

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

Chairman Waldera, with members Bumgardner, Fox, Kjetland and Schoenrock called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve the agenda with no conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the March 7th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk of Courts fees collected for the month of February 2023 totaled \$5,580.50.

Chad Pearson joined for citizen input to ask what is being done about county employees using county equipment for snow removal on personal property. Chairman Waldera informed Pearson that this is a scheduled agenda item to be discussed later in the meeting.

Commissioner Bumgardner and Waldera gave a report on the Davison County meeting they attended to discuss the roads surrounding the proposed soybean processing plant in Davison County.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve the following resolution and notify the SD Highway Patrol requesting enforcement.

**HANSON COUNTY 2023 WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT  
RESOLUTION #23-03**

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 21, 2023 for public safety purposes and preservation of public property.

Vote of Hanson County Commission:

Votes For: 5; Against: 0

Dated this 21st day of March, 2023.

/s/Richard Waldera, Chairman  
Hanson County Commission

ATTEST:  
/s/Lesa Trabing, Auditor  
(SEAL)

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the County Hwy Superintendent to post 80,000-pound weight limits on 257<sup>th</sup> St., from Alexandria to the Davison County line, and 416<sup>th</sup> Ave., from SD Hwy 38 to SD Hwy 42 until further notice. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, presented the 2023 City Policing Agreements for approval. Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Kjetland to approve the City of Emery agreement for \$2,000.00 a month. All voted aye, motion carried. Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the City of Alexandria agreement for \$2,100.00 a month. All voted aye, motion carried.

Brenda Steilen, Maintenance Supervisor, reported about the water leaking in several offices due to ice build up in the rain gutters which has been resolved but minor repairs will need to be done on the gutters. Brenda also spoke about the water that seeps in on the south ceiling wall of the basement. Brenda will contact Puetz Corporation to see if they will do anything about this or Blackburn Foundation Repair to fix the water issue.

Two personnel manual items were discussed. One being that the current policy be changed to allow county equipment to be used on private property of Highway Department employees, Sheriff employees and Emergency Management employees for snow removal and disasters incidents so these employees can get to work to do their job. The second item discussed was removing the maximum cap on the number of sick leave hours that can be accrued by full time employees. Both items will be discussed with the States Attorney before any action is taken.

Hanson County will follow the State and close offices on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> for the Easter holiday.

Jim Davies, States Attorney, presented the follow resolution. It was moved by Fox, seconded by Kjetland to adopt the following.

Resolution #23-04

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to adopt the policy of Hanson County approving the use of county equipment on private property for snow removal and disaster response is authorized to the necessary extent to provide critical County employees access to the roadways so that they may perform their duties as County employees and protect the public welfare and safety. All members voted aye. Motion carried. The newly adopted policy will be added to the personnel manual.

After discussion and review, the Board reiterated and reaffirmed the policy that the Board will not consider, nor act upon complaints made by the general public against a specific county employee or employees unless the complaining party or parties presents a complaint in writing which is dated and signed. The board further acknowledges that this is simply a restatement and reiteration of the long-standing policy of the Board of Commissioners.

The county's insurance company will be contacted for feedback before the sick leave policy is changed. This item will be on the April 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Davies informed the Board that RJ Rylance has accepted the part-time Deputy States Attorney position for Hanson County. Rylance will resign as Hanson County's public defender and Cole Morgan and Doug Dailey will take over the remainder of the 2023 Public Defender contract as is.

Davies presented several bills passed during the 2023 legislative session that will affect county offices.

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 April 15, 2023. No one was present to oppose the license, motion by Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the license. 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 April 22, 2023. No one was present to oppose the license, motion by Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the license. Motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to allow payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners 2,169.15, Auditor: 3,402.04, Treasurer: 3,466.46, States Attorney: 2,771.84, Custodian: 2,028.35, Director of Equalization: 5,036.80, Register of Deeds: 2,853.35, Sheriff: 9,744.14, Nurse Clerical: 563.70, Drainage: 269.29, Planning & Zoning: 754.87, Highway: 19,165.30, E911: 83.54, Emergency & Disaster: 337.10. BILLS: Advantage Auto, 964.75, windshields; Auto Zone, 57.91, spot light, batteries; Bailey Metal, 86.33, flat iron; Brosz, 7,187.50, bridge engineering; Burdick Bros, 504.00, snowblower repairs; CHS, 236.19, parts; Crum Trucking, 1,456.64, heated wiper blades; Davison County Sheriff, 900.00, jail bill; DMC, 12,251.00, plow blades, bolts; Galls, 464.09, sheriff uniform

supplies; Lawson, 1,346.51, tools, shop supplies; Lewis, 10.89, jail meds; McLeod's, 219.98, office supplies; Med-Tech, 216.98, gloves, supplies; Menard's, 959.64, tool chest, tarp, tools; MARC, 1,749.72, cleaners; Mitchell Iron & Supply, 37.14, seal; New Century Press, 153.12, publishing; North American Truck, 44.31, pump kit; Northwestern, 1,362.86, heat; Office Advantage, 2,675.76, copier lease, managed services, hardware lease; Pomp's, 3,015.44, tires; Provision, 46.73, cable; Quill, 130.92, paper; State of SD, 200.00, blood alcohols; SDACES, 15.00, dues; SDSU Extension, 50.38 mileage; The Sharp Firm, 1,021.30, CAA; Transource, 102.12, hose; Midwest Garage Door, 1,312.24, door repairs; Verizon, 129.40, cell bill; Xcel, 2,835.26, electricity.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Kjetland and seconded by Bumgardner to adjourn meeting until Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Richard Waldera, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Lesia Trabing, Auditor  
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