

HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, August 3, 2023

A special meeting of the Hanson County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Waldera at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2023 with Commissioners Bumgardner, Fox and Schoenrock present. Kjetland was absent. Jim Davies, Brandon Wingert, Jennifer Hauge, Seth Hauge, Ronnie Roth and Vince Kayser were also present.

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

No conflict of interest.

The purpose for today's special meeting was to act on personnel matters for several departments.

The matter concerning the Sheriff's Department was reviewed and will be acted on at the August 15th meeting.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Schoenrock to accept the resignation of Highway Superintendent, Justin Friese, effective immediately. All voted aye, motion was carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to accept the resignation of Highway Maintenance Worker, John Hagmann, effective immediately. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Board then asked the Highway employees present if anyone would temporarily accept the Drainage Administrator duties. After much discussion, and no interest, it was decided to leave the position vacant for now.

The Board then asked who would be interested in the position of interim Highway Superintendent. Ronnie Roth and Seth Hauge both expressed interest in the position.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to enter executive session, with the States Attorney, at 4:54 p.m. for personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 5:48 p.m.

It was moved by Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to offer the temporary Highway Superintendent's position to Ronnie Roth, with the wage to be determined at the August 15, 2023 meeting. All members voted aye, motion carried. Determine wage will be retroactive to today.

Discussion about the need to increase the Highway Department wages was discussed at length. As wages were not a scheduled agenda item for today, no action was taken. This will be an agenda item for the August 15th meeting.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to revert the Highway Departments hours back to a five-day work week, working eight hours a day, starting Monday, August 7, 2023. All members voted aye, motion carried.

As there was no further business for the day, a motion by Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to adjourn until Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Richard Waldera, Chairman
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Lesa Trabing, Auditor
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