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(Supplies) \$50.82, Locators & Supplies (Supplies) \$1,331.08, Mead Lumber (Supplies) \$61.98, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$1,421.98, Newman Traffic Signs (Supplies) \$5,878.63, Stern Oil (Fuel) \$1,567.80, SD Department of Corrections (Services) \$188.09, Sioux Equipment Co (Maintenance) \$360.50, Southeastern Electric (Utilities) \$42.93, True-north Steel (Supplies/160042 Mayfield Bridge) \$7,355.77, TMA (Repairs) \$24.72, Tractor Supply Company (Supplies) \$207.90, Tools & Machinery (Supplies) \$58.75, Vanderhule's (Supplies) \$22.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$132.55, Yankton Janitorial Supply (Supplies) \$87.00, Yankton Redi Mix (Secondary Roads) \$261.00, SD State Treasurer (Excise Tax) \$48.00, **911 Fund:** CenturyLink (Utilities) \$83.20, Golden West (Utilities) \$145.10, Knology (Utilities) \$1,161.66, VPI (Equipment) \$8,635.50; **Emergency Management:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$59.31, B-Y Electric (Utilities) \$39.52, City of Yankton (Supplies) \$30.43, Galls (Supplies) \$281.94, Hy-Vee (Supplies) \$142.90, Knology (Utilities) \$388.63, Miller Consulting (Maintenance) \$75.00, Power Source Electric (Maintenance) \$4.29, Tabor Lumber (Supplies) \$381.97, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$336.51; **24/7:** JCL Solutions (Supplies) \$126.00; **Debt Service:** First National Bank Omaha (Interest) \$124,496.88 **State Motor:** SD State Treasurer (Treasurer Fees) \$216,729.11, SD State Treasurer (Waste Fees) \$3,595.00; **Clearing Fund:** SD State Treasurer (ROD Fees) \$6,130.00, M & PR Fund: SDACO (M & PR Fund) \$750.00, SD. Total General Fund \$90,306.86, Road & Bridge \$32,731.28, 911 Fund \$10,025.46, Emergency Management \$1,740.50, 24/7 \$126.00, State Motor \$220,324.11, Clearing Fund \$6,130.00, M & PR Fund \$750.00. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13250C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to approve an abatement of property taxes in the amount of \$74.11 for Habitat for Humanity. Legal description of the property is North 17 feet of Lot 7 and South 44 feet of Lot 8 in Block 40 of Lower Yankton. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13251C: A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Johnson to approve the Auditor's Monthly Settlement with the Treasurer for April 2013. The report showed Total Cash on Hand of \$1,337,766.71; Checking Account Balance at First Dakota National Bank, \$121,398.17; and Savings Account Balances as follows: Wells Fargo Bank, \$2,168,692.19; CorTrust Bank of Gayville, \$1,552,765.18; First Dakota National Bank, \$2,491,623.82; CorTrust Bank of Yankton, \$1,547,121.54; and First National Bank South Dakota, \$2,109,397.95. Yankton County's bad check total was \$1,058.33. The County's Grand Total of Cash and Balances at the end of April was \$11,329,823.89. The General Fund was \$5,313,096.64; Special Funds were \$1,373,836.21; and Trust and Agency Funds were \$6,014,828.58 adding to a Grand Total of General Ledger Cash and Investments of \$12,701,761.43. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13252C: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to approve the Pooled Cash Report which shows a beginning monthly balance of \$6,534,017.13 on April 1, 2013 and an ending monthly balance of \$12,701,761.43 on April 30. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13253C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to accept the April report of income Yankton County received from providing a deputy states attorney for mental illness hearings at the South Dakota Human Services Center. Total amount received for the month was \$6,018.90 from 21 different counties. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13254C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to approve an agreement with the South Dakota Weed and Pest Control Commission. The state agency will pay Yankton County up to \$6,300 as a 50/50 cost share for purchase of weed spraying chemicals. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Action 13255C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to approve a mosquito abatement agreement with the following towns and cities in Yankton County: Yankton, Gayville, Lesterville, Utica, Volin, Mission Hill and Irene. The Yankton County Weed and Pest Supervisor will coordinate and administer application of appropriate pesticides or other means necessary to abate mosquitoes at a rate of \$50 per hour as needed. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Combining offices discussion: Commissioner Moore addressed the Board about merging the Auditor and Treasurer offices and

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placing both under the management of an elected County Finance Officer. Moore said there are pro's and con's to such a change. He presented copies of state laws that list steps to be taken to merge county offices. Variations of this idea have been implemented in four of South Dakota's 66 counties. Moore was given approval to invite representatives of those four counties to attend a future meeting to relate pro's and con's they experienced in merging offices.

A motion was made by Johnson to adjourn.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 with budget hearings at 2 p.m. and the regular session beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the County Government Center.

Bruce Jensen, Chairman
Yankton County Commission

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rushing and embracing this. Why?"

Kittams-Lalley said part of the reason was because her organization has not been pursuing expansion.

"After we expanded to the Black Hills, I think we stepped back and wanted to see how that went," she stated. "And then there was a transition with our executive leadership. I've been with the agency as the leader the past 2 1/2 years. I was previously with the agency for 14 years in another position. During that time of transition, the agency board of directors backed away from expansion."

However, now the Helpline Center wants to provide the entire state of South Dakota with 211 service.

"States around us all have 211 statewide, whether you go to Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, Min-

Drinking

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Wayne Kindle, principal at YHS, said the first year of having a drug and alcohol counselor in the school has been a resounding success.

"Our students and parents have both benefited from having access to the counselor," he said. "Another crucial part of the relationship between LCBHS and YSD has been the steps taken by both parents and students to seek out the counselor before a situation has taken a bad turn. Our parents and students know we have an extremely valuable resource on campus who is readily available to assist them with their concerns."

Jennifer Berg, community prevention networker for LCBHS and coordinator for the Coalition for a Drug Free Yankton, said the coalition deals with drug and alcohol issues in the community and has a prevention plan that is in its second year of implementation.

"We want to broaden our membership and let people know about the goals of the Coalition and help reduce the social access for underage drinking, which includes kids getting alcohol from parents and

friends," she said. "We also have been advocating for a policy change on the retail side of alcohol sales and have been working with the Yankton Police Department (YPD) to help them implement retail compliance checks."

To simulate social access to alcohol, officials are working to implement a "Reality Party" next year.

"We will have an actual house and students from the theater department will act out various party scenarios throughout the house as if it's a real party," Berg said. "Because it will be in a house, there will be a limited number of spots available so individuals interested will have to apply to attend."

In Yankton County, 32 juveniles were arrested for Minor in Consumption violations in 2012. In addition, there were 13 juveniles arrested for liquor violations that year. Liquor arrests were up from six arrests in 2011, while Minor in Consumption arrests were down from 44 in 2011.

These arrests typically spike during the summer months.

"In June, typically students do not have any activities going on, they don't have to go to school every day, while parents still have to work," Berg said. "When teenagers get bored, they may resort to alco-

nesota or Wyoming," Kittams-Lalley said. "Over 90 percent of the United States has access to 211, so I feel it is imperative that individuals begin to have access to that critical phone number."

Moore feels that the public is becoming confused because of the fact there is 911, 811, 511 and, possibly, 211. He is also worried that someone in immediate danger will call 211 instead of 911 and be put at risk.

"In the communities that we have had 211 introduced, there hasn't been any confusion," Kittams-Lalley said. "We have social service phone calls that are domestic violence or child abuse, and we are a certified suicide crisis center. I get people in life and death situations every day on the phone, and my staff are extraordinarily trained to handle that appropriately and intervene with law enforcement as necessary."

Commissioner Donna Freng agreed that she doesn't believe people are that easily confused. "If someone calls 211 after the publicity of 911, there is a reason

they are not calling 911," she stated. "Beyond the emergency situations, there is a lot going on in this community that this particular program would help. ... I think this is a huge benefit. I support it."

Several of the commissioners expressed concerns about the wording of the proposed contract for the Helpline Center.

Commissioner Allen Sinclair noted that the contract in front of the commission addressed only disaster assistance and not the day-to-day services provided by 211.

"There are all kinds of things in here that just really concern me about the way that the contract is drafted up," added Moore, pointing to training requirements he thought could cost the county extra money. "It just really scares the bejeebies out of me."

Having gone through several 2014 budget sessions with department heads earlier in the day, Moore reminded the board that some requests were considerably higher than the previous year. "At this point in time, I believe

hol and other substances to kill time."

She added that programs like the Boys and Girls Club, the archery complex and Summit Center are greatly important because they are places kids can go during the summer with supervision and feel occupied, leading to fewer underage alcohol and drug related incidents.

Berg said there are numerous ways that community members can help prevent teenagers from getting alcohol.

"If retail stores are selling to minors, compliance checks will create a fear factor for businesses, making them less likely to sell to underage individuals," she said. "This also goes for minors, when compliance checks are going on, they'll become less likely to try to buy alcohol from retailers."

Berg added that creating a value system with family members will carry on for their children throughout their lives.

"Parents of children can drink alcohol and feel it's fine if parents are drinking responsibly. In this situation, the family is probably less likely to have issues with their children using alcohol," she said. "However, if the same person feels as if it is okay for their youth(s) to use, as long as a parent is present, the message parents are sending to their

children is that it's okay for kids to use alcohol or other substances."

Berg and Kashas both said that parents in the community need to practice what they preach to their children.

"If you tell your kids that you don't want them to drink until they're 21 and that, if they get caught or are using alcohol, you need to have an expectation for them and clearly tell them that," Berg said. "They need to have consequences at home and, if parents' expectations aren't met, they need to follow through with consequences."

She added that parents need to get to know their children's friends and parents.

"Even if the parents say there won't be alcohol or drugs involved at a party, parents should still call them and ask about the party," Berg said. "They should exchange phone numbers and say, 'if my son or daughter needs a ride home for whatever reason, to give them a call.' Although kids might be embarrassed by this call, at least parents will know they are likely reducing the chances of drugs or alcohol being consumed at the party."

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IRS

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sions voiced political views. Some said it took three years to get their tax-exempt status; others said they were still waiting.

"I'm a born-free American woman," Becky Gerritson, president of the Wetumpka Tea Party of Alabama, tearfully told the lawmakers. "I'm telling my government, 'You've forgotten your place.'"

Federal regulations say that tax-exempt social welfare organizations can engage in some political activity but the activity cannot be their primary mission. It is up to the IRS to make that determination of their level of political activity, and some Democrats at Tuesday's House Ways and Means Committee hearing noted that some liberal groups also have had a hard time winning tax-exempt status from the IRS.

However, revelations about IRS agents improperly targeting tea party and other groups have led to investigations by three congressional committees and the Justice Department. One top IRS official

was forced to resign, another retired and a third was placed on paid administrative leave.

Tuesday's report by the inspector general suggests the agency has struggled with management issues beyond the division that handles tax-exempt applications. According to the report, expensive employee conferences were approved with few restraints or safeguards until new rules were imposed in 2011.

In all, the IRS held 225 employee conferences from 2010 through 2012, at a total cost of \$49 million, the report said. The Anaheim conference was the most expensive, but others were costly, too.

In 2010, the agency held a conference in Philadelphia that cost \$2.9 million, one in San Diego that cost \$1.2 million and another in Atlanta that also cost \$1.2 million.

All of these conferences would violate new rules imposed by the White House budget office in 2012 that cap expenses for a single conference at \$500,000. In 2010 alone, the IRS had 13 conferences that cost more than that.

By comparison, the General Services Administration was widely criticized for a 2010 conference in Las Vegas that cost \$823,000.

Spending on IRS conferences dropped substantially, from \$37.6

million in the 2010 budget year to \$6.3 million in 2011 and then to \$4.9 million last year, according to the IRS.

Acting IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel called the conferences "an unfortunate vestige from a prior era." Werfel took over the agency about two weeks ago, after President Barack Obama forced the previous acting commissioner to resign.

"Taxpayers should take comfort that a conference like this would not take place today," Werfel said in a statement.

The inspector general's report focused on the Anaheim conference, which was held for 2,609 managers in the agency's small business and self-employed division.

At the conference, the commissioner of the tax-exemption division, Christopher Wagner, stayed in a presidential suite that normally cost \$3,500 a night. Wagner became chief of the IRS office of appeals in 2011 and retired this year.

His deputy, Faris Fink, stayed in a room that normally cost \$1,499 a night, the report said. Fink was promoted to commissioner of the small business and self-employed division in 2011. He still holds the

position, according to an IRS spokesman.

The actual room expense was far less, the report said, though the upgrades pushed the conference cost higher.

Without the upgrades, the report said the IRS could have negotiated a lower room rate, as required by agency procedures.

The IRS paid two event planners a total of \$133,000 to organize the Anaheim conference. The planners were paid a percentage of the hotel room costs, which removed incentives for them to negotiate lower fees, the report said.

Fifteen outside speakers were paid a total of \$135,350. One was paid \$27,500 for two one-hour speeches; another was paid \$17,000.

The IRS said in a statement, "Many of the issues raised in the report, such as the use of event planners, the receipt of room upgrades and the welcome reception and breakfast provided by the hotel, were complimentary and did not entail the use of any additional government resources."

However, the report said the inspector general "believes that the costs for the conference could have been reduced if the IRS had not requested the numerous concessions

\$1.5 million pledged toward it. Means stated that a similar request may be made for 2015. Currently, the possibility of forming a preservation commission in the county and assessing a \$50,000 annual mill levy is being examined, Means added. If the effort is successful, it isn't expected that the levy would bring in revenue until 2016; and

denied a conditional-use permit for White Crane, LLC, to build two-family units along Violet Drive west of Yankton. Despite the acknowledgment by commissioners that houses in the price range being proposed are needed in the county, they shared the concerns of neighbors about potential septic system problems. Septic issues have already occurred in the area, and residents felt an influx of people in two-family homes rather than single-family homes could make matters worse.

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Award

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fits in the hopper," he said.

The National Safety Awards program recognizes carriers in similar operations — truckload and less than truckload — with awards based on their year-end preventable accident results.

Carriers are eligible to receive a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Participatory award. This past year, the National Safety Awards program drew more than 750 participants from across the nation.

Great West Casualty Company, which presented Jones with the safety award, is headquartered in South Sioux City, Neb. Great West is the nation's leading provider of property and casualty insurance for the trucking industry.

Jones Feed & Grain Trucking hauls in the Midwest, from North Dakota to Kansas and Colorado.

"The (safety) award is based on preventable accidents. We see how many miles we can go accident-free," Jones said, adding his firm had racked up 710,000 miles for a year.

Proper vehicle maintenance plays a key role in promoting safe driving and working conditions, the Wynot trucker said.

"I have my own shop and do a lot of my own maintenance on my trucks," he said.

Jones also stresses safe driving procedures for himself and his drivers. He has hosted Great West, which insures him, for a safety presentation.

"Great West came out here in February, and I had all my drivers here," he said. "I timed it with two other good friends, and we had a safety meeting in my office."

The meeting covered a variety of topics, and company officials emphasized the need to make safety a priority, Jones said.

In turn, the Wynot trucker passes along any of Great West's bulletins to his drivers.

"I have (the truckers) read those bulletins, and then I quiz them afterward to make sure they have awareness," he said.

The company holds its own safety meetings throughout the year, Jones said.

"We brush up on any new safety regulations that come across," he said. "We try to do the best we can for a small company."

Jones said his truckers try to avoid congested traffic wherever possible.

"We try to stay on the inter-

state (highways) and open road, but we do cover a lot of the two lanes," he said.

Even with the best-laid plans, some factors are out of the truckers' control or at least require extra precautions, Jones said.

"Weather is probably the biggest factor. And this time of year, you watch out for the farm equipment, which has gotten so much bigger," he said. "It's a challenge, between the road hazards and watching everybody else, to just maintaining control of your vehicle."

Jones Feed & Grain Trucking works year-round, but the owner said he tries to give his truckers every Sunday off. In that way, drivers can relax and spend time with their families on the weekend, he said.

Federal law limits truckers to driving 70 hours a week, Jones said. However, he also takes into account the need for the drivers to avoid fatigue that can lead to accidents.

Not satisfied to rest on his laurels, Jones wants to keep going with his four-year streak of Platinum awards.

"This (recognition) makes me go harder for next year, and it makes me feel more comfortable that I'm doing the best I can," he said.

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Wednesday, June 5
7:40 am Fordyce Centennial (Ruth Wiebelhaus)
8:20 am Hy-Vee Foods (Chef Staci)

Thursday, June 6
7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis (Lisa Scheve)
8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)