

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

The Spink County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at the Spink County Courthouse. Present were Commissioners Dave Albrecht, Jeff Albrecht, Brian Johnson, Craig Johnson and Jerry Zerbel. Lori Jo Mundstock, The Redfield Press, was also in attendance. Chairman Dave Albrecht opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion was made by J. Albrecht, seconded by C. Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the addition of Steve Hanson, EM/VSO, NorthWestern Energy's request for grant renewal, a discussion regarding Recovery Zone Bonds and the deletion of Vic Fischbach, States Attorney. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by B. Johnson, seconded by C. Johnson, to approve the minutes of January 26, 2010. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Steve Hanson, EM/VSO, discussed a meeting held last week between several members of veterans' service organizations, the Commissioner Chairman and himself.

Commissioners discussed several counties' responses to the Oahe Conservancy Sub-district's remaining tax dollars being refunded to water districts.

**PERSONNEL POLICY**

Theresa Hodges, Deputy Auditor, discussed a change to the County Personnel Policy defining the effective date of the group health insurance for beginning employees and to state that only full-time employees are eligible to participate in the health insurance. Commissioners will no longer be eligible for the insurance or for reimbursement of their own single policy. Resulting savings to the County will be more than \$18,000 per year.

Motion was made by B. Johnson, seconded by C. Johnson, to adopt, effective March 1, 2010, changes to the Spink County Personnel Policy manual specifying that only full-time employees are eligible to participate in the health insurance; County Commissioners are thereby excluded from participating in the health insurance program; new employees' group health insurance coverage will start effective on the 1st day of the month following the end of their first pay period. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Lannie Arthurs, Maintenance Supervisor, had reported to the Commission prior to their meeting that a compressor on the boiler had blown. Commissioners agreed that Arthurs should order a compressor (cost \$796 plus \$18.71 freight).

Amy Rissman and Leah Waddell, Experience Works, described the services they provide by training the mature worker (55+) to enter the job market. Agencies can refer parties for training or be a host agency themselves.

**NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FRANCHISE RENEWAL**

Auditor explained NorthWestern Corporation's request that Spink County renew a 20-year electrical franchise in Spink County. Vic Fischbach, States Attorney, had checked the paperwork and found it to be in order.

Motion was made by C. Johnson, seconded by J. Albrecht, to advertise notice for a public hearing to be held on March 12, 2010 to consider NorthWestern Corporation's request for grant of renewal of the 20-year franchise allowing NorthWestern to erect and maintain poles and wires in and along highways in Spink County. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

*STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF SPINK  
Before the Honorable Board of County  
Commissioners of Spink County, South Dakota*

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of Northwestern Corporation, a Delaware Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) for permission for grant and renewal of former grant to operate, maintain and erect electric transmission and distribution lines on and along the public highways of Spink County, South Dakota.

To all persons, firms or corporations owning or operating electric, telephone or telegraph lines to whom these presents may come.

You will please take notice that NorthWestern Corporation, a Delaware Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, having its principal business office in the City of Huron, Beadle County, South Dakota, has filed with

the County Auditor of **Spink** County, South Dakota its Application for a grant and renewal of any former grants from said County for a period of Twenty (20) years and for as long an extended period as the Legislature may provide, granting unto said NorthWestern the right to erect and maintain poles and wires for the purpose of conducting electricity for lighting, heating and power purposes, together with stay wires and braces, in and along any public highway in **Spink** County, South Dakota for a period of Twenty (20) years as provided by Chapter 31-26 of the South Dakota Codified Laws of 1967 and all acts amendatory thereof;

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on the 2nd day of March, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock AM in the County Commissioners Room in the Court House in the City of **Redfield**, County of **Spink**, State of South Dakota, will be the time and place when and where said Application will be heard and considered by the members of the Board of County Commissioners of **Spink** County, South Dakota, when and where all persons, firms, or corporations owning or operating electric, telephone, or telegraph lines on any part of the highway or highways which the proposed lines may occupy may appear, file objections and show cause why said Application should not be granted.

The said Application now on file with County Auditor of Spink County, South Dakota, is hereby referred to for further particulars.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2010 at Redfield, South Dakota

Cindy Schultz, County Auditor, Spink County, South Dakota

Three publications: February 10th, 17th and 24th, 2010

### **RECOVERY ZONE BONDS**

Commissioner C. Johnson reported that the state had contacted him about the recovery zone economic development bonds and recovery zone facility bonds that were allotted to Spink County last summer. On October 13, 2009 the Commissioners declared the entire County a recovery zone for the 1.799 million in Economic Development Bonds and 2.698 in Facility Bonds. The state has asked that Counties waive all or any part of the bonds they don't wish to apply for. Commission would like to notify schools and towns prior to releasing the bonds.

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

Motion was made by C. Johnson, seconded by B. Johnson, to recess as a Spink County Board of Commissioners and reconvene as a Planning & Zoning Board. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Planning and Zoning Board and reconvene the regular session of the County Commissioners was made by B. Johnson and seconded by J. Albrecht. All voted aye. Motion carried. Planning and Zoning adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Commissioner C. Johnson reported that he's had an inquiry regarding two areas north of Redfield where several bad accidents have occurred. The County had approached the SD DOT about this a couple years ago and they were going to conduct a study to see if the situation warrants some type of speed and/or marking control. Auditor will contact the DOT representative about whether the study has been done and what the outcome was.

Commissioners asked that the Auditor's Office pick out paint colors and the Commissioners will help paint the Commission Room prior to new desk being installed.

### **CLAIMS AND REPORTS ALLOWED**

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

January 2010 Salaries and Benefits: Commission 4450.00, Election 318.48, Auditor 7420.22, Treasurer 7599.05, States Attorney 5084.69, Maintenance 4014.59, Director of Equalization 7464.89, Register of Deeds 3660.69, VSO 1237.50, Sheriff 28049.82, Home Detention 2313.28, Coroner 116.00, Poor 464.45, Health 1930.79, Extension 2667.27, Fair 280.00, Weed 2249.94, Planning & Zoning 1003.20; OASI & Medicare 6061.06; Retirement 4772.85; Insurance 16484.67, reimbursement 27.54;

Misc: Russell Battey 647.80, Beadle Co. Sheriff 2795.00 Jan. board of prisoners, Center for Independence 416.66; jury fees 268.80;

Supplies and Repairs: Galls 33.53, Hansen Motors 96.10, Johnson Oil 2432.91, MeLeod's 198.67, OK Tire Store 394.00, Wells Fargo Remittance 120.04, Diane Tipton 3.02 (reimb);

Travel: Commissioners: Gerald Zerbel 70.30 mileage; Coroner: Pat Thelen 1.36 reimbursement & 14.06 mileage; Extension: Becky Leonard 189.44 mileage; Fair Board mileage: John Buchholz 26.64, Deanna Koester

22.20, Darla Knox 29.60; Home Detention mileage: Donna Kegler 133.20, Mavis Ludemann 138.38; Sheriff: LeRoy Fuerst 9.00 meal, VSO: Steve Hanson 5.18 mileage;

Utilities: Steve Hanson 10.00, Northern Valley Communications 167.69;

### Highway Department

January 2010 Salaries and Benefits: Hwy. Admin. 6632.60, Hwy. Const. 34556.50; OASI & Medicare 3071.55; Retirement 2471.33; Insurance 10358.56;

### E911

January 2010 Salaries and Benefits: 8736.74; OASI & Medicare 657.97; Retirement 524.18; Insurance 1959.15;

Supplies & Repairs: Geo-Comm 2650.00, Wells Fargo Remittance 115.63;

### Emergency Management Fund

January 2010 Salaries and Benefits: 1512.50; OASI & Medicare 114.68; Retirement 90.75; Insurance 339.39;

Travel: Steve Hanson 48.10 mileage;

Utilities: Steve Hanson 10.00;

### WIC

January 2010 Salaries and Benefits: 298.58; OASI & Medicare 22.63; Retirement 17.91; Insurance 81.74;

### 24/7 Sobriety

January 2010 Salaries and Benefits: 498.05; OASI & Medicare 37.83; Retirement 29.89; Insurance 112.97.

## REPORTS

YTD 2010 Comp & OT Earned by Department

## BUILDING PERMITS

Daryl & Paula Ames	Lake	remodel kitchen and bath
Robert and Deena Bruening	Tulare Town	insulate garage walls
Richard Arneson	Tulare Town	new linoleum in kitchen
Dale Smith	Antelope	cont. 82-07; complete new home & build decks; continue remodeling; tear down old home
Seth and Dustin Toy	Conde Town	replace windows, floor, sheetrock; ongoing remodel
Ann Hearnen	Conde Town	remodel bath; ongoing remodel
Marilyn Deloy	Mellette Town	continuation of BP 229-07; build an 8x10 entryway
Rodney and Arlene Hofer	Union	2 hopper bins on skids with dryer
Dave & Stacey David	Lodi	grain bin, auger and dryer system
Kurt Van Vleet	Redfield	continuation of 56-08; shingle barn; finish large shop
Kurt Van Vleet	Lodi	steel siding on house; new furnace

## CORRESPONDENCE

SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation: notice that the CPI to be used for taxes payable in 2011 is 0%

Chairman Albrecht declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM until 8:30 AM, Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

Dave Albrecht, Chairman  
Spink County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Cindy Schultz, Auditor  
Spink County, South Dakota