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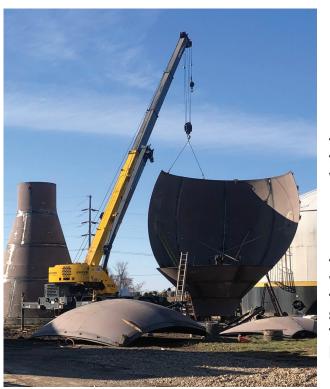
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There is a lot of equipment being used as the scaffolding is attached to the tower while the welders weld the new water tower together. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Welding and grinding. And more welding and grinding and work continued a week ago on Sunday on the new Groton water tower. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Water Tower Construction moving along



You can see the ball of fire as welding work is being done on the new water tower. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The bowl to the water tower was assembled on Wednesday. As work continues to progress, the crew is working seven days a week and as soon as the bowl is fully assembled, the big crane will arrive in Groton as the sections to the tower will then be assembled. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Three sections make up the base of the new water tower. All three sections were put in place on Wednesday with the first section featured on the left, the second section featured on the right and the third section featured in the above photo.



#### **Brown County** Oct. 27, 2020 **Meeting Minutes**

OCTOBER 27, 2020 - GEN-

**ERAL MEETING** Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Fieldheim, Feickert, Wiese and Sutton. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the agenda. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of October 20th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Feickert seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims and payroll:

Commission Payroll: \$4,285.10; Elections \$3,086.25; Auditor \$7,456.13; Treasurer \$13,495.37; SA \$23,039.62; SVAWA \$1,730.76; Maintenance \$7.620.09; Assessor \$14.402.13; Register of Deeds \$8,983.39; VSO \$4,445.64; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$7,247.06; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$43,378.00; Jail \$56,017.35; Court Security \$5,813.83; JDC \$24,841.75; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$7,832.34; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,604.28; Fair Board \$4,064.92; 4-H \$642.78; Weed \$3,953.82; Planning & Zoning \$4,605.69; Highway \$39,345.79; Dispatch \$31,241.92; Emergency \$4,119.59; Teen Court \$1,217.47; JDAÍ \$1,769.23 24/7 Sobriety \$793.68; Landfill \$13,723.94; Matching Benefits: FICA \$41,595.94, MEDICARE, \$9,727.98, Discovery\_HSA \$28,661.89; Wellmark BCBS \$120,636.71; Delta Dental, \$6,460.65; Dearborn Life \$1,071.34; SDRS Retirement \$42,337.64

CLAIMS: Insurance: SD Unemployment Insurance \$1,310.16. Professional Fees: Cogley Law Office \$6,250.00; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$153.00; Ryan Dell \$6,250.00; Dohrer Law Office \$6,250.00; GBR Interpreting \$120.00; Gellhaus & Gellhaus \$80.00; Haar Law

\$6,484.40; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$243.75: Jerald McNeary \$6,250.00; NEMHC \$910.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$6,250.00; SD Secretary of State \$30.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$6,387.60: Yankton Co. Treasurer \$112.80. Jurors: Kari Brenner \$14.20: Mark Halher \$11.68: Michael Leach \$18.40; Donna Schott \$10.84. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$151.40; Groton Independent \$372.63. Renairs & Maintenance: Filer's Water Conditioning \$125.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$86.52; Newman Signs \$31.92; Pressure Washer Central \$112.50; Schwan Welding \$9,816.80; Vetch Auto \$742.00. Supplies: 446-Praxair \$176.98; Advance Auto \$877.48; Aramark \$271.36; DT Pharmacy \$2,390.93; Geffdog \$103.99; Interstate Battery \$128.95; Menards \$1,222.83; Midstates Printing \$65.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$89.25; Newman Signs \$593.20; Pharm-Chem \$407.15; Pressure Washer Central \$134.51; Vetch Auto \$1,234.71. Travel & Conference: Aaron Walberg \$348.38. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$24.80; NWPS \$1,477.44; NVC \$179.49. Machinery & Equip.: Pierson-Ford \$34,497.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Firm \$6272.60; Kuck Law Office

HR REPORT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following HR Report: Approve transfer of Meagan Hale, Brown County Jail Correctional Officer to JDC Correctional Officer part-time; effective November 2020. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. LIBRARY AGREEMENT- CITY OF ABERDEEN:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize chair sign agreement with the City of Aberdeen for Library Services between the City of Aberdeen and the County of Brown from January 1 to December 31, 2021 for the amount of \$12,000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

LEMPG - QUARTERLY RE-

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize chair sign quarter four report for State of South Dakota Department of

Public Safety – Office of Emergency Management Local Emergency Management Performance Grant. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF AC-COUNTS - SEPTEMBER:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Auditor's report of accounts for September: Total Cash and Checks on Hand 7700 Total Checking Account Balances: 7997848.7 Total Savings Account Balances: 2075447.42 Total Certificates of Deposit: 4923127.01 Grand Total Cash and Balances: 15004123.13 General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund 4896135.78 Road & Bridge Fund 1661178.36 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423243.27 911 Service 544083.18 Emergency & Disaster 145443.45 Domestic Abuse 2377.24 Teen Court 27527.26 Grant 189.61 JDAI -12003.25 Richmond Youth 21916.96 24/7 Sobriety 27034.04 ROD M&P 100963.71 Tif Debt Service 10457.28 Landfill + cash change 3453382.24 Landfill - restricted 1400479.44 Trust and Agency Funds 2301714.56 GRANĎ TO TAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS 15004123.13. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION R60-20: ELM LAKE SUBSTATION ADDITION "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUN-TY COMMISSION OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING "LOT 1 OF ELM LAKE SUBSTATION ADDITION IN THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 127 NORTH, RAŃGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUN-TY, SOUTH DAKOTA" HAVING BEEN EXAMINED IS HEREBY AP-PROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SDCL OF 1967. CHAPTER 11-3, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREOF" with the stipulation that access points are included on the plat. Seconded by Fjeldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye.

Resolution Adopted. Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION R6Ĭ-20: RIVER HORSE FIFTH SUBDIVISION "BE IT RE-SOLVED BY THE COUNTY COM-MISSION OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING RIVER HORSE FIFTH SUBDIVISION, IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 4-T123N-R63W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, South Dakota" Having Been EXAMINED, IS HEREBY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SDCL 11-3, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERE-OF". Seconded by Fjeldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Resolution Adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION R62-20: ABERLE SUB-DIVISION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DA-KOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOW-ING ABERLE SUBDIVISION IN THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 27-T123N- R64W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" HAVING BEEN EXAM-INED, IS HEREBY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRO-VISIONS OF SDCL 11-3, AND Seconded by Fjeldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Resolution Adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION R63-20: T. ELLWEIN ADDITION

"BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKO-TA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING T. ELLWEIN ADDITION IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN-SHIP 126 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" HAV-ING BEEN EXAMINED, IS HERE-BY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SDCL OF 1967, CHAPTER 11-3, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERE-OF". Seconded by Fjeldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Resolution Adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION R64-20: JARK BLOCK 12 SUBDIVISION "BE IT RE-SOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKO-TA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING JARK BLOCK 12 SUBDIVISION OF STRATFORD IN THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 4-T121N-R62W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNT South Dakota" Having Been EXAMINED, IS HEREBY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SDCL 11-3. AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERE-OF". Seconded by Fieldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Resolution Adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION R65-20: T.K. & A HUFFMAN ADDITION "BE IT RE-SOLVED BY THE COUNTY COM-MISSION OF BROWN COUNTY. SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING "T.K. & A HUFF-MAN ADDITION IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKÓTA" HAVING BEEN EXAMINED, IS HEREBY AP-PROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SDCL OF 1967, CHAPTER 11-3, AND ANY AMÉNDMENTS THEREOF' Seconded by Fjeldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley - aye. Resolution Adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION R66-20: TAYLOR HONEY FIRST ADDITION "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DA-KOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOW-ING TAYLOR HONEY FIRST ADDITION IN THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 5-T121N-R62W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUN-TY, SOUTH DAKOTA" HAVING BEEN EXAMINED, IS HEREBY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SDCL, CHAPTER 11-3, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREOF Seconded by Fjeldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley - aye. Resolution Adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION R67-20: GILCHRIST – EGGE FIRST ADDITION "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DA-KOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOW-ING GILCHRIST-LEGGE FIRST ADDITION TO PRAIRIEWOOD VILLAGE IN THE SE1/4 OF SEC-TION 33-T124N-R63W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" HAVING BEEN EXAMINED, IS HEREBY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SDCL, CHAPTER 11-3, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREOF' Seconded by Fjeldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley - aye. Resolution Adopted.

Commissioner Sutton offered the following resolution: RESO-LUTION R68-20: GEHRKE 1ST SUBDIVISION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMIS-SIONERS OF BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING GEHRKE 1ST SUBDIVISION IN THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 124N, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUN-TY, SOUTH DAKOTA" HAVING BEEN EXAMINED, IS HEREBY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ANY ÁMENDMENTS THÉREOF. Seconded by Fjeldheim: roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese -aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley - aye.

Resolution Adopted.

SET HEARING DATE – PRO-POSED REZONE ORDINANCES 178-181:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and approve advertising for the following rezone ordinance applications:

Application has been made by Carol Aberle to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2020 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) and Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG) to Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District: "Aberle Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2502 135th St SW) The public

is invited to attend the hearing

and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 178

Application has been made by Brandon Schaffer to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2020 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1, `Van Den Eykel`Second Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 21-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (12707 377th Ave). The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 179

Application has been made by Melissa Schultz to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2020 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1, "D and L 1st Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 27-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39759 134th St). The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 180.

Application has been made by Randy Scherbenske to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2020 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.17 Heavy Industrial District (H-1): West 888' of the South 988' in the SW1/4 of Section 7-T123N-R64W except the highway of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13186 382nd Ave). The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEEN COURT DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Diane Lehr, Teen Court Coordinator updated the County Commission on Teen Court numbers and the success of teen court. Teen Court numbers are down as es are not being assigned to Teen Court. No action taken.

2020 GENERAL ELECTION UPDATE:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor, gave on update on absentee voting and COVID-19 precautions for in person voting. Absentee turnout is at an all-time high due to increased request for mail ballot due to COIVD-19. Precaution for in person voting, include cleaning pens and voting booths between voters, social distancing and using plexi-glass dividers. No action taken.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following application for occupancy: St John's Luthern Cemetery for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 9, in Section 6, Township 125, Range 62, Brown County, South Dakota. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the follówing application for occupancy: Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County

Highway Number 14, in section Township 125N, Range 63W. Brown County, South Dakota. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE -

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent, Dirk Rogers, met to give an update on road projects and snow removal. No action taken.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Scott Meints, Emergency Manager, gave an update on COVID-19 in Brown County. COVID-19 cases are increasing and there is concern for frontline health care workers and hospital capacity. Masks and social distancing are recommended. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Reder with DTOM 22/0 Foundation presented an update on the Veteran's Ranch near Warner, SD. The ranch provides free equine therapy to veterans. Request was made to have a no engine break zone on Brown County 10 North of Warner as the engine braking is loud and is a concern for the safety of veteran's and horses. Request will be put on the agenda for a future meeting. No action taken. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:20a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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#### **Brown County Indigent Defense** Services

NOTICE FOR INDIGENT DE-FENSE SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD, until the hour of 8:46 A.M. on November 10, 2020. At said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for qualified Indigent Defense Services with expertise in all phases of legal services that fulfill statutory obligations as set forth in SDCL 23A-40-7 and other such instances in which the appointment of legal counsel at the expense of the County has been mandated by statute.

Envelopes containing bid shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD, and shall be marked on the envelope "Indigent Defense Services for Brown County". Bids will be opened on November 10, 2020. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check, or a bank draft in the amount of 5% of the total amount of bid, that has been issued by a National or State Bank authorized to do business in South Dakota; or a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the total amount of bid, payable without condition to Brown County as

a guarantee of good faith in entering into a contract if so awarded

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that is proposal has been accepted. Said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond or payment bond in accordance with the bid as accepted.

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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#### **Brown County Aberle Rezoning Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Carol Aberle to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2020 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) and Chapter 4.07 Mini-Aq District (M-AG) to Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation

"Aberle Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2502 135th St SW)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 178

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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#### **Brown County Scherbenske Rezoning Notice** NOTICE

Application has been made by Randy Scherbenske to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2020 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.17 Heavy Industrial District (H-1):

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The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezon ing the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 181

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County

(1104.1111)

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#### **Brown County** Schaffer Rezoning **Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Brandon Schaffer to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2020 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "Van Den Eykel Second Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 21-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12707 377th Ave).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 179

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County

Auditor (1104.1111)

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#### **Brown County Schultz Rezoning Notice**

Application has been made proximate cost of \$15.57. 19421 by Melissa Schultz to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 17, 2020 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "D and L 1st Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 27-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39759 134th St).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 180

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(1104.1111)

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#### **Westport Town** Nov. 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

November 2nd, 2020

The Town of Westport met on November 2nd, 2020 with Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson, and Doreen Hertel present. The following expenses were presented:

City General

NWPS (\$239.53), Groton Independent (\$33.8), Darin McGaugh-mowing (\$90.58), Menards (\$606.90), Derek Schoenfelder- reimbursement for material (\$209.00), Card member services (\$80.57), Brown County Treasurer- mosquito spraying (\$232.20). Hall Sand & Gravel (\$5,786.54).

Sewer NWPS (\$45.4), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13).

WEB (\$1425.33), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$408.16), Da-

kota supply group (\$57.80). Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitch

The following deposits were presented:

City General

Brown County Collections (\$289.65), State of SD (\$3,745.55), & Interest (\$3.55). Sewer

Resident Payments-(\$1,900.00).Water

Resident Payments -(\$3.354.73). NEW BUSINESS:

2021 liquor license for The Shed was approved. No other new or old business was dis-

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer Published once at the total ap-

## **Claremont Town** Sept. 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes The board trustees for the

town of Claremont met on 9-10-20 at 7:00 pm in city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Rasmussen and Spencer present. Also present were Yvonne Gibbs, Brett and Lora Gibbs and Leon Vickers. The minutes of the August meeting were approved on a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen . On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the following warrants were approved : General: Br. Co. Tres., mosquito spraying 715.20; NWE, lights, 341.29; Groton Independent, publishing, 11.75; James Valley, phone internet, 89.31; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Charla Rye, office supplies, 23.48; Shane Johnson, gas for mower, 107.25; Missi Smith, mowing 13.5 hrs, 124.67; WssW: BDM, water used, 1092.90; NWE, water power. 111.72;

NWE, sewer power, 107.75; SD insurance; Farmers Union Coop, Public Health, water sample, 15.00; Ecolab, pest elimination. 171.38; Brett, Lora, and Yvonne Gibbs, and Leon Vickers came before the board with questions about junk cars around town and dogs running loose. They were told what the board will contact those individuals involved and that the dogs around be reported to the sheriffs office. These also wondered if the Humane Society could help with animals. Discussion on leasing a tractor would be anificial for the town as the current tractor is in bad shape and in need of constant repairs the 2019-2020 Budget was placed on its first reading. By Rasmussen to adjourn. Motion Carried.

CRye, F.O. Published once at the total approximate cost of \$15.87. 19422

### **Groton City** Nov. 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes November 3, 2020

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at the Community Center for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Blackmun, Kappes, Babcock, Cutler, Fliehs and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, and Paul Kosel.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Babcock. All members voted

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Cutler to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye

Payroll, \$21,654.36, Employee salaries; Executive, \$577.19, ; Administrative, \$3,913.72, ; Public Safety, \$8,026.90, ; Public Works, \$9,136.55, ; Dacotah Bank, \$7,248.21, SS and WH; Dacotah Bank, \$466.66, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,050.00, Employee savings; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$85.20, Employee insurance; Chase Visa, \$426.15, Planners, internet, paper, office supplies, police uniforms, postage, library book; Guardian, \$140.52, Employee insurance: Colonial Life, \$340.78, Employee insur-

\$1,112.93, Fuel: Cody Kuca \$250.00, Utility deposit refund; Maguire Iron, \$100,561.50 Water tower payment request #2; SD Dept of Health, \$434.00, Water testing; SD Retirement System, \$10,605.27, Employee retirement; SD State Treasurer, \$9,551.09, Sales tax; SD Water & Wastewater Assn, \$20.00, 2021 dues; SDML Workers Comp, \$17,054.00, 2021 renewal; Border States, \$320.84, Electric meters; Crawford Trucks&Equip, \$1,589.27, Brake repairs on '76 International; Drew Johnson, \$1,150.00, Legal fees; Dwight Zerr, \$320.93, Med flex; Groton BB/SB Foundation, \$2,968.94, Gate split; Terex Corp, \$840.18, Digger truck annual inspection; Groton Independent, \$233.74, Publishing; S&S Lumber, \$332.87, Snow pusher, breaker, blade, gloves, anti-freeze, deadbolts, caution tape, ; Aramark, \$49.32, Rug rent; NW Energy, \$10.88, Natural gas; Clark Engineering, \$10,130.44, Construction staking and administration; SD Supp Retirement, \$610.00, Employee retirement; April Abeln, \$77.05, Dependent flex.

reviewed and approved on a motion by Cutler and seconded by

Kappes. All members voted ave Moved by Wells and seconded by Fliehs to surplus some 20year old cutting edges with a value of \$2,000. All members oted aye.

Maguire Iron's fourth payment request for \$131,014.80 was approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Wells. All

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Babcock to approve Governor Noem's holiday declaration, and grant 4 extra holiday hours for City employees on December

Moved by Kappes and seconded by Blackmun to adjourn into executive session for personne and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:18pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to table the Deputy Finance Officer's resig-

Moved by Wells and seconded by Babcock to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. All members voted ave.

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Department reports were

members voted aye.

24th. All members voted aye.

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Scott Hanlon, Mayor

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# by Tony Bender

#### We can be so much better I send out this column on Mondays so I'm writing blind, not knowing for sure how the election went, and frankly, with all

the legal challenges about what votes should be counted and when, as you read this, you may not know, either.

It seems certain, though, that the rancor and divisiveness won't disappear overnight, nor will the Covid-19 pandemic, a public health crisis that is wiping out older Americans, yet it has become a political dividing line when we should be pulling together to save our neighbors.

I started out sending these weekly letters into your homes 30 years ago with a focus on human interest stories. People. Politics were an infrequent topic, although, when I heard the invented excuses and drumbeats of war after 9/11, accompanied by language from our administration that echoed that

of authoritarian regimes of the past, I could not in good conscience stay silent. "Be careful what you say," we were told. "Either you're with us or against us," the president warned the world. In the name of freedom, we tortured prisoners.

Those were not popular columns in conservative circles. People tend to lose the ability to think critically amidst the fevers of war and politics, so some of my editors received phone calls and letters, and some of them folded under the pressure and pulled my column, forever losing my respect. Censored for unpopular political speech.

But I was right then, just as I was decades earlier as a teenager watching the nightly news about Vietnam and the lottery that might have called me into the battle when I turned 18. I was right about Vietnam as were the protesters who took to the streets after seeing their friends leave on military transports never to return. I was one of the lucky ones. The war ended when I was still in high school.

Some of you may be aware that these days, along with this column, I also write one for daily newspapers owned by Forum Communications, the focus of which is usually political commentary. I decided that with that outlet, I had an opportunity to refocus here on the human interest stories I love so much, stories about friends, here and gone, about my perspective from this spot on the prairie. And I further resolved that if I was going to write about politics, I'd look for the humor and absurdity in it, because in retrospect, I realized that after 9/11, I sometimes got preachy and strident, and no one wants to hear sermons from know-it-all writers.

But sometimes you simply cannot ignore what's in front of you, and sometimes I struggle to see the humor in it. A couple of weeks ago, I took people to task for reckless behavior during this pandemic, and because responsible behavior is often scorned as simpering liberalism, I was taken to task a few times. After all, my home base is in McIntosh County, where 74% voted for Donald Trump in 2016, about 11 points higher than the rest of the state, which is the second-most conservative in the country.

Well, I'm right about the irresponsible, unneighborly behavior during this pandemic, too. We can't just wish it away. Our actions and inaction have consequences. People are dying, familiar faces, and others have been so wrecked by the disease, they'll never be the same. That's not a liberal speaking. That's an American speaking, someone who loves his country and wants us to do better. Viruses are apolitical. History shows that we've been better than we are now.

I don't know what the next three months or the next four years will bring. That will depend upon our better angels and our ability to stop demonizing people for their politics while remembering that they're fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, and neighbors—a community. We can debate. We can disagree. It's a process. Sometimes half a loaf is enough.

It's up to us. Our leaders only have as much power as we allow them to have, so we ought not follow them into dark places. Our differences shouldn't stop us from reaching out and helping those in need, pulling together because we're stronger that way, and most importantly, reaching deep inside to examine the values instilled by generations past, examining whether we're living up to our potential as people, as a community, and as a nation. Ask yourself, would your great-great grandparents be proud of you now? More importantly, what will your great-great-grandchildren think about the world you've left them?

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# Choose Respect Not Fear

My son is a cub scout, and I am den leader. Recently our den met outside and practiced putting up tents and learned how to build a fire. With efforts to stay distanced, every scout made his own s'more, and we had such a fun time.



One highlight of the evening was letting

each scout try to light the fire. We went through a series of mistakes with the matches and thankfully no one got nurt. They were so proud to learn now to light a match and start a fire. However, it was also daunting for them. One scout specifically commented on how excited he was and how scared he was. I tried to teach safe techniques and explained how you do not need to fear fire, but you do need to respect it.

Approaching something with respect rather than fear is helpful in so many things in life. Whether it be a wild animal, fire, or a weapon, cautious respect is usually more helpful than fear. Education and experience, without losing that caution and respect, may be lifesaving.

Those principles could be helpful as we cope with COVID-19. Depending on your situation, you may not be afraid, or you could be overcome with fear. On the one hand, fear could paralyze us and cripple our response. On the other hand, a complete disregard for measures to help decrease the spread of the virus is like being careless with fire. We all want to return to a normalcy and way of life that is healthy physically, mentally, socially, and economically. However, cases are on the rise and denial of reality and a disregard for others is fuel for the

The efforts of so many people to decrease the spread such as social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, and being careful is helping to give scientists more time to research treatments and vaccinations. Progress is being made, and so many people are united in the same goal of getting through this pandemic, safely, together.

Recently I was visiting with a 98-year-old man. I asked him about this pandemic and what he experienced in the Great Depression and World War II. He was confident we would get through this. We will succeed if we do not let ourselves become divided, but work together, treating the virus with caution, and supporting those around us.

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The Minnesota Vikings (2-5) faced a tough test coming out of their bye week, traveling to Green Bay to battle the red-hot Packers (5-2). This game was supposed to be an easy victory by the Packers, who had only lost one game all season and were looking like one of the best teams in the league. The Vikings, on the other hand, were off to one of the worst starts in franchise history and had just traded their starting defensive end in a move that many

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

assumed meant the team was waving the white flag on the season. While many fans were hoping the Vikings would lose this game and thereby giving them a better shot at the top draft pick, the players were all too happy to disappoint fans on Sunday after the 28-22 win.

The game started with both teams doing whatever they wanted on offense. Green Bay got the ball first and drove 75 yards on 13 plays to take a 7-0 lead. The Vikings answered with a 10-play, 73-yard drive of their own to tie the score. Green Bay found the end zone on the following drive (15 plays, 72 yards). Not to be out-done, Minnesota went 67-yards on 12 plays to tie the game 14-14, and suddenly it was halftime.

The Vikings got the ball to start the second half and picked up right where they left off, with a 10-play, 85-yard drive to take a 21-14 lead. Green Bay's luck ran out on their next drive and they turned the ball over on downs. The Vikings took advantage of the opportunity quickly, moving the ball 63 yards on only four plays and taking a 28-14 lead. From there, the Vikings' offense would fail to put up any more points, but the defense was ready and was able to hold Aaron Rodgers and the Packers offense to only one more touchdown and preserving the win. To make it even more impressive, the Vikings were down to only two healthy cornerbacks in the second half of the game after Cameron Dantzler went down with a scary injury and had to be taken off the field on a stretcher, and Kris Boyd went down holding his knee with a non-contact injury.

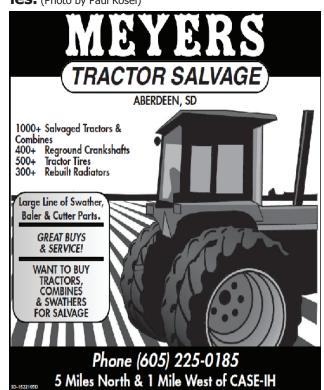
Player of the game

This one is easy. Dalvin Cook made history on Sunday, accounting for 226 yards and all four touchdowns for the Vikings. He is the first player in NFL history to score a touchdown on his team's first four possessions, he is the third player in Vikings history to have over 200 yards and four touchdowns in a game (Chuck Foreman, Ahmad Rashad), and he is the first player with over 200 yards and four touchdowns against Green Bay in Lambeau Field. It was a fantastic day for the fourth-year running back, and reaffirms why the Vikings elected to give him a contract extension this season.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will return home and prepare to welcome the Detroit Lions to U.S. Bank Stadium. The Lions are 3-4 this season, most recently losing 41-21 to the Indianapolis Colts. The Lions will bring many familiar faces with them, most notably Adrian Peterson and Everson Griffen (who was recently traded from Dallas to Detroit). The Vikings have a good chance to win this game, which I'm sure will make many fans upset. But like Herm Edwards famously said, "You play to win the game!" Skol!



Jerry Peltier was one of the election day workers on Tuesday at the Groton Community Center. He said he had seen a notice where they were looking for election workers and he said that instead of staying a home and watching TV, he would help out. He baked cookies for those who brought children to the election. "I figured they would be bored so I gave them a cookie," he said. The election workers also enjoyed his cookies. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Billy Butcherson (Tom) and Winifred Sanderson (Patti Woods) were having a blast on Halloween.

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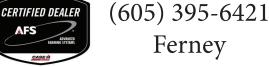
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## The Life of Alan Townsend

Funeral services for Alan Townsend, 58 of Conde, SD were held November 2nd at the United Methodist Church, Groton, SD with Pastor Brandon Dunham officiating. Burial followed at the Scotland Cemetery, just north of his farm, under the direction of Paetznick-Garnes Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Alan passed away unexpectedly, October 28, 2020 at his Conde farm mending fences, preparing to move cattle home from the pasture.

Alan James Townsend was born December 17, 1961 in Webster, SD to Russell and Marjory (Murray) Townsend. He was the 6th

of 8 children. He attended Groton School, with Sandi Oliver as his first teacher. Alan graduated from Groton High School in 1980 where he was part of the Wrestling team, wrestling at a weight of 145lbs. Alan fondly reminded his grandchildren, that he rode the school bus every day from kindergarten through his senior year.

Alan's favorite part of school, each year, was when the farm children could go home for 7 to 10 days in the spring to help their parents plant the crops and again in the fall for harvesting. He knew then ,that farming would be his lifelong passion.

His love of farming began at an early age, creating a farm by utilizing rocks as his cattle herd and various gadgets pretending to be his equipment playing from dawn to dusk. He rode horses bareback and practiced his preaching to all that would listen while baptizing his sisters many, many times. Through Sunday School, he learned to love the Lord and shared this blessing with his family.

Alan farmed and raised Black Angus cattle alongside his father, Russell, for 30 years in the Andover and Conde areas. This was referred





to as on-the-job training, and he loved going to this job every day. Each day was a new adventure on the farm. Alan and Zach, shared a special bond, tilling the soil, picking rocks, planting beans and corn, putting up hay, planting trees, expanding and making improvements to the farms, and raising and tending to the cattle. We will remember the sparkle in his eyes, as his efforts were rewarded with the harvesting of the crops and the birth of the new baby calves. Our hearts will be filled with these memories as each season passes.

Farmers always pray for sunshine and rain; Alan was no different. Rain brought Alan and the love of his life, Jolene (Olson) Barton, together when they met on a rainy weekend. This treasure of sunshine and rain united the two in marriage on February 10, 1996 at the Groton United Methodist Church.

Alan will be remembered for his strong faith, his love for his mother, wife, family and his many friends in the community, his humble beginning, his love for the land, and most for his sense of humor.

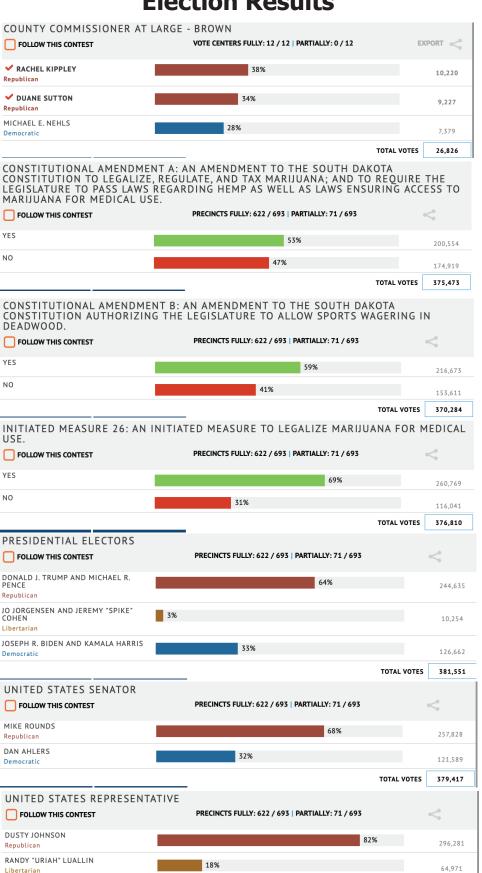
In his free time, if he had any, but always finding it for his grandchildren, would travel to watch them play ice hockey and softball. Family and friends would gather at their home on Lake Kampeska, Watertown, SD where they would relax on or in the water, where many stories and memories were made.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Jolene of Conde, his mother, Marjory of Andover, his family, Zachary, Stephanie and Henry Townsend of Conde; Chad, Tashia, and Madison, Trey, CJ Barton, Gage Weeks (Maci Bradly), Dustin, Chantel Engel and great-grandchildren, Aubrie, Easton and Laikyn Engel all of Watertown. Alan is also survived by his 7 siblings, David (Judy) Townsend of Denver, CO; Gary (Julie) Townsend of Sioux Falls, SD; Janell (Larry) Little of Madison, SD; Bonnie Townsend of Santa Fe, NM; Janet Deuel of Aberdeen, SD; Dona (John) Schulte of Derby, KS; Laura (Gene) Soukup of Wagner, SD, and many nieces and nephews. Special friends Robert Pigors and Alex Doran.

Preceding him in death was his father, Russell and his brother-in-law, Dean Deuel.

Pallbearers were Dan Krueger, Travis McGannon, Dan Schinkel, Ron Kroll, Dennis Marske and Roni Dobberpuhl. Honorary Pallbearers, who he loved dearly, were his grandchildren, great-children, nieces and nephews. Ushers are Lon Gellhaus, Brad Morehouse and Lars Hanson.

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