

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

Chairman Schoenrock with members Bumgardner, Fox, Kjetland and Waldera present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Also present was the County Auditor.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox and carried to approve the agenda.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner approve the January 19, 2021 meeting minutes with the following amendments. A hands-on road maintenance class will be scheduled and the motion by Fox was to direct the Hwy Superintendent to locate a sight to stockpile gravel in the County.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$2,338,606.36 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of January 31, 2021.

Register of Deed's fees collected for January 2021 totaled \$6,278.00.

No citizen input.

Clinton Degen, Hwy Superintendent, spoke on behalf of Scott McManus. McManus plans to rent a tree grinder and was wondering if the County would like him to grind the cedar trees, at a cost, on the County roads around his property. Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland stating that County tree removal is done by County personnel. All voted aye, motion carried.

Degen reported that the County's insurance will cover the hwy department to remove the old building on Emery's Main St with certain stipulations. The Board decided that the building is privately owned and a private contractor should be hired for the demolition project.

Dave Schmit joined the meeting to discuss 424<sup>th</sup> Ave between section 31 of Pleasant Township and section 36 of Wayne Township. There is no record of the road being closed but the road has not been maintained for years and is unpassable. The road is not posted as minimum maintenance either. The Board recommended meeting with the Townships for further information on closing the road and/or maintenance.

A snow removal policy was presented and will be discussed further at the next meeting as the policy presented does not include detailed information so taxpayers know when the snow will be removed from the roads. Degen will gather the States snow removal policy and area County policies for examples.

Equipment repairs and maintenance costs, by department, was presented. The Board is trying to determine if it would be feasible to purchase a hoist, tire changer and balancer so needed repairs can be done in house by County employees thus saving the County money. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the Auditor to conduct an operating transfer of \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road & Bridge fund to cover budgeted expenses for 2021. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Kjetland to recess Board of Commissioners to conduct business as the Drainage Board. All voted aye, motion carried.

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, reported that he has hired Jordan Johnson as full time Deputy Sheriff effective February 8, 2021. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve the full time hire of Jordan Johnson with a starting salary of \$38,500.00, with a \$500.00 increase after six months and an additional \$500.00 increase after one year of employment. Other benefits include 8% SD Retirement and a single health insurance premium. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the five-year Axon financing plan for three new tasers for the Sheriff's department. All voted aye, motion carried. Total cost will be \$7,455.99.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Kjetland to surplus for disposal, three radio repeaters, as they are no longer useful or suitable for their intended purpose. All voted aye, motion carried.

Wingert reported that he is applying for a Homeland Security grant to purchase new radios for the fire departments. If grant funds are left, radios for the Sheriff's vehicle will also be purchased.

Changing 420th Ave. to 419.5th Ave. was discussed due to the 420<sup>th</sup> Ave road signs repeatedly being stolen. The Board and 911 Coordinator agreed that it is not realistic to change the road number as this would cause home addresses all along 420<sup>th</sup> Ave. to be changed and several other concerns. Hanson County will continue to put up new 420<sup>th</sup> Ave. signs and monitor them better in hope of catching the individuals who are stealing the signs.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to enter into executive session with Deputy States Attorney, Mike Fink, at 10:20 a.m. to discuss pending litigation as defined in SDCL 1-25-2.3. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:50 a.m.

Caroline Hansen, 4-H Youth Advisor, joined the meeting and presented a brief update on the 4-H happenings. SDSU provided several assessment questions the Board reviewed with Caroline and everything was found to be satisfactory. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve the continued partnership and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2021 SDSU Memorandum of Understanding. All voted aye, motion carried.

Jim Davies, States Attorney, reviewed a pending medical assistance case that was previously denied by the County.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to deny medical assistance application 21-01 as the applicant did not financially qualify. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to approve application 21-02 for County burial assistance in the amount of \$2,500.00. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve application 21-03 for rent assistance in the amount of \$300.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

With Davies present, the Board started to review and discuss the amendments to the drainage ordinance. This will continue until all amendments have been examined and revised to the Boards satisfaction.

Christi Pierson, Zoning Administrator, presented the following plat for approval. A PLAT OF TRACT 1, 2 AND 3 OF CKCW ADDITION IN THE SW4 OF SECTION 32, T101N, R59W, OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve said plat. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to reappoint Sharon Jarding to a three-year term on the Zoning Board. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to approve the part time hire of Deb Bell as Deputy Auditor effective February 1, 2021. Starting pay is \$12.93 an hour with a \$.50 raise after 3 months and \$.50 raise after the six-month probation period. No additional benefits. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2021 agreement between Hanson County and the SD Department of Health for community health nurse services. Yearly cost increased 2% to \$5,449.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to enter into executive session at 11:55 a.m. to discuss personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 12:12 p.m.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox and carried to allow payment of the following bills. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,126.55, Auditor: 2,620.17, Treasurer: 3,333.44, States Attorney: 2,455.39, Custodian: 1,759.10, Director of Equalization: 4,735.84, Register of Deeds: 2,663.37, Veterans Service Officer: 316.73, Sheriff: 6,114.32, Nurse: 641.18, Extension: 1,000.93, Drainage: 177.80, Planning & Zoning: 372.23, Highway: 19,760.90, E911: 88.14, Emergency & Disaster: 198.95. BILLS: A-Ox, 165.91, supplies; Advantage Auto, 50.00, rock chip; American Stamp, 245.02, self-inking stamps; AT&T, 580.24, cell bills; Davison County Auditor, 500.00, Zuercher software fees; Caroline Hansen, 81.00, hotel and meals; Hanson County Treasurer, 110.10, postage; KS State Bank, 5,374.59, Durango payment; Lawson, 389.59, supplies; Life Quest, 5,500.00, allocations for 2021; McLeod's, 1,512.50, legal folders; Menard's, 171.65, vacuum, supplies; Midwest Fire & Safety, 95.00, service call; Miiller Gravel, 75,000.00, gravel; Mitchell Clinic, 250.00, jail medical; City of Mitchell,

1,250.00, ambulance service; New Century Press, 516.38, publishing; Office Advantage, 77.79, copies; Office Advantage, 2,941.99, hardware lease, IT support; Molly Pearson, 94.90, laminated maps; Planning & Development District III, 11,687.00, dues; Pomp's, 6,252.58, tires; Quill, 246.39, paper, envelopes, white board, mount; RDO, 770.06, filters, flair tooth; Thune's, 9.49, cord; Two Way Solutions, 316.98, mic and radio; Vander Haag's, 500.00, used 5<sup>th</sup> wheel plate; Verizon, 71.95, cell bill; Viking Glass, 219.39, adjust handicap doors; Visa, 788.75, used rims, On Sight monitoring, totes; Wex, 679.22, gas; Xcel, 1,911.06, electricity; Benson's Funeral Home, 2,500.00, burial assistance; Rent assistance, 300.00.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Kjetland, seconded by Fox to adjourn until Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gary Schoenrock, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Lesa Trabing, Auditor  
(SEAL)

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