2010 Legal and Public 2010 **Notices**

NOW. THERE-FORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following personal property be declared no longer necessary, useful or suitable for municipal purposes and authorize the transfer of surplused property to the State Park Service and the Yankton County Sheriff's Office in accordance with SDCL 6-13-1 and SDCL 6-5-2, et sequential:

SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED

- 4 PRISONER PARTITIONS
- 8 KUSTOM RADAR UNITS 8 DIGITAL ALLY VIDEO SYS-
- TEMS 4 TRUNK ORGANIZERS
- 2 POLICE CENTER CONSOLES

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting "Nay:'

Motion adopted.

Action 13-28

Moved by Commissioner Gross, seconded by Commissioner Woerner, to adopt Resolution 13-03. (Memorandum 13-29)

RESOLUTION 13-03 FEDERAL AID SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY AND URBAN **PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Yankton desires the construction and improvement of the road and/or bridge as hereinafter described: LOCATION, LENGTH, STRUC-TURE NUMBER: Highway 50 from Broadway Avenue to Archery Lane which is 1.6 miles in length through the City of Yank-

TYPE OF CON-STRUCTION: Highway reconstruction including lighting, pavement, storm sewer, sidewalks, shared use trails, right-of-way, traffic signals, and other roadway features.

LIST OF CURRENT LANDOWNERS ADJACENT TO THE PROJECT (NAMES & ADDRESSES-attach a list if necessary): As shown on the Preliminary Design inspection plans prepared by the South Dakota Department of Transportation

Major Collector Route Number (if applicable): Highway

AND WHEREAS, the City of Yankton along with SDDOT is obligated and hereby agrees to provide proper maintenance as required by the Federal Highway Act as amended and supplemented thereto for the project after construction is completed and to regulate or cause to be regulated the installation of utility facilities within the limits of the right-of-way of the proposed project in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

AND WHEREAS, the City of Yankton is obligated and hereby agrees to reimburse the State for all costs not reimbursable with Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds and associated State matching funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED: That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is authorized and requested to prepare a City participation agreement for consideration and a construction project, in accordance with the "Local Roads Plan" and the State's "Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges," the project described.

Estimated Cost of Project Including Engineering: 7.8 million STP Funds (City's allocation):

750,000.00* Local Funds (if needed

to meet construction year):

* Funding level determined by agreement for City participation in NH00500(99)381

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting

Motion adopted.

Legal and Public Notices

Action 13-29 Moved by Commissioner Carda, seconded by Commissioner Akland, to authorize the Finance Officer to proceed with plans to op-

erate the proposed April 9, 2013, Joint City/School Election as a "Voting Center Election" rather than a "Voting Precinct Election" with Voting Centers being designated as Jo Dean's Restaurant, the City Hall Auditorium, and the Yankton County 4-H Facility. (Memorandum 13-31)

Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting None.

Motion adopted.

Action 13-30

Moved by Commissioner Woerner, seconded by Commissioner Carda, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Roll Call: All members present voting "Aye;" voting

Motion adopted.

Jacob Hoffner Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Viereck Finance Officer Published once at the approximate cost of \$175.10.

AP: House Dems Set To Offer Own Gun Control Plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats will unveil 15 proposals for curbing gun violence that resemble President Barack Obama's plan and will include a call for banning assault weapons, people familiar with the package said Wednesday.

The Democrats' recommendations will also include barring high-capacity magazines carrying more than 10 rounds of ammunition, requiring background checks for all gun sales and prohibiting gun trafficking, all of which Obama proposed last month.

The proposals, to be released Thursday by top House Democrats, were described by people who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the plan publicly. They represent the initial House Democratic response to the horrific Dec. 14 shooting of 20 first-graders and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Even so, the Democrats' proposals are unlikely to go anywhere quickly in the Republican-controlled House. A spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, has said the House will wait to see what the Democratic-led Sen-

Obama's gun control proposals have been opposed by the National Rifle Association, which is a potent lobbying force on Capitol Hill. In addition, some Democrats — including many from rural or conservative areas - have been reluctant to endorse the president's plan.

That hesitation was underscored Wednesday at a private retreat Senate Democrats staged in Annapolis, Md. At that session, Democrats largely embraced expanded background checks on gun sales, but some senators expressed a desire to avoid voting on an assault weapons ban, according to two people who described the closed-door session only on condition of anonymity.

The House Democrats' recommendations were proposed by the 12-member House Democratic Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, led by Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif. Two-thirds of its members had to approve an item for it to be included in their plan, meaning there likely will be Democratic dissenters to some of the ideas.

Among the task force members was Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the House's longest serving member. Dingell has been a strong ally of the National Rifle Association, though he has clashed with them on some issues in the past.

There has been strong public support for expanding background checks beyond the current system, in which the checks only cover sales by federally licensed gun dealers. The checks are aimed at weeding out gun sales to criminals, people with mental health problems and some others.

That proposal has gotten the most initial backing from members of Congress and is widely expected to be the centerpiece of legislation the Senate Judiciary Committee plans to write as soon as this month. Anti-trafficking provisions — making it a crime to sell guns to people who are prohibited from having them — also is expected to be in-

Interior Department

Obama Nominates CEO For Post

BY MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Wednesday nominated outdoor business executive Sally Jewell to lead the Interior Department.

Obama said Jewell, president and chief executive at REI, has earned national recognition for her support of outdoor recreation and habitat conservation. He also noted her experience as an engineer in oil fields and her record of achievement and environmental stewardship at REI, which sells clothing and gear for outdoor use.

"She knows the link between conservation and good jobs. She knows that there's no contradiction between being good stewards of the land and our economic progress that, in fact, those two things need to go hand and hand," Ubama said at a White House ceremony.

At REI, Jewell "has shown that a company with more than \$1 billion in sales can do the right thing for our planet," Obama said. Last year, REI donated nearly \$4 million to protect trails and parks, and 20 percent of the electricity used in the company's stores comes from renewable sources.

Jewell, the first woman Obama has nominated for his Cabinet in his second term, would replace current Interior Secretary Ken Salazar if confirmed by the Senate. Salazar has held the post throughout Obama's first term. He announced last month that he would step down in March.

Jewell, 56, emerged as a frontrunner for the Interior post in recent days, edging out better-known Democrats such as former Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire and former Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter. The Interior job traditionally has gone to politicians from Western states. Salazar was a Colorado senator before taking over at Interior in 2009.

Jewell donated \$5,000 to Obama's re-election effort and has supported other Democrats, campaign finance records show.

The White House faced criticism



ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG VIA ABACA PRESS/MCT

President Barack Obama, left, announces Sally Jewell, chief executive officer of Recreational Equipment Inc., as his nominee to become secretary of the U.S. Interior Department at the White House in Washington on Wednesday.

that the new Cabinet lacked diversity after Obama tapped a string of white men for top posts, but Obama promised more diverse nominees were in the queue for other jobs.

Jewell's confirmation also would put a prominent representative from the business community in the president's Cabinet. REI is a \$2 billion-a-year company and has been named by Fortune Magazine as one of the top 100 companies to work

Jewell was born in England, but moved to the Seattle area before age 4 and is a U.S. citizen.

In 2011, Jewell introduced Obama at a White House conference on the "America's Great Outdoors" initiative, noting that the \$289 billion outdoor-recreation industry supports 6.5 million jobs. She also appeared at a 2009 White House event on health care.

Under Salazar, the Interior Department pushed renewable power such as solar and wind and oversaw a moratorium on offshore drilling after the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The moratorium was lifted in October 2010, although offshore drilling operations did not begin for several more months.

The Interior Department manages more than 500 million acres in national parks and other public lands, and more than 1 billion acres offshore, overseeing energy, mining operations and recreation. The department also provides services to 566 federally recognized Indian

Jewell's nomination was hailed by conservation and business groups alike.

Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune called Jewell a champion in the effort to connect children with nature and said she has "a demonstrated commitment to preserving the higher purposes public lands hold for all Americans recreation, adventure, and enjoyment.

The Western Energy Alliance, which represents the oil and natural gas industry in the West, also welcomed Jewell's nomination.

"Her experience as a petroleum engineer and business leader will bring a unique perspective to an office that is key to our nation's energy portfolio," said Tim Wigley, the group's president.

Syrian Capital Sees Heaviest Clashes In Weeks

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian rebels and regime forces fought their most intense clashes in weeks inside the heavily guarded capital of Damascus on Wednesday, activists said, with the sounds of shell blasts echoing through the downtown area and keeping many children home from school while residents hid in their houses.

The opposition fighters blasted army checkpoints with rifles and anti-aircraft guns while government forces shelled the eastern and southern suburbs, trying to repel a new insurgent effort to push the civil war into the heart of the capital, the anti-regime activists said.

Although bordered by rebellious suburbs that have seen fierce fighting, widespread clashes have remained mostly on the capital's edges, saving it from the destruction that has ravaged other major cities such as Aleppo and Homs.

The military of President Bashar has focused on securing the capital, and the dozens of rebels groups that have established footholds in Damascus suburbs have failed to form a united front, each fighting for its own area with little or no coordination with others.

Much of Wednesday's fighting was sparked by a push by a number of rebels groups in the northwestern neighborhood of Jobar, which is bisected by the Damascus ring road. Rebels, who control the area east of the road, launched attacks on army checkpoints in the regime-controlled western part to try to seize the road, one of the capital's most important thoroughfares.

U.S. To Cut Carrier Fleet In The Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is cutting its aircraft carrier presence in the Persian Gulf region from two carriers to one, the Defense Department said Wednesday, in a move that represents one of the most significant effects of budget cuts on the U.S. military pres-

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has approved keeping just one carrier in the Persian Gulf region. The U.S. has maintained two aircraft carrier groups in the Gulf for most of the last two years.

Plans for the USS Harry S Truman to deploy to the Gulf later this week have been canceled. The USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, brought home from the Gulf in December for the resurfacing of its flight deck and other maintenance, will return later this month and stay until about summer. The USS John C. Stennis will leave the Gulf and return home after the Eisenhower arrives.

Pentagon press secretary George Little issued a statement Wednesday afternoon confirming the carrier decision after The Associated Press, citing unidentified U.S. officials, reported Panetta's move. Little said the Navy asked Panetta to delay the deployments of the

Truman and the USS Gettysburg, a guided-missile cruiser, because of budget uncertainty.

Boy Scouts Delay Decision On Gay Members

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Caught in an ideological crossfire, the Boy Scouts of America is delaying until May a vote on whether to ease its policy of excluding gays as Scouts and adult leaders. Any eventual decision is likely to anger major constituencies and worsen schisms

The delay, which the Scouts attributed to "the complexity of this issue," was announced Wednesday after closed-door deliberations by the BSA's national executive board. Under consideration was a proposal to ease the longstanding ban on gays by allowing sponsors of local troops to decide for themselves on gay membership.

As the board met over three days at a hotel near Dallas, it became clear that the proposal would be unacceptable to large numbers of impassioned Scouting families and advocacy groups on both the left and

As much as the iconic youth organization has argued for the freedom to teach its own values to American boys, it is now deeply entangled in the broader cultural and political conflicts over such issues as same-sex marriage and religious freedom. Tilting toward either side will probably alienate the other, and a midway balancing act will be difficult.

Gay-rights supporters contend that no Scout units anywhere should exclude gays, and vowed to maintain pressure on the BSA's corporate donors to achieve that goal. Some conservatives, including religious leaders whose churches sponsor troops, warned of mass defections if the ban were even partially eased. They urged supporters to flood headquarters with phone calls.

Immigration Plan Creates Religious Conflict

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops are in a difficult position as the debate over immigration reform gets underway: The immigrant-built American church, known for advocating a broad welcome for migrants and refugees, could end up opposing reform because it would recognize same-sex partners.

Proposals by President Barack Obama and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus include the same-sex partners of Americans among those who would be eligible for visas. The Human Rights Campaign and other gay advocates welcomed the recognition, arguing current laws unfairly treat people in gay or lesbian relationships "as strangers." The idea has the backing of the National Council de la Raza and other liberal Latino groups. But Catholic bishops, with the support of evangelicals and other

theological conservatives, have sent a letter to Obama protesting his proposal. In a sign of the sensitivity of the issue, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops would not provide a copy of the statement, saying the signatories agreed not to make the letter public. Sister Mary Ann Walsh, a spokeswoman for the bishops, would say only that recognition of gay couples in the president's reform proposals "jeopardizes passage of the bill. Galen Carey, public policy officer for the National Association of

Evangelicals, which represents 40 denominations and has been lobbying for new immigration laws, said, "Our view is immigration reform is not the place to have this discussion." The theologically conservative Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod also signed the Catholic bishops' letter.

Rubio To Deliver State Of Union GOP Response

WASHINGTON (AP) — Florida Sen. Marco Rubio will give the Republican rebuttal to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address on Tuesday, providing a direct message to a growing Hispanic electorate that shunned the GOP in last year's election. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Republican

leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., announced the selection of Rubio on Wednesday, calling him a strong advocate of conservative principles. Rubio will speak after Obama's prime-time address before Congress, offering a counterweight to the president's agenda. The highprofile speech gives Rubio a broad national audience for a party that

lacks a true standard-bearer after Obama's re-election.

Boehner called Rubio "one of our party's most dynamic and inspiring leaders. He carries our party's banner of freedom, opportunity and prosperity in a way few others can."

McConnell said his Senate colleague would "contrast the Republican approach to the challenges we face with President Obama's vision of an ever-bigger government and the higher taxes that would be needed to pay for it.'

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