

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

Chairman Kjetland with members Fox, Schoenrock and Waldera present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Bumgardner was absent.

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

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera approve the meeting minutes from April 19, 2022. Motion carried.

No citizens input or conflict of interest.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer in the amount of \$5,107,527.82 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of April 30, 2022.

Register of Deeds fees collected for April 2022 totaled \$3,319.25.

Clerk of Courts fees collected for the month of April 2022 totaled \$5,324.20.

Commissioner reports: Fox reported that the Hwy 42 bridge deck has been poured and the project could be completed by mid-June.

Waldera presented his findings on the truck speed limit sign postings and engineering studies done to determine the correct speed limits on roads. Greg Vavra, SD LTAP, will be present at the Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 to show a presentation on the sign topic and to explain the advantages of a 3" overlay mat versus a 2" mat. All Townships and anyone interested in this presentation are welcome to attend.

Don Hammond, Brosz Engineering, presented the bridge inspection report for structure number 31-040-141, on 416th Ave. over the James River, and 31-050-052, on 417th Ave. over Rock Creek. Both bridges are candidates for the Bridge Improvement grant which will be applied for in the next four to six years.

Justin Friese, Hwy Superintendent, explain that one of the current trucks has been set up to pull a belly dump if purchased. The efficiency of a belly dump versus an end dump truck was explained. Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to purchase the belly dump trailer from Commercial Asphalt for \$28,000.00. Commissioner Fox then asked the States Attorney if Waldera's motion is a conflict of interest. Davies recommended that Waldera refrain from the involvement of the purchase from Commercial Asphalt. Motion Waldera to withdraw his motion, seconded by Schoenrock. All voted aye, motion carried. This agenda item was then tabled until a meeting when all Board members are present.

Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve and authorize the Chairman and Auditor to sign the SD DOT Agreement to Provide for the Striping and Continued Maintenance of Hanson County roads. All voted aye, motion carried. The County's share of the four-mile striping project will be \$5,149.47. If any additional miles are added, it will be brought to the Board for approval.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to set the part-time and seasonal employee pay to \$16.00 an hour and to hire Jack Wagner as a seasonal employee at this rate effective May 9, 2022 with no additional benefits. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the Auditor to conduct an operating transfer of \$300,000.00 from the General fund to the Road & Bridge fund to cover budgeted operating expenses in 2022. All voted aye, motion carried.

Friese asked about the Wayne Township road at the west end of Lake Hanson. As the County can come from the south to get to the clay pile Friese is in favor of not repairing and doing maintenance on this road any longer. He will talk with the Township board members to see what they would like to do with the road.

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

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve the Haul Road Maintenance Agreement between Hanson County and Dakota Constructors. Waldera abstained, all other voted aye, motion was carried.

Kathy Hofer joined the meeting to talk about the Make America Beautiful Act initiated by President Biden. Associated with this act is the 30x30 land grab which would set aside and permanently preserve land to its natural state, preventing the productive use of the land. The land would then be classified as tax exempt resulting in higher taxes on other land to make up the difference. Hofer presented and encouraged the Hanson County Commissioners and Zoning Board to pass a resolution similar to other counties opposing this. The Board agreed to research the topic and include it on a future meeting agenda.

Alex Krause, Veteran Service Officer, gave an update on the number of Veterans served and the total amount of claims his office helped the Veterans receive. Krause also informed the Board the Craig Bennett will be retiring in the early part of 2023. The Davison County Commission approved a third hire for the office so the individual can be trained prior to Craig leaving. Krause asked the Board to contribute \$1,000.00 a month to help with the training expense or whatever amount Hanson County could help out with.

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 May 21, 2022. As no one was present to oppose said license it was moved by Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve the license. All voted aye, motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding the one-day liquor license for the James River Archers to operate at Granite Springs Lodge on May 28, 2022. As no one was present to oppose said license it was moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve the license. All voted aye, motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding the one-day liquor license for the James River Archers to operate at Granite Springs Lodge on June 4, 2022. As no one was present to oppose said license it was moved by Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve the license. All voted aye, motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding the one-day liquor license for Dakota Rural Action to operate at Granite Springs Lodge on June 11, 2022. As no one was present to oppose said license it was moved by Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve the license. All voted aye, motion carried.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, gave an update on the missing person search conducted in April. Hanson County would like to thank all the agencies that assisted and the 150 people who volunteered their time. Wingert also discussed the high-speed chase through Hanson County and the possible purchase of a drone for the Sheriff's office and Emergency Management Department.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the quote of \$998.76 from Midwest Alarm to install a universal cellular communicator and antenna to better monitor the alarm system and services. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve A PLAT OF LOTS 7 THRU 12, BLOCK 5; LOTS 1 THRU 6, BLOCK 7; 8TH ST AND PINE ST OF D.G. BONNES' FIRST ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION OF TRACT D OF BONNES' FIRST ADDITION IN THE NW4 OF THE NE4 OF SECTION 10, AND IN A PORTION OF IRREGULAR TRACT NO 4 IN THE SW4 OF THE NE4 OF SECTION 10, ALL IN T 102 N, R 58 W OF THE 5TH P.M., CITY OF ALEX, HANSON COUNTY, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to approve a SURVEY PLAT OF TRACT 2 OF GERLACHS ADDITION IN THE SE4 OF SECTION 20, T 101 N, R 59 W OF THE 5TH P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to approve A PLAT OF TRACTS 1 AND 2 IN LOT 1 OF KESSLER'S FIRST ADDITION IN THE SE4 OF SECTION 3, T103N, R59W OF THE 5TH P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Maria Schwader, Department of Legislative Audit, presented a letter of engagement informing the Board she is present in Hanson County to conduct the 2020-2021 audit. Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the Chairman and Auditor to sign the Department of Legislative Audits letter of engagement. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to allow payment of the following bills. Waldera opposed the payment of \$613.47 charged to the Visa for the purchase of a TV and mount as the expenditure was over \$500.00 and not brought before the board for prior approval. A roll call vote was taken on the payment of \$613.47 to Visa: Waldera, nay; Schoenrock, aye; Fox, aye; Kjetland, aye. Motion was carried and all bills were paid. DEPT. SALARIES (two pay periods): Commissioners: 4,338.20, Auditor: 6,133.76, Treasurer: 6,357.60, States Attorney: 5,342.20, Custodian: 3,741.00, Director of Equalization: 9,719.70, Register of Deeds: 5,483.98, Sheriff: 17,067.03, LEPC: 101.76, Nurse Clerical: 1,365.93, Extension: 2,163.15, Drainage: 755.85 Planning & Zoning:

1,059.72, Highway: 27,920.99, E911: 176.92. EM: 674.03. BILLS: A & B, 86.73, copier lease; Abacus, 846.28, virtual server; Addy, 244.00, garbage; Alex City, 134.67, water, sewer; American Stamp, 219.57, election stamps; Appeara, 122.53, towels, mats, mops; Weed & Pest, 150.00, dues; AT&T, 1,486.27, cell bill, iPad; Avera Queen of Peace, 246.00, blood alcohols; Brock White, 130.52, switch; Thomas Brown, 220.00, meal reimbursement; BIT, 71.25, email, access fee; C & B, 3,750.00, tractor rental; Commercial Asphalt, 5,705.70, hot mix; ES&S, 350.00, election training; Evident, 40.50, containers, envelopes; Farmers Alliance, 32.53, batteries, gas; Heartland Ag, 14.64, parts; Hollaway Construction, 30,612.30, half payment of bridge repairs; McLeod's, 937.77, toner, paper; Menard's, 22.99, socket set; Midwest Alarm, 156.00, inspection; Midwest Fire & Safety, 622.70, extinguisher inspection; Morgan Theeler, 3,500.00, public defender; New Century Press, 688.46, publishing; North American Truck Trailer, 129.53, plate, pin; Office Advantage, 1,139.13, copier leases, squad laptop service; State of SD, 2,790.00, health nurse contract; Pomp's, 673.32, tires; Quill, 15.49, postcards; State of SD, 220.00, blood alcohols; SD Dept of Revenue, 123.90, excise tax; SDACC, 267.00, CLERP payment; Stan Houston, 2,223.00, excavator rental; Sturdevant's, 196.72, filters; Thomson Reuters, 645.80, law subscription, Triotel, 993.65, phone bill; True North Steel, 15,818.50, culverts; US Bank, 130,311.25, courthouse payment; Verizon, 71.84, cell bill; Visa, 1,105.90, AVG, TV, mount, gas, postage, online subscription; Wenande Insurance, 50.00, notary bond; Wex, 661.63, gas; Wheelco, 16.31, mud flap; Wingen's, 1,362.90, gas; Brandon Wingert, 158.46, supplies, meal reimbursement; Xcel, 1,883.15, electricity; Deb Zens, 68.09, meals, gas; Grand Jury, 333.60, fees, mileage.

Due to the Primary Election on June 7th the Commissioners meeting scheduled for that day has been moved to Thursday, June 9, 2022 so the election canvass can be conducted.

The County Personnel Manual will be reviewed and updated soon.

The Commissioners would like to acknowledge and compliment Justin Friese and the entire Highway crew on the outstanding work already completed this spring. They would also like to thank all county employees for their work.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Fox, seconded by Waldera to adjourn until Tuesday, May 24, 2022. All voted aye, motion carried.

Bruce Kjetland, Chairman
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Lesa Trabing, Auditor
(SEAL)

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