

2010 Legal and Public Notices

FICA)	\$ 541.63
Post Office	\$ 49.00
US Treasury (941/FICA)	\$ 247.36
Tabor Coop	\$ 169.10
Total	\$ 7,417.25

REPORTS:**September Water Report**

Turn off notice will be posted at two residential home. Water service will be shut off if no payment is received by Friday, October 17th. Five delinquent accounts from October readings. Late notices will be sent.

Water Superintendent Report

Scherschligt discussed the events that took place during the water ban. More water sampling will be done on Tuesday the 14th. Source has not been confirmed. State did express some concern with the storage location of the sample kits.

Quote of \$8,000 was received from Dakota Pump to rebuild both pumps at the lift station. This will be tabled until spring. Heater is needed at lift station. Cost is \$200.00 Motion Frank, second Bierle to approve the purchase. Motion carried. Backup pump for recirculation pump at water tower is needed. Cost is \$600.00. Motion Frank, second Bierle to approve the purchase. Motion carried. There is four fire hydrants that will not drain back. Some digging will need to be done and to open the weep hole. For now, Scherschligt will pump them down and check on cost of digging.

OLD BUSINESS:**East Siren**

Trustee Frank advised siren will be put up in October. Frank asked if the bearings should be replaced before the siren is put up. Cost for two bearings is \$38 & \$57. Since the siren was tested before purchasing it, we will not replace the bearings.

Water Study - Vern Arens

Vern Arens stated the water study was submitted to the state by the Oct 1st deadline. A public hearing will need to be held and financial application will need to be completed before January 2015.

Dog Licensing

Two residents need to their dog tags yet. Contact will be made with the owners.

NEW BUSINESS:**Quarterly Report**

Report reviewed with no questions.

OTHER:

Concern was expressed in regards to the ATVs driving on the railroad property and thru the drainage ditch there.

Several residents are dissatisfied with Golden West. Property has not been put back to original content as promised. Mayor Pratt will contact Golden West.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Bierle, second Frank to adjourn the town board meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion carried. Next monthly meeting of the Lester-ville Town Board is scheduled for November 10, 2014 at 7 pm in the fire hall room.

Janelle Munkvold**Finance Officer**

Published once at the approximate cost of \$53.12.

X-Ray Shows Sick Tortoise Swallowed Turtle pendant

MIAMI (AP) — The source of a sick tortoise's discomfort became clear after a south Florida veterinarian took an X-ray: The animal had swallowed a turtle pendant. Dr. Don Harris said the 15-pound male African spurred tortoise named Lola hadn't pooped for a month and began acting sick over the weekend. Lola's owner brought him to the Avian & Exotic Animal Medical Center in Miami, which Harris co-owns.

After an X-ray, Harris spotted the small, turtle-shaped object inside his patient.

Lola's owner told Harris she didn't recognize the pendant, but Harris said tortoises graze like cattle. They eat grass, plants and other vegetation, sometimes consuming rocks and other objects as well.

Harris is keeping Lola at his clinic, trying to get the pendant to pass. If that fails, surgery may follow.

Forum

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Plains was there," she said. "If that was a happy, working relationship, I don't know what an antagonistic relationship would look like. I was sitting there and wondering if the elected officials in the front of the room really represented the people of Yankton or whether there was some other agenda. ... I think we have to open our doors and seek out opportunities."

Harper said the key is looking out for the citizens of Yankton County.

"I don't feel Yankton County's been hard to deal with," Harper said. "I do think there's a difference in the interest in the county compared to the interests of a business that comes in. A business that comes in is due to their bottom line — they're worried about their shareholders. They want to get the best possible package that they can. The commission-

ers have to look at it totally differently — they have to look at protecting the residents of Yankton County."

Kettering, who is on the board for the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), said he has heard of issues working with the county and that it needs to change.

"I don't know all of the other side of the issue, but I think when there's issues like that, that come up, it's a leadership issue and a communication issue that both sides have to take charge of and work on their differences," Kettering said. "I sit on the GOED board at Pierre and I've heard complaints about the county's response to certain situations."

The commission candidates also spoke on agricultural development in the county.

Bodenstedt said it would be wise to look at bringing in larger farming operations.

"The way agriculture grows in any area right now isn't the small family farm," she said. "You can go out in the country and drive around sections where there used to be four or

six farms and there's no farms anymore — it's just farmland. What you have to do is, you have to look at large operations, and those have been unpopular whether it's a large cattle feeding operation or it's a hog finishing place. ... The way agriculture is going is large corporation or large family entities."

Loest disagreed with the assertion that larger operations are needed.

"It breaks my heart to see big corporate farms," Loest said. "It is a sign of the times, but I think we can still do our best to encourage our young kids to look at agriculture as a good way of life."

Epp said even today, family farms can still thrive in Yankton County.

"It's no secret that a lot has changed in the last five to seven years, if you look at land values and things like that," Epp said. "I kind of cringe at the statement 'corporate farms' because I'm from the rural community, and if you go out into the rural community, there are many families of brothers that are trying to hold farms together. You have

to farm a lot more acres nowadays to make the bottom line. These aren't corporate farms — these are family farms. You've just got to do more to bring youth back into our county."

Woods said it would be beneficial to complete an agricultural development survey to see what the county needs to do.

"The county had an opportunity to participate in a free survey put out by the Department of (Agriculture) which would have analyzed our zoning, analyzed the EPA, analyzed water, analyzed the best sites where confinements could go," Woods said. "This survey is still available."

Jensen said zoning ordinances can be as flexible as necessary for facilitating agricultural growth.

"There are some things that the county could do that need to be addressed," Jensen said. "Zoning is not in concrete. We can change things. We need to look at that."

Tuesday night's forum also included Yankton County auditor candidates Patty Hojem and Patrick Garrity.

Garrity said the county auditor's main responsibility is accuracy.

"We have very specific duties that we're assigned to," Garrity said. "We work very hard to do those duties as well as possible and it is extremely important that they are accurate. They cannot be corrected later. They have to be accurate all the time."

Hojem said it's important that the department run efficiently.

"Each county department is equally important," Hojem said. "But especially key to smooth county government (is) that our auditor's office performs accurately and efficiently."

District 18 legislative candidates also took part in Tuesday night's forum. Full coverage is available at www.yankton.net and will be in Thursday's edition.

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University in 1981. I worked as a software engineer in Dallas, Texas and in the Silicon Valley just south of San Francisco before returning to Yankton in 1987 to start Excelltech Inc. My wife Carol and I still own and operate Excelltech Inc.

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1. Why are you running?

I am running because I believe the state government has not been serving the interests of the people of our district or of South Dakota.

Our state government has failed to adequately fund our public schools. The state per pupil funding is lower now than it was 5 years ago. As a result, our schools are having difficulty finding and keeping educators and funding programs.

Our state government has consistently refused to raise the minimum wage for workers in our state. I support the increase in the minimum wage on the ballot this fall.

Our state government rejected more than \$250 million in Federal Medicaid expansion money. This action hurt every person in South Dakota, especially the most disadvantaged of our neighbors.

2. What experience do you believe has prepared you for the position?

As a Navy veteran, I learned the importance of discipline, at-

tention to detail, and working with a team to accomplish difficult tasks.

My experience as an employee, and as an entrepreneur, allowed me to see the issues facing both workers and managers in a company. My company received one of the first REDI fund loans from the state, which we paid back with interest. This experience will help me contribute to the debate on how best to stimulate the South Dakota economy to assist business creation and expansion.

As a member of the Yankton School Board I saw the results of the education funding cuts from the state government. I will use this experience to explain why funding our public schools is so important.

3. What do you think the biggest issue is at the state level and what are your goals to address it in Pierre?

The biggest issue facing our state is school funding. As Joy Smolinsky of the South Dakota Budget and Policy Institute reported, South Dakota spends 25 percent less on a K-12 student than the regional average. This issue is being ignored by our single party state government with super majorities in the legislature.

We must elect Democrats to stimulate debate on this issue. Currently, the Governor decides the level of school funding and the Republican legislature goes along with little to no debate. Even though per-student state funding is less now than it was 5 years ago, my Republican opponents in this race claim to be pro education. Unless we elect

Democrats to the legislature, school funding is not likely to increase.

4. What do you want to address in the 2015 session? Why?

I want to address school funding in the 2015 session. It is the most critical issue facing our state. According to the P&D, nearly one quarter of the schools in South Dakota began the 2014 school year with unfilled teaching positions. It is the responsibility of the state to fund the schools. When the state government enacted the property tax freeze in the 1990's they incurred the obligation to fund the schools. The state has ignored this obligation, and we must correct this.

Because the state government turned down the over \$250 million in Federal Medicaid, thousands of South Dakota citizens are without health insurance. Like education, this is a serious and immediate problem that must be addressed in the 2015 session.

5. What are your thoughts on the EB-5 situation and how it was handled? What do you believe the next step on the issue needs to be?

The EB-5 situation illustrates two serious problems.

The first is state officials using their positions for personal gain. Richard Benda and Joop Bollen used their positions to "privatize" the EB-5 program administration to a company that Bollen started. Benda used a state grant to fund his salary when he left state government for a private job.

Secondly, the state's economic development activities are shrouded in secrecy. The EB-5 activities were cloaked in secrecy and devised to be confusing and complicated. This culture of secrecy leads to corruption and is used to obscure accountability.

The attorney general needs to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the entire affair. Once the investigation is complete, the Legislature should consider measures to ensure this behavior is no longer tolerated.

6. What are your thoughts on Medicaid expansion?

The state government rejected the Medicaid expansion portion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The goal of the ACA is to provide affordable, reliable health insurance to everyone. This is accomplished by specifying what health insurance must provide and by providing assistance to those who cannot afford to purchase private health insurance. Those with the lowest incomes are to be covered by the Medicaid system.

By rejecting the Medicaid expansion, our state government has denied health insurance to our neediest South Dakotans. The Medicaid expansion would have covered people with incomes below the poverty level who are living alone or with non family members. Now, these folks have no health insurance. This action by our state government was wrong and must be corrected.

7. How would you address education funding and

teacher pay?

To address inadequate teacher pay, we must increase state aid to education. According to the Sioux Falls Argus Leader, South Dakota had multi-million dollar budget surpluses for the last 3 years. The combined surpluses for 2012, 2013 and 2014 amounted to more than \$ 71 million. If that surplus had been used to fund schools, we would have seen a significant increase in state aid to our schools. By increasing the state aid to education, districts will be able to afford to pay teachers more.

It is wrong to leave our schools under funded while running a budget surplus. Rather than funding secret "economic development" activities, we should channel those dollars to fund our schools and attract and retain the best teachers.

8. Additional thoughts?

The incumbent Republican legislators I am running against in this campaign are decent and honorable people. However, there is a culture of secrecy and corruption in our state government that is fueled by single-party rule. The only way to end this culture is to elect Democrats so that there can be a true debate over the issues that affect our state. I hope you will consider voting for Democratic candidates in this election to help fix the problem and get our state back on a more reasonable path. I pledge to work as hard as I can for the interests of all South Dakotans if you choose to elect me to the legislature. I ask for your vote in this election. Thank you.

Ribbon

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through the DARE program in Yankton," he said. "If you have gone to school here the majority of your life, you know what the right choice is."

Yet last month in Yankton, the canine units pulled more than six pounds of dope off of the streets, he said. In the last 18 months, seven meth labs have been found in Yankton. Because of that, Clites said there is one message that they hope got through to the students.

"We want you to know that just one seemingly innocent choice can close the doors on the rest of your lives," he said. "We want you to make the right choice."

In order to emphasize this point, two inmates from the Federal Prison in Yankton were asked to share their story on how drugs have changed their lives, with the hope that by telling how drugs devastated their lives, they can prevent even one person from following in their path.

Due to DOJ rules the inmate's names cannot be used in print.

"My mom left when I was three months old," said inmate no. 1. "My dad did the best he could, but he was searching to fit in, too, and was married two more times. Each time he married, his wives had older children and I ended up always acting older than I was, always fighting for my dad's attention. At the same time I went from school to school trying to fit in. I wanted to be a cool kid."

He said that desire to fit in led him to drugs.

"The first time I used meth, man, I had never felt so good, so happy," he said. "Once I had tried drugs, I was one of those people that thought I could quit anytime I wanted. I was wrong, as my life spun out of control."

Inmate no.1 said he was a junky from age 12 to age 24, and only quit when he was arrested and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

"I always said to people, 'I am not hurting anyone but myself,'" he said. "I have three kids way better than I deserve. I get to see them maybe every three weeks. I always felt they were going to be OK. But then three years ago, their mom got sick. She was diagnosed with wet

brain. She can't tie her shoes, has lost all motor function and is now living in an assisted living facility. All because, if someone was going to be in my life while I was using, they were going to be using, too.

"Meth ruins people's lives." Inmate no.2 explained that his life growing up was one of seeing his entire family dealing with addictions. For him, it was all normal.

"I bet we moved two dozen times from the time I was 12-18 years old," he said. "I was always trying to fit it, to make new friends. When I was 15, I met a group of kids who asked if I wanted to ride bike with them. I did, I wanted to be their friend. We rode bike for about a half an hour when they asked if I wanted to smoke some marijuana. To be honest with you, I really didn't want to, but I wanted to be their friends, so I did it."

By age 16, he was a full blown addict, he said. "If I could get my hands on it I was doing it."

Age 16 was also when he began selling drugs.

"The way I looked at it was, if I could sell the drugs, then mine would be free," Inmate no. 2 said. "My life was total chaos. I cheated death twice."

The first time was when he was high and driving a car. He passed out and came to a stop a few feet from driving a car through a house, not knowing how he got there, or how he managed to stop the car.

"If I hadn't somehow put the brakes on and stopped, I would have driven right through that house, probably killing someone," he said. "Instead of being in prison for drugs, I would be in prison for life for murder."

Yet, he said he didn't quit using, that he "was always chasing the high."

"The second time I cheated death, I ate a bunch of meth," he said. "I was driving again, and could start to feel the drugs hitting my system and I knew that they had eaten through my stomach lining."

Inmate no. 2 said he made it home, where he started throwing up blood in front of his children and wife, but it didn't stop him. He left their house. He disappeared for two days where his family didn't know if he was alive or dead.

"It caused a lot of strain on my family," he said. "When I came to prison, I had children. I now have 5 grandchildren who I have never seen. To them, the

only reason I am clean is because I am in prison. When I get out, I have to prove that I can do it when I get out."

Both inmates said that it is very important to choose your friends wisely.

"This is real," said inmate no. 2. "Don't wait until it is too late to make a change or get the help you need if you are using. Find a hobby; addiction loves

idle time. You have so many options for help, find someone who cares and talk to them."

Inmate no. 1 agreed, saying, "Ask for help. It doesn't matter what the person sitting next to you thinks. Losing my freedom saved my life, but rehab is better than prison."

"We don't get anything for being here today talking to you," inmate no. 2 told the stu-

dents. "I get nothing for doing this, no time off, nothing, but the hope that if I can reach even one of you today, you will seek the help you need and not follow my path."

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