

2010 Legal and Public Notices

\$9,594.00, Vanderhule's (Supplies) \$23.00, Verizon (Utilities) \$33.48; **911 Fund:** City of Yankton (4th Quarter 2013 E911 Dispatch Budget) \$15,000.00, CenturyLink (Utilities) \$1,452.38, WOW! Business (Utilities) \$95.29; **Emergency Management:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$347.27, Bomgaars (Supplies) \$307.30, Clark's Rental (Rentals) \$60.00, First Bank Card (Supplies) \$17.98, Hy-Vee (Supplies) \$104.90, John's Service (Repairs) \$365.50, KMart (Supplies) \$350.00, MidContinent Communications (Utilities) \$13.91, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$45.46, Lee Rettig (Travel) \$161.00, Racom Corporation (Utilities) \$31.21, Tinting Pros (Auto Equipment) \$339.00, Verizon (Minor Equipment & Utilities) \$3,058.04, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$201.29, Yankton County Treasurer (Postage) \$5.50; **Tower Fund:** Center for Municipal Solutions (AT&T #2/Services) \$75.00.Total General Fund \$115,232.18, Road & Bridge \$121,636.60, 911 Fund \$16,547.67, Emergency Management \$5,408.36, Tower Fund \$75.00. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Highway: Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad informed the board of his new employee Christopher Cox, replacing Garth Paulson, due to retirement.

United Way/211: Lauren Hanson Executive Director of United Way of Volunteer Services appeared before the board to request funding for the 211 service, requested \$13,000.00 for one year.

Action 13635C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Sinclair to approve funding for 211

Services in the amount of \$13,000.00 for the budgeted year 2014. Chairman Jensen requested roll call vote. Voting aye: Sinclair, Freng, Jensen; voting nay: Moore and Johnson, motion carried 3 to 2.

New VSO: Michael McDonald was named the new Veteran's Service Officer, with start date January 6th, 2014.

Action 13636C: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to authorize the transfer of funds from the WIC Fund in the amount of \$15,937.70 to County General Fund and to authorize the WIC Budget to operate out of County General Fund Budget beginning January 2014 and thereafter.

All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13637C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to authorize budget supplements to the following budgets: Coroner Professional services \$4,200.00, Jail Professional Services \$59,200.00 and Court Professional Services \$148,100.00. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13638C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to approve a 3% wage increase for eligible employees. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13639C: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to approve a 3% wage increase for County Commissioners. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13640C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to approve the December, 2013 gross payroll: **Commissioners:** \$4,811.43; **Auditor:** \$8,916.01; **Treasurer:** \$13,743.75; **States Attorney:** \$21,076.66; **Custodian:** \$2,821.26; **Director of Equalization:** \$18,259.53; **Register of Deeds:** \$11,365.02; **Veterans Service:** \$2,080.05; **Courthouse & Safety Center:** \$5,591.76; **Sheriff:** \$50,472.19; **County Jail:** \$49,137.76; **Coroner:** \$720.00; **Juvenile Detention:** \$80.00; **Nurse:** \$2,394.48; **Ambulance:** \$39,998.90; **Extension:** \$5,560.66; **Soil Conservation:** \$2,037.43; **Weed:** \$2,060.20; **Planning & Zoning:** \$4,830.99; **Road & Bridge:** \$51,900.64; **OEMHS:** \$4,691.72; **WIC:** \$1,106.71; **24-7 Program:** \$3,086.50. South Dakota Retirement System (Buy Back) \$166.63, South Dakota Retirement System \$22,270.46 (Other Employees), South Dakota Retirement System \$14,507.98 (Sheriff/EDS), South Dakota Retirement System (Payroll Deduction-Spouse Opt) \$192.57, South Dakota Retirement System (Supplemental) \$2,591.66, American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC) \$3,410.79, Legalshield \$89.65, Office of Child Support \$953.00, Nationwide Retirement Solutions \$128.26, First Dakota National Bank \$27,703.65 (Withholding), First Dakota National Bank \$37,886.98 (FICA) First Dakota National Bank \$8,860.72 (Medicare), Boston Mutual Life Insur-

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ance \$543.04, Colonial Life & Accident \$1,542.80, Blue Cross Blue Shield \$46,995.62. Gross Payroll \$309,913.15, Net Payroll \$227,641.99. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13641C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to move \$700,000.00 from unassigned surplus cash to assign for Road and Bridge purposes. All present voted aye; motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The following Resolution was proposed by Register of Deeds Brian Hunhoff in recognition of outgoing Yankton County Commissioner Mark Johnson.

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson began his service on the Yankton County Board of Commissioners on January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson is moving from Yankton County to begin a new career; and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson has resigned his position on the Yankton County Board of Commissioners, effective December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson has been a hard-working county commissioner who performed his duties in a professional and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson consistently strived to improve the technological capabilities of the Yankton County Commission and other county offices; and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson often shared his land surveying expertise; his experience with the County Search and Rescue Team; and his knowledge of civil engineering issues for the benefit of the Yankton County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson served Yankton County on several boards and committees, including the County Technology Committee; County Trail Committee; Senior Center Board of Directors; E911 Committee; Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee and others; and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson was the commission liaison to the Director of Equalization office; the Community Health Nurse's office; and the Highway 52 Corridor Committee; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Yankton County elected Mark E. Johnson to represent their best interests on the county commission in the general elections of 2004, 2008 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Johnson devoted nine years to the Yankton County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Yankton County Commissioners wish to thank and formally recognize Mark E. Johnson for his dedicated service to Yankton County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yankton County Board of Commissioners that we honor Mark Johnson on the eve of his resignation from the County Board; express our gratitude and appreciation for Mark's faithful service to Yankton County; extend him our best wishes in his new career; and hereby make this commendation part of the official Yankton County record. Chairman Jensen, who requested the resolution read by ROD Hunhoff, thanked Commissioner Johnson for his service to Yankton County and presented him with a framed copy of the resolution.

The next regular meeting of Board will be held Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 in the Commission Chamber. Items on the next meeting agenda will include: Highway road limits; court room remodeling; Commission replacement; new year appointments.

Action 13642C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to adjourn. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Bruce Jensen, Chairman
Yankton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Patty Hojem, County Auditor
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B&H Wind then leased roughly 34,000 acres southwest of Tripp for the project.

Hornstra said the location was optimal because of two factors.

"This is where we've measured the best wind," he said. "The other thing you need is a power line to carry your power away, and we were fortunate that in this area north of Avon up toward Tripp, there's actually three power lines that run through there."

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tem since at least 2010.

That November, the state Board of Education formally agreed to eventually replace the South Dakota-based standards and assessments for math and English developed under No Child Left Behind. South Dakota instead would use national standards being developed by educators in several dozens of states.

The switch didn't stir public action at the time. But Bolin, a retired school teacher, was paying attention. He brought legislation in the 2011 session that sought to block the use of Common Core standards for history.

State officials claimed there was no such thing. Nonetheless the House of Representatives voted 43-26, largely along Republican-Democratic lines, to pass a version of Bolin's bill that referred to any history standards that the Common Core group "may propose."

When the bill reached the Senate Education Committee for a hearing, it was quickly killed on a 6-1 vote. The Department of Education, the school administrators, and two education groups representing school districts helped beat it.

That was just the beginning. In 2012 the House and the Senate adopted Bolin's legislation requiring the state board to hold at least

four public hearings on whether the Common Core standards should be adopted in South Dakota.

Bolin came back in 2013 with a measure that would have prohibited the adoption of any Common Core standards without the Legislature's approval. It squeezed through the 70-member House without a vote to spare 36-32. The Senate Education Committee then killed it on a 6-1 vote.

Bolin planned to run this year for the Republican nomination for state school and public lands commissioners. He set aside his campaign so he could focus on fighting Common Core.

Likewise state Education Secretary Melody Schopp ramped up her efforts in defense of the change to Common Core.

Schopp started meeting with legislators one on one and in small groups. When Common Core opponents held public meetings, she began seeking opportunities to attend and speak in rebuttal.

Standards aren't new to South Dakota schools. The Legislature ordered their establishment in 1997.

The point Schopp has repeatedly tried to make is Common Core doesn't dictate how school districts establish curriculum to meet

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Each candidate was given five minutes Tuesday to make their case to the commission. Kettering and Kenney were unable to attend.

"This is the part of the job I really hate," Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen said at the conclusion of the presentations. "It's hard for me. I appreciate all of you (coming forward). You're a good group. I wish we could have all of you."

When it came time to vote, state law required that the four sitting commissioners and the auditor participate.

Harper earned the votes of commissioners Donna Freng and Allen Sinclair, as well as Auditor Patty Hojem. Jensen voted for Debra Bodenstedt, and Commissioner

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share the couple's belief in the future of farming.

"I'm a third-generation farm, and my son is a fourth-generation farmer," Miiller said. "We raise beef cattle and crops, and we have a few chickens."

Miiller, a widower, represents a generational link to maintaining the family farm.

"My father is semi-retired farmer, and he helps out with the farming operation," he said. "I run the farm and have two sons who are 18 and 16 (years old). My older son is attending MTI (Mitchell Technical Institute) and helping on the farm while he goes to school."

Sorensen has pursued a nursing career. However, a sibling has guaranteed the farm — which consists of crops and livestock — will remain in the family.

"My brother is 39, and he is a third-generation farmer. Now, his boys are following in his footsteps," she said. "They keep the farm going."

But that's not always the case, Sorensen said. "There isn't always a family member to take over the

The electricity will be connected to the substation along S.D. Highway 37 south of Tripp, Hornstra said.

Each phase of the project will utilize about 2,000 acres of land and will feature 20 to 22 wind turbines, which are approximately 400 feet tall.

The first phase will cost approximately \$71 million, with the second phase expected to cost slightly less, Hornstra said. B&H Wind is currently seeking an equity partner to help finance the project and possible future expansion, he said.

B&H Wind also has contracted a Minnesota-based developer for the engineering aspect of the project. The tur-

farm," she noted. "You always hope that one of the children will keep the farm going. You don't want to give up the land."

Sometimes, Mother Nature delivers a gut-wrenching blow that sends producers reeling and threatens their existence.

Miiller said his late wife's father has friends living in the Hot Springs area of southwestern South Dakota. Those ranchers first suffered from drought. Then, they lost much of their herds during last October's historic blizzards that dumped four to five feet of snow on western South Dakota and claimed thousands of cattle.

Still, farmers and ranchers haven't given up hope, Miiller said.

"My friends and neighbors run diversified operations, and they are optimistic about the future of farming," he said.

He points to the higher corn and soybean prices in recent years. In particular, he noted that he has seen rising corn prices because of the ethanol plant in Davison County, near Mitchell.

"Ethanol has really made corn prices go up in our area," he said, adding that the by-product of distillers

bine blades likely will be built in Aberdeen, and the towers likely will be built in Brandon.

Hornstra said work on the wind farm began earlier this winter, with focus placed on foundation bases and service roads.

Construction is expected to last a total of 100 days and should be completed by fall or early winter of 2014, he said.

"As soon as the ground thaws in the spring, we should be rolling again," Hornstra said.

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the standards.

Nor is Common Core universal. South Dakota's science standards will remain in place, and will be the subject of several assessments during a student's years of school, even after the switch to Common Core for math and language.

Kelly Neill, the Elkton K-12 principal, covered the change to Common Core in the school district's December newsletter.

"The books used and the lessons planned are determined by your child's teacher. Our teachers know the standards, which is very important. But even more important, they know our students," Neill wrote.

Republicans control both chambers of the Legislature, with House Republicans more aligned against Common Core and Senate Republicans — and most Democrats overall — so far more willing to accept the new system.

The state board adopted the switch to Common Core during the last year of then-Gov. Mike Rounds' administration. His successor, Gov. Dennis Daugaard, has stayed with the plan.

Both are Republicans, and both are running for election this year — Daugaard for a second term, Rounds for the Republican

nomination for U.S. Senate — as Common Core opponents who are mostly Republicans seem to be at a new peak of strength.

South Dakotans on opposite sides of the issue saw Indiana legislators pass a law in 2013 that halted Common Core activity while public meetings are held and government officials conduct evaluations of the standards.

Bolin said he expects similar legislation to be attempted in South Dakota this year, although he said he won't be its lead sponsor. He said there is discussion too about legislation that tries to limit or prevent sharing of student data.

"There's going to be stuff that goes beyond anything Jim Bolin has brought," Bolin said.

He plans to introduce legislation that would establish ground rules for additional public hearings if additional Common Core standards are sought for South Dakota and to allow parents to opt-out their children from taking the Smarter Balanced assessments.

He said he's also looking at providing exemptions for non-public schools.

"My goal starting back in 2011 was to limit the scope of this," Bolin said.

While much of the political activity against Common Core in South Dakota has come from conservatives, he said liberals are revved up against it in other states.

"People feel they're losing control of every aspect of life," Bolin said.

will be gathered from 4-H leadership in the county and from the two neighboring counties before determining how to proceed;

- approved two broadband initiative grants. A \$7,609 local government grant will provide a new server and Internet access points for the Yankton County Government Center. The county will have \$4,900 in matching costs for the grant. A \$4,862 public safety grant will provide a new server and other technological infrastructure for the Yankton County Emergency Management Department. The county will have matching costs of \$2,650 for that grant; and

- approved up to \$10,000 in expenditures for L&S Electric, which is doing electrical work on a courtroom in the Yankton County Courthouse and Safety Center that is being finished. It is hoped the area will be ready for use in the spring.

would be attending the school because there was a waiting list in his program," he said.

Sorensen noted that students in ag-related fields are finding jobs, which fuels interest in the farm and ranch sector.

Miiller sees more young people, including young families, staying or returning to rural areas because of the quality of life and opportunities.

The growing world demand for U.S. food products should fuel production, Miiller said. He pointed to foreign trade deals for American corn and soybeans, along with a growing foreign demand for U.S. meat and other protein.

"Everyone needs to eat, and we can adjust the product," he said.

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