

THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY COMMISSION CONVENED AT 9:00 AM on December 5, 2023, pursuant to adjournment on November 28, 2023. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE: Bender, Beninga, Bleyenber, Karsky, and Kippely. Also present were Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, and Eric Bogue, Chief Civil Deputy State's Attorney.

Chair Bender called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Bleyenber, seconded by Karsky, to approve the agenda. 5 ayes

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenber, to approve the consent agenda. By roll call vote: 5 ayes. The consent agenda includes the following items:

Commission Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2023

Bills to be Paid \$5,827,043.88

3200 RUSSELL LLC Motels \$1350, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Lease-Rental Agreement \$196.08, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Maintenance Contracts \$322.22, A&B BUSINESS SOLUT Office Supplies \$36.95, AARON GEORGE PROPERT Welfare Rent \$500, ABANDONED CEMETARIES County Cemetery \$462, ACCREDITATION AUDIT Subscriptions \$300, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$1915.98, AIRWAY SERVICE INC Gas Oil & Diesel \$48.15, ALL NATIONS INTERPRE Interpreters \$680, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVI Amounts Held For Others \$272.16, ANDERSON, JENNIFER Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$3749.06, ANGEL, EDWARD P Attorney Fees \$4591.33, ARGUS LEADER MEDIA Publishing Fees \$2022.23, ASH LAW OFFICE PLLC Attorney Fees \$993.6, ASH LAW OFFICE PLLC Child Defense Attorney \$591.63, AUSTEN HANTEN Sign Deposits \$50, AUTOMATIC BUILDING C Contract Services \$256, AVERA MCKENNAN Hospitals \$6801.59, AVERA MCKENNAN Professional Services \$638.56, AXON ENTERPRISE INC Safety & Rescue Equipment \$314.4, BALOUN LAW PC Child Defense Attorney \$2792.55, BEADLE WEST Welfare Rent \$951, BENDERS SEWER CLEANI Outside Repair \$340, BRAUN, MASON Investigators Expenses \$133.62, BUDGET AUTO REPAIR Automotive/Small Equipment \$18, CADWELL SANFORD DEIB Child Defense Attorney \$428, CADWELL SANFORD DEIB Professional Services \$275.5, CAITLIN BRACKEY Juvenile Diversion Restitution \$15, CAPTAIN JACK Welfare Rent \$2555, CDW GOVERNMENT Data Processing Equipment \$872.99, CDW GOVERNMENT Software \$806.92, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Lease Interest \$431.77, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Lease Principal \$245.22, CENTURY BUSINESS PRO Maintenance Contracts \$344.06, CINTAS CORPORATION Janitorial Chemical Supplies \$509.64, CINTAS CORPORATION Uniform Allowance \$86.64, CLAIMS ASSOCIATES IN Deductibles \$2622, CONSTELLATION Natural Gas \$21054.62, CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL Contract Services \$397892.88, CPI/GUARDIAN Inmate Supplies \$4107.65, CYNTOM PROPERTIES AN Welfare Rent \$795, DAKOTA FLUID POWER I Heavy Equip Repairs & Maint \$460.98, DAKOTA SPLASH Water - Sewer \$96.7, DAKOTA TRAFFIC SERVI Power Maint & Material \$14509.3, DAN GRAPEVINE Uniform Allowance \$37.49, DEANS DISTRIBUTING Gas Oil & Diesel \$870.5, DEANS DISTRIBUTING Parts Inventory \$503.95, DECASTRO LAW OFFICE Attorney Fees \$609.9, DELL RAPIDS COMMUNIT Transportation \$350, DELLS MATERIALS COMP Bridge Repair & Maintenance \$390, DEMATTEO LAW FIRM PR Attorney Fees \$2023.4, DUFFY, BONNIE Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$379.76, EH HOSPITALITY LLC Motels \$800, EXHAUST PROS OF SIOU Automobiles \$3983, EXHAUST PROS OF SIOU Automotive/Small Equipment \$670.93, EXHAUST PROS OF SIOU Vehicle Equipment \$1552.31, FASTENAL COMPANY Sign Supply Inventory \$10.73, FLEETPRIDE INC Parts Inventory \$302.25, FLEETPRIDE INC Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$31.23, FOX, DANIEL Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$354.38, FULLER & WILLIAMSON, Child Defense Attorney \$1016.5, G & R CONTROLS INC Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$49.92, GOLDEN WEST Telephone \$69.95, GRANT SQUARE Welfare Rent \$500, GUNNER, ANDREA Court Reporters \$111, GUZMAN, SANDRA V Interpreters \$600, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Abatement Interest \$1, HERITAGE FUNERAL HOM Burials \$2000, HONERMAN, MARK Uniform Allowance \$99.98, HYVEE ACCOUNTS RECEI Jury Fees \$104.23, INTEK Contract Services \$260, INTERSTATE ALL BATTE Automotive/Small Equipment \$136.9, INTERSTATE OFFICE PR Office Supplies \$1942.07, ISI LLC Interpreters \$320, J.P. COOKE COMPANY Office Supplies \$226.9, JAKE DONNELLY Abatement Interest \$3, JASMINE THELEN Business Travel \$134, JCL SOLUTIONS Inmate Supplies \$1212.5, JCL SOLUTIONS Kitchen/Cleaning Supplies \$321.12, JD PROPERTY SOLUTION Welfare Rent \$800, JEFFERSON VILLAGE Welfare Rent \$1050, JILL BENKER Juvenile Diversion Restitution \$5.41, JMACS CONCRETE Repair/Renovations \$40367.5, JOHNSON, RICHARD L Attorney Fees \$1222.82, KATTERHAGEN, MARK Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$84, KELLER

REAL ESTATE Welfare Rent \$2540, KNECHT, ANDREW J Attorney Fees \$620.6, KNECHT, ANDREW J Child Defense Attorney \$4344.2, KOCH HAZARD ARCHITEC Communication Equipment \$5486.25, KONOP, BRETT Welfare Rent \$500, KRIER & BLAIN INC Outside Repair \$730.93, LACROIX LAW PLLC Attorney Fees \$288.36, LARSON, VALERIE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$84, LAUGHLIN LAW LLC Attorney Fees \$627.3, LEWNO LAW OFFICE Bd Exp Fees (Yankton) \$498.77, LG EVERIST INC Bldg/Yard Repair & Maintenance \$700.92, LOPEZ, REBECA Interpreters \$275, LOVING, PHILIP Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$4748.46, MAHER LAW OFFICE LLP Attorney Fees \$825.16, MALLOY ELECTRIC Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$659.21, MALTAVERNE, MARCIA Welfare Rent \$2880, MEDSTAR PARAMEDIC IN Transportation \$2800, MENARD INC Bridge Repair & Maintenance \$47.91, MESA HEIGHTS Welfare Rent \$2850, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Natural Gas \$3473.44, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY C Welfare Utilities \$159.61, MIDCONTINENT COMMUNI Amounts Held For Others \$257.78, MIDLAND INC Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$41.78, MIDLAND INC Plumbing & Welding \$587.16, MIDWEST CONTRACTING Contracted Construction \$17748.01, MINNEHAHA CNTY TREAS Truck Repairs & Maintenance \$26.7, MINNEHAHA COMMUNITY Water - Sewer \$50, MINNEHAHA FUNERAL HO Burials \$2000, MITCHELL WHITFIELD Sign Deposits \$50, MOHRHAUSER, ADAM Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$392.5, MOONLIGHT DESIGN Professional Services \$120, MYRL & ROYS PAVING I Road Maint & Material \$209.53, NAPA AUTO PARTS Automotive/Small Equipment \$299.29, NAPA AUTO PARTS Parts Inventory \$3687.8, NICHOLSON LAW Child Defense Attorney \$310.3, NOBLES COUNTY SHERIF Professional Services \$190, ODE, DOUG Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$288.44, OLSON OIL CO. Automotive/Small Equipment \$400, PANTHER GRAPHICS LLC Other Supplies \$531, PRAHM CONSTRUCTION I Contracted Construction \$243610, PRICE, THOMAS L Professional Services \$2400, PRIDE NEON, INC Automotive/Small Equipment \$80, QUALIFIED PRESORT SE Postage \$202.08, R&L SUPPLY LTD Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$155.38, R&L SUPPLY LTD Plumbing & Welding \$18.6, RALSTON, MICHAEL Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$435.86, RAMKOTA HOTEL Business Travel \$4840, RANDALL, REBECCA Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$520, REDSTONE LAW FIRM LL Attorney Fees \$23288.44, REEVES, MEGAN Court Reporters \$14.95, REHAN REHAN Welfare Rent \$3070, RENTOKIL NORTH AMERI Contract Services \$325.84, RESOLUTE LAW FIRM IN Attorney Fees \$3826.25, RESOLUTE LAW FIRM IN Child Defense Attorney \$1313.5, RINGING SHIELD,NICHO Bd Evaluations (Minnehaha) \$660, RISK ANALYSIS & MANA Insurance Admin Fee \$2879.5, RISTY, MAXINE J Court Reporters \$313.6, ROEMEN'S AUTOMOTIVE Gas Oil & Diesel \$133.79, SAFE HOME LTD PTNRSH Rent Subsidies \$11187, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Child Care Items \$47.54, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Clinics - Auxiliary Services \$142.3, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Other Supplies \$149.06, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Professional Services \$184.69, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Safe Home Donations \$649, SAMS CLUB - MEMBERSH Supplemental Food \$465.32, SCHAUNAMAN, KURT Business Travel \$134, SCOTT COHOON Sign Deposits \$50, SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE Property & Liability \$445.46, SD STATE BAR Memberships \$18150, SHERWIN WILLIAMS Building Repairs & Maintenance \$224.24, SIOUX FALLS AREA HUM Miscellaneous Expense \$4367.33, SIOUX FALLS CITY Water - Sewer \$784.17, SIOUX FALLS CITY Welfare Utilities \$420, SIOUX FALLS DEVELOPM Miscellaneous Expense \$510, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Daily Scram \$4038, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Amts Held-Remote Breath \$630, STATE OF SOUTH DAKOT Miscellaneous Expense \$43, STREICHERS INC Other Supplies \$674, STREICHERS INC Uniform Allowance \$333.98, STREICHERS INC Volunteer Pers Items \$24, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Board Of Prisoners-Meals \$90873.39, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Child Care Food \$1591.8, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE Inmate Supplies \$523.66, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE School Lunch Program \$3579.47, SURF TAXI Transportation \$64.8, TAFOLLA, MIRANDA RAE Court Reporters \$499.4, TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPA Bridge Repair & Maintenance \$34.98, TRANE Heat, Vent & AC Repairs \$30.39, TRANSWEST TRUCK OF Automotive/Small Equipment \$31.64, TSCHETTER & ADAMS LA Attorney Fees \$2771.33, TUSCHEN, MICHAEL E Uniform Allowance \$71.49, TWO WAY SOLUTIONS IN Small Tools & Shop Supplies \$34.95, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS I Welfare Rent \$769.51, TZADIK SIOUX FALLS P Welfare Rent \$500, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Bond Interest \$2208641.18, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Bond Principal \$3715000, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Cash w/Trustee 2020A \$-11.63, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Cash W/Trustee 2023 Lease Pmt \$-1209805.55, US BANK-CORPORATE TR Cash With Trustee \$-104.57, US FOODS INC Professional Services \$666.27, VANDERVLIT, RYAN Bd Exp Fees (Minnehaha) \$552.12, VER BEEK, KELSEY Child Defense Attorney \$1828.08, VOGEL MOTORS LLC Automotive/Small Equipment \$25, WALL LAKE SANITARY D Water - Sewer \$90, WALTON, MARCUS Attorney Fees \$1958.1, WALTON, MARCUS Child Defense Attorney \$2418.2, WEHAUL LLC Homeless Initiatives \$220, WESTERN HEIGHTS APTS Welfare Rent \$409, WHITE CAP, LP Road Maint & Material \$125.24, XCEL ENERGY Electricity \$60999.01, XCEL ENERGY Road Maint & Material \$33.84, XCEL ENERGY INC Welfare Utilities \$2666.78, YANKTON COUNTY Attorney Fees \$1279.2, YANKTON COUNTY Return Of Service \$50, YOUNGBERG Attorney Fees \$609.9.

November 2023 Commission Salaries

COMMISSION	Salaries	\$53,967.58
AUDITOR	Salaries	\$86,980.48

TREASURER	Salaries	\$149,417.47
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	Salaries	\$137,836.06
STATES ATTORNEY	Salaries	\$669,610.67
PUBLIC DEFENDER	Salaries	\$410,830.32
PUBLIC ADVOCATE	Salaries	\$123,209.29
FACILITIES	Salaries	\$90,099.44
EQUALIZATION	Salaries	\$174,052.44
REGISTER OF DEEDS	Salaries	\$75,225.75
HUMAN RESOURCES	Salaries	\$56,400.04
SHERIFF	Salaries	\$2,145,096.59
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	Salaries	\$341,875.22
HIGHWAY	Salaries	\$230,745.30
HUMAN SERVICES	Salaries	\$265,483.57
MUSEUM	Salaries	\$135,764.38
PLANNING	Salaries	\$66,400.02
EXTENSION	Salaries	\$5,246.40

The following reports were received and placed on file in the Auditor's Office:

Juvenile Detention Center Report - October 2023

Coroner Report August 2023

Routine Personnel Actions

New Hires

1. Amanda Torres, variable hour Safe Home Program Worker for Safe Home, at \$18.00/hour effective 11/29/23.
2. Melissa Kay, Deputy State's Attorney for the State's Attorney's Office, at \$3,325.60/biweekly (22/2) effective 12/1/2023.
3. Phillis Stahl, Administrative Clerk for Human Services, at \$20.81/hour (9/3) effective 12/11/2023.
4. Tyricia Davis, variable hour Juvenile Correctional Worker for the Juvenile Detention Center, at \$21.00/hour effective 12/11/2023.
5. Angie Sewell, variable hour Museum Aide for the Museum, at \$15.50/hour effective 12/14/2023.

Step Increases

1. Lydia Lensegray, Caseworker for the Human Services Department, at \$30.15/hour (16/4) effective 11/14/2023.
2. Vincent Fluckey, Program Analyst II for the Information Technology Department, at \$47.02/hour (21/10) effective 11/24/2023.
3. Tyler Schmidt, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$25.37/hour (14/2) effective 10/3/2023.
4. Shayla Abbas, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$26.65/hour (14/3) effective 12/14/2023.
5. Eric Choske, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$26.65/hour (14/3) effective 12/14/2023.
6. Jake Russell, Correctional Officer for the Jail, at \$26.65/hour (14/3) effective 12/14/2023.
7. Michael Larson, Sergeant for the Jail, at \$37.66/hour (20/5) effective 10/1/2023.

8. Joseph Schatz, Sergeant for the Jail, at \$43.66/hour (20/11) effective 11/26/2023.
9. Victoria Reker, Senior Deputy Public Advocate for the Public Advocate's Office, at \$4,362.40/biweekly (22/12) effective 12/1/2023.
10. David Hamilton, Airport Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, \$29.41/hour (17/2) effective 12/10/2023.
11. Alexander Wahl, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$30.90/hour (17/3) effective 11/15/2023.
12. Justin Lammer, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$32.47/hour (17/5) effective 11/13/2023.
13. Patrick Kaiser, Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office, at \$33.27/hour (17/6) effective 12/16/2023.
14. Brandon Feuerhelm, Tax and License Technician for the Treasurer's Office, at \$20.81/hour (10/2) effective 11/28/2023.

To record significant employee anniversaries for December 2023: 5 years-Henry Trumble, Mark Honerman; 15 years-Victoria Reker.

To record volunteers in County Departments for November 2023. This list is on file at Human Resources.

Notices and Requests

Authorize Auditor to Post Notice of Budget Hearing on December 26, 2023 to Consider Supplement Requests to the 2023 Budget

PRESENTATION

Bob Mundt, Sioux Falls Development Foundation President & CEO, gave a briefing on the Sioux Falls Development Foundation highlighting the work being done on various projections undertaken by the organization. The presentation went on to highlight the workforce development report as well as the additional initiatives that the Sioux Falls Development Foundation have undertaken.

VEHICLE PURCHASE

Upon the request of Chris Lilla, Director of Equalization, MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to authorize the Equalization Department to purchase a 2024 Chevy Malibu through SD state bid procurement contract #17615 from Beck Motors for a base cost of \$22,750.00. 5 ayes.

LEASE AGREEMENTS

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, gave a briefing on the 2024 Lease with the Sioux Valley Genealogical Society. Under the terms of the agreement, the Sioux Valley Genealogical Society will lease approximately 600 square feet of office space on the second floor of the Old Courthouse Museum until December 31, 2024. There is no charge for the lease space. The County pays for the light, heat, and custodial services. The Sioux Valley Genealogical Society pays for their phone and comprehensive liability insurance. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenbergh, to authorize the Chair to sign the annual lease agreement with the Sioux Valley Genealogical Society. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Bill Hoskins, Museum Director, gave a briefing on the 2024 Lease with the Minnehaha County Historical Society. Under the terms of the agreement, the Historical Society will lease approximately 178 square feet of office space on the first floor of the Old Courthouse Museum until December 31, 2024. There is no charge for the lease space. The County pays for the light, heat, and custodial services. The Minnehaha County Historical Society pays for

their pay and comprehensive general liability insurance. MOTION by Kippley, seconded by Karsky, to authorize the Chair to sign the annual lease agreement with the Minnehaha County Historical Society. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

PLANNING HEARING NOTICE

Scott Anderson, Planning Director, gave the first reading and requested authorization for the Auditor to publish a Notice of Hearing on December 26, 2023, to consider an amendment to the 1990 Revised Zoning Ordinance for Minnehaha County to rezone from A-1 Agricultural District to C Commercial District. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Kippley, to authorize the Auditor to publish a Hearing Notice for at or after 9:00 a.m. on December 26, 2023, to consider the amendment to Ordinance MC 16-90, the Revised Zoning Ordinance for a Rezone from A-1 Agricultural District to C Commercial District. 5 ayes.

BRIEFING

Mike Mattson, Warden, provided a briefing on the upcoming special event for the Jail Walk-In Warrant Program to help resolve any outstanding warrants. The program will be held on December 8th from 5 pm to 9 pm and December 9 from 12 pm to 4 pm. During the event, the Sheriff's Office is waiving the regular \$25.00 Walk in Warrant fee. If a person has a Minnehaha County Warrants that are eligible are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to have warrant addressed and be given a court date prior to the new year. The following warrants types are eligible: all petty offenses; bench warrants (fail to appear and POA warrants); Class I & II misdemeanor arrest warrants; possession of controlled drug warrants; most class 6 felony warrants (not including sex crimes; domestic violence or stalking cases); civil and criminal child support, and juvenile warrants. Motion to revoke & Probation Violations are not eligible for the special event.

AGREEMENT

Mike Mattson, Warden, presented a request for the authorization to have the Chair sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Minnehaha County and the South Dakota Department of Health, STI Program for the purpose of providing services to Incarcerated Individuals. The proposed agreement would simply formalize what the Jail and the South Dakota Department of Health have collaborated for a number of years in an effort to be good partnerships in screening, treating, and contact tracing individuals with Sexually Transmitted Infections. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to authorize the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Minnehaha County Jail and the SD Department of Health, STI program. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

NON-ROUTINE PERSONNEL ACTION

Carey Deaver, Human Resources Director, presented a request to approve the extension of retention bonuses for select Law Enforcement related positions through hired before December 31, 2024. On January 25, 2022, the Minnehaha County Commission approved a retention bonus for Correctional Systems Operators, Correctional Officers, Deputy Sheriffs, and Juvenile Correctional Officers in recognition of the difficulty in recruiting and retaining employees in these positions. The retention bonus is a \$1,000 lump-sum payment given to eligible full-time employees with good performance at 9, 18, 27, and 36 months of service, with a total amount which can be earned by an employee is \$4,000. Several factors indicate that the retention bonus program is effective and still needed: turnover rate for Correctional Officers was reduced by 50% between the first quarter of 2022 compared to the 2nd to 4th quarters; turnover rates of these positions are significantly higher than others, and there is often two or more months of training before a new hire can fill a post towards shift minimums, and eligible employees are in contact with Human Resources to inquire when they will receive the next retention bonus. Human Resources is still monitoring data on turnover and longevity before and after the retention bonus program, but is difficult to ascertain which factors have influenced the data given the nature of employment during the past two years but there is still a struggle to recruit and retain staff in these key positions. ARPA funding can be used to support this program for any expenses through 2025 as long as funds are available. Chief Deputy Gomer spoke about the

effect the retention bonuses have had on the ability to recruit for the Sheriff's Office and Jail. MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Bleyenberg, to approve extension of retention bonuses for select law enforcement related positions hired through 12/31/23. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

Upon the request of Carey Deaver, Human Resources Director, MOTION by Bleyenberg, seconded by Kippley, to approve an extension of COVID Sick Leave through December 20, 2024 or until the CDC isolation guidelines are reduced whichever comes sooner. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

ELECTED DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARY

Carey Deaver, Human Resources Director, gave a briefing on elected officials salary history and requested direction from the Commission for future action to be taken on December 19, 2023. An elected official salary history, a comparison of department head salaries and an elected official market summary and assistant department head salary were provided. Further discussion will be held during the December 19, 2023, meeting. Auditor Anderson addressed the Commission about the salary for the Auditor. Public comment was received from, Larry Fossum, Cindy Meyer, and Gary Meyer.

POLICY & PROCEDURES UPDATE

Carey Deaver, Human Resources Director, gave a briefing regarding a proposed update to the policies and procedures manual on position authorizations. The section includes language on limited situations where departments may hire more positions than authorized in the payrolls. A request for approval would be expanded this to include: one Juvenile Correctional Officer in the Juvenile Detention Center, two attorneys in both the State's Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office. The reasoning for this request stems from the turnover level and difficulty in finding qualified candidates for these positions. The allowing the over hires would assist departments in hiring for anticipated vacancies to better manage turnover and staffing needs. This would also allow legal departments to recruit at times that may coincide better with the availability of candidates, including third year law students.

SAFETY MANUAL UPDATE

Carey Deaver, Human Resources Director, provided a briefing regarding a proposed update to the safety manual. The proposed update would add a section on communicable diseases in order to provide information about communicable diseases in order to provide information about guidelines for preventing and/or limiting the transmission of communicable diseases in the workplace.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Upon the request of Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder, MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Beninga, to approve a 2024 Retail (On-Off Sale) Wine and Cider License Renewal Application for Holiday Station stores, LLC d/b/a Circle K #2746530 and Homestead Brew, LLC. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION

Steve Groen, Highway Superintendent, presented a request for approval on a resolution that authorizes the approval of the final inspection and the transfer of ownership and jurisdiction of the reconstructed Slip Up Creek Road starting at Hwy 125 and extending east to the entrance of the Veterans Cemetery. On October 19, 2021, Minnehaha County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs and Mapleton Township regarding the reconstruction of Slip Up Creek Road leading to the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery. The agreement provides for the transfer of ownership and jurisdiction of the reconstructed Slip Up Creek from Mapleton Township to Minnehaha County upon completion of the project. The project was complete as of November 20th, 2023. Highway Department staff inspected the project and recommended

approval of the final inspection. MOTION by Bleyenbergs, seconded by Beninga, to authorize the Chair to sign Resolution MC 23-42 Approving Final Inspection and Accepting Ownership and Jurisdiction of Slip Up Creek Road from Mapleton Township. By roll call vote: 5 ayes.

RESOLUTION MC23-42

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL INSPECTION OF THE SLIP UP CREEK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND ACCEPTING OWNERSHIP AND JURISDICTION OF THE RECONSTRUCTED SLIP UP CREEK ROAD FROM MAPLETON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, Minnehaha County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs and Mapleton Township regarding the reconstruction of Slip Up Creek Road leading to the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery, described as “Slip Up Creek Road and 477th Avenue, from the intersection of Slip Up Creek Road and 476th Avenue to a distance to be determined past the entrance of the Veterans Cemetery on 477th Avenue in Minnehaha County”;

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs paid one hundred percent of the actual cost for the Slip Up Creek Road project;

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement provides for transfer of ownership and jurisdiction of the reconstructed Slip Up Creek Road from Mapleton Township to Minnehaha County upon project completion;

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement defines “project completion” as “when the final inspection is completed and approved the by the County”;

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent has completed a final inspection of the Slip Up Creek Road reconstruction project; and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Superintendent recommends that the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners approve the final inspection and accept of ownership and jurisdiction of the reconstructed Slip Up Creek Road leading to the South Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the final inspection of Slip Up Creek Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnehaha County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts ownership and jurisdiction of the improved Slip Up Creek Road from Mapleton Township.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2023.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Jean Bender, Chair

ATTEST: LEAH ANDERSON, AUDITOR
By: Kym Christiansen, Deputy

BRIDGE INSPECTION REVIEW

Steve Groen, Highway Superintendent, introduced Chris Brozik with Civil Design, Inc. to summarize the findings from the 2023 Bridge Inspection Program. Mr. Brozik's presentation highlighted the inspection process, the ranking given, the documentation and reporting, and a summary of postings and recommendations, as well as assistance regarding major repairs to the bridges and grant application assistance.

SUMMER STUDY BRIEFING

Tyler Klatt, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, provided a briefing regarding the 2023 County Services and Funding Summer Study. The 2023 Summer Study on County Services and Funding met with a study scope: to examine the appropriate administration and funding of certain services to be provided by county governments, including, but not limited: medical assistance for indigent persons, juror fees, elections, veteran service officers, criminal defense costs, court costs, cybersecurity costs, and mental health holds. The study in particular will seek policies to encourage regionalization, consolidation, or alternate provisions of services to gain efficiency for county governments and taxpayers and will further examine the available revenue sources of county governments and their utilization. As a result of the study, the Committee produced eleven proposed bills and two resolutions aimed at addressing the study scope. The briefing went on to highlight the proposals that were created and provided context specific to Minnehaha County.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Tom Greco, Commission Administrative Officer, presented a request for authorization to have the Chair sign a Letter of Support for the Dakota Access Pipeline urging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reissue the easement under either alternative 3 or 4. The Corps of Engineers is seeking comments on the Dakota Access Pipeline Lake Oahe Crossing Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement which was released in September 2023. The Dakota Access Pipeline distributes oil from North Dakota to Illinois for refining, running through four states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois. The Corps of Engineers proposes 5 alternatives and three of the alternatives would temporarily or permanently reduce oil or stop the flow of oil through the pipeline. Those alternatives do not take into consideration the negative impacts on counties as the critical revenues paid by the Dakota Access Pipeline to each county will no longer be utilized to sustain and advance the county's needs and services. The remaining two alternatives would urge the Corps of Engineers to ensure the sustainability and advancement of important community needs. MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Kippley, to authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) Urging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Reissue DAPL's Easement Under either Alternatives 3 or 4. 5 ayes.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Meyer, Hartford, SD, spoke about election concerns.

MOTION by Beninga, seconded by Kippley, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1), (3), (4), and (6) at 10:45 a.m. 5 ayes.

Chair Bender declared the executive session concluded at 11:20 a.m.

MOTION by Karsky, seconded by Kippley, to adjourn at 11:21 a.m. 5 ayes

The Commission adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:

Jean Bender
Chair

ATTEST:

12/05/2023

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Kym Christiansen
Commission Recorder