

August 28, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, August 28, 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 with the addition of convention discussion at the bottom.

Minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by Manning, seconded by Packard and carried.

Sami Cusick, Community Health/WIC Nurse, met with the Board to present the office's Quarterly Activity Report.

Rod Polley, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss highway matters. Packard moved, seconded by Powell and carried to accept the low bid from Brunick's Service for gasoline.

The Board considered a Driveway Application from Nick & Jordynne Mart for a driveway at 45929 Timber Rd. Polley recommended a 25-foot driveway opening. Powell moved, seconded by Packard and carried to approve application based on Highway Superintendent's recommendation.

Polley reported he discussed the drainage matter on East Main with Schoellerman, whom Polley said will not do any digging to create more water issues for his own property. He also reported that someone has been digging in the ditch. The Board discussed with State's Attorney Alexis Tracy what kind of penalty might be in statute for digging in the ditches without permission. It was decided that a letter should be sent to the property owners in the area to inform them of the findings.

At 9:28 a.m., Packard moved, seconded by Powell and carried to adjourn and convene as Clay County Ditch Board.

Troy Walraven met with the Board to discuss the cattails along Lateral 50 and request cleaning from 453 Ave. to 456 Ave. They discussed the most cost-effective method for cleaning the ditch. Walraven said the property owners are in favor of cleaning it. Powell moved that Polley should contact the State for permission and put together a proposal for bids to have Lateral 50 cleaned; seconded by Manning. All voted aye; motion passed.

At 9:37 a.m., Manning moved, seconded by Hammond and carried to adjourn and reconvene as Board of Clay County Commissioners.

At 9:40 a.m., a public bid opening was conducted for a dump body for the Highway Department. Sealed bids were opened and read aloud. Sanitation Products' bid was \$62,982, and Northern Truck Equipment's bid was \$59,595. Powell moved, seconded by Packard and carried that the Highway Superintendent and the Highway Mechanic review the bids to ensure they meet specifications and return at the September 4, 2018 meeting with a recommendation.

At 9:44 a.m., Packard moved, seconded by Hammond and carried to adjourn and convene as Clay County Ditch Board.

Polley said he discussed the Yankton-Clay Ditch with the person who farms Weeks' property. The individual said he would discuss the matter with Weeks, but the issue is down further past the end of the taxed area. Polley asked if those property owners could be added to the tax rolls for the ditch if they want to. Mockler and Powell discussed that the property owners who already pay tax should have the opportunity to approve it.

Polley said he received a call from Jim Johnson, who drives the road maintainer, about a culvert along the Prairie Center Ditch. He reported that the township requested a culvert be fixed, but it was determined that the culvert in question is not a part of the ditch.

At 10:00 a.m., Powell moved, seconded by Packard and carried to adjourn and reconvene as Board of Clay County Commissioners.

At 10:00 a.m., a First Reading was conducted of Ordinance #2018-02 to Rezone Tract 2 & 3 of Lot A in the S1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 13, Township 92N, Range 51W from Agriculture to Commercial. No one appeared in opposition and no written correspondence was received.

Manning moved, seconded by Powell and carried to approve the following claims for payment. August Bills: : (Payroll) Commissioner's \$6,44.62; Auditors \$5,041.04; Treasurers \$13,621.78; States Attorney's Office \$16,935.13; Courthouse \$2,351.92; Director of Equalization \$7,849.25; Register of Deeds \$4,733.85; Veterans Officer \$1,279.83; 24/7 \$1,860.60; Sheriff's Office \$27,568.71; Jail \$21,437.86; Emergency Management \$3,285.75; Highway \$38,767.82; WIC/Health Nurse \$2,063.70; Extension \$2,593.96; Weed \$6,919.30 and Zoning \$2,166.17; (Payroll Withholdings) Aflac 808.09; Clay Co Treasurer \$50,393.02; Colonial Life \$591.60; Conseco/Washington \$24.45; Dearborn National \$227.22; Div of Child Support \$757.00; New York Life Insurance \$328.57; SD Retirement System \$24,564.82; SD Supplemental Retirement \$1,900.00; SDRS Roth 457(B) Plan \$775.00; United Way of Vermillion \$244.00; Vermillion Federal Credit Union \$2,146.00 and Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield \$52,814.81; (Due to Other Governments) State of SD Game Fish \$30.00; (Professional Services and Fees) Clay County Abstract \$426.00; Coyote Enterprise LLC \$49.99; Houska, DDS, Randy \$372.00; Katterhagen, Mark \$15.00; Lewno, Lucille M \$166.47; Lincoln County Auditor \$90.00; Lockwood, Darcy \$15.00; Netsys Plus, Inc. \$676.25; Sanford Health Clinic \$110.00; Yankton Co Sheriff \$50.00 and Anderson, Ronald \$10.00; (Other Professional Service) Dakotah Reporting Agency \$262.50 and Mayer, Mary Anne \$34.00; (Law Office) Fox & Youngberg, P.C. \$195.32; Horn Law Office, Prof. \$210.80; Peterson, Stuart, Rump \$6,220.08; Reed Law Offices \$695.60 and Thompson, Craig K \$3,007.34; (Repairs and Maintenance) Dakota PC Warehouse \$79.96; Hollaway Const. Co \$50,820.00; Presto-X Company LLC \$74.00 and Turner Plumbing Inc. \$256.07; (Data Processing) Netsys Plus, Inc. \$313.50; (Supplies & Materials) Bob Barker Co Inc. \$204.72; Brunick Service, Inc. Campbell Supply Co. \$103.29; Concrete Materials \$106,014.05; Diesel Machinery, Inc. \$900.00; Election Systems \$403.65; Hollaway Const Co \$3,181.48; Hy-Vee, Inc. \$83.30; Jack's Uniform & Equip \$260.65; JCL Solutions \$444.90; L.G. Everist, Inc. \$2,045.17; Lawson Products, Inc. \$230.39; Lyle Signs, Inc. \$136.08; Netsys Plus, Inc. Prochem Dynamics \$163.64; Quill Corporation \$113.65; Sturdevant's Auto Parts \$27.46; Tiger Corporation \$113.65; Vermillion Ace Hardware \$35.98; One Office Solution \$137.36 and Wood, Lisa \$19.94; (Travel and Conference) Wood, Lisa \$19.94; Aden, Cynthia \$429.24;

Best Western of Huron \$28.00; Hollenbeck, Lauren \$30.00; Howe, Andy \$49.00 and SDSU Extension Service \$106.56; (Inmate Travel) Brunick Service, Inc. \$182.52; (Utilities) Brunick Service, Inc. \$182.52; CenturyLink \$13.68; City of Vermillion \$3,806.64; Verizon Wireless \$93.46; Verizon Wireless Sheriff \$320.08 and Vermillion Garbage Svc \$236.00; (Payment) Brunick Service, Inc. \$1,726.00; Bunyans Bar & Grill \$87.00; Hy-Vee, Inc. \$4,006.91; Larson, Erma \$100.00; Madsen, Mary K \$22.60; Main Street Pub \$119.80; Peterson, Stanley \$10.00; R-Pizza \$91.00; Van Diest Supply Company \$1,695.00; Walmart Community/Gecr \$212.04; Dibley, Charles \$10.00; Brown, Laurie \$10.00; Ostrem, Carla \$21.76; Steffen, Roger \$12.52; Cochran, Carole \$118.48; Albrecht, Kendyll \$20.00; Fredrick, Michael \$20.00; Harris, Adam \$153.00; Henry, Kia \$20.00; Snyder, Emily \$20.00; Anderson, Gerald \$10.00; Anderson, Janet \$36.88; Archambeau, Laura \$25.12; Assmus, Tammy \$14.20; Benton, Susan \$10.00; Bradley, Sarahann \$10.00; Brown, William \$100.00; Bumsted, David \$100.00; Burcham, Terry \$16.72; Cahoon, Alicia \$18.40; Carlson, Roberta \$10.00; Christensen, Wesley \$10.00; Clift, Denice \$10.00; Daigle, Loretta \$26.80; Daniels, Mark \$10.00; Davis, Matthew \$10.00; Doss, Robert \$10.00; Downey, Patricia \$10.00; Ebel, Cory \$10.00; Edgecomb, Conrad \$10.00; Engebretson, Nancy \$17.56; Erickson, Sarah \$10.00; Etherington, Joshua \$10.00; Gaidelis, Sonia \$23.44; Ganschow, Darby \$26.80; Gilkyson, Maxine \$10.00; Goodman, Douglas \$10.00; Grieve, Kimberly \$10.00; Gruhn, Debora \$10.00; Haglund, Angela \$100.00; Heidebrecht, Jill \$35.20; Henke, Harlan \$10.00; Hesla, Deborah \$20.92; Hesse, David \$10.00; Hoelsing, Sean \$10.00; Hollingsworth, Laura \$14.20; Hunsucker, Mark \$10.00; Iverson, Scott \$10.00; Jensen, Christine \$331.00; Johns, Jacqueline \$100.00; Ketcham, Lisa \$10.00; Kindt, Danell \$10.00; Kinney, Joan \$16.72; Kirkpatrick, Michelle \$16.72; Larson, William \$15.88; Logue, Robert \$142.00; Maloney, Michelle \$10.00; Manger, Bonita \$10.00; Marshall, Gary \$10.00; McPherson, Shelly \$10.00; McClelland, Hannah \$10.00; Mortinsen, Betsy \$10.00; Muecke, Cordell \$10.00; Nelson, Cynthia \$31.00; Nesje, Sarah \$10.00; Newcombe, Aaron \$10.00; Nilson, Wendy \$10.00; Peters, Michael \$113.44; Pitcher, Kristopher \$10.00; Portiner, Joshua \$10.00; Prescott, Karen \$100.00; Rasmussen, Victor \$10.00; Sanderson, David \$11.68; Schaefer, Charlene \$100.00; Schaefer, Robert \$10.00; Schaffer, Jennifer \$10.00; Siglin, Olivia \$16.72; Sipes, Suzanne \$30.16; Stammer, Nikki \$100.00; Stanciu, Jesse \$10.00; Steffen, Holly \$12.52; Stout, Carrie \$10.00; Stouse, Gabrielle \$10.00; Struckman-Johnson, David \$12.52; Taylor, Janet \$140.32; Tucker, Penny \$10.00; Turgeon-Drake, Jamie \$10.00; Walz, Jerry \$10.00; Zavala, Elizabeth \$24.28; Jone, Brenna \$158.80 and Rambo Danny \$153.00; (JDC/Special Eqp.) Jack's Uniforms & Equipment \$809.88; (Buildings and Structures) Bear, Inc. DBA Todd's Electric \$71.41; Dalsin Roofing \$300.00; Johnsen Heating & Cooling \$354.00 and Klein McCarthy Architect \$7,500.00; (Books) Thomson Reuters – West \$111.21; (Furniture and Minor Equipment) Jack's Uniforms & Equipment \$409.00.

The Board discussed travel to the SDACC/SDACO County Convention. Powell reported that he will be going. It was decided that the September 11, 2018 meeting could be canceled due to the convention if there is nothing pressing on the agenda.

Vermillion City Manager John Prescott and Mayor Jack Powell met with the Board to discuss the Space Needs Study. Bob Fuller, Police Chief Matt Betzen, and Sheriff Andy Howe were also present for the study. Betzen pointed out that before he came here, he had a metal building, and it worked fine. He did emphasize that the jail portion will be expensive. Mockler said at this point in time, building costs are at the highest anyone has seen, so it may pay off not to rush into anything. Howe said it may be appropriate to decide exactly what the needs are and first come up with a design, such as whether the need is a new Courthouse, whether the county only needs a new jail, or something else, and then find out a final cost.

Manning questioned putting millions of dollars into remodeling the Courthouse due to the age of the building. Jack Powell said as he has traveled around the country he has found that the county building is often the centerpiece of the community, and he would hate to lose that. Howe said that is what a committee could determine. It gives an opportunity for the community to decide what kind of building the citizens want. Hammond said it is his opinion that a Courthouse is a public building that should be built to withstand the strongest of tornadoes, especially the jail where inmates cannot take shelter, and even the public offices as the county needs them to be viable after a disaster. Tracy said the county needs voices, so that is where a committee with a cross-section of people would be beneficial because raising taxes to fund a building is a lot of money for Clay County residents, and the residents need to decide what kind of building they value.

Prescott said most of the people in the county drive by and think the Courthouse is a nice building, but they do not visit often, so they do not understand the need. Fuller said a building needs to be built for 50-75 years down the road, and City Hall was purposely built to be expandable where the fire state garages are. He said whatever dollar amount is agreed upon, not everyone will be happy, but he encouraged the county to build for tomorrow. Leo Powell asked Prescott how the City Hall building was funded. Prescott said it was done with a lease-purchase agreement and some second penny sales tax.

Packard questioned the preliminary designs and whether they would work for the county. Fuller encouraged visiting other recently built Courthouses. Howe said people need to realize how bad the situation is because they do not see the inner workings of the jail and offices. Fuller said there are two decisions: what needs to be done with the Courthouse, and what needs to be done with the jail. Prescott said that, as a county, a decision needs to be made whether the Courthouse should be kept. Hammond agreed and likened it to Old Main vs. East Hall. Is the Courthouse as valuable as Old Main? Auditor Carri Crum questioned whether a remodel would solve some of the things in the Courthouse that are a nagging problem, such as aging air conditioning units, drafty areas in the building, plumbing, etc. The group discussed conducting surveys to get citizen input, and that it would be a good thing for a committee to do.

Hammond said one of the key issues is how to raise the money to make the project work and suggested getting SE Council of Government involved. Clay County is the smallest county in the state and one of the smallest tax bases in the state.

Manning asked how the city chose the committee for the City Hall project. Fuller gave background as to how the committee was chosen and how many members there were. It was the consensus of those present that 5-7 persons, preferably 7, would be a good size for the committee. Fuller said that one key duty of the committee should be to obtain a large volume of public input. It was decided that an application process will be used, and Crum will work on getting the application ready for distribution.

At 11:19 a.m., Packard moved, seconded by Manning and carried to adjourn and reconvene Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Travis Mockler, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Carri R. Crum, County Auditor
