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SD Association of County Commissioners

Cindy Heiberger, Minnehaha County Commissioner

It was great to meet with fellow Commissioners and county officials during state convention last month. Thank you for electing me to serve as your SDACC President this upcoming year. The executive board and I are excited about partnering with you to communicate our shared goals for counties.

Before next year is discussed later in this column, I would like to share a little about myself for those of you I don’t already know.

I am a native of ND where my family farmed and raised cattle and hogs. When I was six, our family moved to Minnehaha County where my father worked as a service provider to dairy farmers. My husband Keith and I have been married for 35 years and live in rural Minnehaha County. We have been blessed with 4 children and 7 grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

Professionally, my husband and I are second generation owners of a diesel engine repair business which has grown to serve customers throughout the country.

I became involved in public service almost 20 years ago after being elected to the school board. I also served on the library board and a taskforce studying local government funding. 10 years ago, friends encouraged me to run for County Commission where I am serving my 3rd term since 2011.

As SDACC looks to the year ahead, we want to ensure items of importance to your county and the association are heard by decision makers throughout all levels of government.

Many of you know Bob Wilcox and the SDACC team of lobbyists are busy during legislative session advocating on behalf of counties. As elected officials, we have the opportunity to act as force multipliers for county interests and communicate directly with legislators too. Our efforts will enhance the work of the SDACC team.

We can shape legislative debate, advocate for counties, and share challenges we face. The first step is speaking with our legislators – one elected official to another. We share a unique perspective as elected colleagues and can build collaborative relationships.

As County Commissioners, we solve our problems locally. No two counties are exactly alike. A variety of tools in our tool belt are required to be effective. In order to make this happen, our local legislators must hear directly from their County Commissioners throughout the year, not just during session.

The first step we can take is for each county to assign one Commissioner as a legislative point of contact. We can make a real impact, through proactive, problem solving dialogue with legislators throughout the year.

Counties can wield a powerful voice and accomplish even more in Pierre if we cultivate relationships with legislators. In order for counties to enhance our effectiveness, your county’s input and our collaborative leadership are needed.

More information will be forthcoming this year about how we can take our advocacy to the next level.

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Happy Fall everybody! I hope this season finds you all well. By the time this article is published, we could be seeing some white stuff! I would be remiss if I didn’t start out by giving a sincere thank you to Kris for all the work she does for counties. She doesn’t get near the recognition she deserves.

This is the time of year when we realize how blessed we are. I realize there are a lot of people who have been devastated by weather related issues this past year. Others have had to deal with loss and other hardships. However, I believe we all have something to be thankful for.

Our county has been dealing with FEMA this past week. All residents that received damage from flooding have been encouraged to contact our Emergency Management director. He has put in tireless hours dealing with flooding and trying to help our citizens.

In a couple of weeks this same man, who has so tirelessly worked night and day and weekends to help our citizens from the devastating flooding, will be deployed to serve our country. Please keep Jeff Bathke, as well as others who are serving this great country and who have served, in your prayers.

I am so fortunate to have commissioners that believe in training opportunities. I was afforded the opportunity to attend NACo in Las Vegas in July. It was an amazing opportunity. It is so packed full of learning opportunities. Whether you’re attending a session or having lunch with other attendees, you are constantly learning new things.

The networking opportunities at NACo are endless. I got to meet people from all over. I also got to visit delegates from South Dakota I didn’t know. We even got to have a little fun the last night by getting to hear Marie Osmond speak and dance to the Australian BeeGees.

One of the things I found rewarding was to be able to be a part of the election process for a candidate. I mean I got to advocate and cheer for a candidate for 2nd Vice-president. I know this may not sound like a big deal to some of you, but as a county auditor I have felt like I need to remain completely unbiased when it comes to candidates on our ballots. At convention, I could actually support a candidate. It felt so good! Now I have to say, the candidate I supported was only supported by one other person in our delegation. I didn’t care. I stuck with my conviction! By the way, Larry Johnson, or LJ as they call him, won! (My candidate!)

Kris and Bob and the whole delegation were wonderful. I always felt I had someone to reach out to if I needed something.

Soon the Legislature will be in session. If it is at all possible, get to know your legislators. They can be so important to county government. We need them on our side! If you’ve never been to a committee hearing, or listened to testimony on the floor, I would encourage you to attend one or both. I believe we all, as elected officials, should have at least a basic understanding of how the legislative process works.

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Hello All and Happy Fall! My name is Lori Montis and I have been at Minnehaha County in my role as Assistant Director of Human Services since February of 2016. I joined the SDACWO Board last year in the role of Vice-President (we had no one for the Secretary position), and so now I am starting in my role as President. I currently reside in Hartford, South Dakota where I have lived for the past 22 years. Prior to that I lived in Sioux Falls pretty much my entire life. I have been married to my wonderful husband, Joe, for 33 years and we have one son, Jory, who is 21. I love our state and all it has to offer, so have never really felt a need to move anywhere else, other than for a short period while I was attending grad school in Arizona. After graduation, my husband and I both agreed that we wanted to move back to South Dakota to raise a family and start our careers and I can truly say that we have loved living here.

As a SDACWO member, we are the group responsible for knowing SDCL 28-13, as well as monitoring trends at the federal and state level for their impact on our county budgets. SDCL 28-13 was last updated almost 25 years ago and so there is a need to revisit this statute and update it as needed in order to ensure that we are following best practices from the field and perhaps closing any loopholes that currently exist. One area that has been identified for consideration is the current time frame allowed for appeals for medical cases. Currently, there is no statute of limitations for these appeals and so hospital claims are allowed to pend for years, a process that makes processing old claims and budgetary considerations extremely challenging.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Kris and Bob for all of their efforts in putting together another wonderful convention! Our association had some great discussions over the two days focusing on where we see needs for change/updating and spent our meeting time providing some history and information to those that are newer in their county roles, as well as encouraging folks to take an active role in the association. We had several people offer to step in to roles on both the board and various committees. That was so great and bodes well for our ability to try to promote some needed change this year. I am looking forward to a busy year of collaborating with all of you across our state as we serve those in need in our communities!
Jeff Haessig, Spink County Highway Superintendent

I would like to thank Dirk Rogers for all of his hard work and leadership this past year. He has done an excellent job and I have some pretty big shoes to fill as incoming president of the SDACHS.

As Fall approaches we are usually gearing up for mowing and making sure the roads are kept up for harvest. This year harvest is going to be late and we are still putting culverts in and trying to get roads out of water. I would say this has been the worst flooding in the almost 30 years I have been with the county. But when you think it’s bad, someone else has it worse, like my neighbors to the south. My Office Manager is busy working with FEMA and trying to get all the info into their computer program. This FEMA event is a lot different than it was back in 2009, ’10 and ’11, but we will work through it.

I would like to reach out to any new superintendents and suggest that you call your neighbors if you have any questions. I know when I took over in 2009 I made several phone calls to the old timers and asked for advice regarding how they handled different situations or what they were doing. One of the best pieces of advice I got was from Ron Blachford of Hand County. He came up and we drove around and he said, “Jeff you have a problem”. I said, “What’s that?” He said, “You have to get rid of that curb and gutter and pull in the shoulders.” – So I did. I got to know a lot of the people that lived on and drove those gravel roads. After several years they know what to expect and afterwards some say thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the association for letting me serve as president. Like Dirk said in his last County Comment, “Heaven help us!”
Posting a Bridge? Think About the Alternatives!

By Yanling Leng, PhD, PE | Senior Project Engineer at Clark Engineering

Author’s Note: Posting bridges for load limitations is a serious matter. Extra engineering effort is justified where evaluating for posting. This article presented three alternatives that may be conducted by professional engineers to assist bridge owners in making optimal posting decisions based on load ratings.

Gephyrophobia (ge.fyро.ofо.bi.a) is a common phobia which affects many people. People with this phobia are afraid of crossing bridges, driving over bridges, or even seeing one from afar. There is not a scientific name for the fear of posting a bridge; however, it can bring on the same anxiety for the people involved with the posting. They may think, “Who am I going to upset by changing the load limits on this particular bridge today?”

As a matter of public safety and as a way of safeguarding vital transportation infrastructure, bridge owners must restrict truck weights, often through load posting. A professional engineer licensed in your state can assist with making that determination based on the load ratings.

Bridges may need to be posted for restrictive loads when the capacity of the bridge decreases and/or when the demand on the bridge increases. The capacity of the bridge may decrease due to deterioration, damage, etc. The demand on the bridge may increase due to changes in the dead load (bridge deck, wearing surface, etc.) or the live load (legal trucks, permit trucks, or special loadings). Subjecting bridges to vehicles that are heavier than the bridges were designed to carry shortens the service life and can cause both visible and hidden damage. The cumulative effect of the damage caused by these heavy loads will eventually force the roadway jurisdiction owning the bridge.

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to restrict the weight of vehicles using the bridge or, in extreme cases, to close the bridge to all traffic.

All states are required to load rate and post bridges in order to comply with federal standards. Load ratings are performed in order to determine the safe live load capacity of a bridge, considering the existing conditions of the bridge. Based on the load ratings, the bridge is evaluated for load posting or strengthening. Currently, approximately one out of every five bridges on the public roads in the state of South Dakota is posted.

Posting bridges for load limit is a serious matter, additional engineering effort is justified when evaluating for posting. Choosing not to post a bridge may create safety issues. On the other hand, posting a bridge can create a hardship on the motoring public and industry in the vicinity of the bridge. To ensure that posting is justified, alternatives should be considered when evaluating for posting.

First, re-rate the bridge using alternative methods to determine whether the bridge can accommodate higher loads based on currently accepted code criteria. The current specification for load rating and posting bridges is The Manual for Bridge Evaluation, Second Edition (MBE, 3rd Edition) (AASHTO, 2017), developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Bridges may be evaluated using any of three methods: allowable stress rating (ASR), load factor rating (LFR), and load and resistance factor rating (LRFR). It is mandatory for all new bridges to be load rated using LRFR. If an existing bridge was designed using Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) methodology, it must be rated using LRFR. If an existing bridge was designed using LFD methodology, it shall be rated using either LFR or LRFR, yet there may be considerable discrepancies in the results. Thus, an old bridge rated low using LRFR may be re-rated using LFR to determine whether it can accommodate higher loads, or vice versa. In addition, there are two rating levels, inventory rating and operating rating. Operating rating normally yields a higher load, however, posting at operating rating will reduce the service life of bridge. Thus, bridge owner’s maintenance strategies should be taken into consideration when deciding on a rating level.

Second, conduct an inspection to confirm the condition, measurements, and other properties of the bridge, and carry out a more in-depth, refined analysis. Traditionally, most bridges are rated with substantial margins of safety built in to compensate for the unknowns. Through field inspection and refined analysis, the uncertainties associated with the evaluation could be greatly reduced. For the purpose of evaluation, the reduction in distribution factors will raise the bridge ratings somewhat for the same checking procedures. The new analysis is more accurate and reliable. From a reliability point of view, higher ratings are justified.

Finite Element Analysis, as a typical refined analysis method, promotes a fundamental change in the practice of bridge engineering and attempts to move our industry past the use of simplistic design specifications to achieve more optimized solutions. In evaluating existing structures, there is also a growing interest in having engineers perform a direct risk assessment to determine the future course of rehabilitation investments and the balance of replacement costs with continued operation.

Lastly, a one-lane alternative may be considered when evaluating for posting. Normally, a bridge will be rated for the number of traffic lanes as designed; however, if the capacity is not adequate, the bridge may be checked for a reduced number of lanes. Reducing the number and locations of the loaded lanes and restricting lanes with barrels or stop signs, can keep a bridge from being posted with a weight restriction.

A good bridge posting strategy should seek a balanced approach to extending the service life and maximizing the usage of your bridges. A licensed engineer can analyze your needs and assists you in making optimal posting decisions with confidence. Please contact us for any clarifications or questions you may have.
The good, the bad, and the ugly - County Commission deserves apologies

By: Brian Hunhoff, Yankton County Register of Deeds

Much of our Memorial Day weekend was spent binge viewing Yankton County Commission meeting videos from the first four months of this year. We were appalled by some of the comments made by citizens in attendance. Words and actions directed at commissioners in 2019 have ranged from immature to profane to disgusting.

Sixty percent of the Commission is new this year. Three political newcomers unseated three incumbents by large margins last November. The incoming trio averaged 4,988 votes apiece. The outgoing threesome averaged 3,050 votes. Newly-elected members received broad support in both urban and rural voting centers. Most people clearly wanted a change, although some predictably don’t want to accept it.

This week’s editorial has nothing to do with issues that generated those election results. It’s about something simpler and possibly harder - the expectation that people control their temper and act like adults when attending a public meeting.

At the April 16 meeting, a member of the audience politely asked Commission Chairman Dan Klimisch for permission to speak to an issue. Klimisch politely replied they were moving on to the next agenda item.

Instead of accepting the chairman’s decision and waiting to speak his piece in the public comment period near the end of the meeting, the man said loudly, “Are you kidding me, Dan? Are you serious? Good God, talk about transparency. What an asshole!” He then stormed out of the room, but continued to vent in the hallway outside.

At the February 19 meeting, five different people approached the lectern and demanded to know why they were banned from entering the Yankton County Government Center. All five commissioners denied that was the case, but some of the accusers suggested they were lying. (An investigation later proved no one was banned from entering any county building or office.)

Also at the February 19 meeting, prominent landowner Karl Schenk twice used his time at the lectern to stand at attention, snap off a Nazi salute, and say “Sieg Heil” to Klimisch after he was asked to please sit down. Schenk also cast an arrogant view of Commissioner Joe Healy, a young family farmer. Schenk said, “If you think, Joe that you can be a row-cropper for the rest of your life and for the next generation, you are mistaken.” He added, “If you want modest-size farms, drop the jealousy. Drop wanting to be some kind of dictator on a board.”

Three takeaways for your consideration …

The Good: The Yankton County Commission is not easily rattled. They are a thoughtful and wellspoken group. They keep their cool and remain polite even when cursed, insulted, heckled, mocked, and accused of untrue things.

The Bad: Political discourse in our community and nation is backsliding. All of the casual lying and name-calling in Washington, D.C. seems to be seeping into local government.

The Ugly: Mocking Commission Chairman Dan Klimisch with Adolf Hitler’s words and gestures was disgusting. Klimisch is a combat veteran of the Iraq War. He won a Bronze Star fighting for our freedom. Insinuating that brave young man has something in common with a murderous dictator is the most offensive thing we’ve seen in 41 years of observing Yankton County Commission meetings.

Public servants need thick skin, but there are limits to how much an elected official should have to tolerate before apologies are in order. The incidents described above were public insults. They should be corrected with public apologies. It’s not too late. Even tardy apologies are often just in time.

For those big enough to do this, remember the words of Benjamin Franklin: “Never ruin an apology with an excuse.” It’s been said life is easier when you can accept the apologies you never receive. Members of our county board likely won’t hold their breath waiting to hear words of regret from critics, but hopefully their remaining meetings of 2019 will bring less heat and more light.

Pride makes “sorry” difficult for many men to say, but cooler heads are better set to find together ways.
SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund Approves Stryker Grant Program for 2020

For 10 years the SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund has offered two grant programs to its members, the Stryker EMS grant program and the Stan Houston ICS® Saw grant program. In 2019, the Board of Trustees approved $5,000 for a third grant program. The Trenching and Confined Space Entry Safety Equipment Grant was created to assist members with the purchase of approved safety equipment such as trench boxes, hydraulic shoring, gas detectors (with and without calibration kits), full body harness, tripods and blowers.

Because these grant programs promote safety for our members, the SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund Board of Trustees approved all three grant programs for the 2020 year on a first come first serve basis until the grant funds are exhausted. The 2020 grant period will open and applications will be accepted beginning January 1, 2020.

Trenching and Confined Space Entry Safety Equipment Grant
This is a 50-50 matching grant with a maximum of $1,000 per grant. A member may apply once per calendar year and the grant only applies to one piece of equipment. The member may purchase the equipment from a vendor of their choice, but prior to a grant being awarded, Safety Benefits, Inc. will review the requested equipment to verify that it meets all current standards for its intended purpose. If you would like to inquire about the eligibility and pre-approval of the equipment prior to completing an application, please contact the SDML WC Fund Administrator, Insurance Benefits, Inc.

Congratulations to the 2019 grant recipients:
• Huron
• Yankton
• Java Rural Fire Protection District

Stryker EMS Equipment Grant
The Stryker EMS grant program includes a 60/40 matching grant to assist our members in purchasing a Stryker Power-PRO™ ambulance cot or a Stryker Stair-PRO® stair chair. The Stryker Power-LOAD™ system is also available and set up to pay 33% of the list price.

The intent of this grant program is to provide a safer workplace for the EMT’s, firefighters, police officers, and all local government employees that assist their ambulance services to provide emergency transfer of patients. These three products have been proven to reduce and eliminate back injuries due to lifting patients. We have 1 member that prior to purchasing a Stryker Power-PRO™ ambulance cot, had 10 lifting injuries over a 7 year period resulting in over $150,000 in medical and lost-time expense. Since being awarded a grant in 2011, this member has not had a single lifting injury with over 16,000 patient transfers.

Stryker also reported a 100% reduction in back injuries in another service and a 62% decrease in the risk of developing a low back disorder when using these safety products during the loading process. Other relevant stats are:
• 69% of the US adult population is obese
• A typical strain injury cost $70,408 in direct and indirect costs
• The average age of an EMS worker is 40 years old
• Lower back strain is the cause of 78% of compensation days in the US
• 1 of 4 EMS workers suffer from a career-ending back injury within the first four years of employment
• Lifting causes more than 70% of back injuries of EMTs

Stryker EMS has used the SDML WC Fund grant program as a model of success and has rolled out similar programs in several other states.

Over the past 10 years the SDML WC Fund has awarded 93 grants to our members that total over $228,000.

Congratulations to the 2019 grant recipients listed below:
• City of Menno/Menno Ambulance
• City of Faith/Faith Ambulance Service
• North Sioux City FD/Dakota Valley Fire District
• Garretson Community Ambulance
• Iroquois Fire & Rescue District
• Moody County Ambulance-Flandreau
• Marshall County Ambulance-Britton
• Clark County Ambulance-Clark

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Eligibility for these grants is very simple. The applicant must be a member of the SDML WC Fund as of the date of the grant application and in the year the grant is awarded. Also, the member must meet several selection criteria, including compliance with Loss Control Safety Improvement Recommendations for every department. The complete list of selection criteria is available on the application.

The SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund has always stressed the importance of using safety equipment and following safety procedures. There are many components to a successful safety program. Creating a culture of safety begins with leadership direction and support which then flows to the supervisors and employees. It only takes one motivated person to change the culture of your entity. We look forward to more participation in these programs and the reduction of injuries to your employees.

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These grant programs continue to be very popular. As of the date this article was written, there are still grant funds available for the current 2019 grant year. If you are considering applying for a grant, we encourage you to send your application ASAP before the grant funds are exhausted.

The 2019 application is also available at www.sdmlwcfund.com.

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CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here’s a quick refresher of what it is and why it’s essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.
The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

It’s about fair representation.
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It’s in the constitution.
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It’s about $675 billion.
The distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.
That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

It’s about redistricting.
After each decade’s census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.
Completing the census is mandatory: it’s a way to participate in our democracy and say “I COUNT!”
Census data are being used all around you.

Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, which create jobs.

Your privacy is protected.

It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.

FIND OUT HOW TO HELP AT CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS
Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) North Central Region consists of the following 9 states: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri. The ‘You Show Us’ originated from Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) original "Show Us How" contest, which solicits best practices and inventions implemented by local transportation agencies considering efficient use of funds and materials, as well as application of innovative safety techniques.

Today, each LTAP center in the North Central Region solicits entries in a statewide contest, picks a winner, and then submits their state winning project to compete in the North Central Region contest. The state and regional winners are presented with their awards at the annual North Central Region Local Road Conference in Rapid City, SD each October.

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2019 “You Show Us” State Winners

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**Susan Kiepke, Davison County Auditor**

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Since this is my first newsletter, I thought I should tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in Mitchell. I went off to college, lived a few other places, but ended up back in Mitchell. I’m married to a wonderful man named Paul. I have two amazing children, two step-stepchildren that are married and have five children between them. I am obsessed with Mickey Mouse. I’m involved with my church, the local Chamber, Rotary, LifeQuest and Make-A-Wish.

I am so blessed to have a wonderful family, a fabulous staff and friends. I also blessed to have a job that I love.

Last of all, I would just like to say that I am so honored to be the SDACO president. As I said at convention, the SDACO Board is here to serve all of you. If I or this board can do anything for any of you, whether it be an elected official an appointed official or a county employee, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us.

God bless and have a wonderful holiday season!!

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