

April 29, 2025 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Gage at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Dinger, Gage, and Wiese. Commissioner Sutton was absent. Commissioner Dinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Senator Perry informed the Commission that tonight from 5pm – 8pm at Arby's a portion of the sale proceeds will be donated to the Aberdeen Homeless Coalition.

ORDINANCE #292 - SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adopt Ordinance #292. Petitioner Donald & Jolene Bonn to rezone from Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring these parcels into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 6, "Greg Hoffman Addition" in the E1/2 of Section 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (126979 West Shore Drive, Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #293 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION:

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #293. Petitioner Donald & Becky Wegleitner to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: The E 42.5 Rods of the S 77.75 Rods in the NE 1/4 of Section 4-T125N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11831 409th Avenue, Claremont Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY FOR GENE WOLTER:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following application submitted by Gene Wolter for occupancy of Brown County 6 (aka 382nd Ave.) in Section 30-T124-R64, Brown County, South Dakota to install potable water line. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT BENEFITS:

Allison Tunheim, Human Resources Director, met with the Commission to discuss the Annual Enrollment Benefits. The County will stay with Optilegra for Vision Insurance, there are no plan changes or increases; Dental insurance will stay with Delta Dental and there will be a 2.8% increase; Health Insurance will stay with Wellmark but there will be changes to keep the increase at the lowest rate, which will be 4.2%; switching the FSA, HSA & Dependent Care provider from WEX Health to HealthEquity. Open Enrollment will start on May 5th and go through May 16th. A Benefit Fair will be held on May 5th & 6th in the Community Room, all Vendors will be in attendance. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the plans and companies shared by Allison. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the General Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the Brown County Board of Equalization Minutes of April 22, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$969.18; Carrels & Bain Family Dental Care, LLC \$984.51; CGI, LLC \$1,047.16; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$3,630.00; Dixon Oil Recycling, Inc \$1,500.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$984.00; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$600.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb, LLP \$702.50; SD Dept of Health \$140.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$1,182.00; Zylstra Investigations \$760.00. Publishing: Aberdeen Area Arts Council \$69.92; Aberdeen Parks, Recreation and Forestry \$500.00; Groton Daily

Independent \$509.49; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc. \$1,952.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Double D Body Shop \$582.97; Gary Fischer \$1,500.00; Haar Plumbing & Heating \$536.48; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$3,834.88; Interstate Powersystems \$1,016.75; Lawson Products, Inc \$43.07; Fire Safety First \$3,787.19; Superior Jetting, Inc \$4,631.25; Wallys Skidsteer Service \$4,947.00. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$44.21; Amazon Capital Services, Inc. \$803.45; Cole Paper Inc \$1,073.40; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$155.36; Dakota Oil \$149.40; Fastenal Company \$268.78; Geffdog Designs \$128.00; Haar Plumbing & Heating \$37.50; Johnson Bros of South Dakota \$6,381.40; Lawson Products, Inc \$481.34; Midstates Group \$2,166.00; Nelson Sales & Service \$55.00; Safety Service \$173.41; Fire Safety First \$3,938.11; T-Mobile USA Inc \$298.18; Trav's Outfitter Inc \$1,929.89; Tri-State Water \$37.00. Travel & Conference: Austin Ball \$14.00; City of Aberdeen – Rideline \$80.00; Jon Lemke \$100.00; Keith Baker \$100.00; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$80.00; Neil Bittner \$14.00; Scott Kolb \$14.00; Terrence Evans \$100.00; The Lodge at Deadwood \$210.00. Utilities: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$53.27; Northwestern Energy \$2,908.84; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$113.36; T-Mobile USA Inc \$14,292.79; Verizon Wireless \$82.74. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

- Retirement of Jolene Forsting, Brown County Chief Deputy Treasurer; FT – effective April 25, 2025.
- Retirement of Lori Goldade, Brown County Deputy Treasurer; PT – effective May 9, 2025.
- Payment of Retirement Award for Jolene Forsting in the amount of \$150.00 before taxes, the requirement was met.
- Payment of Retirement Award for Roxanne Hilgenberg in the amount of \$150.00 before taxes, the requirement was met.
- Hiring of Aleigha Allison as Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal Worker; starting wage \$14.50/hr. – effective April 30, 2025.
- Hiring of Boyd Willems as Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal Worker; PT as needed; starting wage \$14.50/hr. – effective April 30, 2025.
- Hiring of Gentry Pigors as Brown County Fair Intern, FT; starting wage \$13.00/hr. – effective May 19, 2025.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE RENEWALS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the renewal of the following Retail (On-Off sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: : Aberdeen Hockey Association (Brown County Fairgrounds SW ¼, Sec 1-T123N-R64W – Odde Hockey Building); P'ZA Inc. DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort SD Lt 1, SD OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2); Bath Quick Stop (Lot B Weismantels 1st Subdivision of Lot 1 EX N 12' Jenkins Subdivision Inc. Adj N 12', Lt 1 Jenkins Subdivision E ½ of SE ¼ Section 18-123-62); Brown County Centennial Village (Brown County Fairgrounds SW ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W – Centennial Village) Motor Sports LLC DBA Brown County Speedway (Brown County Fairgrounds SW ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W – Grandstand); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way ADD NW 17-123-63 – Ste. 1); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way ADD NW 17-123-63 – Ste. 2); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way ADD NW 17-123-63 – Ste. 3); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way ADD NW 17-123-63 – Ste. 4); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way ADD NW 17-123-63 – Ste. 5); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way ADD NW 17-123-63 – Ste. 8); ARR LLC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Lodge OL Art Russo OLS in GOV Lt 3 & 4 NW 1-127-62); Stacy Gossman DBA Head East (Lt 1B Gossman 1st ADD (Kessler's OL1) S ½ 15-123-63 – Ste. 2); Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, E2, 33-124-63); Parkview Nursery Inc. (Lot 1 Parkview Nursery Addition to Aberdeen in the NE ¼ Sec 25-T123-R64W); Jackie Chantal LLC DBA Richmond Oasis (Lot 4 Schaeffer Richmond Lake 2nd Add NW & NE 25-124-65 5 AC); Richmond Pavilion LLC (Richmond Resort Outlot 2, NE ¼ of Section 25-T124N-R65W); Stacy Gossman DBA: Up North (Lt 1B Gossman 1st ADD (Kessler's OL1) S ½ 15-123-63 – Ste. 4); Stacy Gossman DBA: West Bound (Lt 1B Gossman 1st ADD (Kessler's OL1) S ½ 15-123-63 – Ste. 3). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BONDS:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Township Bonds (Treasurer & Clerk): PORTAGE #1 – Mary A. Ewing Thorpe, Tom Stehly; GREENFIELD #2 – Valerie Weisser, Karen Lunzman; FREDERICK #3 – Dennis Walworth, Jill Gisi; ALLISON #4 – Kash Cutler, Pamela Sue Cutler;

LANSING #5 – Dixie Clark; ONEOTA #6 – Karla Engelhart, Neil Schaunaman; BRAINARD #7 – Charles Dennert, Diane Bruns; SHELBY #8 – Michael Knecht, William Colby Crawford; NORTH DETROIT #9 – Candi Beck; CLAREMONT #10 – Donald J. Wegleitner, Justin Wegleitner; COLUMBIA #11 – Martin Weismantel, Amy Weismantel; WESTPORT #12 – Bruce Jones, Doug Fjeldheim; CARLISLE #13 – Ashlee Nelson; ORDWAY #14 – Kerry Howell, Mike McHugh; CAMBRIA #15 – Monte McNickle, Brenda Johnson; RIVERSIDE #16 – Steve Simon, Adam Sippel; GROTON #17 – Allen Walter, Layne Howard; HENRY #18 – Matt Oswald, Darlene Sass; BATH #19 – David Stahl, Scott Sperry; ABERDEEN #20 – Sandra Tople, Heather Basham; MERCIER #21 – Rodney Artz, Daryl Reick; NEW HOPE #22 – Alan Borchard, Kim Schneider; WARNER #23 – Stacie Wiedebush, Robert Seaton; GEM #24 – Loel Schott, Bob Simon; EAST HANSON #25 – Justin Harry, Lynn Miller; GARDEN PRAIRIE #26 – Craig Dunker, Todd Osterman; EAST RONDELL #27 – Carson Stange, Megan McNeil; PALMYRA #28 – Renae Martin, Greta Thorpe; OSCEOLA #29 – Lucinda Gunther, Zachary Christopher Sumption; SAVO #30 – Stacy Bretsch, Calvin Raisanen; LIBERTY #31 – Todd Lunzman, Janet Elsen; RAVINIA # 34 – Anna Wyly, Peggy Salwei; HIGHLAND #35 – Dan Misslitz, Deanna Nelson Henderson; FRANKLYN #36 – Chelsea Gappa, Shirley Stein; RICHLAND #37 – Cheryl L. Gelling (Clerk); LINCOLN #39 – Tawney Beitelspacher, Amber Gillen; BATES #44 – Kathy Dobberpuhl, Betty Geist; GARLAND #46 – Landon Dennert, JoLynn Podoll; PUTNEY #48 – David LaMee, Mark Thompson; WEST HANSON #49 – Alyssa Lord, Jennifer Dirks; HECLA #50 – Susan Rosendahl, Mary Tisher; PRAIRIEWOOD #53 – Heidi Carrels, Matt Prehn; WEST RONDELL #57 – Jim Fischbach, Allen Ryckman; SOUTH DETROIT #59 – Faye Hoines. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the following abatement: For Tax Yr. 24PY25 – Parcel #9751 - \$123.29. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Contracts & Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The vice-chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:08 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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