

NOVEMBER 15, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Feickert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE #231 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Feickert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #231, Applicant Todd Ochsner/Ochsner Real Estate LP requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.15 Light Industrial District (L-I): The S ½ of Section 19-T123N-R64W lying South of Railroad R.O.W. of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #232 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #232, Applicant Jerrad Jangula requesting rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, “Jangula Subdivision” in the NE ¼ of Section 24-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #233 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #233, Applicant John Daily requesting rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG): Lot 1, “First Subdivision of Bieber’s Outlot 1” in the N ½ of Section 21-T126N-R64W of 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #234 – FIRST READING:

Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #234, Applicant Stacy Gossman requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.08 Residential District (R-1) to Chapter 4.13 Commercial District (C): Proposed Lot 1, “Ole Crow Addition” in the NW ¼ of Section 17-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AWARD BROWN COUNTY FAIR RODEO CONTRACTOR:

Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager recommended on behalf of the Brown County Fair Rodeo Committee to accept the RFP from Bailey Pro Rodeo as the Brown County Fair Rodeo Contractor for 2023-2025 Fairs. Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to accept the Baily Pro Rodeo Proposal for years of 2023-2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR CONTRACTS:

Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager presented two Fair Contracts for approval. One for ‘The Best of Motown 2’ at the cost of \$8,000.00 for nine performances. The second one for ‘Duck Enterprises’ to host Duck races in the Kids Zone at the cost of \$7,000.00. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve both Fair Contracts. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR BOARD MEMBER APPROVAL:

Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager asked to approve Brodie Mueller as a new Fair Board Member for two three-year terms. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve Brodie Mueller as new Fair Board Member. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SALES TAX REVENUE:

Rachel Kippely, Fair Manager shared with the Commissioners the amount of Sales Tax Revenue that is brought in just from the Brown County Fairgrounds. She would like the Board to contact Legislators to see about some of those funds being reallocated back to the County to help with upkeep and improvements needed at the Fairgrounds. Commissioners agreed this would be a benefit to other counties as well. Representative Carl Perry was in attendance and will look into this matter. Commissioner Fjeldheim also mentioned that he would like to see a 2% Sales Tax on services that the County provides to benefit the Counties.

WEED & PEST UPDATE:

Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor met with Commission to give a Department Update and inform the Board that they are applying for a \$2000.00 Grant from the Department of Ag & Natural Resources.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the November 8, 2022 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PAYROLL/CLAIMS:

Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$3,837.80; Domain Networks \$289.00; Helms & Assoc. Inc. \$1,146.55; Know Ink, LLC \$3,500.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$368.00; Marco Inc. \$375.00; Cortney Paul \$129.54; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb, LLP \$372.90; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$223.00; Sanford Health Network \$5,557.50; Sara Zahn \$46.60; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulations \$1,991.63.

Publishing: Groton Independent \$320.91.

Rentals: Aramark \$246.61.

Repairs & Maintenance Ecolab Pest Elimination \$147.16; Eilers Water Conditioning & Lawn Irrigation \$125.00; Prairie Scale Systems, Inc. \$833.90; Pro Windmill Inc. \$95.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$94.16; Titan Machinery - Aberdeen NH \$13,790.04;

TranSource Truck & Equipment, Inc. \$1,978.39; Walth Safety Service Inc. \$1,154.48.

Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$12,242.23; Butler Machinery Co. \$2,405.69; Century Business Products \$233.65; Charm-Tex \$155.40; Dakota Oil \$217.60; Dakota Supply Group \$183.29; Fastenal Co. \$505.38; Kessler's \$142.65; Marco Inc. \$2,435.00; Menards \$466.47; NAPA Central \$221.88; Peter Osowski \$224.00; Roland L. Moerke \$1,137.26; Runnings \$24.48; Warner Fire Dept. \$1,137.26.

Travel & Conference: Bonnie Bourassa \$19.43; Carolyn Dinger \$49.06; Constance Cutler \$38.51; Deb Gustafson \$27.49; Julie Hinds \$20.35; Laura Adema \$15.05; Lynn Butler \$10.25; Regency Midwest Ventures Limited Partnership \$101.00; Sharon Zastrow \$20.66.

Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$140.54; City of Aberdeen \$2,008.85; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$3,295.05; Qwest Corporation \$1,201.30; State of South Dakota \$110.86; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$3,086.43; Web Water Development Assoc. Inc. \$98.91.

Others: Safe Harbor \$1,084.87; SD Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$3,875.42; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulations \$643,221.64.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report:

- Acknowledge transfer of MaKendra Ochsner from Brown County Jail CO to Brown County JDC CO; effective November 14, 2022.
- Acknowledge transfer of Kari Harmon from Brown County Communications, Dispatcher to Brown County Jail CO; effective November 15, 2022.
- Acknowledge resignation of Brianna Haugen, Brown County States Attorney Deputy, full-time effective December 23, 2022. Request to fill.
- Acknowledge resignation of Brock Hoyle, Brown County Auditor Chief Deputy, full-time effective December 2, 2022. Request to fill.

- Acknowledge last day of temporary employment for Jan Erickson, Brown County Election worker; effective November 9, 2022.
- Acknowledge last day of temporary employment for Cheryl Finstad, Brown County Election worker; effective November 9, 2022.
- Acknowledge temporary transfer of Jerry Lehrkamp from Brown County Weed & Pest to Brown County Highway; effective November 14, 2022
- Acknowledge temporary transfer of Mike Rohrbach from Brown County Weed & Pest to Brown County Highway; effective November 14, 2022
- Acknowledge temporary transfer of Chris Hemen from Brown County Weed & Pest to Brown County State’s Attorney; effective November 14, 2022
- Approve hiring of Jerry Bjerke as Brown County Highway Labor Grade 3 worker; wage \$19.51/hour; effective November 14, 2022.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) for 4-H YOUTH PROGRAM ADVISOR:

Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Chairman to sign the MOU for the 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Becca Tullar. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Chairman sign the Claim Assignment against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following travel requests:

- Lynn Heupel, Auditor and Stephanie Jacobson, Elections Clerk to travel to Faulkton on Monday, November 21st for meeting on Election Laws
- Lynn Heupel, Auditor to travel to Milbank on Wednesday, November 30th for Lake Region District Meeting

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Carl Perry wanted to congratulate Drew Dennert, Mike Gage, Mike Wiese for winning their elections. Thank-you to Chad Fischbach for caring about Brown County and participating. There are a lot of people talking about Election Integrity and problems, but we are not talking about Lynn Heupel’s job: she is doing a good job. Chairman Sutton reiterated the congratulations and Thanks to Lynn and her crew for a job well done on the Election as seen in the Canvass yesterday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss Personnel, and Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:15a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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