

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, with the following members present: Angie Boersma, Ryan Krogman, Lee Ann Pierce, Michael Bartley and Larry Jensen.

Chairperson Pierce joint the meeting via telephone at 8:45 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Boersma called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITIZEN INVITATION

Brookings County resident Jeff Struwe discussed the first amendment to the bill of rights.

Brookings County resident Jeanette Gibbons read the letter she sent to Attorney General Mark Vargo regarding a proposed 8 count indictment on crimes associated with COVID-19.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Jensen to approve the agenda for the July 19, 2022, Commission Meeting. All members voted "aye." Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Bartley to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Bartley "aye," Jensen "aye," Krogman "aye," Boersma "aye." Motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes from the July 5, 2022, Commission Meeting.

Travel Requests: Jacob Brehmer & Reid Squires to attend the District 5 Quarterly Meeting, July 26th in Sioux Falls; Jenna Byrd & Lori Schultz to attend a Summer Auditor Meeting on August 4th in Pierre; Jacob Brehmer, Reid Squires, Ken Gabel & Jack Thompson to attend SDAAO Annual Assessor School on September 18th-23rd in Pierre.

Personnel Action Notices: new hire- FT Correctional Officer Jeremiah Loft at \$20.43, effective July 5, 2022; new hire- PT Correctional Officer RuthAnn Holmes at \$20.43, effective July 6, 2022; voluntary resignation - Susan Taylor effective July 19, 2022; annual review- Melanie Kindt to \$19.82, effective August 1, 2022.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Approval of Claims

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Jensen to approve the following claims. Roll call vote: Bartley "aye," Jensen "aye," Krogman "aye," Boersma "aye." Motion carried.

A&B Business Inc, Copier Contract, \$367.26; AgFirst Farmers COOP, Emergency Fuel For Patrol Vehicle, \$243.00; Airgas USA LLC, Safety Glasses, \$236.55; Allegra Print & Imaging, Letterhead, Envelopes, \$366.10; Amazon Capital Services, Jail Supplies, \$122.98; Aragon, Martha A, Translation Services, \$37.50; Aurora Auto Body & Glass, Patrol Vehicle Maint/Repairs, \$411.04; Avera Medical Group, Inmate Clinical Visits, \$2,237.51; Avera Medical Group - ABS, Inmate Clinical Visits, \$783.73; Jordyn Bangasser, Court Appointed Attorney, \$1,677.53; Bobcat Of Brookings, Stihl 18" Bar, \$48.99; James Bothel, 24/7 Sobriety Program, \$58.00; Bowes Construction, Asphalt/Patching, \$204,041.18; Brookings Auto Mall Inc, Oil Change, \$71.90; Brookings City Utilities, BCOAC, Phone Service, CH/Lawn Irrigation/CH/1921 Bldg/Water For Truck Shed/Water/Sewer/Elec/Telephone, Monthly Fees, \$5,892.25; Brookings County Finance, Title/License/Mailing/Plate, \$24.20; Brookings Domestic Abuse, 2nd Quarter Payment, \$2,565.00; Brookings Engraving, Entry Plates For Courthouse, \$135.00; Brookings Equipment Inc, Gasket, \$3.22; Brookings Health System, Inmate Clinical Visits, \$10,028.98; Brookings Monument, CH Veteran Memorial Repair, \$840.00; Brookings Register, Publications, \$6,131.68; Buhls Of Brookings Cleaners, 3 Rugs, Rug Rental, Jail Janitorial Supplies, \$206.50; Capital One, Programming Materials, \$347.41; Carquest Auto Parts Store, Ext Serv Straight/Air Filter, \$957.92; Century Business Products, Copier Contract, \$775.81; Cintas Corporation, Uniforms, \$232.62; City Of Brookings Landfill, Tires/Demolition Of Sinai Shop, \$41.06; City Of Brookings, Animal Control Fees, \$72.00; City Of White, White Water/Sewer/Electric, \$85.01; Clark, Janet, Replace 2 Jury Checks, \$45.20; Clerk Of Courts, Court Appointed Attorney, \$447.93; CLIA Laboratory Program, Nurse Certification, \$180.00; Colonial Research, Citrabust Shop, \$912.40; Connecting Point, Support Contract, \$1,390.00; Cook's Wastepaper & Recycling, July Courthouse/Bcoac Service, July Singletream Service, Brookings/White, Garbage/Waste Util, \$829.01; Core Engineering & Consulting, Geotechnical Engineering Study, \$5,163.00; Dakota Data Shred, Shredding Pick-Up, 2022 Equipment Rental, Paper Shredding Services, \$465.09; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting, Court Reporting, \$63.00; Dell Marketing Lp, Computers For Jail, \$1,811.30; Department Of Motor Vehicles, Title/License/Mailing, \$24.20; DVL Fire And Safety, Fire Extinguishers Inspections, \$1,368.67; Eidsness Funeral Home, Coroner Fees, \$570.00; Election Systems & Software, Layout Charges, Tabulator Tests, \$3,667.97; Empire Investments 7 LLC, Tax Certificate, \$2,033.79; Ericsson Law Office, Court Appointed Attorney, \$1,115.30; Executive Mgmt Finance Office, Microfilm Storage, \$9.18; First Bank & Trust, Monthly Statement, \$665.94; Fite & Pierce Law Office, Court Appointed Attorney, \$2,286.00; Flint Hills Resources, Lp, Road Oil, \$382,430.29; Foerster Distributing, Items For Courthouse, \$98.00; Foerster Distributing, Janitor Supplies, Jail Supplies, \$975.00; Galls, Jail Supplies, \$460.00; Golden West Industrial Supply, Deputy Supplies, \$182.69; Henry Carlson Company, Jail Exp&Remodel Proj, \$318,621.00; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, Custodial Products, \$973.78; Tim Hogan, Court Appointed Attorney, \$4,464.80; Hometown Service & Tire, LLC, Patrol Vehicle Maint/Repairs, \$164.94; Hungerford Chiropractic Pc, Instant Drug Testing, \$90.00; I State Truck Center, Brake Chamber, \$199.14; Info Cubic LLC, Employment Screenings, \$590.65; Inter-Lakes Community Action, 3rd Quarter Funds, \$5,111.75; Interstate Telecom. Coop, Extension Phones, \$389.78; J&L Machine And Welding Inc, Bucket Repair, \$1,365.92; Jackrabbit Tire & Service, Patrol Vehicle Maint/Repairs, \$167.89; Kenner Plumbing Company, Flush Kit, \$573.56; Kibble Equipment LLC, Hose Fitting/Toggle Rocker, \$765.63; Kimball

Midwest, Shop, \$176.17; Kingbrook Rural Water, Sinai Water, \$36.00; L&L Auto & Truck Parts, Battery/Spring Brake/Oil Seal, Deputy Supplies, \$925.46; L.G. Everist Inc, Pea Rock, \$2,008.36; Light & Siren, Light For Superintendent Truck, \$676.00; Lincoln County Auditor, MI Expenses For Mult Customers, \$2,023.86; Lowe's, Lowe's, Supplies For The Water Truck, \$309.33; Reed T Mahlke, Court Appointed Attorney, \$660.30; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Hazardous Materials, \$45.85; Mcgrath North Mullin & Kratz Pc LLO, Professional Services Thru Jun, \$711.22; Mediacom LLC, July Law Library, \$144.79; Moriarty Rentals, Cop Rent, \$645.00; Nancy J Nelson, Court Appointed Attorney, \$2,556.31; Teree A Nesvold, Court Appointed Attorney, \$2,119.95; Newegg Business Inc, Computers, Monitors, Printers, \$1,832.25; Noregon Systems, LLC, Professional Diag Toolbox, \$5,970.40; Northwestern Energy, Natural Gas Usage, Monthly Charges, \$968.78; Office Peeps Inc, Staples, Ribbon, Binder, Copy Paper/Highlighters, Red Golders, Toner, Office/Jail Supplies, \$2,831.57; Ortho Source Inc, Inmate Medications, \$110.00; Prahm Construction, Inc, Application #1, \$10,358.76; Prairie Graphics, Co Uniforms, \$1,569.50; Prochem Dynamics LLC, Jail Janitorial Supplies, \$239.73; South Dakota Public Health Laboratory, June Blood Test/Lab Services, \$1,240.00; Qualified Presort Service, Mail Pick Up, \$53.70; Ramkota Hotel, Deputy Workshop, \$98.00; Razors Edge Grounds Keeping, June CH Grounds Maintenance, Mowing/Fertilizer/Spraying, \$2,315.00; RC First Aid, Ear Plugs, \$62.00; RDO Equipment Co, Inventory Filters/Tie Rod End, \$4,310.82; Renodry USA LLC, CH Dehydration System, \$201.56; RFD Newspapers Inc, Publications, \$9,104.23; Running's Supply Inc, Flowers For Front Of Building, Courthouse Janitorial Items, Fuel Hose/Saw Plate/Fitting Pi, \$231.00; Sanford Health, New Deputy Exam, Coroner Costs, \$6,882.00; Satellite Tracking Of People, GPS Monitoring, \$815.75; SD Attorney General's Office, 24/7 Sobriety Program, \$3,705.00; SD Dept Of Transportation, Inspections, \$31,900.59; SD Newspaper Service, Job Listings, \$681.70; SDAAO, Assessor School Reg, \$1,450.00; SDACC, 3rd Quarter Clerp, \$1,872.00; SDACO, Mod&Pres Relief Fund, \$904.00; SHI International Corp, Sentinelone Antivirus Renewal, \$2,710.00; Sioux Falls Kenworth Inc, Brake Clutch, \$59.24; Sioux Valley Energy, Electric, \$201.00; Steffensen, Stacy, Emp Co Gift Card Reimbursement, \$200.00; Sterzinger Construction, Gravel, \$21,000.00; Sturdevant's Auto Parts, Plug, Plastic Bonder, Scotseal, Supplies, \$42.25; Teesdale Law Office Pllc, Court Appointed Attorney, \$2,290.65; Terrell Thomas, 24/7 Sobriety Program, \$13.00; Thomson Reuters - West, June Monthly Billing, \$1,177.08; Titan Machinery, Rear Differential, \$7,133.14; Topkote Inc, Chip Seal Project, \$152,185.74; Trinity Services Group, Inc, Inmate Meal Services, \$7,049.33; Truenorth Steel, Culvert For Inventory, \$42,382.80; Walburg, Duane, Animal Control Mileage, \$125.16; Wheelco, Brake Shoe Box/ Air Compressor, \$303.31; WW Tire Service Inc, Tires, \$3,542.24; Yankton County Sheriff, Service Of Process, \$50.00; Yankton County Treasurer, MI Charges, \$239.85.

Chairperson Pierce joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Department Head Reports

BCOAC Director Dustin Huber updated the board on attendance and events held at the facility.

Huber said Trane has been in to do their quarterly maintenance.

Huber said the U.S Concealed Carry Association would like to set up a table inside the facility and sell memberships and swag. Huber said they are new in the industry and asked the board if that was okay to do. By consensus, the board agreed to allow the USCCA to setup a table inside the BCOAC and sell memberships and swag.

Huber said the BCOAC was awarded a Wildlife Restoration Grant, Hunter Education Program Grant Agreement.

Huber said David Parker with Outdoor Campus would like to set up a waterfowl loaner trailer and store it at the BCOAC. Huber said the BCOAC would not be held liable for any damages. By consensus, the board gave Outdoor Campus permission to store a waterfowl loaner trailer at the BCOAC.

Community Health Nurse Jen Burns said the office is fully staffed. Burns said the state switched everything from paper to electronic so that's been a positive.

Burns said they continue to discuss immunization status and promote recommended immunizations with all clients who come into the office. Burns said they saw a drop in WIC numbers during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the numbers are slowly increasing. Burns said the state is looking into telehealth.

County Development Director Robert Hill updated the board on the Medary Township drainage project. He said they will be meeting with the landowners who have federal easements.

Hill said the Civil Air Patrol flew over the Big Sioux River and took pictures of all the trees in the river that could affect transportation. Hill said transportation being bridges.

Hill said they are requesting a generator for the emergency operations center using ARPA funds. He said they will be preparing for another generator at the BCOAC for sheltering purposes.

Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad said he met with representatives with Sioux Valley Energy to discuss expediting some permits to include both underground and overhead.

Gustad met with Banner Associates & City of Volga to discuss Samara Avenue.

Gustad attended the Aurora Progress Meeting. Gustad updated the board on the Sinai Bridge. He said the bridge will be open today.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Jensen to approve Ordinance 2022-04: an ordinance authorizing rezoning of "Portion of Outlot 15 of Outlots 15-16-17-18 inclusive of W ½ S ½ NE ¼ of Section 11, T109N, R50W (Medary Township)," that portion of Outlot 15 to be rezoned will be known as "Lot A of Outlot 15 in the W ½ of the S ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 11, T109N, R50W of the 5th P.M., Brookings County, South Dakota.

Chairperson Boersma opened the public hearing and called for proponents and opponents. Hearing none, Chairperson Boersma closed the public hearing.

Roll call vote: Krogman "aye," Pierce "aye," Bartley "aye," Jensen "aye," Boersma "aye." Motion carried.

Ordinance 2022 - 04

An Ordinance Authorizing Rezoning of "Portion of Outlot 15 of Outlots 15-16-17-18 inclusive of W1/2 S1/2 NE1/4 of Section 11, T109N, R50W (Medary Township)", that portion of Outlot 15 to be rezoned will be known as "Lot "A of Outlot 15 in the W1/2 of the S1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 11, T109N, R50W of the 5th P.M., Brookings County, South Dakota"

WHEREAS, Jack Petersen made an application to the Brookings County Zoning Board to rezone property from Joint Jurisdiction B-3 (Business: Heavy) District. to a Joint Jurisdiction R-3A (Multiple-Family & Mobile Home) District;

WHEREAS, the Brookings County Planning Commission recommended approval to rezone the

property on June 7, 2022;

WHEREAS, SDCL 11-2-30 requires the Brookings County Commission to adopt or reject the change;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION, BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, in accordance with Section 800 of Article VIII of Appendix C-Joint Jurisdiction Area Zoning Ordinance, of the City of Brookings and County of Brookings, South Dakota, that the following property be rezoned from Joint Jurisdiction B-3 (Business: Heavy) District. to a Joint Jurisdiction R-3A (Multiple-Family & Mobile Home) District

“Portion of Outlot 15 of Outlots 15-16-17-18 inclusive of W1/2 S1/2 NE1/4 of Section 11, T109N, R50W (Medary Township)”, that portion of Outlot 15 to be rezoned to Joint Jurisdiction R-3A (Multiple-Family & Mobile Home) will be known as “Lot “A” of Outlot 15 in the W1/2 of the S1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 11, T109N, R50W of the 5th P.M., Brookings County, South Dakota”, the balance of “Outlot 15 in the W1/2 of the S1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 11, T109N, R50W of the 5th P.M., Brookings County, South Dakota” will remain zoned Joint Jurisdiction B-3 (Business: Heavy) District.

Dated this 19th day of July 2022.

Angela Boersma, Chairperson
Brookings County Commission

ATTEST:

First Reading: June 21, 2022
Second Reading: July 19, 2022
Adopted: July 19, 2022
Publication Date: July 28, 2022
Effective Date: August 18, 2022

Lori Schultz
Brookings Finance Officer

Department Head Reports Continued

Sheriff Marty Stanwick said there are 35 inmates in jail and 103 individuals participating in the 24/7 program. Stanwick said they continue to stay busy.

Stanwick said he attended the candidate forum for the Brookings Chief of Police.

Finance Office Officer’s Report

The Finance Officer’s report was presented for the month of June 2022.

June 2022

Total amount of deposits in banks.....\$31,095,785.59
Total amount of actual cash: Currency.....\$4,105.00
Total amount of coins.....\$4.54
Total amount of checks in Treasurer’s possession not exceeding 3 days....\$83,842.29
Itemized list of all other items.....\$24,744.04
TOTAL.....\$34,615,129.46

Commission/HR: \$36,421.76; Elections: \$2,688.00; Finance Office: \$31,830.10; States Attorney: \$45,689.35; Equalization: \$50,320.04; Register of Deeds: \$13,719.20; Sheriff's Office: \$187,767.09; Coroner: \$683.86; Community Health: \$2,381.34; Extension: \$2,524.64; Weed: \$7,969.47; Planning/Zoning: \$10,307.60; Highway: \$79,642.66; Emergency Management: \$6,297.40; BCOAC: \$10,527.15; Technology: \$13,929.81.

AFLAC: \$3,633.02; Aveis: \$1,645.71; Office of Child Support: \$399.00; Delta Dental: \$7,361.58; Flex One: \$1,655.00; Principal Life Insurance: \$1,703.71; Local Teamsters: \$1,335.00; SDRS: \$57,106.08; SDRS Supplemental: \$4,605.00; EFTPS: \$105,006.53; Wellmark: \$112,234.85; SDRS Special Pay Plan Fee: \$45.00; AFLAC Group/CAIC Primary: \$215.54.

Be it noted, the expenditure adjustments for the month of June 2022 were presented to the board. \$10,707.60 was transferred to allocate highway department expenditures to other county departments for work performed and supplies furnished by the highway department.

Be it noted, the Register of Deeds Statement of Fees collected for the month of June 2022 in the amount of \$57,661.00 was presented to the County Commission.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Bartley to approve for recording purposes and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Resolution #22-28: a plat of Block 1, Hardt Addition in Government Lot 1 of Section 33, T109N, R50W of the 5th P.M., Brookings County, South Dakota. Background information was provided by County Development Director Robert Hill.

Roll call vote: Krogman "aye," Pierce "aye," Bartley "aye," Jensen "aye," Boersma "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Krogman to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Resolution #22-29: a resolution listing uncollectible distress warrants.

Roll call vote: Pierce "aye," Bartley "aye," Jensen "aye," Krogman "aye," Boersma "aye." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-29

UNCOLLECTIBLE MOBILE HOME LISTING FOR 2020 PAY 2021

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 10-22-30 requires the County Finance Officer to present a list of all distress warrants returned by the Sheriff as uncollectible to the Board of County Commissioners. The board has examined such returns and, is satisfied with reports from Sheriff's and Finance Officer that the taxes described in any such warrant cannot be collected.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Brookings County Commissioners, at a regular meeting July 19, 2022 direct the County Finance Officer to put uncollectible mobile homes on the uncollectible list until it is determined either by the Board of County Commissioners or the County Finance officer that such taxes have become or may have become collectible. There will be a complete listing of all uncollectible mobile homes and buildings on leased sites on file in the Brookings County Finance Office.

Adopted this 19th day of July, 2022

Angie Boersma
Chairperson, Brookings County
Board of County Commissioners

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Krogman to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Resolution #22-30: a Bridge Improvement Grant/Local Federal Bridge Programs resolution authorizing submission of applications.

Roll call vote: Bartley “aye,” Jensen “aye,” Krogman “aye,” Pierce “aye,” Boersma “aye.”
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-30

**A BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT/LOCAL
FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAM RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, Brookings County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):

SN 06-193-130 on CR 46-209TH Street, 3.0 N and 2.3 E of Brookings
SN 06-310-059 on CR 29-485th Avenue, 1.5 N and 7.0 E of White
SN 06-320-235 on CR 33-486th Avenue, 2.5 S of Elkton

and WHEREAS, Brookings County certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county’s Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan;

and WHEREAS, Brookings County agrees to pay the 20% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and/or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge funds;

and, WHEREAS, Brookings County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application(s) and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal bridge application(s).

Voted of Commissioners/Council: Yes 5 No 0

Dated at Brookings, SD this 19th day of July, 2022.

Angela Boersma
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lori Schultz
Finance Officer

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Jensen to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Resolution #22-31: a Bridge Improvement Grant/Local Federal Bridge Programs resolution authorizing submission of applications.

Roll call vote: Jensen “aye,” Krogman “aye,” Pierce “aye,” Bartley “aye,” Boersma “aye.”
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-31

A BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT/LOCAL FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAM RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Brookings County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):

SN 06-140-021 on 468th Avenue, 13.0 N and 3.0 W of Brookings
SN 06-160-017 on 470th Avenue, 14.3 N and 1.0 W of Brookings
SN 06-220-089 on 476th Avenue, 1.4 S and 2.0 W of White

and WHEREAS, N/A certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county’s Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan;

and WHEREAS, Brookings County agrees to pay the N/A % match on the Bridge Improvement Grant funds and/or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge funds;

and, WHEREAS, Brookings County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application(s) and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal bridge application(s).

Voted of Commissioners/Council: Yes 5 No 0

Dated at Brookings, SD this 19th day of July, 2022.

Angela Boersma
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Lori Schultz
Finance Officer

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Jensen to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Resolution #22-32: a resolution requesting the repeal of SDCL 61-5-40.

Commissioner Pierce said this is the statue that caused the unemployment insurance problem for them. Boersma said this is the resolution the county is providing to the State Dakota Association of County Commissioners as a part of the resolution process for consideration by the entire state association.

Roll call vote: Krogman “aye,” Pierce “aye,” Bartley “aye,” Jensen “aye,” Boersma “aye.”
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #22-32

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REPEAL OF SDCL 61-5-40

WHEREAS, SDCL 61-5-32 authorizes political subdivisions to elect between making contributions to the Reemployment Assistance Benefits Fund, “previously called unemployment insurance fund,” or to reimburse the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation for money paid to past employees pursuant to SDCL 61-5A; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 61-5-39 provides exemptions for which employers are not required to pay Reemployment Assistance Benefits; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 61-5-40 states political subdivisions which elect to reimburse the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation for benefits in lieu of making contributions to the South Dakota Labor and Regulation unemployment fund are not entitled to any of the exemptions set forth in SDCL 61-5-39.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Brookings County Board of County Commissioners that SDCL 61-5-40 be repealed as relates to the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions.

Dated this 19th day July 2022.

Angela Boersma
Chairperson, Brookings County
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lori Schultz
Brookings County Finance Officer

Ryan Krogman, Vice - Chairperson

Michael Bartley, Commissioner

Larry Jensen, Commissioner

Lee Ann Pierce, Commissioner

Supporting Criteria

Many political subdivisions in South Dakota choose to be reimbursing entities rather than paying into the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation’s unemployment fund. State statute allows political entities to be reimbursing employers. State statute also lists nine (9) exceptions to having to pay benefits, but only for entities that are not reimbursing employers.

The repeal of SDCL 61-5-40 would allow those political subdivisions that are statutorily authorized to be reimbursing employers to also qualify for the exceptions listed in SDCL 61-5-39.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEM

United Way Executive Director Heidi Gullickson said they are building a new facility to address food insecurity throughout Brookings County. She said they would own and manage the building while nonprofit tenants would include Brookings County Food Pantry, The Brookings Backpack Project, the Senior Commodities Program, the Helpline Center as well as Brookings Area United Way personnel.

Gullickson said the current Food Pantry building is insufficient and has safety concerns; the Brookings Backpack Project does not have a permanent location and has been in over 4 different

locations in the last 8 years; and the senior commodities program has challenges within the physical space of their current location which creates a hardship on their volunteers.

Gullickson said those three food organizations assist over 1,300 households in Brookings County. Gullickson said they received a grant for \$1,656,529.05 to help building the facility and the City of Brookings has committed \$300,000 towards the project. Gullickson said they are requesting ARPA funds from Brookings County of \$300,000 to help complete the build. She said those funds would support safety measures including security cameras, keyless door entry system, outdoor signage and lighting, an electric pallet jack, food appliances and a backup generator system.

Commissioner Boersma said there isn't action on the table but plan to discuss it during their ARPA discussion meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Jensen to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Agreement #22-70: a South Dakota Department of Transportation Agreement for Use and Restoration of Detour and/or Wet Weather Detour. Background information was provided by Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad.

Roll call vote: Pierce "aye," Bartley "aye," Jensen "aye," Krogman "aye," Boersma "aye."
Motion carried.

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Jensen to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Agreement #22-71: an application for occupancy of right of way of county highways made by East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. in Aurora Township. Background information was provided by Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad.

All members voted "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Bartley to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Agreement #22-72: an application for occupancy of right of way of county highways made by East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. in Aurora and Brookings Townships.

All members voted "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Bartley to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Agreement #22-73: an application for occupancy of right of way of county highways made by East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. in Aurora Township.

All members voted "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Jensen to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Agreement #22-74: an application for occupancy of right of way of county highways made by Sioux Valley Energy in Bangor Township.

All members voted "aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Bartley to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Agreement #22-75: a Joint Powers Agreement for juvenile detention services. Background information was provided by Commission Department Director Stacy Steffensen.

Roll call vote: Bartley "aye," Jensen "aye," Krogman "aye," Pierce "aye," Boersma "aye."
Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Jensen to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Agreement #22-76: a Public Use Agreement between the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center and the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks. Background information was provided by BCOAC Director Dustin Huber.

Roll call vote: Jensen “aye,” Krogman “aye,” Pierce “aye,” Bartley “aye,” Boersma “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Krogman to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign Agreement #22-77: a State of South Dakota agreement between the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center and the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks for indoor shooting range enhancements.

Roll call vote: Krogman “aye,” Pierce “aye,” Bartley “aye,” Jensen “aye,” Boersma “aye.” Motion carried.

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Bartley to approve and authorize Chairperson Boersma to sign a Request to Fill Vacancy for a Finance Assistant in the Finance Office.

All members voted “aye.” Motion carried.

The board held discussion on the Disabled American Veterans van. Commission Department Director Stacy Steffensen met with some representatives with BATA and had discussions on the DAV van. The problem they have right now is they are short on volunteer drivers with an increased need. Steffensen said BATA is already going down to Sioux Falls three times a day and would charge \$30/round trip per day.

Krogman said they are looking into this because of the workload it takes to coordinate these rides, along with an increased cost in gas and very low volunteers to drive the veterans down to Sioux Falls. Krogman said these drivers have to fill out a 30-page application to qualify.

Krogman said the meeting was to see if BATA would be interested in taking veterans down to Sioux Falls and they are interested. County Development Director Robert Hill asked if BATA will wait until the veteran is released from their appointment. Krogman said that will have to be worked out.

Bartley said he would like to see some statistics on the van and how often it’s used.

Commission Department Director Stacy Steffensen presented the Commission Department Director’s Report. Steffensen presented June numbers from Veteran’s Service Officer Courtney Steffen. Steffensen said she had 88 appointments, 2 outreach events, and coordinated 14 DAV van rides.

Steffensen said the open house for Phase 2 of the jail project will be Monday, August 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Steffensen said the Conservation District Tour will be Tuesday, August 9th.

Steffensen said Senior Companions would like to have a commissioner speak at their recognition event on Friday, August 5th in Watertown.

Steffensen said they received information from the SD Department of Transportation on the FY2023 Rural Access Infrastructure appropriations. She said Brookings County will receive \$931,526.70.

Steffensen discussed upcoming dates.

States Attorney Dan Nelson said he was asked by the City of Brookings to be one of the interviewing panelists for the new Chief of Police. He said they interviewed a lot of great candidates and is anxiously waiting to see who they picked.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Pierce said she and Commissioner Jensen had a Medary Township Drainage Meeting.

Commissioner Bartley attended a Jail Meeting.

Commissioner Jensen attended a Conservation District Meeting; attended a Medary Township Meeting; attended the Fireman's Meeting in White; attended a Samara Avenue Project Meeting; attended a Jail Meeting; and participated in the parade in White.

Commissioner Krogman met with Stacy and Interim Director for BATA Travis Bortnem to discuss the DAV van and services for the veterans.

Commissioner Boersma attended the candidate forum for the Brookings Police of Chief; attended the Samara Avenue Project Meeting; participated in NACo Next Gen Meeting; and attended a Brookings Behavioral Health & Wellness Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Krogman, seconded by Jensen to enter into Executive Session at 10:26 a.m., in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(1), personnel. All members voted "aye." Motion carried

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Jensen to come out of Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. All members voted "aye." Motion carried. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bartley, seconded by Krogman to adjourn. All members voted "aye." Motion carried. The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

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