

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

The Spink County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at the Spink County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Dave Albrecht, Jeff Albrecht, Brian Johnson, Craig Johnson and Jerry Zerbel. Also present was Dave Durfee, Redfield.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Zerbel, seconded by B. Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the additions of Kathy Ludwig, Treasurer, and the renewal of the GeoComm Agreement and the deletion of Vic Fischbach, States Attorney. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by B. Johnson, seconded by J. Albrecht, to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Auditor discussed reports she filed showing cash balances and budget available in E911. Commissioners discussed the status report Sheriff Les Helm made at the 1/27/09 Commissioner meeting regarding radios and a computer console.

Commissioner C. Johnson gave a progress report on a property described as Hahn's 2nd B2 L1 & N1/2 2, Doland City.

Tom Leinen, Highway Superintendent, and Jeff Haessig, Highway Foreman, met with the Commissioners to discuss departmental business. Leinen reported that he had spoken with Wayne Cramer, SD Department of Transportation regarding an area of Highway 281 north of Redfield where concerned citizens would like to see more highway warnings posted. No meetings have been held by the DOT about the issue. Commissioner J. Albrecht mentioned a Federal program where money would be available for projects which can be ready for construction within 90 days. Leinen replied that he does have two bridges scheduled for replacement this summer and chip sealing in 2010.

Leinen then stated that all county bridges must be inspected in a rotation every other year. He asked that the Commissioners approve the Bridge Reinspection Resolution.

**BRIDGE REINSPECTION PROGRAM RESOLUTION (#09-26)**

WHEREAS, Title 23, Section 151, *United States Code* and Title 23, Part 650, Subpart C, *Code of Federal Regulations*, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Spink County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection program using Bridge Replacement funds.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Pierce & Harris Engineering (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDPT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

There are a total of 67 bridges in Spink County that require inspection.

Motion was made by C. Johnson, seconded by B. Johnson, to approve the above Resolution. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2009, at Redfield, South Dakota.

Board of Commissioners of Spink County

Dave Albrecht  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Cindy Schultz  
County Auditor

Leroy Fuerst, Deputy Sheriff, met to answer questions about the County radio system. He stated that paging is analog but most of our radio use is on the State system. Any new radios purchased would have to be interoperable with the Project 25 platform. Fuerst stated that he will lay out a phase in plan for radio equipment by the next meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Tom Leinen, Highway Superintendent requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion was made by J. Albrecht, seconded by Zerbel, to enter into Executive Session at 9:27 AM. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman D. Albrecht declared the Board out of Executive Session at 9:46 AM.

### **DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION**

Motion was made by C. Johnson, seconded by B. Johnson, to promote Jeff Haessig, Highway Foreman, to the Highway Superintendent position, effective March 27, 2009, at a starting salary of \$32,350 per year during the 6-month probationary period. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Lannie Arthurs, Maintenance Supervisor, reported that a new washtub has been installed in the second floor men's restroom, the Courthouse radiators have been checked by Johnson Controls, he's asking for quotes to update the radiator traps floor by floor and he's checking thermostats and other electrical devices. The Health Office will be hooked up to the emergency generator this summer when they are doing some other updating in their offices. Arthurs stated that he had replaced bulbs in the stairway light fixtures so that the area will be brighter.

Arthurs then reported that the Courthouse lawn mower needs to be replaced. He would like to purchase one with front deck and equipped for attachments. Commissioners asked that he get at least two quotes and from local dealers if possible.

Kathy Ludwig, Treasurer, followed up on her request from the prior week that the half time person in her office be made full time because they have been unable to keep up. The Commission would like to avoid hiring full time due to occasional peak busy periods. They suggested working overtime to get caught up when they are especially busy. Ludwig said there are several counties which close their door to customers one day per week to catch up and asked whether they could try Wednesdays. Commissioners replied that an announcement should be put in the paper so that the public is aware of the change in office hours.

The Sheriff's Financial Report was discussed and an estimate due Redfield City of \$5,790.55 decided upon, which takes into consideration Dispatcher hours coming out of E911 and the elimination of Doland City revenue which shouldn't penalize Redfield City.

### **COUNTY FEES UPDATED**

Motion was made by J. Albrecht, seconded by Zerbel, to set the following Spink County Highway Department fees:

5% handling charge on total cost of materials

Snow Removal	(Towns, Townships)
Labor	\$25.00
Truck/Grader	\$60.00
Loader	\$65.00

Maintenance	(Towns, Townships)
Labor	\$25.00
Truck/Grader	\$40.00
Loader	\$50.00

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S TAX DEEDS TO COUNTY**

Motion was made by C. Johnson, seconded by J. Albrecht to deed the following County owned properties, which were taken by the Treasurer for tax deed on October 28, 2008, to the following entities:

#1919 Original B 14 L 9  
Brentford Town

#1924 Blks 35-36 & 37 B 36 L S 1/2 of 7 & 8  
Frankfort City

And to auction the following properties at the time and place to be established:

#1920 6-8 Original B 8 L 6 & 7  
Turton Town

#1921 2-116-61 RR ROW in NE 1/4 (12.18A)  
Belle Plaine Township

#1923 2-1 Hermans 3rd B 1 L 2  
Conde City, Spink County

#1925 2-1 Hermans 1st B 1 L 2 & S 60' of 3  
Conde City

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **DISPATCH MAPPING SUPPORT PROJECT AGREEMENT**

Motion was made by B. Johnson, seconded by Zerbel, to renew the agreement between Spink County and GeoComm, Incorporated, for GeoComm to provide GIS Data Maintenance and Software Support Services during the period March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010, for which Spink County shall pay a fee of \$2,650.00 within 45 days from this date. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **REFUND OF TAXES APPLICATION**

Motion was made by C. Johnson, seconded by J. Albrecht, to reject Mellette Housing and Redevelopment's request to refund 2007 taxes payable in 2008 claiming grounds that the property is exempt from tax; request denied because that status should have been established at the time of closing, therefore was correct on the November 1, 2006 deadline. All members except Zerbel voted aye. Motion passed.

#### **EXPENSE REQUEST:**

Motion was made by Zerbel, seconded by B. Johnson, to approve the following expense request:

Theresa Hodges, Welfare Director, to attend a special meeting of the Officers of the South Dakota Welfare Officials to be held in Pierre, 2/11/09.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **CLAIMS AND REPORTS ALLOWED**

Motion was made by J. Albrecht, seconded by B. Johnson, to approve the following claims and reports. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **County General Fund**

Misc: Russell Battey 451.00 court appointed attorney fees, Beadle County Sheriff 3445.00 Jan. board of prisoners, juror fees 372.76, Redfield City for Code Enforcement 1003.41 - 2008 shortfall & 1000.00 Feb. payment, Mike Sanger 750.00, Spink County Senior Citizens 2014.00 Feb. support, Spink County Treasurer 838.06 Wells Fargo fees;

Supplies and Repairs: Connecting Point 350.00, Fink Plumbing 2600.67, Johnsen's Air Conditioning 90.00, Johnson Controls 237.50, Office Equipment 710.47, Shawn Chase Ford 312.24, Wells Fargo Remittance 222.28;

Travel: Commissioners: Extension: Becky Leonard 205.72 mileage, Mark Rosenberg 128.02 mileage & 27.00 meals;

#### **Highway Department**

Supplies & Repairs: Diamond Mowers 83208.00, Harvey's Sinclair 1038.28, Mac's 436.19, OK Tire Store 202.50, Redfield Body 575.00, Wells Fargo Remittance 180.00;

Utilities: City of Doland 35.25;

#### **E911**

Utilities: James Valley Telecommunications 248.44;

Supplies & Repairs: Wells Fargo Remittance 104.51;

#### **REPORTS**

- 2009 YTD Comp & OT Earned by Department

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- City of Redfield notice of Spink County payment shortfall for the 2008 Code Enforcement Expenditures
- SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation notice that Spink County's share of bank franchise tax apportionment is \$46,333.68, which is to be apportioned among every tax levying entity in the County which was levying during the calendar years 1972 – 1976 inclusive
- Department of Public Safety notice that a State Digital Radio Upgrade is needed
- Otis Elevator notice of Preventive Maintenance Update completed on 1/26/09
- SDACC Legislative Update
- Notice of Legislative Cracker Barrel to be held at the Senior Center, Redfield, on 2/16/09
- USDA Energy Awareness Workshops to be held
- DM&E Railroad message that, in December, they consolidated with IC&E and Cedar American Rail Holdings
- SD Department of Education notice that the County Apportionment ADM data will be delayed
- SD Dept. Environment & Natural Resources: Camrose Colony Manure Management System General Permit Application Review for Swine Confinement

Chairman D. Albrecht declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM until 8:30 AM, Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

Dave Albrecht, Chairman  
Spink County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Cindy Schultz, Auditor  
Spink County, South Dakota