

# **BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 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.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the December 15, 2009 commission meeting was approved without objection from the board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was approved without objection from the board.

The consent agenda consisted of the minutes from the December 8, 2009 commission meeting.

Personnel Action Notices: routine step increase-Craig Chapman to \$12.33.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Veterans Service Officer/Welfare Director Lionel Torgrude, in discussing his retirement on December 18<sup>th</sup>, thanked the board and all past commissioners he has worked with, co-workers and the veterans of the county. He said that he has had a good 22 years of service and has made a lot of good memories.

Highway Superintendent Larry Jensen discussed the hydrology report of the bridge/culvert near the WAPA project in the northeastern part of the county and he said that construction of the wind towers is finished now until spring.

Equalization Director Joyce Dragseth updated the board on the Brown County/3M assessment appeal, the 2010 non-ag assessment plan, and she read an Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Rounds declaring December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Christopher Lilla Day in South Dakota.

Planning and Zoning Director Robert Hill updated the board on an upcoming meeting for the Buffalo Ridge III project, a conference call on sewer regulations with the DENR and EPA, and an upcoming meeting regarding Six Mile Creek.

Sheriff Marty Stanwick updated the board on 24/7, SCRAM and inmate numbers. He noted that his end of the year report will show fewer inmates, but those inmates have cost the county more money this year, mostly due to medical costs.

Extension Educator Jon Kieckhefer discussed the upcoming Winter Calf Show December 29-30, Commercial Applicator trainings and Private Applicator trainings, the Community Leader

meeting and an emergency FSA meeting in Lake County. Kieckhefer also discussed any potential increased extension-related costs Brookings County incurs because of SDSU being in the county and an upcoming tiling seminar.

## **ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Deputy Finance Officer Stacy Steffensen presented the Finance Officer's Report.

Be it noted, the expenditure corrections for the month of November 2009 were presented to the board. \$4,192.89 was transferred for expenditures to increase the highway budget due to work performed and supplies furnished for various non-highway departments. \$781.48 was transferred for postage expenditures to increase the finance office budget due to postage furnished for various non-finance office departments.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

As scheduled, a public hearing was held to hear the First Reading of Ordinance #2009-02: An ordinance providing for the amendment and revision of Ordinance #2001-02, an ordinance for the declaration and abatement of public nuisances.

Chairperson Larson opened the public hearing and held the First Reading. Chairperson Larson closed the public hearing. The Second Reading will be held on December 22, 2009.

As scheduled, a public hearing was held to hear the First Reading of Ordinance #2009-03: An ordinance establishing a 45 mile per hour speed limit upon a portion of County Road 12.

Chairperson Larson opened the public hearing and held the First Reading. Chairperson Larson closed the public hearing. The Second Reading will be held on December 22, 2009.

As scheduled, a public hearing was held to hear the First Reading of Ordinance #2009-04: An ordinance establishing a 45 mile per hour speed limit upon a portion of County Road 77.

Chairperson Larson opened the public hearing and held the First Reading. Chairperson Larson closed the public hearing. The Second Reading will be held on December 22, 2009.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Motion by Falken, seconded by Negstad to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Agreement #09-66: a delinquent tax payment agreement in the amount of \$1,848.41. Finance Officer Vicki Buseth provided background information and recommended approval. Roll call vote: Gregg "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Gregg, seconded by Negstad to award the 2010 Skid Steer bid to low bidder Bobcat of Brookings in the amount of \$37,009.14. Roll call vote: Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Gregg "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Santema to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Resolution #09-47: a resolution to delete bridge #06-203-170 from the National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) due to the structure being replaced with CMP that no longer meets NBIS criteria. Roll call vote: Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Gregg "aye," Negstad "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION TO DELETE BRIDGE FROM NBIS**

The Brookings County Board of Commissioners is in agreement with SDDOT that the following structure(s) should be deleted from the National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) for the following reason(s):

STRUCTURE ID, LOCATION and REASON FOR DELETION:

06-203-170

1N & 1.7W of Aurora

Structure replaced with CMP that no longer meets NBIS criteria.

The Commission is aware of the following stipulations once a structure is deleted from the NBIS Inventory:

1. Federal Bridge funds will not be available for structure replacement or rehabilitation and
2. The structure will only be added to the Inventory following replacement, using County funds.

Upon receipt of this resolution, the above structure(s) will be deleted from inventory.

Vote of Commissioners: YES   5   No   0  

Dated at Brookings, SD, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

ATTEST:

Vicki Buseth  
County Finance Officer

Donald L. Larson  
Chairman

Motion by Gregg, seconded by Falken to approve and authorize Chairperson Larson to sign Resolution #09-48: a resolution to delete bridge #06-291-080 from the National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) due to the structure being replaced with CMP that no longer meets NBIS criteria. Roll call vote: Falken "aye," Gregg "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

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STRUCTURE ID, LOCATION and REASON FOR DELETION:

06-291-080

0.5S & 5.1E of White

Structure replaced with CMP that no longer meets NBIS criteria.

The Commission is aware of the following stipulations once a structure is deleted from the NBIS Inventory:

3. Federal Bridge funds will not be available for structure replacement or rehabilitation and
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Vote of Commissioners: YES   5   No   0  

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consensus, the board changed the position from a Wage Grade 12 to a Wage Grade 11. Roll call vote: Gregg "aye," Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried.

Vogel also updated the board on the State Engineer's Office presentation, the County Potluck, the County Social, Lionel Torgrude's retirement party January 9, 2010 at Meadow Creek Golf Club in Volga, and County Day at the Legislature on February 22, 2010. She also provided the board with a list of employees' cell phone numbers if they receive a cellular allowance and she updated the board on office happenings and debt service.

Vogel also noted that action on the YES Center proposal is scheduled for the following week and wanted to know if the board wanted her to do anything regarding that issue before next Tuesday. The board indicated that they had their questions answered.

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

Commissioner Falken reported on the Extension Community Leader meeting and discussed the cellular allowances.

Falken said that with regards to the Research and Technology Center proposal coming before the board again next week, he believes there is sufficient space for the county's offices in that facility, but he would like to focus just on the county's needs and leave the proposed YES Center out of the discussion for now. He said that the county, however, shouldn't have to pay to remodel something when the space we currently have is working. But he noted that they need to know what it's going to cost to remodel the R&T Center.

Commissioner Negstad said that the city's costs of remodeling the current Resource Center space are going to be much less than what the county's costs would be to remodel the R&T Center.

Falken said that they need to know what it's going to cost to remodel the R&T Center before they can really do any further negotiating with the city. He said, however, that the city cannot expect us to move out of our space and pay to remodel their space.

Commissioner Santema said her biggest question is the timeline and if the city knows when they would like the county out of the Swiftel Center. Commissioner Gregg, who is a member of the Swiftel Center Board, said that they've been saying 3 to 5 years. Santema said that if the city has a use for the county's facility, however the transfer takes place, she willing to go along with it, but questioned when a decision needs to be made.

Commissioner Falken said that he would like to invite City Manager Jeff Weldon to next week's meeting so he can answer any questions that may come up and so that he has information to take back to the city council as well. He also said that he assumes the city wants the county's space right now and that the city can't afford to have the R&T Center space sit empty either. Falken said that he doesn't want to spend the money on a construction plan for the R&T Center that may never be used, but the county also needs to know what it's going to cost.

Commissioner Negstad said that they need to establish what the current Resource Center is worth and the city needs to decide what its worth to them. She said there's no sense in giving that space away and then spending money to remodel something else.

Commissioner Larson said that they need to go through the process of discovery.

Commissioner Gregg said that expansion discussion is a 3 to 5 year timeline, but the city would like the county's space at the Swiftel Center as soon as possible. He said that it would take care of a lot of their space needs. Gregg also noted that if the county makes the move to the R&T Center, they'd still be in the same situation, owning a building on city property. He said that he agreed with Commissioner Falken in that they need to have the numbers to make a decision and not worry about the YES Center part at this time. He said that they need a professional to come up with a figure for what it would cost to remodel the R&T Center so the board knows what they're dealing with.

Commissioner Larson said he concurs with Gregg and Falken to do the discovery to they can move forward.

Commissioner Falken said the city has shown an interest in our Resource Center, then we toured the R&T Center and that's where is just stopped. He said that no one wants to spend the

money on something that might not happen, but they need to spend the money to know what the costs will be.

Commissioner Santema asked if they have any specific questions for Mr. Weldon for next week's meeting. Falken said they don't need to have Weldon do a presentation, but if questions arise then he's at the meeting and can answer anything that may come up.

Commissioner Santema reported on the Juvenile Detention Center's renovations and the BATA Transportation report.

Commissioner Negstad reported on the pandemic meeting and H1N1 vaccinations.

Commissioner Gregg reported on the Leadership Brookings meeting. He also discussed the funding for the Resource Center when it was built and a show on the History Channel on the nation's infrastructure.

Commissioner Larson had no report.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Santema, seconded by Negstad to enter into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. for personnel matters. Roll call vote: Negstad "aye," Santema "aye," Falken "aye," Gregg "aye," Larson "aye." Motion carried. The board came out of Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. No action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson Larson declared the meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2009.

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Stacy Steffensen  
Deputy Finance Officer  
Brookings County Finance Office

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