

October 30, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Travis Mockler, Phyllis Packard, Leo Powell, Micheal Manning, and Richard Hammond.

Packard moved, seconded by Hammond and carried to approve the agenda.

Minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by Manning, seconded by Hammond and carried.

At 9:02 a.m., Manning moved, seconded by Powell and carried to enter an Executive Session for legal matters per SDCL 1-25-2.

At 9:11 a.m., Packard moved, seconded by Powell and carried to exit the Executive Session. No action was taken.

Packard moved, seconded by Manning and carried to approve the following claims for payment.

Packard moved, seconded by Hammond and carried to set the First Reading for Ordinance #2018-03 for a Joint Zoning Regulation change for 9:30 a.m. on November 13, 2018 and a variance request in the Joint Jurisdiction Zoning area from Merritt Groh for 9:40 a.m. on November 13, 2018 in the Courthouse, and the Joint Second Reading/Adoption for Ordinance #2018-03 and the variance request from Merritt Groh for 5:30 p.m. on December 3, 2018 at Vermillion City Hall.

The Board discussed the ability to fine people who do not obtain building permits. State's Attorney Alexis Tracy discussed the matter with the Board. The Board talked about changing regulations to include penalties, and how much those fines might be. The matter was put on the agenda for Thursday, November 8, 2018.

The Board reviewed holiday hours. Hammond moved, seconded by Powell and carried to approve closing the Courthouse on the full day of December 24, 2018.

The Board discussed IT needs for the County.

Rod Polley, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board.

At 9:32 a.m., Powell moved, seconded by Packard and carried to adjourn and convene as Clay County Ditch Board.

Bids were opened and read aloud for cleaning of Lateral 50. Pollman Excavation bid \$51,630.00, and O'Connor Construction bid \$112,245.10.

Polley said the beaver dam was removed near the Birgen Church on Yankton/Clay Creek Ditch. However, there is another that the Highway Department cannot reach with its backhoe. Powell

said there is another near Brook Bye's farmland on the east side. Powell and Polley discussed trapping the beavers. Powell told Polley about a muskrat house on Lateral 50.

Powell said Jeff Becker called him regarding Lateral 3A on the south side of 312 St. The side of the road has slid down into the lateral. Powell and Polley discussed a landowner who removed dirt along a dike near the bridge that was just replaced by Meckling. Polley reported on the progress of tree removal near Holmes Welding.

At 9:52 a.m., Hammond moved, seconded by Packard and carried to adjourn and reconvene as Board of Clay County Commissioners.

Powell commended Polley on his crew's good work on the Dakota Street bridge project.

The Board reviewed fuel quotes. Powell moved, seconded by Packard and carried to accept the low bid from Brunick's Service of \$2.64/gallon for gasoline fuel. Manning moved, seconded by Packard and carried to accept the low bid from Brunick's Service of \$2.59/gallon for diesel fuel.

Polley reported that bridge #133-170 has been closed 1 ½ miles east of University Rd. on 313 St. The engineers said it needs to be closed until repairs or replacement are completed due to compromised pilings. Polley discussed leaving the bridge closed indefinitely.

Ina Peterson, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to report on a Supreme Court decision regarding a tax-exempt property in Pennington County. State's Attorney Alexis Tracy briefed the Board on the legal aspects of the ruling as they pertain to Clay County. Powell moved, seconded by Manning and carried to move the Eagles Club to 100% exempt status based on State's Attorney Tracy's advice.

Powell moved, seconded by Packard and carried to authorize the Chairman to sign the SLA Quarterly Activity Report as presented by Emergency Management Director Layne Stewart.

Stewart reported that he and Chief Deputy Paul Pederson will be attending the Safety Benefits Conference.

Blake Van Ginkel and Seth Major of Gallagher met with the Board to present a health insurance review proposal. Manning moved, seconded by Packard and carried to allow Gallagher to give the County a free proposal.

At 10:35 a.m., Packard moved, seconded by Hammond and carried to adjourn and convene as Clay County Ditch Board.

Powell moved, seconded by Packard and carried to accept the low bid of \$51,630.00 from Pollman Excavation for the cleaning of Lateral 50.

At 10:37 a.m., Manning moved, seconded by Hammond and carried to adjourn and reconvene as Board of Clay County Commissioners.

Packard moved, seconded by Powell and carried to authorize the Chairman to sign a 60-month service contract for internet service with Midco.

The Board discussed a resolution for support of the expansion of Vermillion Basin Water Development District. The expansion could include Kingsbury, Minor, and McCook counties. Hammond and Powell discussed the benefits of expanding the district.

Mockler discussed a phone call he received from a contractor interested in building a jail.

At 10:58 a.m., Manning moved, seconded by Powell and carried to adjourn and reconvene Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Travis Mockler, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Carri R. Crum, County Auditor
