

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 with the following members present: Donald Larson, Alan Gregg, Mary Negstad, Deanna Santema and Dennis Falken.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Larson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved with no objection from the board. The Consent Agenda consisted of the agenda for the February 3, 2009 commission meeting, and the minutes from the January 27, 2009 commission meeting.

Welfare Matters: case #08-106 for Brookings Hospital was denied; case #08-112 for Avera McKennan Hospital was denied; case #09-004 for Avera Heart Hospital was denied; case #09-011 for Avera McKennan was approved.

Travel/Education Requests: Shawn Hostler to attend the Glock Armorers Course April 20-21, 2009 in Pierre, SD; and Vicki Buseth, Stacy Steffensen, Lori Schultz and Sara Moore to attend Annual Report training February 12, 2009 in Pierre, SD.

Personnel Action Notice: routine step increase for Dale Kneebone from \$16.58 to \$16.91.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Highway Superintendent, Larry Jensen, updated the board on projects that have been submitted to the South Dakota Department of Transportation. There was discussion on the use of stimulus funds and what projects may qualify for that funding.

Sheriff, Marty Stanwick, reported that RSVP volunteers located the missing lion's head sculpture that was taken from the roof of Jim's Tap. He also reported that the jail's occupancy is currently at 25 which is a manageable number.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Santema, seconded by Gregg to remove Agreement 09-01 from the table. Agreement 09-01 is the Memorandum of Understanding between Brookings County and the Cooperative Extension Service that had been tabled from the January 6, 2009 commission meeting. Roll call vote: Gregg "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

The board heard from District Extension Director, Joanne Hasse and SDSU's Extension Director, Latif Lighan.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Gregg to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Agreement 09-01: a Memorandum of Understanding between Brookings County and the Cooperative Extension Service. Commissioner Falken stated that at the end of 2009, they will be approving another memorandum of understanding that has been planned for in the county's budget.

Commissioner Larson stated that they want to get the Extension Board more involved in the decision-making and budgeting processes as well as the management of the budget.

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

States Attorney, Clyde Calhoun, presented the 2008 Annual Report for his department.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Falken to approve the appointment of Marian Wheeler to the Extension Board for a term to run from February 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Roll call vote: Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Gregg "aye," Negstad "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Register of Deeds, Beverly Chapman, presented the 2008 Annual Report for her department.

Be it noted, item 13 on the agenda was removed because Kingsbury County made the decision to hire a Veterans Service Officer from within their own county staff.

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

Vogel reported on correspondence from the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern railroad; invitations to informational sessions on agriculture-related topics hosted by the North Central Agricultural Research Laboratory; and she updated the board on County Day at the Legislature.

Deputy States Attorney, Mark Kratochvil, told the board that he had done further research on conflicts of interest and gave the board information to review.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Commissioner Gregg reported on County Day at the Legislature and stimulus package funding.

Commissioner Negstad reported on the Abuse Shelter meeting and County Day at the Legislature.

Commissioner Santema reported on the RSVP meeting; County Day at the Legislature; a conversation with Brenda Schweitzer with BATA regarding building a new facility; and an invitation to attend another meeting of the highway patrol and towing industry officials. Santema felt that it was not appropriate to attend. Santema also watched the Brookings City drainage meeting via the television.

Commissioner Falken reported on the conversation with Brenda Schweitzer with BATA regarding building a new facility. Falken also attended the Brookings City drainage meeting and County Day at the Legislature. Falken also discussed the correspondence received from Tom Dravland, the State Public Safety Director, regarding Homeland Security funding.

Commissioner Larson noted that Planning and Zoning Director, Robert Hill, provided the board with a report from the PUC meeting in Pierre, SD. Larson also discussed Homeland Security funding and legislation regarding the Innovation Campus.

Commissioner Santema said that she would attend the Health meeting due to a conflict in Commissioner Gregg's schedule not allowing him to attend.

The board recessed until the appraiser arrived that did the appraisal on the Gas N' Mor property.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Santema to enter into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. for legal and contractual matters. Roll call vote: Falken "aye," Gregg "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

The board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Larson stated that the board reviewed the appraisal of the Gas N' Mor property and that he was appointing a subcommittee to present an offer and enter into any subsequent negotiations regarding the Gas N' Mor property and report back to the board on a timely basis. Larson named Commissioners Negstad and Santema to the subcommittee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Larson declared the meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

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