

HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, March 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, March 2, 2021. Also present was the County Auditor.

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

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the February 16th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$2,242,913.42 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of February 28, 2021.

Register of Deeds fees collected for the month of February 2021 totaled \$7,557.25.

Dean Graves spoke during citizens input asking for an update on the 413th Ave bridge project. Clinton Degen reported that FEMA is requiring additional permits from the Corps of Engineers before Holloways can proceed with setting the bridge. Degen hopes to have the permits this week so Holloways can return the week of March 15th to complete the bridge.

Jason Jarding, Wayne Township, joined the meeting to ask if the County would start maintaining their township roads as their past operator is no longer doing this. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve the maintenance and snow removal for Wayne Township. All voted aye, motion carried. Wayne Township will be charged the set per hour rate for any maintenance done by the County.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve and adopt the following snow removal and sanding policy. All voted aye, motion carried.

Hanson County
Snow Removal and Sanding Policy

It is the policy of Hanson County to initiate snow removal operations to maintain traffic as long as visibility is adequate and weather conditions are such that plowing can be done safely and effectively.

The County Highway Superintendent, or his designee, has the responsibility for initiating all snow removal actions using his best judgement considering all prevailing weather conditions, amount of snowfall, type of snowfall, and what areas are affected most. He also may commence operations during emergency situations which may include State and Township roads.

The general practice will be as follows: When snowfall is at least 2 inches, but less than 4 inches, all hard surfaced roads will be plowed, provided that the wind is such that

snow remains on the traveled portion of the roadway. With a snowfall of 4 inches or more, all gravel roads as well as hard surfaced roads will be plowed. Plowing may commence before and/or after normal working hours as well as on weekends or holidays as the Highway Superintendent or his assignee deems necessary.

The priority of which roads are plowed and in what sequence is up to the discretion of the Highway Superintendent, according to the policy outlined above.

The Hanson County Highway Department has been directed to sand areas designated by the Hanson County Commission. These areas include bridges, steep hills, sharp curves and intersections controlled by stop signs on all hard surfaced roads in the Hanson County Highway System. Also, other areas may be sanded as deemed necessary by the Highway Superintendent or his designee.

The Highway Department shall have the authority to sand areas that have been classified as danger areas by the Sheriff's Department, such as accidents or for emergency vehicles. This could also include roads of the State or Township systems.

The Highway Superintendent, or his designee shall have the authority to sand before and/or after normal working hours due to adverse weather conditions.

Approved: March 2, 2021

/s/ Gary Schoenrock, Chairman
Hanson County Commission

As the building on Emery's Main street is no longer privately owned a motion was made by Fox, seconded Kjetland to allow the Highway department to take down the building and charge the Emery Development Inc. the set County rental rates to do so. All voted aye, motion carried.

Clinton Degen, Hwy Superintendent, reported that the SD LTAP classroom road maintenance class will be held Thursday, March 4th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The hands-on maintenance class will be scheduled in May or June.

Degen gave an update on the remaining two FEMA projects left to complete and spoke about the issues he is having with the FEMA representatives changing every six months and the new reps not having the information for the projects that was previously sent. The Board agreed that this is unacceptable, Commissioner Fox agreed to call and talk to the FEMA representative that is working with Hanson County to see what is going on and what can be done to resolve these issues. After Fox talks to them a follow up letter or conference call with the FEMA representative may be held.

The agreement for the Railroad crossing on 429th Ave. just west of Emery was presented. Emery's Mayor will be invited to the next meeting to verify that the City of Emery still wants this project to commence and that they have the funding available to cover the 10% cost.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to pay Clinton Degen \$1,600.00 for the purchase of his payloader forks the County has been using for a number of years. All voted aye, motion carried.

Degen presented information on new bulk oil tanks for the shop. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve a 10-year lease on a 150-gallon mobile tank costing \$170.00 a year and two storage containers for \$80.00 a year. All voted aye, motion carried. The bulk tanks will be serviced by Dean's Bulk Service.

Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 20-01
HANSON COUNTY
2021 WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to all County roads, and

WHEREAS, the Hanson County Board of Commissioners desires to protect existing Hanson County Roads, ultimately saving tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Hanson County Board of Commissioners, desire the enforcement of weight limitations on Hanson County roads as set forth and posted by the Hanson County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hanson County Board of Commissioners that the load limits on Hanson County roads be set at 13,500 per axle and a speed limit of 40 mph. and that the South Dakota Highway Patrol be and hereby is authorized and requested to enforce the load and speed restrictions on Hanson County Roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Hanson County Commissioners does hereby ratify and affirm the action of the Hanson County Highway Superintendent in initially posting weight limits on County roads on March 4, 2021 for public safety purposes and preservation of public property.

Votes for: 5; Votes against: 0.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2021 at Alexandria, SD.

/s/ Gary Schoenrock, Chairman
Hanson County Commission

ATTEST:

/s/ Lesa Trabing, Auditor
Hanson County
(SEAL)

Determining the amount of gravel needed on County roads was discussed along with how to generate the extra revenue to pay for the needed gravel.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner and carried to recess Board of Commissioners to conduct business as the Drainage Board.

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, reported 181 calls for service and 18 sets of papers have been served so far this year. Wingert gave an update on the progress of the new Deputy training and department vehicles.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2021 James Valley Drug Task Force Joint Powers Agreement. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to enter executive session at 10:31 a.m. with the States Attorney and Sheriff to discuss personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 11:01 a.m.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to table any action on the employee resignation. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to allow the Sheriff to advertise for a new office hire. All voted aye, motion carried.

Jim Davies, States Attorney, agreed to draw up an agreement if the City of Emery still wants to proceed with the 429th Railroad Crossing project.

As the applicant qualifies, a motion by Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to approve payment of \$5,170.21 to Avera McKennan and \$5,927.39 to Avera Queen of Peace for medical assistance application 21-04. Motion carried.

Christi Pierson, DOE, presented the flowing plats for approval. A SURVEY PLAT OF TRACT 2, WENANDE'S ADDITION IN THE NW4 OF SECTION 26, T 102 N, R 58 W OF THE 5TH PM, HANSON COUNTY, SD. Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve said plat. All voted aye, motion carried.

A PLAT OF R.E. DECKER TRACT 2 IN THE NE4 OF SECTION 31, T 101 N, R 57 W OF THE 5TH P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve said plat. All voted aye, motion carried.

A SURVEY PLAT OF LOT B OF C. HALL'S FIRST ADDITION IN THE SW4 OF SECTION 12, T 103 N, R 59 W OF THE 5TH PM, HANSON COUNTY, SD. Schoenrock abstained from voting, all other members voted aye, motion carried.

The 2020 Annual report was presented for approval. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the Auditor to file the report with the Department of Legislative Audit and publish the required documents prior to March 31st. All voted aye, motion carried.

As advertised, a public hearing was held regarding the one-day liquor license for the James River Archers to operate at Granite Springs Lodge on March 20, 2021. As no one was present to oppose said license it was moved by Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve the license. Waldera abstained from voting, all other members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland and carried to allow payment of the following bills. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,126.55, Auditor: 3,065.48, Treasurer: 3,270.10,

States Attorney: 2,455.40, Custodian: 1,759.09, Director of Equalization: 4,754.29, Register of Deeds: 2,663.37, Veterans Service: 316.74, Sheriff: 8,370.96, LEPC, 36.15, Nurse Clerical: 751.99, Extension: 929.69, Drainage: 221.05, Planning & Zoning: 372.23, Highway: 19,647.18, E911: 88.14, Emergency & Disaster: 614.13. BILLS: A-ox, 165.91, supplies; ABN Army Surplus, 695.58, uniforms; Addy, 240.00, garbage; Al's Engraving, 44.84, name badge; AT&T, 688.19, cell bill; Axon, 1,695.99, taser payment; B & L Communications, 1,805.00, radio; Dakota Two Way, 233.28, antenna, mount, connector; Davison County Sheriff, 6,460.00, jail bill; Galls, 48.42, duty belt; Hanson Conservation, 10,000.00, allotment for 2021; Iverson's, 644.68, oil change, brakes; Lewis, 14.99, jail meds; McLeod's 406.02, tax book, supplies; Mitchell Clinic, 38.00, jail medical; Mitchell Public Safety, 500.00, Zuercher software; Nation Public Safety, 149.00, directory; New Century Press, 407.16, publishing; Office Advantage, 2,941.99, hardware lease, tech support, laptop service; Santel, 62.50, remote support; Terri Lembcke Schildhauer, 477.75, transcripts; SDPAA, 49,577.28, liability insurance; SDAAO, 400.00, registration; SDACHS, 450.00, dues, registration; Brenda Steilen, 20.00, screen repair; Sun Gold, 101.94, uniforms; TriTech Software, 120.00, field ops software; Tyler Tech, 3,715.45, Doc Pro software; Verizon, 71.95, cell bill; Wex, 990.60, gas; Avera Queen of Peace, 5,927.39, county medical assistance; Avera McKennan, 5,170.21, county medical assistance.

The Board spent the remained of the meeting touring the Highway Department buildings.

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

Gary Schoenrock, Chairman
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Lesa Trabing, Auditor

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