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ial tasks, grounds maintenance, and road crew assistance. Gustad said the trustees are paid \$1.25 per hour and estimated he would use them about 40 hours per week. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gustad discussed his plan to build a permanent structure for salt and sand storage on the County Highway Shop grounds.

Action 1369H: A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Johnson to approve Gustad's travel expenses for upcoming workshops and training in Huron, Pierre and Deadwood. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1370H: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to request a state study to determine if underground tanks at the old Highway Shop qualify for the state's underground petroleum tank removal project.

Gustad requested an Executive Session with the Board to discuss a personnel matter. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to recess the regular session at 7:39 PM and convene in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:54 PM. Chairman Jensen stated that Highway Department Secretary Paty Davies has resigned from her position, effective March 6, 2013.

Action 1371H: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to accept Paty Davies' resignation, effective March 6, 2013. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gustad presented the Board with bids received for 2013 highway supplies as submitted and opened at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 5th, 2013.

Action 1372H: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to accept the following low bids for highway supplies for 2013 as follows:

FUEL, Stern Oil: Gasoline Truckload \$3.4255 per gallon; Fuel #1 Truckload \$3.83 per gallon; Fuel #2 Truckload \$3.58 per gallon; Fuel #1 Transport \$3.68 per gallon; Fuel #2 Transport \$3.43 per gallon.

CRUSHED QUARTZ 3/8" CHIPS, Spencer Quarries: \$17.40 per ton. Other bids: Concrete Materials, \$17.50 per ton; L.G. Everist, \$25.30 per ton.

PRE-STRESSED BRIDGE DECKING: Cretex (only bidder). Price list on file in Auditor and Highway offices.

ROUND CULVERTS, True North: 15"x16", \$9.93; 18"x16", \$11.81; 24"x14", \$19.31; 30"x14", \$23.97; 36"x14", \$28.68; 42"x14", \$33.24; 48"x14", \$37.85.

ARCH CULVERTS, True North: 30"x14", \$26.14; 36"x12", \$43.88; 42"x12", \$50.97; 48"x12", \$58.07; 60"x10, \$61.40; 72"x10, \$109.32.

ROUND CULVERTS 5x1, True North: 60"x12", \$69.56; 72"x12", \$83.25; 84"x10", \$121.43; 96"x10", \$138.52; 108"x10", \$155.61.

ARCH CULVERTS 5X1, True North: 60"x12", \$73.09; 72"x12", \$87.48; 84"x12", \$127.60; 96"x10", \$145.57; 108"x10", \$163.53.

MAG WATER, Z&S Dust Control: .43/SQ YD; .06/H2O.

ASPHALT, Concrete Materials: \$65.50/ton for 1/2 Hot Mix; \$125.00/ton for Cold Mix.

Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1373H: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to accept the high bids received for several pieces of surplus property located at the old Highway Shop. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried. Notices will be sent to successful bidders. The list of bids is available in the Auditor's Office.

Action 1374DB: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to recess the regular session and convene as the Ditch Board. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Gayville area farmer Gale Erickson discussed maintenance issues on the south end of the Yankton-Clay Ditch. Erickson said Pollman Excavating was hired to do some of the work needed on the ditch and presented Pollman's bill for \$3,726.83 to the Board for payment. The Board stated they would investigate the balance of the Yankton-Clay Ditch Fund and address the bill at a future meeting.

Action 1375DB: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Moore to approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of the Yankton County Bond Series 2013 (Yankton-Clay Lateral Drainage Ditch No. 2) in the maximum principal amount of \$148,000. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1376DB: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to adjourn as a Ditch Board and reconvene in regular session. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rural Yankton farmer Alvin No-

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vak stated that County Road 307 from 431st Street to 432nd Street is a dirt road in need of additional gravel. The Board advised Novak they would ask the Highway Superintendent to investigate the situation and report to them with a recommendation at a future meeting.

Action 1377C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to approve the following claims: **Commissioners:** Yankton Daily P&D (Legal Notices) \$399.81, Knology (Utilities) \$56.47, River Rat Productions (Services) \$350.00; **Court:** Affordable Self Storage (Services) \$88.00, 23 Payees @ \$10.00 (Grand Jury Fees) \$230.00, 9 Payees @ \$50.00 (Grand Jury Fees) \$450.00, 3 Payees @ \$20.00 (Witness Fees) \$60.00, 1 Payee (Jury Fees Mileage) \$5.18, 1 Payee (Witness Fees Mileage) \$326.34, 2 Payees @ \$4.44 (Jury Fees Mileage) \$8.88, 3 Payees at \$2.96 (Jury Fees Mileage) \$8.88, 7 Payees @.74 (Jury Fees Mileage) \$5.18, 1 Payee (Jury Fees Mileage) \$22.94, 4 Payees @ \$18.50 (Jury Fees Mileage) \$74.00, 5 Payees @ \$3.70 (Jury Fees Mileage) \$18.50, 2 Payees @ \$14.80 (Jury Fees Mileage) \$29.60, 1 Payee (Jury Fees Mileage) \$10.36, 1 Payee (Jury Fees Mileage) \$1.48, 1 Payee (Jury Fees Mileage) \$11.84, 1 Payee (Jury Fees Mileage) \$2.22, Fox, Youngberg & Lewno (Legal Assistance) \$9,000.00, Blackburn & Stevens (Legal Assistance) \$244.54, David Bergendahl (Grand Jury Testimony) \$334.40, Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital (Services) \$312.00, Hosmer Law Office (Legal Assistance) \$1,635.96, Logan County Sheriff (Services) \$17.50, Tamara Lee (Legal Assistance) \$361.69, Language Line (Services) \$418.95, SD Department of Health (Lab) \$889.00, Creighton Thurman (Legal Assistance) \$590.40, Woodbury County Sheriff (Services) \$3.43, Wells Fargo Law Department (Services) \$42.51, West Payment Center (Supplies) \$130.90; **Auditor:** Knology (Utilities) \$174.21, LEAF (Maintenance) \$152.00; **Treasurer:** Harland Technology (Maintenance) \$58.80, Knology (Utilities) \$294.28, Yankton County Observer (Legal Notices) \$197.57, Yankton Daily P&D (Legal Notices) \$287.97; **Data Processing:** Knology (Utilities) \$419.85, Miller Consulting (Maintenance) \$1,683.49; **States Attorney:** A&B Business (Maintenance & Supplies) \$49.80, Culligan (Supplies) \$12.00, Knology (Utilities) \$153.65, MidContinent (Utilities) \$20.90, Staples (Supplies) \$159.49, Great Western Bank (Rental) \$158.46; **Government Buildings:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$6.98, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$96.34, Crescent Electric (Supplies) \$90.00, Knology (Utilities) \$27.83, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$1,243.49, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,554.70, Nebraska Air Filter (Supplies) \$220.25; **Director of Equalization:** Knology (Utilities) \$242.27, McLeod's Printing (Supplies) \$54.42, Manatron (Maintenance) \$7,915.95, Ron's Auto Glass (Maintenance) \$40.00, SDAAO (Membership Dues) \$220.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$314.50; **Registrar of Deeds:** Executive Mgmt Finance (Utilities) \$18.00, Knology (Utilities) \$187.89, Miller Consulting (Maintenance) \$281.25; **Veteran's Office:** Knology (Utilities) \$28.87, Miller Consulting (Maintenance) \$112.50; **Court House & Safety Center:** G&R Controls (Maintenance) \$488.73, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$1,056.56, Knology (Utilities) \$321.22, Kone, Inc. (Maintenance) \$247.32, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$4,380.65, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$4,783.21, Yankton Janitorial (Supplies) \$1,022.60, Yankton Winnelson (Supplies) \$101.34; **Sheriff:** Grafix Shoppe (Equipment) \$341.04, Knology (Utilities) \$136.88, National Sheriff's Association (Membership Dues) \$100.00, Verizon (Utilities) \$98.46, WalMart (Supplies) \$19.46, Yankton Office Equipment (Maintenance) \$92.50; **County Jail:** Ace Medical Centers (Medical Records) \$60.00, CBM Food Service (Meals) \$6,120.49, Diamond Drugs (Medicine) \$2,887.63, Echo Group (Supplies) \$273.75, HY-Vee Pharmacy (Medicine) \$20.69, JCL Solutions (Supplies) \$564.22, Benjamin Jensen (Services) \$123.00, Knology (Utilities) \$83.77, Lewis & Clark Family Medicine (Services) \$249.38, Olson's Pest Technician (Maintenance) \$96.00; **Coroner:** Hansen Locksmithing (Supplies) \$15.00, Arica Nickles (Travel) \$7.71, SD Department of Health (Lab) \$35.00, Sanford Health (Services) \$1,960.00; **Juvenile Detention:** Minnehaha County Regional (Child Care) \$725.00; **Care of Poor:** Opsahl-Koster Funeral Home (Funeral Expense) \$2,250.00, Xerox (Maintenance) \$73.65; **Ambulance:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$674.19, Sacred Heart Health Services (Services) \$1,500.00, AT&T (Utilities) \$45.10, Battery Exchange (Supplies) \$27.95, City of Yankton (Supplies) \$90.58, Credit Collection (Services) \$332.46, Card Service Center (Supplies) \$1,121.07, Century Business Products (Maintenance) \$41.85, H&J Lawn & Landscaping (Maintenance) \$148.50, , Hansen Locksmithing (Supplies) \$15.00, Kmart (Supplies) \$34.14, Knology (Utilities) \$44.37, Matheson Tri-Gas (Supplies) \$75.00, Mead Lumber (Supplies) \$65.50, MidA-

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merican Energy (Utilities) \$903.29, Master-Tech Auto Clinic (Maintenance) \$1,025.74, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$637.91, Olson's Pest Technician (Maintenance) \$65.00, Power Source Electric (Maintenance) \$189.43, Roger's Family Pharmacy (Supplies) \$66.99, Henry Schein (Supplies) \$1,454.32, SD Quik Lube (Maintenance) \$112.99, Verizon (Utilities) \$277.20, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$10.46, Yankton Janitorial (Supplies) \$114.08, Yankton Rural Fire Protection (42 Calls) \$2,100.00; **Mentally Handicapped:** South Dakota Achieve (December Services) \$240.00, SD State Treasurer (Services - HSC & Redfield) \$6,577.90; **Mental Illness Board:** Norma Andersen (Hearings) \$30.00, Denise Cody (Hearings) \$60.00, Cathy Rehffus (Hearings) \$30.00, Lucille Lewno (Hearings) \$939.50, Lewis & Clark Behavioral (Hearings) \$894.00, Pamela Scheid (Hearings) \$40.00, Shepherd Reporting (Hearings) \$55.00, Karen Swanda (Hearings) \$30.00; **County Extension:** Department of Animal & Range Sciences (Supplies) \$57.50, Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$9.96, A&T Industries (4-H Awards) \$96.50, Appera (Supplies) \$54.75, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$36.70, Lauren Fosheim (Travel & Supplies) \$124.53, Francotyp-Postalia (Rental) \$100.50, Hodges Badge Company (4-H Supplies) \$108.27, Hy-Vee (Supplies) \$77.94, J&H Cleaning (Maintenance) \$400.00, John's Service (Maintenance) \$75.00, Knology (Utilities) \$260.57, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$228.21, Wholesale Supply (Supplies) \$86.60, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$56.17, Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce (4-H Conference) \$50.00; **Weed & Pest Conference** (Registration Fees) \$190.00; **Drainage:** Missouri Sedimentation (2013 Membership Dues) \$1,000.00; **Planning & Zoning:** Knology (Utilities) \$50.13, Verizon (Utilities) \$30.76, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$4.79, Yankton Daily P&D (Legal Notices) \$283.55; **Road & Bridge:** Appera (Supplies) \$121.06, AT&T (Utilities) \$34.72, ITS (Equipment) \$11,616.00, Bomgaars (Supplies) \$192.71, B-Y Water (Utilities) \$84.50, City of Yankton (Utilities) \$93.10, Century Link (Utilities) \$102.87, Dakota Riggers (Supplies) \$2,593.84, Ehresmann Engineering (Supplies) \$151.04, Johnson Engineering (Fleeg's Bridge) \$73.32, Knology (Utilities) \$262.00, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$945.19, Northwestern Energy (Utilities) \$1,206.71, RDO Equipment (Supplies) \$377.18, Riverside Hydraulics (Supplies) \$34.43, SD Department of Transportation (Beaver Creek Project) \$97,047.00, SD Department of Transportation (Bridge Inspection) \$2,198.16, Stern Oil (Fuel) \$2,031.69, SD Department of Agriculture (Registration Renewals) \$360.00, SD Transportation Safety Conference (Travel) \$50.00, Town of Lesterville (Utilities) \$180.00, Western Office Technologies (Supplies) \$197.90; **911 Fund:** CenturyLink (Utilities) \$1,531.49, Racom (Maintenance & Supplies) \$1,448.89, Knology (Utilities) \$1,154.33, State Radio Communications (Maintenance & Utilities) \$3,500.00; **Emergency Management:** Ace Hardware (Supplies) \$1,058.80, Bomgaars (Supplies) \$136.01, Bomgaars (Supplies) \$136.01, Battery Exchange (Supplies) \$179.90, Hansen Locksmithing (Supplies) \$15.00, MidContinent (Utilities) \$13.07, MidAmerican Energy (Utilities) \$46.11, Racom (Utilities) \$30.60, Paul Scherschligt (Supplies) \$72.05, Smartdraw Software (Supplies) \$493.00, Sioux Falls Two-Way Radio (Maintenance, Supplies, Travel) \$1,137.81, Verizon (Utilities) \$138.14; **24/7 Program:** Intoximeters (Supplies) \$1,500.00; **Misc:** West Payment Center (County Law Library Supplies) \$575.85; **Tower Fund:** Center for Municipal Solutions (Northwestern & AT&T) \$5,289.28; **Drainage Ditches:** Pollman Excavation (Volin Twp) \$7,022.70.

Total General Fund \$78,640.71, Road & Bridge \$119,953.42, 911 Fund \$7,634.71, Emergency Management \$3,320.49, 24/7 Program \$1,500.00, Misc. \$575.85, Tower Fund \$5,289.28, Drainage Ditches \$7,022.70.

Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A c t i o n 1 3 7 8 V S O / A U D - TREAS/POOLED CASH/ROD:

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to accept the following monthly reports: January 2013 report of Veteran's Service Office; December 2012 Auditor/Treasurer report indicating Total Cash on Hand \$16,853.80; Checking Account Balances - First Dakota National Bank \$843,138.28; Savings Account Balances - Wells Fargo Bank \$468,650.58; Cor Trust Bank Gayville \$952,647.72; First Dakota National \$1,490,704.70; Cor Trust Bank Yankton \$947,004.77; 1st National Bank \$1,136,437.49; Bad Checks \$1,468.93; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$5,856,906.27, including General Fund, \$4,268,358.57; Special Fund, \$1,084,982.81; and Trust and Agency Funds, \$503,564.89; December 2012 Pooled Cash report; and January 2013 Register of Deeds report. Register of Deeds collections in January included \$5,334.50 in

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land transfer fees; \$2,362.00 in copies revenue; and \$15,222 in other fees. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Action 1379C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to approve the January 2013 gross payroll: **Commissioners:** \$4,811.43; **Auditor:** \$13,838.12; **Treasurer:** \$14,645.45; **States Attorney:** \$21,175.51; **Custodian:** \$2,993.94; **Director of Equalization:** \$18,259.53; **Register of Deeds:** \$11,233.53; **Veterans Service:** \$2,080.05; **Courthouse & Safety Center:** \$5,877.05; **Sheriff:** \$47,870.91; **County Jail:** \$47,553.82; **Coroner:** \$400.00; **Juvenile Detention:** \$190.00; **Nurse:** \$2,315.02; **Ambulance:** \$33,943.13; **Extension:** \$5,571.98; **Weed:** \$2,040.20; **Planning & Zoning:** \$3,277.00; **Road & Bridge:** \$63,464.54; **911:** \$1,948.24; **OEMHS:** \$4,371.72; **WIC:** \$1,418.93; **24-7 Program:** \$2,796.50, South Dakota Retirement System (Buy Back) \$166.63, South Dakota Retirement System \$23,191.10 (Other Employees), South Dakota Retirement System \$14,529.82 (Sheriff/EDS), South Dakota Retirement System (Payroll Deduction-Spouse Opt) \$234.52, South Dakota Retirement System (Supplemental) \$2,466.66, American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC) \$3,353.78, Legalshield \$89.65, Office of Child Support \$379.00, Nationwide Retirement Solutions \$128.26, First Dakota National Bank \$27,214.19 (Withholding), First Dakota National Bank \$38,030.28 (FICA) First Dakota National Bank \$8,894.16 (Medicare), Boston Mutual Life Insurance \$746.56, Colonial Life & Accident \$1,662.38, Blue Cross Blue Shield \$38,822.60. Gross Payroll \$312,076.60, Net Payroll \$232,290.02. Voting Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sinclair.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013 at 3:30 PM in the Commission Chambers.

Bruce Jensen, Chairman
Yankton County Board of Commissioners

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Cuts

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months ago, there are no deadlines for action to prevent tax increases from hitting nearly every American.

Still, there was talk of crisis.

“We have the opportunity to avoid the kind of calamity and disaster that is being threatened and is completely unnecessary,” said Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, who co-authored the Republican proposal.

“The question is, are we going to achieve these savings through badly designed spending cuts that make no attempt whatever to distinguish between more sensible government spending and less sensible spending?”

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington said that was precisely what Democrats had tried to do by proposing the deferral of Pentagon cuts until U.S. combat troops have come home from Afghanistan in two years' time.

At the same time, she said the Democrats had reasonably proposed replacing half of the pending cuts with higher taxes on “the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations.”

In fact, the Democratic measure also included small increases for a variety of small programs such as biodiesel education, assistance for biomass crops and certification of organic foods.

Boehner and House Republicans show no hurry to alter the cuts, contending they provide leverage with Obama in their demand for savings from government benefit programs. Yet they are expected to launch legislation next week to replenish government coffers after current funding expires on March 27, and that measure

Plan

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the measure before the main run of the legislative session ends late next week.

Senate President Pro Tem Corey Brown, R-Gettysburg, said South Dakota not only charges its 4 percent state sales tax on construction projects, but also a 2 percent excise tax on a contractor's gross receipts. South Dakota is one of only a few states that have a contractor's excise tax, which means construction is cheaper in states with no such tax, he said.

The plan would refund part or all of the state sales tax paid by projects of more than \$20 million that would not locate in South Dakota without such an incentive. The contractor's excise taxes paid by those projects would be placed in a special account, called the

Food

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did with the first guidelines that were passed last year.

“The first time around, I think there should have been more time for people to prepare for the changes,” she said. “These proposals right now probably won't go into practice until the 2014-15 school year, so it gives us a year to prepare for them.”

Officials would monitor schools by visiting them to validate what's going on and to make sure they're following the guidelines. However, Kramer doesn't believe local governments would have the time available to monitor local schools' food programs.

“They are expecting us to monitor the things going on outside of the food program, and as the food director at YSD, it would be tough for me to monitor what goes on outside of the cafeteria schools,” she said. “The rest of the school would likely need to get involved to monitor that.”

One aspect of the guidelines that Kramer is worried about is the industry having to come up with new product sizes to fit the regulations proposed. She said the amount of products that the food industry sells to schools is small in comparison to stores, and they may refuse to change in order to accommodate the new guidelines.

“There are a lot of questions still out there on all of the proposals put forward,” she said. “One of the biggest challenges we are going to have comes in 2014, when the sodium caps go into effect. The USDA extended the unlimited meats and grains into next year, which helped, but the calorie limits have not changed.”

One of the things that Kramer has been preparing for is the new rules that will go into effect next year on school breakfast options. Students will be required to have a full cup of fruit and vegetables, compared to a half-cup

Walk

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lows the committee plenty of time to work with the winning artist,” Scheve said. “The committee must also work with the City of Yankton to assist in the purchase of the sculpture.”

For those who haven't yet seen all the 2012 entries, there is still time. The new sculptures will be installed around May 8-10, depending on weather and artist schedules.

A “Yankton RiverWalk” phone application is available to guide those on the 2012 tour. “It can be downloaded from iTunes or the Android Marketplace,” Scheve said. “It will tell you interesting facts about each sculpture and who made it. We've found that is

“Rise up, O God, and save us from ourselves.”

BARRY BLACK

could become a magnet for new attempts to change Friday's “sequester.”

Already, some Republicans held out hope the current struggle might lead to talks on completing work on the final piece of a deficit reduction package that has been more than two agonizing years in the making.

“The objective here ought to be not just to deal with sequester but to deal with the underlying spending problems, which require tax reform” as well as reform of benefit programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security,” said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio.

Democratic senators emerged from a lunch with Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and top Pentagon officials and said the current cuts could not be allowed to stand.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Pa., said the session had confirmed to him that as currently constituted, the cuts were ‘a really, really dumb idea.’

In a cycle of crisis followed by compromise over the past two years, Obama and congressional Republicans have agreed to more than \$3.6 trillion in long-term deficit savings over a decade.

None of the savings to date has come from the big benefit programs that lawmakers in both parties say must be tackled if the country is to gain control over its finances. Each party fears the political fallout of confronting them on their own, but Democrats, in particular, are reluctant to scale back programs that they count as their political birthright.

Their rival speeches on the Senate floor weren't the first time that

now. Kramer said a lot of schools are looking into not serving any proteins next year in order to stay within the calorie limits. She said certain proteins won't count for any of the guidelines, and schools will already have added costs with the additional fruits and vegetables, so some might choose to not serve some proteins.

“I believe that protein is an important part of breakfast, and carbs help breakfast last longer than a bowl of cereal would,” Kramer said. “Breakfast items next year will all have to be 100 percent whole grain, which YSD has been serving at least 51 percent whole grains.”

She added that some of the standards won't be fully implemented until 2020, and it's a gradual adjustment with the sodium and whole grain guidelines. She said the sodium caps will be the most difficult for her to adjust to.

Kramer believes impacts of the new guidelines are already being seen across the country.

“I hope the school lunch restrictions make kids more aware of what they're eating,” she said. “The guidelines might be able to impact a full generation of kids knowing how to eat healthy, and hopefully they'll accept it and know that it's good for them.”

Kramer added that some states that have been working on the new guidelines are already beginning to see lower obesity rates. She said the new standards, along with the programs out there to help kids get more active and eating healthier, could lead to a generation of kids that live longer.

“School lunches aren't as simple as they used to be when you could just count fruits, grains and vegetables,” she said. “The first year of changes went pretty well and kids have gotten used to it. As a whole, more fruits and vegetables are being consumed, which is a good thing. Change just takes some time and getting used to.”

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helpful, because we're not always available to give guided tours.”

A celebration will be held in May to show appreciation for the artists who contributed work for the 2012 and 2013 seasons.

“At that time, the People's Choice winner will be announced and people will also be able to purchase sculptures that have been on display for the last year,” Scheve said. RiverWalk is currently looking at ways it will be able to thrive in the future, added Scheve.

“We're trying to figure out how we want to grow, and until a few other plans come together, we don't want to put infrastructure in place and then have to take it out two years later,” she said. “We're in a holding pattern as far as growth.”

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Toomey and Murray disagreed on economic issues.

Both served on a so-called congressional Supercommittee in 2011 that was charged with producing at least \$1.2 trillion in savings over a decade.

The panel deadlocked, automatically triggering the across-the-board cuts that now are imminent.

As constituted, the cuts would total \$85 billion through the end of the current budget year — Sept. 30 — half each from defense and non-defense programs. Large parts of the budget are off-limits, including programs for veterans, Social Security and Medicare benefits.

The Republican alternative would have required Obama to propose an alternative that relied exclusively on spending cuts, ruled out tax increases and limited what he could take from Pentagon accounts.

The Democratic measure would have canceled the \$85 billion in cuts, and replaced them with a combination of tax increases and cuts to defense and farm programs that would phase in over a decade. Deficits would have risen by more \$42 billion in the first year and \$38 billion over the two following years before gradually beginning to decline.

While the White House has issued a steady stream of severe warnings about the impact of across-the-board cuts, the president said Wednesday night, “This is not a cliff, but it is a tumble downward. It's conceivable that in the first week, the first two weeks, the first three weeks, the first month ... a lot of people may not notice the full impact of the sequester.”

Associated Press writers Jim Kuhnhenn, Laurie Kellman and Donna Casata contributed to this story.

big industrial projects was allowed to expire Dec. 31. A replacement plan suggested by Gov. Dennis Daugaard was rejected by voters in the November election. The governor's plan would have taken money from the contractor's excise tax to be used for discretionary grants to companies that would not have located in South Dakota without those incentives, but opponents said that would have used money that should instead be spent on education and other priorities.

The legislative leaders said their new plan would be funded largely by contractor's excise taxes paid by companies that would not come to South Dakota without the program. The state also is getting more unclaimed property funds because a large bank has moved to South Dakota and the state has changed its laws. Banks used to give the state unclaimed deposits after five years when owners could not be located, but the new law shortened that to three years.