

Charles Mix County
Board of Commissioners
Regular Session – November 5th, 2020
By Zoom Meeting

The Charles Mix County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the 5th of November, 2020 at 11:00 am. Chairman – Neil Von Eschen opened the meeting by means of Zoom conference and called the meeting to order with Vice-Chairman – Nick Stotz, Commissioner – Keith Mushitz Auditor – Danielle Davenport, States Attorney – Steve Cotton, Deputy States Attorney – Craig Parkhurst and Colin Soukup present.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Stotz and seconded by Mushitz to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FEMA:

City of Platte Attorney – Tim Whalen and City of Platte Finance Officer – Shauna Meyerink met with the Commission to discuss the Platte Dam/Bridge that was damaged during the 2019 flooding DR4469. The City of Platte has been advised that due to the Easement currently in place with Charles Mix County that they cannot be the primary applicant. Whalen presented a Memorandum and Agreement that would designate Charles Mix County as the primary applicant. Changes to be made and presented again at the next meeting. No further action taken.

Easement:

States Attorney – Steven Cotton met with the Commission to present an Easement regarding a sewer project for the Pablo Garcia property. A motion was made by Stotz and seconded by Mushitz to approve the Easement as presented and have Chairman – Von Eschen sign. All in favor, motion carried. A copy of this Easement can be found in the Auditors Office.

Personnel:

Cotton requested that Deputy States Attorney – Parkhurst wages now be paid through payroll instead of contract through accounts payable. A motion was made by Stotz and seconded by Mushitz to approve the request with an annual salary of \$45,000 per year, SDRS retirement and Life Insurance benefits. Health Insurance to be waived. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding advertisement for an Administrative Assistant and the commencement of the States Attorney Office security project. No action taken.

Canvass of 2020 General Election:

The Board of Commissioners canvassed the 2020 General Election. A motion was made by Mushitz and seconded by Stotz to approve the results for Charles Mix County. All in favor, motion carried. Results are as followed:

Presidential Electors

Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence (REP) – 2,552

Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy “Spike” Cohen (LIB) – 54

Joseph R. Biden and Kamala Harris (DEM) – 1,177

United States Senator

Mike Rounds (REP) – 2,542

Dan Ahlers (DEM) – 1,259

United States Representative

Dusty Johnson (REP) – 2,921

Randy “Uriah” Luallin (LIB) – 703

Public Utilities Commissioner

Gary Hanson (REP) – 2,532

Devin Saxon (LIB) – 97

Remi W.B. Bald Eagle (DEM) – 1,036

State Senator District 21

Erin Tobin (REP) – 2,593

Dan Kerner Andersson (DEM) – 1,093

State Representative District 21

Rocky Blare (REP) – 1,898

Caleb Finck (REP) – 1,845

Jessica Hegge (DEM) – 1,620

Supreme Court Retention: Shall Justice Steven Jensen Representing the First Supreme Court District, Whose Term Expires January 1, 2021, Be Retained in Office?

Yes – 2,670

No – 744

Constitutional Amendment A: An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to legalize, regulate, and tax marijuana; and to require the Legislature to pass laws regarding hemp as well as laws ensuring access to marijuana for medical use.

Yes – 1,678

No – 2,036

Constitutional Amendment B: An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution authorizing the Legislature to allow sports wagering in Deadwood.

Yes – 1,867

No – 1,832

Initiated Measure 26: an initiated measure to legalize marijuana for medical use.

Yes – 2,317

No – 1,426

Public Comment:

No public comments were heard. No action taken.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Stotz and seconded by Mushitz to adjourn until the regular session November 12th, 2020 at 10:00 am. All in favor, motion carried.

Neil Von Eschen, Chairman

Danielle Davenport, Auditor