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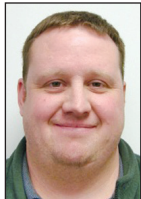


City OKs Contract For Water Study

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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With a stream of money in place for upgrades to the water treatment system, the Yankton City Commission agreed Monday to a nearly \$2 million contract to design the project.



Goodmanson

The total amount of the agreement with HDR, Inc., is not to exceed \$1.99 million. A team of about 35 HDR employees is expected to be involved in the project during the next two years.

"This is a design-only contract," said Kyle Goodmanson, Yankton's director of environmental services. "It will address the design of the proposed new collector well, a raw water transmission main, pilot testing and procurement of the major equipment, and design of a 5 million gallon-per-day water plant."

In a separate action Monday, the commission approved a \$64,100 contract with Thein Well, Inc., for construction of a test well and the performance of a pump test at Paddle Wheel Point.

The contract with HDR is expected to unfold in stages through August 2015.

The first order of business will be a \$30,000 study that will explore three potential locations for the water plant and the costs associated with each one.

"Before we can do anything else, we'll need to know where the site location is going to be," Goodmanson stated.

The Riverside Park property adjacent to the east side of the 1972 water plant, Paddle Wheel Point and an as yet undetermined third location will be evaluated. Goodmanson said it may be property across Levee Street to the north of the 1972 plant that is chosen as the third potential site.

That study should be done in January so the commission can evaluate the information and decide how to proceed.

By July 2014, design of the raw water transmission main should be complete so it can be bid out for construction.

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Yankton Parks and Recreation Director Todd Larson lays out some of the options and challenges of a sports authority concept during a public meeting Monday night.

No Answers Emerge At Sports Forum

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Members of the Yankton community gathered Monday night to discuss the possibility of forming a sports authority for the area, but they left without a clear picture moving forward.

The meeting, held at the Technical Education Center, was convened to continue the dialogue that began at the Oct. 16 town hall meeting for sports facilities. Those in attendance included city commissioners, city officials, sport group representatives, parents and other interested parties.

During the meeting earlier this month, Stockwell Engineers of Sioux Falls presented a preliminary plan to address the sports facility needs in Yankton. Proposed improvements ranged from upgrades to current areas at expenses of up to \$2.5 million, to the construction of new fields for several sports, which could end up costing up to \$30 million.

Following that presentation, the consensus of those attending appeared to be in favor of the formation of a sports authority to help coordi-



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Bruce Cull of the National Field Archery Association offers a comment during Monday night's public meeting on Yankton's sports facilities.

nate support and fundraising for the improvements.

"It sounds like, from the feedback I was getting, that a lot of people are interested in exploring the idea to see what the benefits would be to their sport, as well as community-wide," Mayor Nancy Wenande said Monday.

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South Dakota

Medicaid Expansion Would Help Working Poor

State Officials Offer Testimony To Legislative Committee

BY CHET BROKAW

Associated Press

PIERRE — People who work in low-income jobs would make up a lot of the population that would be covered by an expansion of South Dakota's Medicaid program, state officials told a legislative committee Monday.

"Many of them are the working poor," Deb Bowman, a senior aide to Gov. Dennis Daugaard, said.

Bowman, who led a state task force that studied the advantages and disadvantages of expanding Medicaid, and state Social Services Secretary Kim Malsam-Rysdon met Monday with the Legislature's Planning Committee, a panel that conducts long-term studies of issues. The task force did not recommend whether South Dakota should expand Medicaid.

Under President Barack Obama's health care law, states have the option of expanding Medicaid, which uses state and federal money to pay health care costs for low-income people. Daugaard has said he likely will recommend that the South Dakota Legislature delay a decision on expanding Medicaid until more information is gathered on who would be covered and whether federal officials would give the state some leeway in deciding which income levels are covered.

South Dakota's Medicaid program covers about 116,000 children, adults and disabled people. An expansion would cover an estimated 48,500 additional people, mostly adults without children.

People earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level — \$15,451 for a single person or \$31,809 for a family of four — would be covered by an expansion. The federal government would fully cover those added to Medicaid's rolls through 2016, and the state's contribution

would rise in stages to 10 percent of the medical costs by 2020.

The legislative committee had asked Bowman and Malsam-Rysdon to provide information on who would be covered by an expansion.

The two state officials did not provide information on exactly how many are now working in low-income jobs, but they said a state study has found that 41 percent of South Dakota's uninsured adults live in families with incomes below the poverty level while 25 percent live in families earning from 100 percent to 199 percent of the poverty level.

About 63 percent of uninsured adults are employed, and two-thirds of those work full time, Malsam-Rysdon said. That means many do not get insurance through their jobs.

The federal health care law seeks to provide more people with insurance through subsidized private insurance offered through online marketplaces called exchanges. States have the option of expanding Medicaid to cover people considered too poor to get the subsidized insurance.

Daugaard has said he is renewing a request that South Dakota be allowed to expand Medicaid only up to 100 percent of the poverty level because those over that mark can qualify for the subsidized private insurance. Federal officials rejected that request earlier.

Sen. Billie Sutton, D-Burke, said the health care law will provide subsidies so those earning above the poverty level get government subsidies to buy private insurance, but no help will be provided to really poor people without a Medicaid expansion.

"It just doesn't make sense," Sutton said.

Famous Figures Set For 125th Party

Celebration Set For Saturday In Yankton

From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton Quasiquintennial Committee will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of South Dakota becoming a state on Saturday, Nov. 2, and some familiar figures from the past will be on the scene.

The celebration will begin at 3:30 p.m. with a walking tour of historic Yankton's most historic sites, including visits from a few of our most distinguished historical figures.

Location and Historical Figures include:

- The Historic Schwenk-Barth Brewery (2nd and Walnut) — Captain Grant Marsh
- Corner of 3rd and Cedar — Jack McCall
- Yankton County Courthouse Steps — Mrs. Mary Ash and Mrs. Bridget Stange
- Corner of 3rd and Walnut —



President Theodore Roosevelt
• Dakota Theatre — South Dakota Governor Arthur C. and Margaret Mellette and General George Armstrong and Libby Custer

- Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan — Mr. and Mrs. George W. and Lydia Kingsbury
- Dakota Territorial Replica (Riverside Park) — General William Henry Harrison and Ellen Beadle
- Cramer-Kenyon Heritage Home — Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and

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This photo shows President Theodore Roosevelt speaking at the intersection of Third and Walnut in Yankton in 1903. Roosevelt will be one of the famous figures who will be portrayed by reenactors during Saturday's South Dakota 125th anniversary inaugural ball and festivities in Yankton.

Yankton Woman Lauded With Nurse Education Award

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After more than 30 years of teaching up-and-coming nurses the trade, Yankton resident Katherine Jorgensen has received some recognition.

During its annual convention in Aberdeen earlier this month, the South Dakota Nurses Association (SDNA) recognized Jorgensen with its Nurse Educator Award.

Jorgensen said she is grateful but humble about the honor.

"I was very honored," Jorgensen said. "There is quite a group of nurses in the state of South Dakota that belong to (the SDNA)."

Jorgensen taught for 30 years in the nursing department at the University of South



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