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October 22, 2018

Woods/roads & bridges/jco

The Yankton County Commission again debated road and bridge repairs at their last meeting. That attention has been focused by the closure of the "Johnson Bridge" over the James river due to cracks being found in three of the four main support girders. That bridge should be repaired early next month.

Commission Chairman Todd Woods says funding roads is a moving target.....(NEWS21)(good thing)(:26)

Woods says the slow pace of repairs can be frustrating.....(NEWS22)(forward)(:12)

A suggestion had been made to look at paying for repairs to the bridge on Old Highway 50 by imposing a toll. Woods says that is unworkable.....(NEWS23)(statute)(:26)

Woods says they plan to follow up on a state grant program to possibly pay for repairs to the James River bridge on Old Highway 50.

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Yankton, SD

October 18, 2018

Woods/Johnson Bridge/jco

Repair work on the closed Johnson Bridge over the James River should start early next month.

Yankton County Commission Chairman Todd Woods says they are in contact with the engineers and contractor.....(NEWS16)(done)(:10)

Woods says the costs will be covered by the Bridge Improvement Grant the county got from the state.....(NEWS17)(that)(:15)

The bridge was closed after cracks were found in three of the four main support girders.

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October 17, 2018

Swensen/Woods/road & bridge talk/jco

The Yankton County Commission again discussed roads and bridges at their meeting yesterday, (Tuesday), but from a different angle.

Commissioner Gary Swensen had requested time to make a public statement.....(NEWS11)(bridges):(19)

Swensen then made a historical comparison.....(NEWS12)(quote):(20)

Commission Chairman Todd Woods says they have for a number of years attempted to explain their road funding problems.....(NEWS13)(comments on):(24)

Woods said they are also open to ideas from citizens or others on how to approach road and bridge funding and repair.

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October 9, 2018

Woods/Johnson Bridge repair/jco

The Yankton County Commission, in a special meeting (Tuesday morning) approved an emergency repair plan to fix and reopen a bridge over the James River.

The “Johnson Bridge” was closed after cracks were found in three of the four supporting girders.

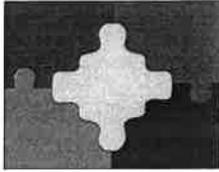
Commission Chairman Todd Woods says the repair bid came in well under estimates.....(NEWS14)(budgets)(:27)

Woods says they hope the bridge can be reopened in about a month.....(NEWS15)(point too)(:21)

Commissioner Gary Swensen opposed the plan, saying he wanted heavier steel used for the repairs.

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Yankton, SD

October 3, 2018

Woods/Johnson Bridge closure/jco

The Yankton County Commission voted to close the "Johnson Bridge" over the James River. The commission earlier had placed tight load limits on the structure, but Commission Chairman Todd Woods said those limits were not being observed.....(NEWS11)(killed):(30)

Woods says its not a good time to close the bridge.....(NEWS12)(close it):(20)

Woods says they are waiting for repair details from Clark Engineering.....(NEWS13)(point):(29)

Woods says they may need a special meeting in the next few days to approve an emergency contract to fix the bridge.
An inspection found cracks in three of the four main girders supporting the bridge.

(The bridge will officially close at 5PM today...Wednesday)

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November 27, 2018

Woods/hog permits/jco

The Yankton County Commission will consider applications for five new twenty-four hundred head hog barns at its meeting next week.

Commission Chairman Todd Woods says they will consider them as presented.....(NEWS21)(laws)(:21)

Woods and incumbents Deb Bodenstedt and Ray Epp were defeated for reelection earlier this month, largely over the issue of confined animal feeding operations.

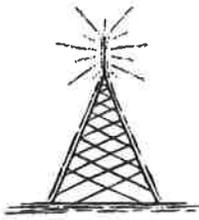
Woods says the court decision earlier this month upheld county zoning rules.....(NEWS22)(that)(:12)

Woods says he can't vote no on an application that meets all the rules.....(NEWS23)(for it)(:19)

The commission meets next Tuesday, 4PM at the county government center.

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Yankton, SD

November 21, 2018

Woods/highway superintendent/jco

Yankton County Highway Superintendent Brian Gustad (gus-tad) is resigning effective December tenth.

Yankton County Commission Chairman Todd Woods made that announcement at the end of their meeting yesterday (Tuesday).

Woods says Gustad has done a good job.....(NEWS1)(job)(:19)

Woods says taking care of the counties hundreds of miles of gravel and paved roads with a limited budget has been a challenge.....(NEWS2)(of it)(:19)

Woods says they will defer to the new commission making a hire after the first of the year.....(NEWS3)(year)(:15)

Woods gave Gustad credit for helping the county land a nine hundred-thousand-dollar BIG grant from the state for bridge improvements.

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Yankton, SD

November 12, 2018

Woods/CAFO approvals/jco

The Yankton County Commission approved conditional use permits for three new hog barns last week. The approvals came after a long, sometimes disruptive meeting, with opponents make sharp comments and arguments.

Commission Chairman Todd Woods says they are following the law in granting the approvals.....(NEWS21)(to do)(:27)

Woods says he feels the emotion from both sides.....(NEWS22)(away)(:17)

There are at least ^{5 FIVE} ~~three~~ more conditional use permits moving through the zoning system. Woods says each application is unique.....(NEWS23)(away)(:24)

Woods, along with incumbents Deb Bodenstedt and Ray Epp were defeated in their bid for re-election last week.

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November 9, 2018

Yankton County Commission – CAFOs/jco

The Yankton County Commission last (Thursday) night approved conditional use permits for three hog confinement projects in the Mission Hill and Volin areas.

Christy Schultz of Mission Hill opposed the permits.....(NEWS1)(enough)(:10)

Yankton Attorney Mike Stevens, representing Karl Schenk, one of the applicants, says every side has rights in the process.....(NEWS2)(those)(:09)

Commissioner Ray Epp says there needs to be production agriculture...somewhere.....(NEWS3)(world)(:09)

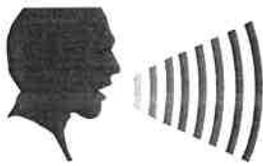
The commission approved the permits on a series of four to zero votes. Commissioner Gary Swensen had left the meeting earlier and was not present to vote.

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Yankton, SD

November 7, 2018

Epp/county commission/jco

Voters in Yankton County decided a change was in order for the county commission.

Challengers, Republican Dan Klimisch, and independents Joe Healy and Cheri Loest were elected to the three open seats.

Ray Epp, one of the incumbents who lost, says it comes down to what people want.....(NEWS21)(forward)(:20)

Epp says they try to represent all people in the county.....(NEWS22)(time)(:15)

Epp says the commission has to keep moving the county ahead.....(NEWS23)(reaching for)(:17)

Besides Epp, Commissioners Todd Woods and Deb Bodenstedt were also defeated in their bid for re-election.

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November 6, 2018

Yankton County Commission/jco

Yankton County voters made a major change in the make up of the county commission by electing three challengers.

Republican Dan Klimisch, and independents Joe Healy and Cheri Loest will join the commission in January.

Incumbents republicans Todd Woods and Deb Bodenstedt, and independent Ray Epp were defeated.

Expanding Confined Animal Feeding Operations was the major issue in the race.

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November 1, 2018

Hojem/early voting/jco

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Interest in early voting continues at a steady pace.

Yankton County Auditor Patty Hojem says they are staying busy.....(NEWS6)(good)(:07)

There were some glitches with the electronic poll books state wide during the primary in June. Hojem says they have run several tests since then.....(NEWS7)(day)(:07)

Yankton County is one of eight in the state using the electronic poll books and vote centers.

Hojem says you only need one document to vote early.....(NEWS8)(need)(:03)

Yankton County has just under fifteen thousand registered voters.

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December 30, 2018

Woods/last meeting/jco

Yankton County Commission Chairman Todd Woods says the last four years produced a lot of positive results for the county.

Woods was defeated in the November election, and last Friday was his final meeting as a commissioner.

He says they saw some big developments.....(NEWS6)(direction)(:16)

Woods says there were some frustrations in the slow pace of government at times.....(NEWS7)(too fast)(:25)

Woods says his support of permits for confined animal feeding operations cost him re-election.....(NEWS8)(vote for)(:23)

Woods, along with incumbents Deb Bodenstedt and Ray Epp will all be leaving the commission after serving one, four-year term.

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December 27, 2018

Woods/ethanol plant – CUP/jco

The Yankton County Commission holds their final meeting of the year tomorrow (Friday), and among the agenda items is a request for a Conditional Use Permit for construction of an ethanol plant at Napa Junction.

Commission Chairman Todd Woods says he is waiting to hear more details.....(NEWS19)(gas)(:24) 604 935

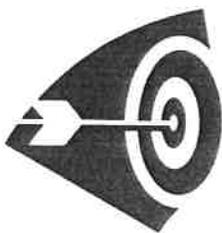
The plan includes a privately built natural gas line. Woods says that would be a big benefit to the entire region.....(NEWS20)(residents)(:19) 7 35

Woods says the C.U.P. request was not pushed through the process.....(NEWS24)(January)(:22) 9 35

Woods, along with incumbents Deb Bodenstedt and Ray Epp will be leaving the commission at the end of the year.

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December 28, 2018

Garrity/Klimisch/zoning differences/jco

Yankton County officials held a news conference (Thursday) to discuss the status of the county zoning ordinance, and how it can be applied. Questions arose at the last county commission meeting when it was disclosed that the zoning ordinance posted on the county web site was not up to date.

Zoning Administrator Pat Garrity says the ordinance itself defines the legal version.....(**NEWS 1**)(.....county)(:19) 635

Yankton County States Attorney Rob Klimisch says state law over rides any possible errors in the zoning ordinance.....(**NEWS 2**)(....to do)(:26) 635

Garrity says his office has worked with anyone with an interest or problem with county zoning.....(**NEWS 3**)(.....from us)(:25)

The issue arose when the commission refused an appeal of a Conditional Use Permit for a nursery hog barn near Mission Hill.

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Yankton, SD

December 20, 2018
Creech/wind power line/jco

A wind power project to be built in Bon Homme, Charles Mix and Hutchinson Counties will have some impacts in Yankton County.

Scott Creech with the Prevailing Winds project appeared before the Yankton County Commission this week and explained their plans to build a power line and build a substation.....(NEWS16)(substation)(:27)

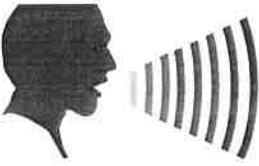
Creech was asking for a road use agreement, and said they plan to start construction early next year.....(NEWS17)(stuff)(:28)

Creech says they will repair and rebuild any roads they use.....(NEWS18)(roads in)(:25)

The commission approved the road use agreement on a unanimous vote.

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Yankton, SD

December 19, 2018

Woods/CUP revote/jco

A vote by the Yankton County Commission to approve a conditional use permit for a hog nursery barn was appealed, and the commission took action again last (Tuesday) night. Commission Chairman Todd Woods.....(NEWS21)(of that)(:26)

Woods says they supported a decision by their Zoning Administrator.....(NEWS22)(decision)(:30)

Woods says he expects that decision to be challenged again in court.....(NEWS23)(step)(:18)

There was some confusion because it was confirmed that the zoning ordinance posted on the county's website is not the updated version.

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Yankton,SD

December 19, 2018

Vlahakis/jail income/jco (vlah-HAWK-iss)

The Yankton County Jail has become a profit center for the county.

Sheriff Jim Vlahakis spoke to the county commission last (Tuesday) night and says they have had some good months this year.....(NEWS16)(out)(:14)

The jail showed about one point five million dollars in revenue last year. Most of that is from charging for out of county and federal prisoners.

Vlahakis says some of that income is set aside.....(NEWS17)(set up)(:25)

Vlahakis says their costs rise along with the income.....(NEWS18)(expenditure)(:05)

The jail can hold up to one hundred thirty prisoners.

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December 11, 2018

Woods/Johnson bridge/jco

Repairs were completed on the "Johnson Bridge" over the James River in Yankton County, and it reopened to traffic.

County Commission Chairman Todd Woods says repairs took longer than they would have liked.....(NEWS26)(for it)(:22)

Woods says those bridges are vital links.....(NEWS27)(responsibilities)(:13)

Woods says they need to find ways to extend the life of all the James River bridges.....(NEWS28)(commission)(:15)

The bridge was closed in October after cracks were found in three of the four main support girders.

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December 7, 2018

Woods/county employee raises/jco

Yankton County Register of Deeds Brian Hunhoff asked the County Commission this week to consider giving county employees a three percent raise next year. They are set to get a two percent increase.

Commission Chairman Todd Woods says they have a very tight budget.....(NEWS21)(look at)(:23)

Woods says they are seeing the tax base start to grow.....(NEWS22)(low)(:15)

Woods says they have tried to keep wages and benefits competitive.....(NEWS23)(act)(:20)

Hunhoff told commissioners that it would add about forty-two thousand dollars to the budget to give employees an additional one percent raise.

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Yankton,SD

December 5, 2018

B.Hunhoff/county employees/jco

Yankton County Register of Deeds Brian Hunhoff gave his year end report to the County Commission last (Tuesday) night.

During that report, he asked Commissioners to consider giving county employees a three percent raise.....(NEWS11)(employees):(23)

Hunhoff says that extra percent would be appreciated.....(NEWS12)(budget):(17)

Hunhoff says when he served on the commission, they tried to set salary policy to hang on to employees.....(NEWS13)(priority):(22)

Commission Chairman Todd Woods says tough budget choices led to a two percent raise for next year.

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WNAX AM&FM NEWS

December 5, 2018

Woods/hog permits/jco

The Yankton County Commission approved more conditional use permits for hog barns at their meeting last (Tuesday) night.

Two more finishing barns and three nursery units were approved.

Commission Chairman Todd Woods says all of the decisions are based on the county zoning rules.....(NEWS1)(factor):(21)

Woods says some of the applicants went beyond what the rules require.....(NEWS2)(approve it):(28)

Woods says more regulations won't help small family farmers....(NEWS3)(do that):(13)

Woods says all of the applications have taken several months to go through the process.

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