

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

The Spink County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at the Spink County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Dave Albrecht, Jeff Albrecht, Kenneth Buchholz, Craig Johnson and Jerry Zerbel. Chairman D. Albrecht opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Buchholz, seconded by J. Albrecht, to adopt the agenda as amended. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by J. Albrecht, to approve the minutes of April 8, 2008. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner meetings for the month of May will be on the 6th, 13th and 27th.

Tammy Suchor, Deputy Auditor, reported to the Commissioners that the Treasurer had mailed out collection letters and, as a result, many of the old delinquent taxes have been paid.

Theresa Hodges, Welfare Director, reported that client #148 had been granted prior approval for a procedure which costs approximately \$16,100 but has an ability to pay \$11,887.35. Also, client #149 had been granted prior approval of \$333.97 utility assistance. Hodges stated that the University of Minnesota will agree to perform a series of procedures on client #144 at 55% of charge rate if Spink County signs an agreement.

AGREEMENT APPROVED

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Buchholz, to approve signing an agreement with the University of Minnesota stating that Spink County will pay client #144's bills at the rate of 55% of charge rate for approved procedures. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION REJECTED

Motion was made by Buchholz, seconded by Johnson, to deny the application made by client #150 for \$2217.17 in expenses incurred at Avera St. Luke's because applicant exceeds income guidelines, notice was filed late by the hospital and lack of prior approval for some dates of service.

APPLICATION/PERMIT TO LAND AIRCRAFT

Motion was made by J. Albrecht, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Application/ Permit to Land Aircraft on Spink County Highways submitted by Dakota Air Spray, Inc., Huron. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Vic Fischbach, State Attorney, stated that he has nothing new to report.

Beadle & Spink County Enterprise Community has requested comments from the Commissioners regarding \$100,000 in grant funds BASEC may apply for this April. If funded the Housing Preservation Grant funds would be used to help very low and low-income homeowners with needed housing repairs. In addition, \$1,000 of grant money approved by the BASEC Board of Directors would be awarded toward each house. Commissioners will send a letter of comment to BASEC in support of the program.

SALARY STEP INCREASE

Motion was made by Buchholz, seconded by Zerbel, to increase the salary of Jamie Johnson, Clerk Auditor, from \$12.03 to \$12.18 (1 year Clerk) per hour effective April 1, 2008. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom Leinen, Highway Superintendent, stated that two former Highway Department summer temps will be returning after school is out. Leinen then answered the Commissioners' inquiry about budget plans for capital expense items. He would like to put aside funds in the 2009 budget for a blade and then purchase two out of the 2010 budget.

Leinen has spoken with Wayne Cramer, SD DOT, and he will be able to attend an upcoming Commissioner Meeting and give a report on the Roadside Safety Inspection Team's findings pertaining to Hwy 281 north of Redfield.

Brad Wilson, South Dakota Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund, explained the benefits provided by the fund.

At 10:05 AM motion by Buchholz, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn as the Board of Commissioners and to convene as the County Board of Equalization. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman D. Albrecht called the Spink County Board of Equalization to order on April 15, 2008, with Kim Markley, Director of Equalization, and John and Rose Kegler in attendance.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS

NAME	LEGAL	CY/TWP	RECOMMENDED
Rose Kegler Reason	N1/2 SW1/4 16-117-65 Increased higher than surrounding land	Groveland Twp	\$66,622
Rose Kegler Reason	SE1/4 Ex R4, cemt .24A Hwy 24-118-65 Increased higher than surrounding land	Athol Twp	\$91,877

Markley explained that, when increase is calculated after the 2005 County Board adjustment has been subtracted from the valuation, increase is exactly the same as surrounding land on both parcels.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Buchholz, to approve the Director of Equalization’s recommendations as listed above. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

At 10:30 AM motion was made by Zerbel, seconded by J. Albrecht, to adjourn as the County Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Spink County Board of Commissioners. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A delegation consisting of Mark Rosenberg and Becky Leonard, Extension Educators, Darla Knox and Jim Ellenson, Spink County Fair Board, and Carrie Hansen and Steve Masat, 4-H Leaders Assn., met with the Commissioners regarding a building they would like to erect at the Fairgrounds. They are considering between two potential sites for the proposed 48’x80’x12h structure, which would contain bathrooms and serving kitchen/concession stand. The County is being asked to budget \$35,000 toward the replacement bathroom and whatever portion of the new building as remaining funds allow.

Commissioners and delegation discussed several funding possibilities and the fact that maintenance and upkeep of the new structure will be an additional annual County expense. Delegation will investigate costs involved in the operation of similar structures so that the County has an idea how much this will impact future Fair Budgets.

Commissioners and Rosenberg addressed the inquiry Redfield School had made regarding a motion that had carried at the April 25, 2006 Spink County Commissioner meeting. At that meeting reps from the Bull-a-Rama Committee and Redfield School Board stated that a 50/50 grant had been applied for and, with current funds and pledges, they only lacked \$2,500 in being able to purchase two sets of portable bleachers for \$21,000. Today it was decided that, because the grant had not been awarded, the price of bleachers has doubled and not all parties who would have originally shared the bleachers are making the current request, the Commissioners would like for a new request to be made and details of the current situation outlined.

Steve Hanson, EM/VSO, filed a report of his recent activities. He stated that the current fire index is high, despite recent moisture, and he and Commissioners agreed that a letter should be sent to all Fire Chiefs reminding them that anyone in their Fire District wishing to burn must contact them first. Hanson stated he will send the letter and then presented his Emergency Management SLA 2nd Quarter Activity Report, which Chairman signed.

Diane Dunkel, Community Health Nurse, filed her Department’s Quarterly Report for January through March, 2008.

Les Helm, Spink County Sheriff, reported that the former unmarked vehicle has been repaired. Discussion followed regarding Home Detention Monitors’ salaries and whether the vehicle just repaired could be used by them.

SALARIES APPROVED

Motion was made by Zerbel, seconded by Johnson, to approve raising the current Home Detention Monitors’ salaries to \$12.18/hour (Clerk 1 year) and set the salary for newly hired Home Detention Monitors at \$11.68 (beginning Clerk). All members voted aye. Motion carried.

VEHICLE USE APPROVED

Motion was made by J. Albrecht, seconded by Buchholz, to approve Home Detention Monitors using the former unmarked Sheriff Department vehicle under the condition that it is not taken home and that, if they use their own vehicle, the established County mileage rate will be used. Upon roll call vote: J. Albrecht “aye”, Buchholz “aye”, Johnson “aye” and Zerbel “nay”, motion carried.

Sheriff Helm also reported that Clark County had contacted him about having Spink County handle their E911 and administrative calls. This will have to be researched before any decision to submit a quote can be made.

GENERAL FUND SURPLUS CASH ANALYSIS

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded J. Albrecht, to approve the General Fund Surplus Analysis Report as of March 31, 2008, \$878,658.19 (25%) as filed. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND REPORTS ALLOWED

Motion was made by Zerbel, seconded by Buchholz, to approve the following claims and reports:

County General Fund

Misc: Michelle Gaikowski 60.80 – court reporting; Johnson Miner Marlow 124.50 – hearing, Lewis & Clark BHS 130.00 – hearing, Pennington County Jail 95.10, Rogers Law Office 215.50 - court appointed attorney, SD Dept. Revenue: Lab Services 105.00 – lab services, Co. Health Nurse 2575.00 – services; Human Service Center 407.65 – care; Yankton Co. Treas. 101.25 – hearing, Yankton Co. Sheriff 25.00 serve papers;

Supplies and Repairs: Jim Baloun 410.40, CIT Technology Fin. Serv., Inc. 132.61, County-Wide Directory, LLC 900.00, Johnson Controls 208.70, Light & Siren 729.25, Office Equipment Co.1944.60, Quill 83.95, Second Chance Rescue 148.68, Shawn Chase Ford 253.12, The Redfield Press 615.14;

Travel: Auditor: SDACC 300.00 – registration; Register of Deeds: SDACC 75.00 – registration; Treasurer 150.00 – registration;

Utilities: Executive Management (BIT) 182.75, Northern Wireless Communications, Inc. 186.09, Northwestern Energy 333.97, Qwest 351.82;

Welfare: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance 239.32, Avera St. Luke’s 678.00;

Highway Department

Supplies and Repairs: Burdick Bros. 17.50, Lyle Signs 2394.60, Office Equipment Co. 27.35, Shawn Chase Ford 310.96, SD DOT 437.07;

Utilities: Executive Management (BIT) 5.65, Northern Wireless Communications 39.95, Northwestern Energy 382.54, Qwest 125.33;

E911

Utilities: Qwest 906.99;

Emergency Management

Utilities: Executive Management (BIT) 22.85, Northern Wireless Communications, Inc. 5.76, Qwest 33.99;

Law Library

Supplies and Repairs: West Group Payment Center 303.00;

REPORTS

Comparison of Spink County liability insurance premiums by Department for years 2007 and 2008;
March 2008 Auditor’s Report of Payments Received to Reimburse Spink County for Liens: \$195.00;
NACO Prescription Drug Discount Card Program Report;
March 2008 Spink County Ambulance Activity Report;
Monthly Comp & Overtime by Department;
2008 Leave Without Pay Hours;
Year Ending 12/31/07 Ashton Fire Department Report;
Report of Payments Received to Reimburse Spink County for Court Appointed Attorneys: \$843.99;
March 2008 Report of Highway Department Collections:

Road & Bridge Fund	\$440.00
Weed Department	\$0.00.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

EXPENSE REQUEST APPROVED

Motion was made by Buchholz, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following Expense Request:
Kim Markley, Director of Equalization, and Sally Filipek, Deputy DOE, to 2008 NCRAAO Conference, Green Bay, WI, June 14-June 18, 2008.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Deene Dayton, SD Dept. Legislative Audit, re quote questions

United Feeders, LLP Project 2007 \$3,800,000 County of Spink, UNFE USB Arbitrage & Completion Certificates
Letter to States Attorney from Robert R. Nelson, Attorney, re Avera St. Luke's claims

Chairman Dave Albrecht declared the meeting adjourned at 12:27 AM until 8:30 AM, Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

Dave Albrecht, Chairman
Spink County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Cindy Schultz, Auditor
Spink County, South Dakota