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and sediment control and the same is hereby approved. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat the proper resolution and certify the same. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Patrick Garrity presented his annual report to the Board. He issued 143 county building permits in 2012, down from 204 in 2011. As a result of the drainage ordinance enacted by the County in June 2012, Garrity issued 37 drainage permits along with 27 floodplain permits. The 37 drainage permits accounted for 299,950 feet of drainage tile valued at \$539,000.

Action 1339Z: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to accept into the record, the annual report of the Planning and Zoning Department. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1340V: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to approve moving the Veteran's Service Office to the second floor office in the Government Center that was recently vacated by the Planning and Zoning Department. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1341C: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to approve the following claims: **Commissioners:** Yankton County Observer (Legal Notices) \$336.40, SD Association of Counties (2013 Dues) \$3,641.32, Town of Lesterville (Surplus Property Specials Agreement) \$250.00, River Rat Productions (Services) \$375.00; **Elections:** Election Systems & Software (Maintenance) \$6,490.84; **Court:** Fox, Youngberg & Lewno (Legal Assistance) \$9,000.00, Harmelink, Fox & Ravensborg (Legal Assistance) \$131.00, Lewis & Clark Family Medicine (Services) \$500.00, Gary Mikelson (Legal Assistance) \$508.00, Psychological Associates (Services) \$500.00, Pamela Scheid (Services) \$843.40; **Auditor:** Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$694.45, LEAF (Maintenance) \$152.00, SDACO (2013 Dues) \$698.56, Western Office Technologies (Maintenance & Supplies) \$387.52; **Treasurer:** Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$871.36, SDACO (2013 Dues) \$698.55; **Data Processing:** Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$761.11; **States Attorney:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Lab) \$749.85, Hy-Vee (Supplies) \$13.27, Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$824.36, Miller Consulting (Maintenance) \$35.00, SD State's Attorney Association (Dues) \$1,323.00, Staples (Supplies) \$159.49, Security Shredding (Maintenance) \$35.00; **Government Buildings:** Bomgaars (Supplies) \$110.98, Buhl's (Maintenance) \$125.56, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,616.46, Yankton Janitorial (Supplies) \$225.63; **Director of Equalization:** Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$1,046.95, Lori Mackey (Supplies) \$94.00, Lori Mackey (Travel) \$59.94, Pheasantland Industries (Supplies) \$156.58, Schneider Corporation (Maintenance) \$9,060.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$326.26, Yankton Daily P&D (Legal Notices) \$18.07; **Register of Deeds:** Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$420.20, Microfilm Imaging System (Rental & Supplies) \$503.12, SDACO (2013 Dues) \$698.55, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$432.63; **Veteran's Office:** Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$242.45; **Court House & Safety Center:** ITS (Maintenance) \$212.00, Bomgaars (Supplies) \$104.98, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$128.00, Justice Fire & Safety (Maintenance) \$395.00, Menards (Supplies) \$64.99, Yankton Janitorial (Supplies) \$180.00; **Sheriff:** City of Yankton (Supplies) \$2,430.03, Century Business Products (Supplies) \$66.63, John's Service (Maintenance) \$95.95, Knology (Utilities) \$77.90, Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (Membership Fees) \$150.00, Pennington County Sheriff (Travel) \$287.75, SD Quik Lube (Maintenance) \$215.95, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$651.98; **County Jail:** ITS (Maintenance) \$-58.00, Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$46.94, CBM Food Service (Meals) \$4,252.54, JCL Solutions (Supplies) \$1,607.62, Lou's Gloves (Supplies) \$450.00, Olson's Pest Technician (Maintenance) \$96.00, William's Septic Service (Maintenance) \$300.00, Yankton Rexall (Medicine & Supplies) \$11.49; **Coroner:** Melissa Smith (Supplies) \$10.40; **Care of Poor:** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Care) \$3,316.02, AMG Radiation Oncology (Services) \$204.30, Sanford Clinic (Services) \$1,158.24, Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$529.28, Yankton Medical Clinic (Services) \$750.00, Yankton Rexall (Medicine) \$436.78; **Ambulance:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$7.58, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital (Supplies) \$213.15, Sacred Heart Health Services (Services) \$1,500.00, City of Yankton (Supplies) \$950.23, Card Service Center (Supplies) \$869.25, Card Service Center (Recertification Fee) \$225.00, Kmart (Supplies) \$113.57, Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$198.95, Matheson Tri-Gas (Rental & Supplies) \$130.70, Master-Tech Auto Clinic (Maintenance) \$404.81, Practical Design Group (Maintenance)

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nance) \$355.00, Henry Schein (Supplies) \$397.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$26.62, Yankton Janitorial (Supplies) \$155.00, TriTech Emergency Medical Systems (Maintenance) \$2,827.84; **Mentally Handicapped:** South Dakota Achieve (December Services) \$240.00, SD State Treasurer (Services - HSC & Redfield) \$6,577.90; **Mental Illness Board:** Denise Cody (Hearings) \$75.00, Marvin Ekeren (Hearings) \$15.00, Lucille Lewno (Hearings) \$797.80, Lincoln County Treasurer (Hearings) \$300.50, Gary Mikelson (Hearings) \$390.50, Shepherd Reporting (Hearings) \$192.50, Karen Swanda (Hearings) \$60.00, SD Human Services Center (Evaluations) \$600.00; **County Extension:** Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$732.61, LEAF (Rental) \$288.00; **Weed:** SD Association of County Weed & Pest Supervisors (Membership Dues) \$50.00; **Planning & Zoning:** Day-Timer (Supplies) \$8.99, Doug Hevle (Travel) \$17.76, Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$302.20, Planning & Development (Membership Dues) \$26,115.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$9.74, Yankton; **Economic Development:** Yankton Area Progressive Growth (2013 Commitment) \$20,000.00; **Road & Bridge:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$159.89, Appera (Products) \$64.63, Sanitation Products (Supplies) \$859.17, Aren's Engineering (Services) \$2,030.00, B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$31.33, Butler Machinery (Maintenance) \$455.00, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$234.56, Cox Auto (Supplies) \$203.96, City of Vermillion (Utilities) \$60.00, Concrete Materials (Supplies) \$28,789.06, Michael Fielmeier (Tower Rental) \$150.00, Graham Tire (Supplies) \$6,057.50, Hansen Locksmithing (Supplies) \$66.00, Hedahl's (Supplies) \$143.94, Johnson Engineering (Old Hwy 50 Bridge) \$8,213.83, Janssen's Garbage (Supplies) \$40.00, Kaiser Appliance (Supplies) \$467.96, Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$364.11, Miller Consulting (Maintenance) \$215.00, Mid-American Energy (Utilities) \$1,051.86, Martin Tool & Die (Supplies) \$64.00, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,134.25, Printing Specialists (Supplies) \$76.25, Professional Security (Services) \$189.00, Riverside Hydraulics (Supplies) \$358.73, SD Department of Transportation (Beaver Creek Project) \$31,741.80, SD Department of Transportation (Pavement Marking) \$1,038.67, SD Association of County Hiway (2013 Dues) \$225.00, Southwestern Electric (Utilities) \$22.55, Tools & Machinery (Supplies) \$46.02, Vanderhulc's (Supplies) \$99.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$58.04, SD State Treasurer (Excise Tax) \$5.80; **911 Fund:** CenturyLink (Utilities) \$1,368.30, Golden West (Utilities) \$145.00, Knology (Utilities) \$110.00, ITS (Maintenance) \$270.00; **Emergency Management:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$390.12, Bomgaars (Supplies) \$97.86, B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$45.41, City of Yankton (Supplies) \$30.60, Michael Fielmeier (Tower Rental) \$150.00, Hy-Vee (Supplies) \$136.55, Hedahl's (Supplies) \$69.57, Kmart (Supplies) \$207.87, Knology (Utilities) \$387.75, Kansas State Bank (Lease Agreement) \$198.95, Signs by Design (Supplies) \$191.39, SDEMA (2013 Dues) \$150.00, Sioux Falls Two-Way Radio (Maintenance) \$347.49, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$150.64, Yankton Computer and Network (Supplies) \$849.99; **24/7 Program:** PharmChem (Supplies) \$21.00, SD Attorney General's Office (State PBT Fees) \$1,135.00; **Misc:** West Payment Center (County Law Library Supplies) \$614.24; **Debt Service:** First Dakota National Bank (Loan Payment) \$64,788.35; **State Motor:** SD State Treasurer (Fees) \$150,108.15, **Clearing Fund:** SD State Treasurer (ROD Fees) \$1,710.00; **M & PR Fund:** SDACO \$792.00, Total General Fund \$128,437.83, Road & Bridge \$84,716.91, 911 Fund \$2,883.30, Emergency Management \$3,404.19, 24/7 Program \$1,156.00, Misc. \$614.24, Debt Service \$64,788.35, State Motor \$150,108.15, Clearing Fund \$1,710.00, M & PR Fund \$792.00. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1342C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to approve travel expenses as a proper charge against the County for the Commissioners to travel to Pierre on February 4, 2013 for Yankton Day at the Legislature. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1343H: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to approve travel expenses as a proper charge against the County for Brian Gustad to attend S.D. Department of Transportation meetings in Deadwood March 12-14, 2013. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1344OEHMS: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Johnson to approve travel expenses as a proper charge against the County for Paul Scherschligt to attend an Emergency Management meeting in Pierre on January 24. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1345ROD/VSO: A mo-

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tion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to approve the monthly reports from the Register of Deeds Office and the Veteran's Service Office. The Register of Deeds collected \$16,006 in transfer fees; \$2,620 in copies revenue; and \$15,155 in other fees during the month of December 2012. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1346C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to direct the Auditor to hire a local survey firm to perform a boundary survey at the former ethanol plant site east of Yankton, to prepare the property for sale to the public. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1347SC: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to pay \$1,200 to Ron's Auto Glass to repair a broken mechanism on one of the automatic doors at the Safety Center. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to meet with members of the Soil Conservation Board at the next regular meeting to discuss applicants for the vacant secretary position in the Soil Conservation Office.

Chairman Jensen announced the Board would hold its annual planning session on Jan. 22, 2013 at 8:00 AM in the District III conference room.

A motion was made by Johnson to adjourn.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 3:00 PM in the Commission Chambers at the County Government Center.

Bruce Jensen, Chairman
Yankton County Commission

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Sequester

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the furloughs, said Major Anthony Deiss, state public affairs officer for the SDNG.

However, furloughed employees would include trainers and maintenance personnel, which could impact Bravo Battery in Yankton, Deiss said.

"When they are working one less day a week through the end of our fiscal year, which is Sept. 30, our fear is it could impact readiness," he said.

Deiss said fewer people working fewer hours could cause a backlog in maintenance, which could impact both training and the ability to be called for state missions.

"We're doing everything we can now to plan and prepare for the impacts that sequestration is going to have," he said.

GAVINS POINT DAM

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also is facing sizable cutbacks, which could alter operations at Gavins Point Dam.

Gavins Point Project Manager Dave Becker said he has been discussing the potential cuts with the district office in Omaha, but the Corps still does not have enough information to know what changes would be necessary.

WOMEN'S SHELTER

According to Desiree Warren-Johnson, executive director of the Yankton Women's and Children's Center, the women's shelter in Yankton could see a reduction in funding from the STOP Violence Against Women Program, which the shelter uses to provide support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The grant also funds the shelter's outreach program, which offers help to victims in rural areas of surrounding counties.

"They do not have access to domestic violence services, so our advocates bring our services to them," Warren-Johnson said.

The director did not know how much funding would be lost, but said the shelter took precautions earlier this year to brace for less government funding.

These steps included holding its "Heart to Heart" fundraiser, which raised approximately \$25,000.

Warren-Johnson said those funds would help the shelter get past any sequestration cuts this year. However, if cuts persisted in the future, it likely would need more financial support from local donors.

"Our agency just can't stop or reduce the services that we are providing," she said. "It's just not an option. These people are counting on us."

HEAD START

South Central Child Development (SCCD), which serves 16 counties and includes the Head Start program in Yankton, would see a \$123,565 cut in its fiscal year budget, the group's executive director Rick Thaler said.

While he has been informed about the amount of funding that could be cut, Thaler said he has not received any guidance from SCCD's regional funding source or its national offices as to how to implement the cuts. He said the reduction in spending could affect employee benefits, salaries and time worked, as well as services available to the students, but nothing is confirmed at this time.

"It's going to be a difficult time for people to figure out where these cuts can actually be made," he said.

According to the White House report, Head Start and Early Head Start services would be eliminated for approximately 200 children in South Dakota. However, Thaler could not say how many children would be impacted in Yankton's program, which serves 48 students.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

While Social Security payments are exempt from sequestration, the Social Security Administration (SSA) still faces an 8 percent cut to its \$11.5 billion budget. Like other locations, Yankton's SSA office would likely be forced to curtail service to the public with reduced service hours and oversight. This could lead to a growth in the backlog of disability claims.

THE CENTER

The Center in Yankton, which utilizes federally-assisted program like Meals on Wheels to provide nutrition to seniors, likely would see a reduction in such services, as South Dakota stands to lose approximately \$214,000 in funds to provide such meals.

The South Dakota Department of Social Services could not specify how many meals The Center would lose.

FEDERAL PRISON CAMP

When asked how cuts would affect the Yankton Federal Prison Camp, the U.S. Department of Justice provided the following statement:

"The Justice Department is acutely concerned about staff and inmate safety should sequestration occur. Sequestration would mean \$338 million less for the Bureau of Prison's (BOP) budget, but would not reduce the nearly 218,000 inmates in BOP custody. All of BOP's staff would be subject to possible furlough should cuts of the sequestration's magnitude hit BOP. To the extent possible, BOP will schedule the potential furloughs to minimize the disruption within the prison facilities and will always maintain a minimum level of staff for security purposes. Prison operations will be affected, however, and intermittent partial or full lock-downs may be required. BOP will need to curtail inmate programs such as drug treatment and vocational education, which would lead to higher costs to taxpayers and communities in the long run as the lack of such inmate re-entry training makes it less likely that released inmates will be successful at reintegration into society upon their release. While the Justice Department is considering what steps can be taken to aid BOP, none of the Department's actions can mitigate the severity of every cut faced by BOP."

USDA

With the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) facing an 8 percent cut in its budget, the department's three offices in Yankton — Farm Service Agency (FSA), National Resources Conservation Service and USDA Rural Development — all face potential changes to their operations.

FSA county executive director Richard Schwartz said his office could have limited service on certain days with the possibility of worker furloughs, but that remains unclear.

"Nothing is set in stone yet," he said.

USDA officials at state and national offices could not provide any more details on how the cuts could impact the Yankton offices.

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Drought

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Droughts are nothing new to the region. Sweeney said the Palmer Drought Index Long-Term Conditions data showed that, in South Dakota from 1895 to 1995, anywhere from 15-19 percent of that time was spent in severe or extreme drought.

Sweeney compared temperature and precipitation data of the current drought with past historic droughts, such as the Dust Bowl years of 1929-1940, when drought conditions stretched from Texas to South Dakota, with the Oklahoma panhandle hardest hit.

"The Dust Bowl drought was amplified by poor farm practices," Sweeney said. He noted that top soil that blew east can still be found in Greenland's ice core. "Fifty thousand people moved out of South Dakota during this time.

"Since then, farm practices improved. The

11-year drought that included the 1950s hurt Texas the most. The drought of 1987-1989 was the most costly to date, due to the corn and wheat crop losses on the Northern Plains."

He said that a tree ring study is one method used for gathering information about droughts before man kept records. That research indicates that droughts are known to have occurred in North America in the 1200s, and the Pueblo Indian culture declined during that time. In the 1300s in North America, Mound Builder Indian cultures were also impacted by drought.

The current drought is being abetted by high heat, he said,

"The year 2012 was the hottest year on record in the United States, which adds to the dryness," Sweeney said. "Increased temperature leads to increased evaporation. That leads to increased water demand and aquifers with lower water storage. Reduced water in reservoirs (such as Lewis & Clark Lake) can lead to reduction in hydroelectric power generation."

Groundwater storage is lower now, and the fire danger is increased in these times. Also,

water shortages are possible in some places, which means that legal battles over water rights may increase.

If drought conditions persist with rising temperatures over the long term, the increased demand for water will threaten the viability of certain types of agriculture in this area. Since there is no cohesive drought policy, he said, our country currently waits to react until the drought is severe.

"What is water worth to us?" Sweeney said. Sweeney said he is hopeful that there will be enough precipitation soon to ease the symptoms of drought.

But if the drought becomes more severe, soil will not have enough moisture to grow plants, reservoirs will face lower water levels, and ground water will be impacted, creating the need for deeper wells.

"Hydrological drought takes a long time (from which) to recover," he said.

The Living River Group of the Sierra Club sponsored Sweeney's presentation.

Debate

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and is designed for a more current event or hot-button issue. Students go through a different resolution each month and, during the tournament, they will debate how the rise of China could be beneficial to the United States. The public forum debate lasts about 30 minutes, with each speaker getting six minutes to talk.

The Lincoln-Douglas debate pertains to resolutions of value. During the debate tournament, students in this category will argue about the idea of rehabilitation being preferable to retribution in the United States criminal justice system. The Lincoln-Douglas debate round lasts about 45 minutes.

"A three-judge panel determines the winning team in each round," Kallis said. "The policy and Lincoln-Douglas debates are judged primarily by coaches and former debaters, while the public forum debate is judged by community members and is designed for a community audience."

During the first few rounds, judges will eliminate each team with two losses, and then try to eliminate additional teams by the end of round four

of the contest. The quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds are all single elimination.

During the single elimination rounds, each judge will provide a reason for picking a school on their ballot. Ballots will also feature a 30-point scoring system.

"Each team is guaranteed three rounds of debate," Kallis said. "We will start everything Friday morning, and hope to be done Saturday evening around 6 p.m."

He added that kids want to do well in the state tournament, and have spent their last two weeks at national qualifying tournaments preparing for this event.

In addition to benefits for the kids in the competition, Kallis notes that the tournament brings a lot of positives to Yankton as well.

"The community, as a whole, will benefit from the teams staying in hotels in town and eating in Yankton's restaurants," he said. "I think community members should know that there are extracurricular activities out there other than sports, where students apply what they learn in class to a competitive environment."

Kallis said, as an educator, he enjoys seeing kids extend what they learn from the classroom into the debate team.

The YHS team has a good history of competing in the group debate events, but Kallis said they can always get better in the individual

tournament events.

Winners are picked for each category of event, as well as each class of school. Schools are limited to two entrants per event.

Kallis said he hopes students see their hard work pay off in this weekend's tournament.

"I hope students get the sense of accomplishment in the tournament because they've worked hard all sea-

son and they'll be able to show the results of their work one last time," he said. "I hope they win, but we just ask them to work hard to prepare and do the best they can in every round. I hope the students continue to do that."

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trips, and my daughter had a special bond with her father that can never be replaced. ... It's time something be done so maybe another family won't have to go through this pain."

Iburg also urged its passage, his voice cracking with emotion as he read the newspaper obituary for the man he killed.

"I tore their family apart," he said of the Christensens.

Iburg was acquitted of second-degree manslaughter in Jon Christensen's death, but he was convicted of reckless driving. He gave up his driver's license for five years and talking about the dangers of distracted driving as part of his criminal sentence.

"I didn't see it as breaking the law," Iburg said. "If this had been a law, I would've thought twice before reading a pointless text."

Texting

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tee hearings. He said House supporters might try to resurrect the bill, but he will propose the measure again next year if it doesn't pass this year.

"I'll be back," Vehle said.

Janeane Christensen pushed the bill's passage, talking about her family's anguish over the 2010 death of her husband, Jon. Then-20-year-old Justin Iburg was checking texts on his cellphone when he slammed into two cars and a motorcycle, killing Jon.

"It's an ambulance ride I'll never forget," Christensen told the committee. "There's no more father-and-son