

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 with the following members present: Donald Larson, Mary Negstad, Deanna Santema and Dennis Falken. Alan Gregg was absent for personal reasons.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Larson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brookings County resident, John Moriarty, requested time on the agenda to discuss drainage concerns. The Consent Agenda was approved as amended with no objection from the board. The Consent Agenda consisted of the agenda for the February 24, 2009 commission meeting, and the minutes from the February 17, 2009 commission meeting.

Welfare Matters: Case #09-007 for rent and utilities was approved; Case #09-016 for Brookings Hospital was denied; Case #09-017 for rent and utilities was approved; Case #08-107A for Brookings Hospital was denied; Case #08-122 for Brookings Hospital was denied; Case #08-120 for Brookings Hospital was denied; Case #08-123 for Brookings Hospital was denied; Case #08-119 for Brookings Hospital was denied; Case #08-129 for Avera McKennan Hospital was denied.

Travel/Education Requests: Vicki Buseth and Stacy Steffensen to attend the New Officials Workshop in Pierre, SD April 8-9, 2009; Gary Egeberg to travel to Huron, SD to look at purchasing a pick-up off of surplus sometime between February 23 and 27, 2009; Rose Stee to attend the South District meeting February 24, 2009 in Sioux Falls, SD, to attend the FEU meeting March 10, 2009 in Salem, SD and to attend the State School FCS meeting March 27-29, 2009 in Mitchell, SD.

Personnel Action Notices: new hire Jacob Brehmer as Appraiser I in the Equalization Office at \$13.97; Darren DeJong promotion from Corrections Sergeant at \$17.82 to Deputy Sheriff at \$17.71.

Authorization to publish the Call for Bids for the Highway Department's annual highway bids.

REGULAR BUSINESS

John Moriarty told the board that he has issues with the City of Brookings drainage running onto his property south of town as that part of the city is developed. He asked the board for direction on how he should handle the problem. Commissioner Falken informed Moriarty that the Brookings City Council was having a drainage discussion as part of their regular council meeting Monday night and suggested that Moriarty attend. Commissioner Larson said that they would stay in contact with Moriarty regarding this issue.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

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

A&B Business, Copier Maintenance, \$35.28; Adair Asset Management LLC, Cert 08-112 Red Cert 620, \$1,445.39, Cert 08-13 Red Cert 621, \$1,568.62; Ag-First Farmers Coop, Crack Sealing/Diesel, \$12,048.39; Allegra Print & Imaging, Lamination/Copies, \$55.13; Alltel, February, \$115.69; Anderson Oil, Diesel Inv #32727, \$1,045.00; Asche, Matthew, Office Rent/Utilities/Internet, \$205.00; AT&T, Monthly Statement, \$35.93, Monthly Long Distance, \$103.22, Long Distance 8205, 8208, \$26.13; Best Western Ramkota Inn, County Day At Legislature, \$767.92; Boyer Trucks, Filters/Wiper Shakers/Repairs, \$4,580.24; Brkgs Co Finance Office, Delinquent Tax, \$2,043.49, Delinquent Tax, \$777.72, Delinquent Tax, \$696.69; Brkgs, City Of, Landfill Fees, \$26.65; Brkgs. City Utilities, Phone & Internet Service, \$67.37, Water, \$49.15, Cop Utilities, \$120.67, E911, \$400.00; Brock White Company, Road Saver 221 Inv #11867419, \$23,685.75; Brookings Engraving, Name Plate, \$8.50; Brookings Health System, Lab Work, \$161.00; Brookings Public Library, 1st Qtr Library Services, \$6,250.00; Brookings Register, Legal Publishing, \$14.59, Commission Minutes Publishing, \$351.32; Brown and Saenger, 2008 Election Supplies, \$532.00; Brown, Anthony, Witness Fees & Mileage, \$44.40; Butler Machinery Co., Stock Filters/SOS Bottles/Gauge, \$1,596.69; Central Business Supply, Sharp Ar-208 Copier Maint, \$30.00, Sharp Multimedia Projector, \$725.00, Copy Paper/Post Its, \$17.27, Tape/Calc Ribbon/Air Duster, \$28.57, Ink Cartridge/Canned Air, \$223.91, Supplies/Copier Maint, \$60.24, Office Supplies, \$92.41, Copier Maint January, \$3.20, Office Supplies, \$262.05, Misc Office Supplies, \$36.54; Cook's Recycling, Monthly Service, \$87.52, Monthly Charge, \$133.12, Garbage & Recycling Contract, \$177.51, Regular Pick Up, \$83.36; Dakota Enterprises Inc, Cop Rent, \$250.00; Dakota Riggers & Tool Inc, Binder Chain & Clevis, \$254.98; Decatur Electronics, Inc, 6a3 Radar, \$1,443.00; Dell Marketing LP, Sound Bar On Monitor, \$31.32; Donna K Dietrich, Inv Mi Hearing, \$136.62; East Central MH/CD, January - June 2009 Funds, \$22,000.00; Egeberg, Gary, Recert Mtg Mike Erickson, \$30.00, Recert Mtg Al Falken, \$30.00; Einspahr Auto Plaza, 6a3 Crown Vic, \$23,814.16; Elkton Fire Dept., Fire Truck Reimbursement, \$8,000.00; ESRI, Arc Editor Maintenance, \$4,100.00; Estelline Community Oil, LP For Bruce Shop, \$896.54; Everist, L.G. Inc., Sand For Salt Pile, \$5,574.21; Falken, Dennis, Mileage/Breakfast/Lunch, \$155.34; Farmer's Imp & Irrig, Hose Coupling, \$5.77; Fergens, Stocking Caps, \$72.00; Foerster Wholesale Supply, Misc Janitor Supplies, \$72.40; Fox, Youngberg & Lewno, P., CAA Inv Mi Hearing, \$193.16; Frederiksen, Beth, Extension Board Mtg Mileage, \$10.36; Galls, Traffic Direction Flash Lights, \$112.78; Great Plains Int'l Trucks, Cam Sensor/Sensor Kit, \$284.76; Gregg, Alan L, Mileage/Breakfast/Lunch, \$155.34; Harold's Printing, Roptex Envelopes, \$176.40; Hillyard Inc, Janitor Supplies, \$58.96; I 29 Truck Shop, Service Call Inv #1389, \$495.41; Inter-Lakes Comm. Action, Community Service Worker Funds, \$750.00; JCL Solutions, Jail Supplies, \$28.24, Janitor Supplies Inv#872348, \$34.84; Jerome B Johnson, Transcript - Sa Ordered, \$156.40; KBRK Am/Fm, Crops Clinic Ads, \$100.00; KKQQ-Fm, Crops Clinic Ads, \$100.00; Kooistra, Nelva, Inv Mi Hearing, \$15.00; L&L Parts, Batteries/Wiper Blades, \$199.47, Misc Parts, \$1,397.62; Lewis & Clark Mental Health, BMI Hearing, \$142.00; Lincoln Co Sheriff, Service Of Subpoena, \$64.30; Lowe's, Lysol/Energy Air/Tank Lever, \$108.02; M&T Fire & Safety Inc., Rescue Tools, \$80.00; Martin's Inc., Diesel/Fuel Filter/Oil, \$3,236.37; Martin, Lana, Replaces Check #86636, \$20.00; Mastercard, Postage/Cable/NACo Regs, \$710.99; McGrath, Michael J., Copy Of Neuropsych Eval Report, \$50.00; McKeever's Vending, Jail Supplies, \$535.87; Medtox Laboratories, Inc, Drug Testing, \$360.00; Mills Property Management, January Janitorial, \$165.35, 1921 Building Rental March 09, \$4,540.34; Minnehaha Co. Juvenile, Foster Care, \$3,375.00; NACa, Annual Membership Dues, \$75.00; Nancy J Nelson, CAA Crim08-650, \$856.80, CAA Crim09-01, \$791.30, CAA Crim08-357, \$807.70; NCES, Recipe Books, \$45.54; Negstad, Mary, Mileage/Breakfast/Lunch, \$155.34; North Dakota APCO, Dakota 911 APCO Conf Reg, \$380.00; Northwestern Energy, Monthly Energy Bill, \$4,953.37, Extension/Courthouse Nat Gas, \$1,479.52, Natural Gas/Shop & Office, \$2,329.08; Office Systems Inc, Jail Copier Maint, \$43.17; Parmely, Ronny, Extension Board Mtg Mileage, \$7.40; Patricia J Hartsel, Transcript - Sa Ordered, \$81.60, Transcript - Sa Ordered, \$37.40, Transcript - Sa Ordered, \$44.20, Transcripts - Sa Ordered, \$51.00, Transcripts - Sa Ordered, \$61.20, Transcripts - Sa Ordered, \$78.20; Pike, Gloria, Comm & Ext Board Mtg Mileage, \$8.14; Pitney-Bowes Inc., Ink For Postage Machine, \$486.41; Printrak International, Monthly Chgs AFIS Machine, \$445.83; Public Safety Center Inc, Flashlights & Batteries, \$141.97; Ramsdell's F&M Ltd, Propane Inv #78991, \$1,200.00; Razor's Edge Lawn Care, January Services, \$1,445.00; Reh fuss, Cathy, Inv Mi Hearing,

\$15.00; RFD, Legal Publishing, \$11.36; Rick Ribstein, CAA 09-0002/08-0597, \$679.24; Ronning, Jesse, CAA Juv09-0001, \$328.00; Santema, Deanna, In-State Breakfast & Lunch, \$14.00; Schuneman Equipment Co, Misc Parts, \$294.82; Schwenk, Terry, Cop Rent, \$280.00; SD Assoc Of Co Weed Supervisors, 2009 Membership, \$50.00; SD Governmental HR Assoc, Annual Membership Dues, \$25.00; SDACC, Spring Workshop, \$500.00; SDACO, Membership Dues 2009, \$2,500.40, New Officials Workshop, \$150.00; Sinai City, Water & Sewer Inv #3968, \$35.00; Sioux Valley Energy, Electricity, \$194.00; Software Services Inc., Finance, \$100.00; SouthBrook Estates, Cop Rent, \$200.00; Speedy Cleaners, Rugs, \$41.05; Sterling Township, Pocket Gopher Trapping, \$58.50; Sturdevant's Auto, 6a14 Headlight Capsule, \$4.79, Misc Parts, \$138.40; Susan Brugger, CAA Cr08-692, \$1,178.70, CAA Cr08-781/09m-0085, \$176.89; Jeromy J Pankratz, CAA 08-716, \$242.60; Uline, Ties For Sand Bags, \$65.07; Ups Store, Postage 6a9 PBT, \$8.42; Vandenberg Law, CAA 08-743, \$615.00, CAA 08-477/640, \$1,480.50; Verizon Wireless, Cell Phone Charges Jan 2009, \$131.07, Monthly Cell Phone Service, \$22.48; Wagner Re Appraisal & Bldg, Inspections, \$1,000.00; Walmart Community, Various Office Supplies, \$616.76; Walmart Community, Late Fee, \$0.50; West Payment Center, Info Charges Jan 2009, \$948.57; WheelCo Trucks & Trailer, Tarp Straps/Grease Gun, \$289.52; Yankton County Sheriff, Service Of Process, \$25.00; Yankton County Treasurer, Mi Hearing, \$103.75.

Deputy Finance Officer, Stacy Steffensen, presented the Finance Officer's Report. Be it noted, the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees Collected during the month of January 2009 in the amount of \$19,138.50 was presented to the board.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Falken, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Resolution #09-10: a resolution to compromise and release a county lien, reference #09-018. Roll call vote: Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Negstad "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Santema, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Abatement Application #09-01 made by Big Sioux Aviation/Randall Hanson in the amount of \$943.36. Equalization Director Joyce Dragseth gave background information on the abatement request and recommended approval. Roll call vote: Falken "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Abatement Application #09-02 made by Pheasant Fury LLC/Randall Hanson in the amount of \$2,277.08. Equalization Director Joyce Dragseth gave background information on the abatement request and recommended approval. Roll call vote: Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Santema to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Abatement Application #09-03 made by Dennis and Lois Blocker in the amount of \$891.48. Equalization Director Joyce Dragseth gave background information on the abatement request and recommended approval. Roll call vote: Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Negstad "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Santema to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Abatement Application #09-04 made by Boyd Meyer in the amount of \$381.36. Equalization Director Joyce Dragseth gave background information on the abatement request and recommended approval. Roll call vote: Falken "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Falken to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Abatement Application #09-05 made by Boyd Meyer in the amount of \$409.50. Equalization Director Joyce Dragseth gave background information on the abatement request and recommended

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

Commissioner Falken asked Dragseth if she was following legislation or if assessors statewide were taking a stance regarding spec homes being eligible for owner occupied status. Dragseth said her association is not going to comment and that it is basically a tax issue. She said that if the legislation passes, it will be additional work for her office. She also noted that school districts would be the only entity to see a difference because whether a dwelling has the owner occupied status would affect school district taxes only. Falken asked what kind of undertaking it would mean for the county if the legislation passes and Dragseth said that she is unsure just how much it will affect her office.

Motion by Negstad, seconded by Falken to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Agreement #09-08: an agreement to provide for the striping and continuing maintenance of county roads within Brookings County. Highway Superintendent Larry Jensen provided background information and recommended approval. Roll call vote: Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Negstad "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Santema, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Agreement #09-09: an application made by Qwest to occupy the right of way of the County Highway on 459th Avenue. Highway Superintendent Larry Jensen provided background information and recommended approval. Roll call vote: Falken "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Commissioner Santema questioned Jensen on what Brookings County would be receiving from the stimulus package and that she had heard that there will funding for fencing along Interstate 29 and for chip seal work. Jensen said that he hadn't received an exact amount yet, but that he believes the state will take a major portion of the funds. Commissioner Larson said that eventually they will give us figures from the stimulus package and they'll say that these projects are in Brookings County, but it won't be county funding, it will be funding for state projects within the county.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Santema to approve a funding request in the amount of \$500 for the Leadership Brookings program. Commission Assistant Stephanie Vogel explained that the board has funded this program in the past at that amount. Commissioner Falken stated that this has been and continues to be a successful program and it feels good to be a part of it. Roll call vote: Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Sheriff Marty Stanwick presented his 2008 Annual Report.

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

Vogel informed the board of correspondence received from the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management regarding an upcoming informational meeting on Homeland Security Funding in Watertown on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. She informed the board that the Brookings City Council would be discussing the city's master drainage plan at their meeting Monday night. Vogel also discussed the Brookings County Annual Firemen's Feed on Tuesday, March 31, 2009; correspondence regarding the Basin Electric Power Cooperative; Leadership Brookings touring the county on March 5, 2009; and registrations for upcoming conferences.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Commissioner Falken attended the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission annual meeting in Mitchell, SD and the First District Association meeting in Howard, SD. He also

informed the board that Brookings County will be hosting the First District Association meeting in May. Falken said that he was contacted by Wendell Thompson about looking at adjacent property to the courthouse regarding county space needs issues. He said that he planned to attend the Basin Electric Power Cooperative presentation in White, SD on behalf of the Zoning Board. He also informed the board that the Lake County Commission voted to give their Homeland Security funding back to the state.

Commissioner Santema said that she planned to attend the Brookings City Council meeting to hear the drainage master plan discussion. She also updated the board on the transportation meeting she attended and the Chamber After 5 event at the Innovation Campus. Santema also said that she was contacted by Lonnie Winker with regards to the county's space needs and the use of the current library building and constructing a new library near the middle school and where the new 4th and 5th grade school will be.

Commissioner Negstad said that she talked to Wendell Thompson regarding the county's space needs issues.

Commissioner Larson said that he had visited with Brookings Economic Development Director Al Heuton regarding the creation of a group to look into the county's space needs issues. Larson also attended the BEDC meeting, the LEPC meeting, the Chamber After 5 at the research park; and the Chamber's annual banquet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Larson declared the meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

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