

AGENDA
Codington County Board of Commissioners
Codington County Court House, 14 1st Ave SE, Watertown SD
Commission Chambers, Room #114
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 06, 2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call for public comment. Public comment may be submitted in person or via telephone at 605-882-6248 or 605-882-6297
3. Conflict of interest items
4. Action to approve the May 06, 2025, agenda
5. Action to approve the April 22, 2025, minutes of the Board of Codington County Commissioners
6. Opening of bids for 2025 County Road 20 Asphalt Surfacing project; and possible action to award bids
7. Monthly Reports
 - a. Veterans Service Officer
8. Action to declare used Highway supplies and trucks surplus
9. Action to approve Emergency Management office to apply for Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan update under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program DR-4807
10. Discussion/possible approval of LATC CHW student job shadowing in the Community Services office
11. Action to approve annual Malt Beverage license application renewals
12. Action to approve out of County inmate contract with Walworth County
13. Note payments for nameplate capacity and production tax for three wind energy projects
14. Action to approve abatement applications
15. Action to approve claims for payment
16. Action to approve automatic budget supplements
17. Action to approve personnel changes
18. Action to approve travel requests
19. Public Notices – a possible quorum of Commissioners could be in attendance at:
20. Old Business
21. New Business
22. Open
 - a. Public Comments
 - b. Commission Comments
23. Action to enter into Executive session per SDCL 1-25-2
 - (1) Discussion of personnel issues
 - (2) Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel regarding proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters

(3) Preparing for contract negotiations with employees or employee's representatives

(4) Discussing information listed in SDCL 1-27-1.5 (8) and 1-27-1.5 (17) (safety or disaster)

24. Action to adjourn upon completion of agenda items

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**Official Proceedings
County of Codington
Codington County Court House
14 1st Ave SE
Watertown, SD 57201**

May 06, 2025

The Codington County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 06, 2025, at the Codington County Court House. Commission members present were: Lee Gabel, Tyler McElhany, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen and Randall Schweer. Chair VanDusen, presiding. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner, Johnson.

CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ITEMS

Chair VanDusen called for public comments to be taken up during the open portion of the meeting; none were offered. There were no conflict-of-interest items to note.

AGENDA APPROVED

Motion by Gabel, second by Schweer, to approve the agenda for May 06, 22, 2025, as posted; all voted aye; motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion by McElhany, second by Johnson, to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025; all voted aye; motion carried.

BID LETTING OF CODINGTON COUNTY ROAD 20 ASPHALT SURFACING PROJECT

This being the time and place set, as advertised, for the opening of bids for the Codington County Road 20 Asphalt Surfacing project, the following bids were opened and announced:

<u>BIDDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>
Central Specialties, Inc, Alexandria, MN	\$849,209.10
Duininck, Inc., Prinsburg, MN	\$728,691.10

All bidders provided a bid bond acknowledgment.

Bid award will take place at the Board's meeting on May 13th, 2025.

SURPLUS HIGHWAY SUPPLIES

Motion by Gabel, second by Schweer, to declare two trucks surplus to be sold on purple wave: 2010 International 7600 Workstar dump truck, vin#1HTWXSJT1AJ286966 and 2010 International 7600 Workstar dump truck, vin#1HTWXSJT1AJ286967 and the following items to be donated to Watertown Fire Department and they will be responsible for cutting and moving these pieces with the help of LATC students from the Heavy Equipment program: 2- 8'x7' culvert sections; 6- 24" culvert sections of various lengths; and 2 - 60' sections of bridge decking; all voted aye; motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Veterans Service Officer, Todd Rose, updated the Board: metrics for the month, 198 open claims (working claims) 104 pending action from VA, 102 completed (YTD), Hamlin 13 open (working claims) 9 pending from VA, 2 completed (YTD), currently working for 17 veterans and have completed 6 claims for veterans from outside our county; \$4,650 for the month April 2025, increase in monthly compensation for veterans or their dependents YTD monthly increase \$39,120; \$21,684 for the month of April 2025, retro-payment to bring a claim current to monthly compensation YTD retro-payments \$324,668; 6 veteran

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DAV transports in April, 3 - currently scheduled for May, 8 drivers; VSO office will be closed on May 8, 2025, will be attending a conference put on by the South Dakota Dept. of Veterans Affairs; will meet with Commanders of the Veteran Organizations on May 6, 2025 at VFW; Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 26, 2025 at Mount Hope Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery with the Codington County Extension Complex for a back-up due to weather, the Watertown American Legion is handling this ceremony; an awards presentation by Senator Rounds at the Watertown Airport on May 26th, 2025 at 8:15 a.m., for an Atomic-Veteran Commemorative Service Medal; need to complete performance appraisals and 2026 budget; Veterans Information Event to be held at the Watertown Readiness Center on July 19th, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., currently have several departments from Sioux Falls VA that will be in attendance, covering a variety of topics, there will also be booths set up for people to stop by, working with Sea of Good Will with this; will be attending State Training Conference; no changes with VA, other than a veteran did receive care in his home.

PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to authorize Emergency Management Director, Andrew Delgado to apply for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan update under the Hazard Mitigation Grant program DR-4807, in the amount up to \$20,000, First District Association of Local Governments will assist with this and the local match will be offset by their dues; all voted aye; motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE LATC CHW SHADOW STUDENT

Motion by Gabel, second by Johnson, to approve for a LATC student to job shadow in the Codington County Community Services Office for up to 40 hours, this is not a paid position; all voted aye; motion carried.

2025-2026 MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

Motion by McElhany, second by Schweer, to approve the following 2025-2026, on/off sale, Malt Beverage license renewal applications as announced by the Auditor: David Bludorn, DBA – Rooster Bar; W.J. Schmitt Enterprise, Inc., DBA – Southfork Lounge; Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, DBA Dakota Sioux Casino and Joy C. Nelson, DBA – Joy Ranch of South Dakota; all voted aye; motion carried.

OUT-OF-COUNTY INMATE CONTRACT

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve a contract with Walworth County for the housing of inmates from Walworth County in the Codington County Detention Center; all voted aye; motion carried.

ALTERNATIVE ANNUAL TAX ON WIND FARM PROPERT

The Board noted payment, in the amount of \$1,178,442.66, has been received from the State of South Dakota for 2024 nameplate capacity tax and production tax from Crowned Ridge Wind, LLC, Crowned Ridge 2 Wind, LLC, and Dakota Range 1 & 2 Wind LLC. The following payments will be made with monthly tax apportionment remittances in May:

Codington County	\$412,454.92
Watertown School	\$ 49,999.11
Waverly School	\$539,222.22
Germantown Township	\$ 32,056.42
Kranzburg Township	\$ 38,076.25
Leola Township	\$ 27,043.52
Rauville Township	\$ 4,613.19
Waverly Township	\$ 74,977.03

APRIL SALARY CLAIMS

Motion by Johnson, second by McElhany, to approve for payment the following April salary claims; all voted aye; motion carried.

Commissioners: 12,175.94 total salaries. Auditor: 22,624.50 total salaries. Co. Treasurer: 47,635.53 total salaries. States Attorney: 56,458.31 total salaries. Gov. Buildings: 21,347.07 total salaries. Dir. Equalization: 58,456.83 total salaries. Reg. of Deeds: 31,359.17 total salaries. Veterans Service: 14,634.88 total salaries. Sheriff: 136,678.56 total salaries. Jail: 163,410.75 total salaries. Coroner: 3,444.80 total salaries. Welfare: 27,917.47 total salaries. CO. Nurse: 6,041.29 total salaries. Co.Park: 2,354.43 total salaries. Ag. Bldg.: 12,622.21 total salaries. Co. Extension: 13,550.03 total salaries. Weed: 5,807.95 total salaries. Planning Board: 104.53 total salaries. Road & Bridge: 110,389.86 total salaries. Emergency Management: 15,624.49 total salaries. Crime Victim: 8,868.56 total salaries. W.I.C.: 5,568.03 total salaries. 24/7: 7,413.65

Total 784,407.48

Breakdown of withholding amounts which are included in the above:

S.D. Retirement 74,779.74; VSP 969.88 eye insurance; S.D. Supplemental Retire. 4,885.00 suppl. retire.; Sanford 104,289.38; Reliance Standard Life Insurance 1228.67 life ins.; Delta Dental 7,313.76 ins.; Codington County 7,491.74 employee HSA contribution; AFSCME Council 65 364.42 employee union dues; AFLAC 3,755.00 ins.; VSP 394.22 eye insurance; John Hancock 4,480.00 suppl. retire.; AFLAC 1,741.12 ins.; Sioux Valley Credit Union 22,209.57 employee payments; John Hancock Roth 400.00 suppl. retire.; SDRS Supplemental Retirement 4,710.00 Roth retirement; Teamsters Local Union 120 660.00 employee union due; Codington County Deputy Sheriff's Association 150.00 employee union dues; ReliaBank Dakota 52,990.80 federal withholding; ReliaBank Dakota 71,352.40 social security; ReliaBank Dakota 16,687.14 Medicare; United Way 60.00 employee contributions; Health Equity 7,491.74 employee HSA contribution.

CLAIMS

Motion by Gabel, second by McElhany, to approve the following claims for payment; all voted aye; motion carried. Architecture Inc., \$306,339.97.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Motion by McElhany, second by Gabel, to approve the following personnel changes: John Engels, Seasonal re-hire Assistant Weed Supervisor, Weed Dept, full-time effective 4-28-2025, Grade DD 3/\$24.65; Jeff Riley, Seasonal Highway Dept., effective 5-6-2025, Step 1/\$17.41; all voted aye; motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by Gabel, second by Schweer, to approve the following travel request: Treasurer's Office staff to attend workshop; Director of Equalization Office staff to attend board meeting and conference; all voted aye; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Auditor, Brenda Hanten, informed the Board the urgency to get the servers ordered for the County so the cost don't increase, will put on the May 13th, 2025 agenda for formal action. Commissioner Gabel mentioned that the Judges have expressed a need to update the audio in the small courtroom with a possibility of UJS helping with some of the costs.

OPEN

Commission comments – Commissioner Gabel informed the Board that he joined the zoom call about the 605 Drive system the new MV system the Treasurer's office is implementing.

Public comments – Linda Kranz addressed the Board about the process to obtain a fireworks permit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Schweer, second by Johnson, to enter into executive session, per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Discussion of personnel issues and (4) Discussing information listed in SDCL 1-27-1.5(8) and 1-27-1.5(17) (safety or disaster); at 9:38 a.m.; all voted aye; motion carried. The Board returned to regular session at 10:30 a.m., no action was taken. Auditor, Brenda Hanten, Human Resource Representative, Natalie Remund, and Treasurer, Carol Maloney were present for executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of all business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Gabel, second by McElhany, to adjourn at 10:30 a.m., all voted aye; motion carried.

ATTEST:

Brenda Hanten

Codington County Auditor

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