Volga Township, Pocket Gopher Trapping, \$170.25; Volunteers Of America, Foster Care Courtney Olson, \$1,700.00; Wagner Real Estate, Various Invoices, \$400.00, Inspections Various Invoices, \$1,200.00; Wantoch, Wade, Juror Fees, \$17.40; West Payment Center, Nw Reporter, \$478.50; White, City Of, H2o/Sewer/Electric White Shop, \$56.15; Wieczorek, Terry, Caa 08m/825 Tina Wilson, \$495.75; Williams, Cindy, Child Care - Love & Logic, \$108.00; Ww Tire Service Inc, Service Call Inv #59641, \$212.00; Yankton County Sheriff, Serv Of Process Scheibel-Clark, \$25.00, Service Of Process, \$50.00; Yankton County Treasurer, Mi Hearings Mb/Ao/Ds-C, \$303.75; Young Door Service, Garage Door Inv #11928, \$3,044.49; Yunginger, Molly, Juror Fees, \$10.74.

As part of the Finance Officer's Report, a motion was made by Negstad, seconded by Larson to authorize the apportionment and disbursement of Wetland Trust Funds. Roll call vote: Negstad "aye," Klavetter "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye," Santema "aye." Motion carried.

Be it noted, the expenditure corrections for the month of November were presented. \$4,534.63 was transferred for expenditures to increase the highway budget due to work performed and supplies furnished for various non-highway departments.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Klavetter, to approve the following Automatic Supplement for unanticipated expenses incurred and reimbursement made to Brookings County. Department: States Attorney; Amount: \$9,733.46, receipt #00019893; Reason: grant reimbursement for Juvenile Block Grant, from line 101-3-3350600 to line 101-4-1514110. Roll call vote: Klavetter "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye." Motion carried.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Larson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Brookings County, SD and Prairie Hills, LLC for GIS data.

Commission Assistant, Stephanie Vogel, informed the board that Prairie Hills, LLC would like a portion of the county's aerial photography to use while planning the Prairie Hills Development, an area of land between Main Avenue South and Medary Avenue and from 20<sup>th</sup> Street South to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street South.

Jim Flippen with Prairie Hills, LLC gave the board information on the project.

Roll call vote: Falken "aye," Larson "aye," Negstad "aye," Klavetter "aye," Santema "aye."  
Motion carried.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Negstad, to approve Resolution #08-45: a Compromise and Settlement of a County Aid Lien in the amount of \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: Larson "aye," Negstad "aye," Klavetter "aye," Falken "aye," Santema "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Negstad to appoint Lionel Torgrude as the Brookings County Veteran's Service Officer in accordance with SDCL 33-16-24 for a term to run from January 2009 through January 2013. Roll call vote: Negstad "aye," Klavetter "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye," Santema "aye." Motion carried.

Commission Assistant and Human Resources Director, Stephanie Vogel, presented the Commission Assistant/Human Resources Report.

Vogel presented the board with the new board packet information and gave the board additional information on the properties to the southwest of the courthouse. She also informed the board of a 'thank you' they received from the food pantry and correspondence received from the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners regarding the Catastrophic Legal Expense Relief Program. Vogel discussed the 2009 non-mandated budget letter, a Senate Bill 126 update from the Department of Revenue, the NACo prescription drug benefit program, the agenda for the upcoming Brookings City Council meeting, and the cancellation of the Extension meeting. Vogel also discussed correspondence she received regarding moving the Emergency Management office into the former Auditor's Office space. She also informed the board that her office has been working on new benefit enrollment and wage change information for 2009 and that she is working with Finance Officer, Vicki Buseth, on cash balances to see if any cash transfers will be needed before year end. Vogel also discussed the reception for Commissioner Klavetter and calls and correspondences received from citizens regarding the county's space needs.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Falken reported on the Weed Board meeting and the state 911 meeting.

Commissioner Klavetter reported on the Planning and Zoning Board meeting and having a new commissioner appointed to that position by the first of the year.

Commissioner Negstad reported on the Abuse Shelter Board meeting.

Commissioner Larson had nothing to report.

Commissioner Santema reported on the POD follow-up meeting and informed the board that approximately 1300 people received their flu shot during the November 5<sup>th</sup> exercise and she reported on the RSVP Christmas coffee.

Commission Assistant, Stephanie Vogel, told the board that the Planning and Zoning board has an important vote regarding wind towers at their first meeting in January so the board should look at appointing a board member to that position prior to that meeting.

## SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

As scheduled, a public hearing was held at 9:00 a.m. for the applications for sale of alcoholic beverages. Chairperson Santema opened the public hearing and called for proponents and opponents. Chairperson Santema closed the public hearing. Motion by Negstad, seconded by Falken to approve the following applications for sale of alcoholic beverages for 2009. Roll call vote: Klavetter "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye." Motion carried.

### ***NOTICE OF HEARING UPON APPLICATIONS FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County of Brookings, in the City of Brookings, South Dakota, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2008, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 601 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Brookings, SD will meet in regular session to consider the following applications for Liquor and Wine Licenses to operate outside of the municipality for the Year 2009 licensing period, which have been presented to the Board of County Commissioners and filed in the County Finance office.

<b><i>Applicant</i></b>	<b><i>Legal Description/Addresser</i></b>	<b><i>Type of License</i></b>
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Arlington Beach LLC	Outlot "A" and E 112' of Outlot "B" & Including Outlot C in Subdivision of Govt. Lots 2 & 3 Lake Poinsett Heights OL A & B in SW ¼ Sec 5-112-52	Retail On-Sale Liquor
Brookings Country Club	Govt Lots 8-9 and OL "B" in SE ¼ Sec 28-109-50, 82.72 acres Class "XC" and E ½ SE ¼ exc OL "B" and Exc Country Club Addn (Inc Country Club Drive), 64.70 acres Class "XC"	Retail On-Sale Liquor
Danceland Campground (Beach Bums Inc)	Unplatted area in Govt Lot 2 exc S 50' exc E 550' McClemans Subdivision NW ¼ Sec 33-109-50 in Medary Township	Retail On-Sale Liquor
Meadow Creek Golf Club	N 444' of S 380" of N 824' exc W 420' of N 720" of W ½ of the W ½ of the SE ¼ Section 23-110-51, excluding platted area, Volga Township 5.54 acres	Retail On-Sale Liquor
Schade' Vineyard	SE ¼, SE ¼, SE ¼, Section 16-110-51	Off-Sale Package Wine
Skyview Junction LLC	N550' of E325' exc Highway Right-of-Way of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ Sec 8-109-47	Retail On-Sale Liquor

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person, persons, or their attorney may appear and be heard at said scheduled public hearing, who are interested in the approval or rejection of any such application.

Dated at Brookings, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

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Vicki Buseth, County Finance Officer

As scheduled, the board held a public hearing and second reading of Ordinance #2008-10, an Ordinance providing for the Amendment of the 1980 Revised Joint Jurisdiction Area Zoning Ordinance. Chairperson Santema opened the public hearing and called for proponents and opponents. Planning and Zoning Director, Robert Hill, recommended that the board approve the amendment. Chairperson Santema closed the public hearing.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Klavetter to approve and authorize Chairperson Santema to sign Ordinance #2008-10, an ordinance providing for the amendment of the 1980 Revised Joint Jurisdiction Area Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Larson asked Planning and Zoning Director, Robert Hill, if there was any type of screening process in place to handle this change. Hill explained that it is pretty cut and dry. This amendment allows for a building where experimentation takes place that is strictly crop-based, it excludes any type of animal research.

Commissioner Klavetter stated that this ordinance is important to pass so that they're heading in the right direction. He also believes that the Brookings County Comprehensive Plan needs to be looked at. Hill agreed that the comprehensive plan will get looked at, but this is just for the joint jurisdictional area around the City of Brookings.

Roll call vote: Falken "aye," Larson "aye," Negstad "aye," Klavetter "aye," Santema "aye." Motion carried.

### ORDINANCE # 2008-10

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE 1980 REVISED JOINT JURISDICTION AREA ZONING ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, BROOKINGS COUNTY has previously adopted the 1980 Joint Jurisdiction Area Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Brookings County, South Dakota, Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary, for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, and the general welfare of the County, to amend the 1980 Joint Jurisdiction Area Zoning Ordinance.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, that the 1980 Joint Jurisdiction Area Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows:

SECTION A. Article II. Definitions: be changed by adding the following:

Section 200. Word definitions

*Ag Research Facility*: A building where experimentation is undertaken for the collection of information associated with agronomy (Field crop production and soil management). This term does not include any animal research.

SECTION B. Article IV. Agricultural, Residential, Floodplain and Aquifer Districts,

Section 404 Aquifer District

Section 404.2a.1e. Ag Research Facility

SECTION C. Article IV. Agricultural, Residential, Floodplain and Aquifer Districts

Section 405 Agricultural District A

Section 407 Permitted uses

Section 407.7 Ag Research Facility

SECTION C. In all respects the 1980 Joint Jurisdiction Area Zoning Ordinance shall remain unchanged and is hereby re-ordained.

FIRST READING: December 9, 2008

SECOND READING: December 16, 2008

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Chairperson, Brookings County  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Brookings County Auditor

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

The board held discussion on administrative space needs. Commission Assistant, Stephanie Vogel, updated the board on two letters she has received from concerned citizens that the Gas N' Mor property should be used for retail space, not county administrative offices. Vogel also updated the board on a petition that she received from the property owners in the block southwest of the courthouse grounds stating their interest in working with the county and city for their expansion needs.

Commissioner Klavetter stated that he believes it is a good idea for the city and county to have a discussion on purchasing a large parcel of land together. But he doesn't want this to take the place of the discussion that the board is currently having with the current administrative space needs. Klavetter also stated that it has been common practice in Brookings to take prime retail space and put in office space, but now it is a problem because the county wants to do it. He added that the county is a long way from doing anything with the property to the southwest of the courthouse. It will take time to see if it is feasible and to come up with the money to do it.

Commissioner Larson agreed that there are retail areas consumed by office spaces, but they are taxable properties versus the non-exempt status of the county. Larson continued by stating that the board has made a motion to get an appraisal on the Gas N' Mor property and to make an offer and he believes the board's process is to move forward in that direction because that is the decision that the majority of the board has voted to take. He added that if the original motion doesn't come to a successful conclusion, that rather inexpensively, they could get an evaluation of the residential properties to the southwest of the courthouse.

In other discussion, Commissioner Larson asked about the information the board received regarding Senate Bill 126, the bill passed in the state legislature allowing municipalities and counties to issue additional on-sale alcoholic beverage licenses, and if it needs further discussion.

Commissioner Santema stated that the board will need to be well informed if they do have to make a decision on this topic in the future.

Commission Assistant, Stephanie Vogel, said that she received the information from the Department of Revenue because they feel that counties were inadvertently left out of some of the legislation. She anticipates more legislation regarding this issue to come up in 2009.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Larson to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters at 9:30 a.m. Roll call vote: Larson "aye," Negstad "aye," Klavetter "aye," Falken "aye," Santema "aye." Motion carried. The board came out of Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Santema declared the meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, 2008.

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Stacy Steffensen  
Deputy Finance Officer  
Brookings County Finance Office