

**SPINK COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
REDFIELD, SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Spink County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the Spink County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Dave Albrecht, Jeff Albrecht, Craig Johnson, Jerry Zerbel and Kenneth Buchholz, who attended the meeting by speakerphone. Chairman D. Albrecht opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Zerbel, seconded by Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the addition of Mike Yost, Code Official and Kathy Ludwig, Treasurer, and the deletion of Donna Fredrickson, Clerk of Courts. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by J. Albrecht, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2008. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A date to hold the James River Valley Commissioners District meeting in Redfield was discussed. It was decided to hold the meeting at noon on April 3.

County Board of Equalization begins April 8, 2008 and runs through April 24, 2008. For this reason Commissioners decided to hold their regular meetings on the 8th, 15th and 29th of April. Any appeals to the County will begin on April 8 and will be scheduled on additional days, if needed, for Equalization.

Vic Fischbach, States Attorney, answered questions regarding Ag assessments and will look into whether the State will allow Spink County to roll valuations back. Fischbach has sent a Quit Claim Deed to former owner of a property in Doland to clear up title, made a determination that the Attorney General's Opinion may be utilized to exempt Mellette Housing and prepared a Hold Harmless Agreement between Spink County and the parties wishing to use the Fairgrounds on August 9.

Tom Leinen, Highway Superintendent, arrived at the meeting and Fischbach asked him when County gravel will be gone from a site in the Tulare area. Leinen expects it all to be gone sometime this summer.

Leinen reported that his Department will resume 10-hour days on March 24 or April 7. Painting of the Courthouse 3rd floor should be completed this Friday or Monday. Leinen also reported on a drainage issue in the Tulare area, that load limits will soon be put in place and that his Department has finished demolition of buildings for the year.

Johnson and J. Albrecht reported on a NECOG meeting they had attended last week where utilization of a 3rd party consultant to conduct a feasibility work study was a topic. Discussion followed on whether this might be an option for Spink County.

Kim Markley, Director of Equalization, filed Spink and Beadle County average land values, comparison examples of several factored values and other information pertaining to calculating assessments.

Mike Yost, Code Officer, discussed several sites where buildings have been removed with the help of the Spink County Highway Department and stated that the communities involved are extremely pleased with the results. Yost also reported on a site which is to be cleaned up by June 1, 2008 and stated that very little has been done.

Yost reported that he is working on several other areas in the County and that he has made several trips transporting prisoners.

Kathy Ludwig, Treasurer, filed three partial payment applications with the Commissioners.

REPAYMENT OF TAXES AGREEMENT

Motion was made Buchholz, seconded by Johnson, to accept partial payments of taxes on:

S-D S1/2 Blk 10 & Blks 19-28 inclusive & Outlot I Blk 26 Lot 1 & 2, Conde City, due at \$145.00 on the 23rd of each month and continuing until balance is paid in full together with the accrued interest, as authorized by SDCL 10-21-7;

Hermans 1st Blk 4 Lot 5, Conde City, due at \$110.00 on the 23rd of each month and continuing until balance is paid in full together with the accrued interest, as authorized by SDCL 10-21-7;

Blk 2 & W1/2 of 1 Original, Doland City, due at \$100.00 on the 15th of each month beginning on March 15, 2008, and continuing until balance is paid in full together with the accrued interest, as authorized by SDCL 10-21-7.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

WELFARE SETTLEMENT TABLED

Theresa Hodges, Welfare Director, reported that the Spink County States Attorney was contacted by Avera St. Lukes' legal council and an offer was made pertaining to three cases the County had rejected. The hospital will forgive payment of one if Spink County pays the other two. Hodges explained the laws cited in rejecting payment of the bills.

Following discussion Johnson made a motion to table any decision regarding payment of Avera St. Lukes' bills until the proposed settlement has been discussed with the States Attorney. Motion was seconded by J. Albrecht; all members voted aye and motion carried.

EXPENSE REQUESTS

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Buchholz, to approve the following expense requests:

Audrey Martchinske, Health Department Secretary, to Family Planning Program Training, Watertown, 4/11/08;

Kim Markley, Director of Equalization, Diane Tipton and Sally Filipek, Deputy Directors, to Annual SDAAO Conference, Deadwood, May 20-23, 2008;

Cindy Schultz, Auditor, and Theresa Hodges, Deputy, to ST25 Training-Ballot Creation, Watertown, 3/13/08.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND REPORTS ALLOWED

Motion was made by J. Albrecht, seconded by Zerbel, to approve the following claims and reports:

County General Fund

February 2008 Salaries and Benefits: Commission 4699.80, Auditor 7157.69, Election 215.10, Treasurer 6374.31, States Attorney 4836.42, Custodian 2651.33, Director of Equalization 8243.67, Register of Deeds 3677.27, VSO 1274.00, Sheriff 30077.45, Home Detention 2244.14, Coroner 58.00, Poor 430.20, Health 1834.54, Extension 4477.00, Planning 1216.18; OASI & Medicare 5961.44; Retirement 4739.68; Insurance 15941.57;

Misc: Beadle County Sheriff 150.00 – Feb. prisoner care, Center for Independence 416.66 – Feb. support, Community Counseling 118.00 – assessment, Walworth County Sheriff 1320.00 - Feb. prisoner care;

Supplies and Repairs: AgBio Comm. 25.80, Chuck's Body Shop 4027.06, The Conde News 615.22, Hansen Motors 17.25, Jamie Johnson 6.67, Menards 353.47, The Times Record 615.22, Velvet Uniforms 262.89, Wells Fargo Remittance 525.73;

Travel: Commissioners mileage: Gerald Zerbel 42.18; Director of Equalization: SDAAO 300.00 – registration; Extension: Becky Leonard 291.19 – mileage & 79.00 - registration, Mark Rosenberg 36.00 – meals & 364.08 - mileage; Extension Board mileage: Joy Braun 18.50, Randy Buchholz 13.69, Gary Gilbert 27.38, Lindsey Haskell 8.88, Bev Wright 27.01; Home Detention mileage: Darcy Harford 304.88, Donna Kegler 478.41; Sheriff Dept.: Cindy Geary, Deputy, 29.60 – mileage & 18.00 – meals; Treasurer: Kathy Ludwig 29.60 - mileage & 9.00 - meal;

Utilities: Northwestern Energy 5.78, Verizon 289.89;

Welfare: Appel Oil 360.30;

Highway Department

February 2008 Salaries and Benefits: Hwy. Admin. 5335.17, Hwy. Constr. 37268.33; OASI & Medicare 3174.86; Retirement 2556.21; Insurance 10532.16;

Construction: The Road Guy Constr. 18000.00;

Supplies and Repairs: Siegling's 43.96;

Utilities: Doland City 29.75, Northwestern Energy 2713.80;

E911

February 2008 Salaries and Benefits: 7060.48; OASI & Medicare 531.69; Retirement 423.62; Insurance 1801.18;

Utilities: James Valley Telecomm. 248.44;

Emergency Management

February 2008 Salaries and Benefits: 1326.00; OASI & Medicare 101.44; Retirement 79.56; Insurance 298.42;

WIC

February 2008 Salaries and Benefits: 316.46; OASI & Medicare 24.10; Retirement 18.98; Insurance 86.07;

24/7 Sobriety

February 2008 Salaries and Benefits: 287.75; OASI & Medicare 21.76; Retirement 17.28; Insurance 75.18;

REPORTS

Feb. 2008 Comp Time & Overtime Earned by Department;

Feb. 2008 Leave Without Pay Hours;

Feb. 2008 Sheriff's Report of Receipts: \$4,895.06.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Craig Johnson stated that the Ministerial Association has inquired about using the Community Room in the Courthouse basement for a Youth Center. Following discussion Commissioners concluded that, because the room is used a great deal by the general public as well as for numerous Extension Activities, it would not be a convenient location for a Youth Center.

Chairman Dave Albrecht declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM until 8:30 AM, Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

Dave Albrecht, Chairman
Spink County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Cindy Schultz, Auditor
Spink County, South Dakota