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Commissioners OK Sales Tax Rebate

Water Usage Rate, Surcharge Increases Also Finalized

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The Yankton City Commission agreed Monday to implement a sales tax rebate as an incentive to retail development on the outlots of the Menards property.

City Manager Amy Nelson said the market demands such agreements.

"As we look at other communities in the state and what we're trying to do here from an economic development standpoint, not

just with primary jobs but with retail, it's been made obvious to me ... if we're in the retail game, we better be in the incentive game," she stated. "I know that's not comfortable for everybody, but that's the reality of it."

The proposal would rebate one cent of the two or sometimes three cents the city gets in sales tax per dollar. That money would go to the Greenbow Real Estate Partners as compensation for them providing the outlots to occupants for free.

"This would be a capped amount based on the appraised value (of the property), based on 2012 appraisals on these sites," Community Development Director Dave Mingo said. "It wouldn't be an infinity payment. It would be to a point that it reached that appraised amount or 20 years, whichever came first."

"This would be a way we could use profits generated from the site — new business



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Yankton City Commissioner Jake Hoffner asks a question during consideration of a sales tax retail incentive plan during Monday night's City Commission meeting. After 20 minutes of discussion, the proposal passed by a 7-2 margin.

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Healthy Discussion In Viborg



RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D
Gov. Dennis Daugaard hosted a roundtable discussion on federal health reform during Monday's "Capital For A Day" event in Viborg. He and First Lady Linda Daugaard also visited local businesses, hosted a luncheon on rural economic development and toured the local Danish museum. She also read to children at the Viborg library. ABOVE: Daugaard addresses the crowd at the Community Center, with a banner in the background proclaiming Viborg's past selection as "South Dakota Community of the Year." RIGHT: Daugaard speaks during a break with Linda Sampson, a foster mother who worked with the governor in his previous position with the Children's Home Society of South Dakota.



Healthcare Reform A Concern During 'Capital For A Day' Event

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VIBORG — On some issues, Democrat Marion Sorlien lies on the opposite end of the political spectrum from Republicans Melanie Parsons and Lisa McIlvenna.

But Monday, Gov. Dennis Daugaard heard the three Viborg women vent a bipartisan frustration with the uncertainty surrounding federal health care reform.

The three women weren't alone in expressing their feelings.

Daugaard heard the chorus of anger and fears during the "Capital For A Day" program at the Community Center. The governor hosted the public meeting during his day-long visit.

Parsons, who runs a Viborg insurance agency, said health reform — particularly mandated health insurance — is driving many carriers out of that market.

"Insurance agents are no longer selling health insurance anymore because they don't know what to expect," she said.

Because of continually changing regulations under health reform, some insurance carriers fear they will be subject to customers' lawsuits, Parsons said.

"I tell customers, 'Just because we tell you something

today doesn't mean it's true two weeks from now,'" she said. "We're also told there will be (regulation) changes, and then they don't happen."

Sorlien has seen the uncertainty affect her family business. With more than 50 employees, Sorlien Electric falls under mandated employer coverage for health insurance.

"But they change their regulations all the time," she said. "The (state) Division of Insurance has offered some assistance, and I have been to federal websites such as (the Internal Revenue Service), which is some help."

However, Sorlien said her husband is still left with an uncertain future.

"We have 54 employees, and he doesn't know what's coming. Will the state help with a plan or with information from state agencies? We need to plan and be able to budget," she said.

"The insurance agents say, 'We don't know.' I was hoping the state would do an insurance exchange, and we would see some kind of plan from the governor and South Dakota."

Daugaard countered, noting the decisions come from Washington, not Pierre.

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Dellinger Resigns As Economic Development Chief

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The executive director at the Yankton Office of Economic Development has accepted a new position in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mike Dellinger turned in his resignation late last week, and it will take effect Aug. 30.

He will start as the vice president of economic development for the Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce Sept. 3.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to go to work for a community in a region that is aggressively working to attract new businesses," Dellinger said.

He has led Yankton's economic development efforts since June 2008.

"I had a good time in Yankton. We got some things done," Dellinger said.

Among the projects he cites are expansions at L&M



Dellinger

Radiator, Dakota Trailers and Baldwin Filters, as well as assisting the Regional Technical Education Center, Mount Marty College and

Two Bridges Capital.

In addition, Yankton Area Progressive Growth (YAPG), of which Dellinger is the president, awarded a bid Monday to build a new industrial spec building.

"We had a pretty good five-year run," Dellinger said. "This is a chance for YAPG, the Yankton Economic Development Council and the City of Yankton to figure out what direction they want to take in the future."

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Documents Still Sought For Jans Evaluation

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A defense attorney told the court Monday that documents are still being sought so a second psychiatric evaluation can be done on a Yankton man charged with second-degree murder and aggravated assault.

Darwin Abel Jans, 57, was charged in connection with the death of Larry D. Goodman. Goodman, 59, died Oct. 6 at the Avera Yankton Care Center in Yankton after extensive medical treatment.

A psychiatric evaluation was done at the South Dakota Human Services Center. However, Luci Youngberg, the court-appointed attorney, requested in April that a second one be conducted.

Youngberg appeared on behalf of Jans for the Monday morning court hearing, where the next status hearing was scheduled for Aug. 19 by Circuit Judge Glen Eng.

Because the request was a motion from the defense, the evaluation will not count toward the 180-day rule, which requires a case be disposed of within 180 days of a person's first appearance before a judicial officer on an indictment, information or complaint.

Jans is being held on a \$100,000 cash-only bond. If convicted, Jans could face life imprisonment in the state penitentiary, and a \$50,000 fine may also be imposed.

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