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the record the report of the Veteran Service Officer's for July 2012, the Planning Commission minutes for July 10, 2012, the Pooled Cash report for July, 2012, the interest allocation report for July 2012 indicating interest credited as follows: General Fund 954.10, Road & Bridge 61.32, Emergency E911 \$40.67, County Buildings 23.00, 24/7 Fund 9.70, Safety Center Capital Project 2.10, Courthouse Debt Service Fund \$43.74 for a total of \$1,134.63; the Secondary Road report through July 25, 2012 indicating total expenditures of \$362,660.93; and the Auditor/Treasurer report for July 2012 indicating Total Cash on Hand \$79,660.82, Checking Account Balance - First Dakota National Bank \$264,801.10, Savings Account Balances - Wells Fargo Banks \$268,460.25, Cor Trust Bank Gayville \$252,512.15, First Dakota National \$2,685,933.48, Cor Trust Bank Yankton \$146,874.99, 360 Bank Yankton \$451,232.93, 1st National Bank \$1,822,138.17m Bad Checks \$914.13, Grand Total Cash & Balances \$5,972,528.02.

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried.

**Action 12359C:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Moore to declare the following property surplus for sale by sealed bid: 3 Sanitare vacuums, 1 Stihl weed eater, 1 computer desk, 1 small steel desk, filing cabinets,, D-Link phone system with seven phones, metal cabinet, assorted shelving, sewing machine, two pressure cookers, assorted chairs and assorted office supplies and equipment.

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried.

**Action 12360D:** A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Johnson to approve the drainage application of John H Gunderson etal to install underground drainage tile to blue line in parcels 07.009.100.125; 07.009.100.145; 07.009.100.110 and 07.009.100.135 (Walshtown Township).

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried.

**Action 12361D:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Sinclair to approve the drainage application of Lyle Hinseith to install underground drainage tile to county line in parcel 03.004.400.150 (Marindahl Township).

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried.

**Action 12362Z:** A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears that Bay Properties LLC, owner of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Lots 13 & 14, Baycliffe Estates, W2 S12.91 A, S2 SW4, Section 7 & W2 W2 Section 18, Lying N Highway 52, Exc platted areas known as Tramp's 7th Addn and Exc Lots 1 & 2, Parcel A and further Excepting Parcels B & C, McVay Addn, Township 93N, Range 56W of the 5th PM, Yankton County, South Dakota and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and the County Commission, of Yankton County, South Dakota for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to the law and conforms to all existing applications, zoning, subdivision and erosion and sediment control and the same is hereby approved. The county Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat the proper resolution and certify the same.

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried.

**Action 12363Z:** A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Freng to adopt the following resolution: Whereas it appears that Susan Kuwitzky, owner of record, has caused a plat to be made of the following real property: Replat of Lot B, E2 NW4, Section 14, Township 93N, Range 57W of the 5th PM, Yankton County, South Dakota and has submitted such plat to the Yankton County Planning Commission and the County Commission, of Yankton County, South Dakota for approval. Now therefore be it resolved that such plat has been executed according to the law and conforms to all existing applications, zoning, subdivision and erosion and sediment control and the same is hereby approved. The county Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat the proper resolution and certify the same.

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried.

The ambulance report for the month of July, 2012 was presented by Steve Hawkins. The department responded to 169 calls in July with 136 1st calls, 23 2nd/3rd calls, 20 transfers and 3 Standby and 7 Command/supervisor responses. \$107,626 was billed out in July and \$34,641 was receipted in for July. Expenditures to date are \$390,704 and year-to-date receipts are \$364,870. Year-to-date cost per Yankton County Resident is \$1.21

**Action 12364A:** A motion was

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made by Johnson and seconded by Moore to adjust the following bills: Medicare adjustments \$10,094.74, Medicaid adjustment \$7,310.86, miscellaneous uncollectible/adjusted bills totaling \$607.50 and the liens moved to inactive status.

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried

**Action 12365A:** A motion was made by Sinclair and seconded by Moore to approve as a proper charge against the County, travel expenses for ambulance staff to attend joint meeting with Mercy Hospital (Sioux City, IA), Lifenet (Norfolk, NE) and area emergency services to develop a communication plans with flight services to be held in Wayne, NE on September 6th, 2012.

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried

**Action 12366A:** A motion was made by Freng and seconded by Johnson to accept into the record the July, 201 report of the Ambulance Department.

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried

Armie Boschker, County resident, discussed street maintenance issues on Nome Street. Boschker was advised Nome Street is not on the county road system, but advised him to talk with the Auditor about the possibility of forming a road district to cover street maintenance expenses.

**Action 12367C:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Freng to authorize Mark Moon of Colonial Insurance Co, to speak to county employees on county time regarding supplemental insurance options.

Voting Aye: All      Nay: None  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Sinclair to adjourn.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, September 5th, 2012 at 3:00 PM in the Commission chambers.  
Bruce Jensen, Chairman  
Yankton County Commission  
ATTEST: Paula Jones, Auditor

Shooting

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“She was very personable and someone you could talk to about everything and anything,” added Smith, who is not related to the suspect.

Tuesday’s tragic chain of events began shortly after 1 p.m., when police said Smith showed up at the home of his children’s baby sitter and took the children by gunpoint. About five minutes after the baby sitter called authorities, police received a call about a car accident about two miles away in the salon parking lot.

Shortly after that, police got another call, this time about a man holding women and children hostage in the salon. Businesses around the salon were evacuated and a nearby middle- and high-school complex was locked down for hours.

The standoff lasted until nearly 4 p.m., when a SWAT team that entered the building and discovered Smith had died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, McManus said.

Retiree Ron Goergen, 56, said he was shopping in the plaza’s thrift store when a store manager told shoppers to leave immediately.

And Gene Luke had just finished lunch at a pizza place and was walking to his car when officers swarmed in, preventing him from leaving the parking lot.

“They just said, ‘Keep walking,’” said Luke, 44.

Luke said when he was walking, he saw two kids being carried out of the salon by some women.

Police said the children were unharmed, taken into police custody and later released to their mother.

Heritage Fest Planned In St. James

ST. JAMES, Neb. — The St. James Heritage Fest will be held at the St. James Marketplace, 89039 570th Ave, St. James, Neb., on Sunday, Sept. 30. The event runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The event will feature old-fashioned family fun, with historic exhibits, a John Deere tractor display, spinners and weavers, antiques, singer Paul Seibert and much more.

For more information, contact Mary Rose Pinkelman at 402-357-3330 or pinkfarms@gpcom.net, or visit www.stjamesmarketplace.com.



PHOTO COURTESY BRYAN SLABA

The front entrance of Wagner Community Memorial Hospital-Avera (WCMH-A) greets visitors to today's (Wednesday's) groundbreaking for the completion of a multi-year, multi-phase \$7 million project.

Project

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as Heritage Court at the time, was built in 1981 and financed by USDA Rural Development, Slaba said. However, only eight of the 34 units were occupied, and the facility was facing financial difficulty.

At the same time, other facilities in Wagner had a long waiting list, showing the need existed in the town of 1,700.

“As administrator and CEO of the hospital, I was asked when I first got here in 2007 to join a group looking at possibilities. They were very concerned, as community citizens, of the large need for an assisted living complex,” Slaba said. “We were approached by one of the lending institutions in town that had outstanding debt on the elderly housing complex and were asked whether there was interest in the possibility.”

Slaba advised the group to pursue the project as an independent living facility. The seven members asked the state to review the project and learned money might be available for both purchasing and renovating the building.

“If we got local ownership and local management, and we were able to renovate it to the place where we could call it secure, affordable and updated, then we believed the tenant occupancy would start to increase,” Slaba said.

However, the process wasn’t easy, he said, as the local group worked nearly three years to process the paperwork and file the necessary documentation with government agencies.

In January 2011, Parkview Villa received \$200,000 to purchase the former Heritage Court and \$1.1 million to renovate the facility. The funds came from the South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development (USDA-RD).

Commercial State Bank also reduced the outstanding loan, which proved a major boost to the project, Slaba said.

Patience proved the key, he

added. “My board was so persistent and steadfast. Every time we would run into a roadblock, this government regulation said we couldn’t do this or that, we found a way to kick in the door,” he said.

With money in hand, the non-profit group still faced major infrastructure hurdles, Slaba said. “The apartments had aged considerably with a lack of consistent and proper updating and upkeep,” he said.

The units underwent major renovations, Slaba said. The changes included new carpet, countertops, bathroom sinks and window air conditioners along with minor landscaping.

In addition, three units were split so that nine one-bedroom apartments were turned into six two-bedroom apartments, Slaba said. “It was a big driving force to increase the occupancy,” he said.

While the residents live independently in their apartments, the complex has retained its community room seating about 100-120 persons, Slaba said. He sees tremendous potential for group activities as well as an area for hosting family and friends. An elevator can take residents to the main floor for great mobility.

The USDA-RD offers rental assistance if needed, Slaba said, adding that most residents will apparently qualify for the aid.

The changes have been well received, with most of the units already full, Slaba said. He anticipates the 31 units will be fully occupied by next spring or early summer.

“That would put the facility back into becoming a very viable entity,” he said.

With the surge in occupancy, the board has discussed reviving the Dakota Meals nutrition project that ended a year ago because of inadequate participation. For a nominal fee, residents could order a home-cooked meal delivered to the site. Residents would hold the option of purchasing a second meal for later use, and family or friends could replenish a monthly fund to cover a resident’s meals.

Should Dakota Meals be offered, residents would retain the choice of purchasing their own groceries and making their own meals, Slaba said.

He noted the site will also offer



PHOTO COURTESY BRYAN SLABA

A patient’s room shows the many modern amenities incorporated in the Wagner Community Memorial Hospital-Avera (WCMH-A) construction and renovation project.

another important feature — a safe, secure environment.

“We have installed camera security on site, and we do have on-site management right there,” he said. “The third thing is local ownership, and almost always one of the board goes by there consistently.”

The board has even fielded calls from out-of-state family members interested in the facility for their loved ones, Slaba said. He foresees the possibility of a waiting list for the complex.

Parkview Villa will offer a sense of community among residents who grew up together and have shared a lifetime of experiences, Slaba said.

“It will be full of family, friends and fun. They can play cards, do some gossiping over a cup of coffee, talk about their grandchildren or grab a meal,” he said. “We are trying to instill that vigor and life into the facility. We can feel the energy of the tenants since Day 1. And we can say, ‘Wow, we did it! We really did it!’”

WCMH-A

WCMH-A, a community-based hospital which holds a management agreement with the Avera health system and Avera Sacred Heart Hospital of Yankton, has put the finishing touches on a multi-year, \$7 million project.

“When I first got here, this was part of a campus master plan that is now coming to fruition,” Slaba said. “We looked at the system and how the facility had aged. We had done a great job of trying to keep it clean and viable, but unfortunately, age had taken it over. Health care had evolved, and the bricks and mortar had not.”

The time had come to provide the needed upgrades, Slaba said.

“The only way to enhance health care was to give my staff the tools of the trade — the facilities, equipment and technology. Now we have completed and done all of that,” he said. “We have e-care, with the entire suite of e-stroke, ICU and pharmacy consult. We now have some of the most advanced technological equipment and health in rural South Dakota and the rural U.S.”

E-care connects WCMH-A patients and staff with specialists and surgeons in regional medical centers, Slaba said.

Chicago Teacher Strike Poses Test For Unions

BY SAM HANANEL  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The massive teachers’ strike in Chicago offers a high-profile test for the nation’s teachers’ unions, which have seen their political influence threatened as a growing reform movement seeks to improve ailing public schools.

The reforms include expanding charter schools, getting private companies involved with failing schools and linking teacher evaluations to student test scores.

Union leaders are taking a major stand on teacher evaluations, one of the key issues in the Chicago dispute. If they lose there, it could have ripple effects around the country.

The American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association — the nation’s two largest teachers’ unions — have been playing defense in jurisdictions around the country as Republicans and Democrats alike seek greater concessions in a bid to improve ailing public schools.

After decades of growth in membership and influence, the unions now are in a weaker position, said Rick Hess of the American Enterprise Institute, a nonpartisan think tank.

“They are playing on more hostile terrain and they are facing opponents the likes of which they have not had to face before,” Hess said.

The strike also has implications for the presidential race because it pits the Chicago Teachers Union — the AFT’s

oldest local — against Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, former chief of staff to President Barack Obama. Obama is counting on the strong support of unions to help his re-election campaign, but his administration has sided with some of the reforms unions are railing against.

Teachers walked off the job Monday for the first time in 25 years over issues that include pay raises, classroom conditions, job security and teacher evaluations. Emanuel is trying to extract more concessions from teachers while the school district faces a nearly \$700 million deficit.

Major teacher strikes have been rare in recent years, compared with the 1960s and 1970s, when teachers went on strike frequently for better pay and improved bargaining rights. While unions generally got what they wanted in the past, they face a tougher climate today.

With the weak economy, unions have seen massive teacher layoffs, increased class sizes and school districts unable or unwilling to boost teacher salaries. Like other public employee unions, they are also under attack from Republican governors like Scott Walker of Wisconsin, who signed a measure last year to curb collective bargaining rights and limit benefits for state workers.

The 2.2-million member NEA has lost more than 100,000 members since 2010, as fewer public school teachers are hired and more charter schools open, most of which are not unionized. At the 1.5 million-member AFT, years of steady growth have leveled off.

“They certainly are on the de-

fensive,” said Richard Ingersoll, a professor of education and sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. “They are under attack. A lot of times they are demonized. On the other hand there’s really smart and progressive elements in the teacher’s movement who want to get out ahead of this and do it in a way that’s fair.”

In the past, teachers unions could count on a Democratic White House to fight back on their behalf. But Obama’s education secretary, Arne Duncan, is a former head of Chicago Public Schools who has pushed for many of the changes that unions oppose.

“In many ways the Obama administration has signed onto the very conservative set of reforms that the education community is imposing on teachers,” said Richard Kahlenberg of the Century Foundation, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington.

“They have access to care just a button away without needing to make the ambulance ride,” he said. “You are talking 1 hour, 15 minutes no matter how fast the ambulance, and here you have the ability to deliver care in the time that you would be spending in the ambulance.”

The WCMH-A project has been completed in three phases.

The first phase, completed in May 2009, consisted of an addition containing a four-pod clinic and physical therapy area. The second phase, completed in August 2010, consisted of the relocation and expansion of the laboratory and imaging facility.

The hospital then started the first stage of Phase 3, consisting of the new inpatient wing and hospital remodeling project, that was completed in July 2011. The second stage included the nurses’ station, pharmacy, palliative care room, outpatient therapy room and office, completed in December 2011.

The final stage, comprised of the ambulance and the pre- and post-operative surgery room, was completed last July.

The hospital project was funded by USDA-RD and Commercial State Bank through a USDA-RD guaranteed loan, a Community Development Block Grant of \$300,000, and \$900,000 in community pledges.

The completion of both the hospital and elderly housing complex at the same time is truly remarkably for a rural town like Wagner, Thaler said.

“These type of projects are challenging, as they are in most small rural communities, but our community recognized the need to preserve and improve both these entities, stepped up to the plate and tackled both them,” he said. “I am proud of what our community has accomplished.”

Slaba already looks forward to achieving even more goals in the future.

“We have a lot of momentum, energy and enthusiasm,” he said. “We can’t afford to let it start fading. If you do, it’s very hard to get it up and going again.”

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