

2010 Legal and Public Notices

Qwest Corporation - telephone facilities - occupancy of 431st Avenue in Section 4, Townships 93 & 94N, Range 57W.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried 5-0.

Action 11170WIC: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract/letter of agreement for provider services with the SD Department of Health for clerical services for the WIC program in the original amount of \$16,166.00 and \$500.00 for travel and further to approve a contract amendment increasing the contract amount to \$17,152.00.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried 5-0.

Action 11171C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to set the hearing date for malt beverage licenses for the 2011-2012 years for May 17th, 2011 and further to authorize the Auditor to advertise the hearing.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried 5-0.

Action 11172C: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to approve the following abatements/refunds: Parcel 78.240.093.160 (Yankton Public Schools) in the amount of \$726.51 (tax exempt), Parcel 78.240.093.180 (Yankton Public Schools) \$340.17 (tax exempt), Parcel 78.010.001.070 (Ability Building) \$52.78 (tax exempt), Parcel 11.033.300.100 (L Taacke LE) \$1,026.46 to correct posting error and 09.015.450.105 (Premier Ventures) in the amount of \$702.00 to correct discretionary formula. The Board took no action on an abatement request filed on Parcel 78.430.008.160 for owner occupied status as the owner did not file the required document stating owner occupied status by the deadline.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

The Board discussed the recent announcement that the local Extension office will be closed in October 2011 due to state funding shortages. Representatives from SDSU will be meeting with counties affected by such closings to discuss options. The Commission tentatively set Tuesday, May 10th at 2:00 PM as the preferred date to meet with SDSU representatives.

Commissioner Sinclair advised he has had contact with Paul Gustad regarding a drainage ditch issue. A ditch board meeting will be set to address the issue.

The Board also discussed an ongoing drainage problem adjacent to Walshtown road. Options to address the issue will be investigated.

The following exempt property applications were acted upon:

Parcel 78.940.037.170 - First Assembly of God Church - **Action 11173C:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to grant a 100% exemption to the aforementioned property.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Parcel 78.990.001.026 - Elks Lodge #994 BPOE **Action 11174C:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to grant a 75% exemption to the aforementioned property.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Parcel 78.790.049.090 - United Church of Christ **Action 11175C:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Johnson to grant a 50% exemption to the aforementioned property.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

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Parcel 78.790.026.060 - Loyal Order of the Moose **Action 11176C:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to grant a 75% exemption to the aforementioned property.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Parcel 08.019.400.030 - Our Redeemer Lutheran Church **Action 11177C:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to grant a 50% exemption to the aforementioned property.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Parcel 78.025.014.000 - Sacred Heart Health Services **Action 11178C:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Sinclair to grant a 81.551% exemption to the aforementioned Pavillion property.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Parcel 03.007.300.350 & 07.012.100.100 - Broom Tree Farm Retreat Ministries **Action 11179C:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Freng to grant a 95% exemption to the aforementioned properties (on structures only).
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Parcels 05.009.100.450, 05.017.400.355, 78.020.001.100, 78.020.01.115, 78.179.000.000, 78.980.008.020, 78.980.008.100, 78.980.009.040, 78.990.012.225, 78.990.012.260 and 78.990.012.271 - Yankton Area Progressive Growth **Action 11180C:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Johnson to grant exemptions on the following parcels: 05.017.400.355 26% exemption, 78.020.001.100 100% exemption, 78.020.001.115 100% exemption and 78.990.012.225 100% exemption.
Voting Aye: Freng, Johnson, Moore, Jensen Abstain; Sinclair Nay: None
Motion carried.

Action 11181C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to deny the application for exemption made by the Marina Dell Road District.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Action 11182C: A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to approve the Disabled Veteran Exemption applications (12 qualified applicants-list on file in DOE & Auditor's office).
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Action 11183C: A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Johnson to approve the Paraplegic Veteran Exemption applications (3 qualified applicants-list on file in DOE & Auditor's office).
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

Action 11184C: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to approve the Elderly Assessment Freeze applications as recommended by the Assessor's office (list on file in DOE & Auditor's office)
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Johnson to adjourn as a Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as the County Board of Equalization.
Voting Aye: All Voting Nay: None
Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be May 3rd, 2011 at 4:30 PM in the Commission chambers.

The Commission will convene as a County Board of Equalization on

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April 26th, 2011 to finalize pending equalization appeals pending.

Bruce Jensen, Chairman
Yankton County Commission
ATTEST:
Paula Jones, Auditor

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it became a non-profit corporation last fall. Smith received valuable assistance from his father, Mitchell attorney Patrick Smith, who helped the group draft its by-laws and articles of incorporation. The national organization actually came into existence before the USD chapter, which was formed during the past school year.

The organization's next step is a achieving 501(c)3 status so donations are tax deductible, D.J. Smith said. "That's especially important for people who want to donate large amounts," he said, expressing hope of receiving major contributions.

The needs are great across the nation, he said. "Nationally, there are about 30,000 suicides annually. Someone commits suicide every 17 minutes," he said.

South Dakota is not immune from depression and suicide. In fact, studies show South Dakota is among a group of western states with a consistently higher suicide rate than the rest of the country.

Statistics show about 107 people die of suicide in South Dakota every year, calculating to one suicide every three or four days. Of that figure, about 12 teenagers — one a month — die of suicide in South Dakota.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death in South Dakota for people 15-34, regardless of sex or race. The death rate of people ages 15-24 is twice as high in South Dakota as it is on average throughout the United States.

"Lost and Found" national treasurer Erik Muckey, a USD sophomore from

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wanted to pursue the advanced manufacturing degree after receiving a tour

Corsica, said college is not the popular image of a carefree life and endless parties. He has seen — and experienced — the pressure felt in a college atmosphere.

"I saw a lot of freshmen who lacked experience in dealing with college. They had problems with everyday life. Even at a smaller university, you felt like you were on your own," he said.

"People were worried about classes, their grades, jobs, social connections and peer pressure. Some had problems with drugs and alcohol or other underlying issues. And then it became even more stressful during finals week."

Besides the USD chapter, "Lost and Found" has received contacts from Nebraska, Michigan and New York schools interested in starting similar programs. Chapters could be started for both high schools and colleges.

"Lost and Found" works with the USD counseling center and advisor Tiffany Kashas, Muckey said. "We are trying to get the word out that we are on campus and there are places to go for help," he said.

Often, students don't think they can admit their depression or suicidal thoughts, Muckey said.

"People think it's shameful, but it's not shameful," he said. "It's a fact of life — people get depressed."

NIKKI'S FUND

As part of its mission, "Lost and Found" works with and gives money to Nikki's Fund, a campus-based organization that supports suicide prevention programs and medication needs for USD students.

Nikki's Fund was founded in memory of Nicole Vallie Harris, who committed suicide in 2005. She is the daughter of Janine Harris, manager of the Al Neuarth Media Center on the USD campus.

Janine Harris said she welcomes the

of Yankton's Applied Engineering. "I looked at everything they did, and it was amazing," she stated. "They took a piece of metal and made it into something so precise."

BHSU plans to build on the program this fall by offering Yankton High School students a dual credit course,

which will allow them to get college credit from BHSU while attending a class offered at YHS. Yankton-area manufacturers are paying the tuition for the students.

"This will open doors for our students at YHS," Svatos said.

formation of "Lost and Found" and its rapid growth.

"These young people are fantastic. Sometimes, students relate better to their peers," she said. "I just want, in any way we can, to get the message out and offer support to people who are struggling. It's not something that people want to talk about."

Young people aren't the only ones struggling with the topic of suicide, Harris said.

"There was a woman I met whose father committed suicide in the 1980s, and she still wasn't able to talk about it," she said. "The poor woman has a lot to carry, a lot of anger."

Smith, the "Lost and Found" president, has attended Nikki's Fund meetings, Harris said.

"We are separate organizations, but we have the same mission and share the same goals. We support each other," she said. "I think 'Lost and Found' is wonderful. I'm so glad to see anything you can do to prevent or reduce suicide or let students know where they can go to get help."

In her position with the Freedom Forum Diversity Institute, Harris works with American Indians in journalism. She sees the high suicide rate among Indians, particularly on the reservations.

Studies show young Indian males die of suicide at four to five times the rate, on average, of young white males in South Dakota.

Harris has scheduled a Sept. 7 campus visit by Eric Marcus, author of the book, "Why Suicide?" She is also attempting to organize a panel discussion featuring Marcus, suicide survivors and family members who are left behind after a suicide.

Harris welcomes working with "Lost and Found" as well as churches and community organizations.

"We're not here to judge," she said.

"People are opening up, and the Vermilion community has shown its support. It's overwhelming."

CHARTING THE FUTURE

In many ways, Smith said he welcomes the summer break. He spent 40 hours a week during the school year on "Lost and Found" on top of his classes and his student government and fraternity activities.

Smith and the other "Lost and Found" members are using the summer to plan the organization's future. Should Smith remain national president, he plans to give up the USD position.

But some things won't change. The USD chapter wants to continue holding weekly meetings, which have drawn 20 to 30 students. The board wants to work more with churches and community resources.

And "Lost and Found" will stick with its three main themes: pay it forward, others are struggling and you're not alone, and help is possible.

Both Smith and Muckey said "Lost and Found" has changed their lives. However, Smith said he feels mixed emotions.

"I am frustrated because there is so much more to do, and we have only so many hands to do it," he said. "I am determined to get there (and reach our goal). I am proud that there are so many people who have come together. And I'm a little scared."

A political science and English double major, Smith said he doesn't fit the stereotypical psychology or sociology major working with depression and suicide. However, he feels a calling to "Lost and Found" as his life's work.

"I have been driven to tears by the stories I have seen. It's a matter of pay it forward," he said. "I want this to be the rest of my life, to grow and help people who want to change the world."

Y E S F O R K I D S

Yes! for Kids

South Dakotans have always been leery of having outsiders bringing their agendas across our border and inserting them into our public discussions.

The people of Yankton are capable of solving their own problems without interference.

We are resourceful men and women or we wouldn't be here in the first place. We have a good sense of when we should do things on our own, and when we need to come together to do what only communities can accomplish. No one needs to cut our meat or interpret our information for us. We can do these things ourselves.

Who knows better ...

Yankton residents know better than anyone else how to deal with problems in our community.

We talk, we discuss, we even argue. We treat one another with respect for the person and the opinion. When there has been enough talking, we take a vote and abide by the result.

Then we go back to work, to church, and to the ball fields. When it's all over we are all still neighbors.

The opponents of the opt-out have hired Paul Dorr as their consultant. Yes! for Kids almost hired a consultant when we looked ahead and saw all the work that needed to be done.

Properly used, consultants can provide helpful ideas.

But there are other sorts of consultants. Some of them run dirty campaigns and spread misinformation. They attempt to smear reputations and intimidate opponents with threats of lawsuits. They come to town, quickly dump a load of their particular brand of manure, take their money and leave. The community gets to clean up after them.

We don't believe that Yankton likes dirty and name-calling campaigns, so we are not running one.

We have been here from the beginning of this campaign, and we will be here when it is over, living and working alongside the rest of the citizens of this fine city.



Memorial Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, May 30th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

Out On The Town — Wednesday, May 25
Tuesday, May 31 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 25
Wednesday, June 1 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, May 26
Thursday, June 2 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, May 27

There will be no newspaper on Monday, May, 30, 2011.

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