

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

Chairman Waldera with members Bumgardner, Fox, Kjetland and Schoenrock present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

No conflict of interest.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Kjetland to approve the August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No citizen input.

Clerk of Courts fees collected in July 2023 totaled \$5,084.00.

Eric Prunty, Brosz Engineering, joined the meeting. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the advertisement for bids to repair bridge #31-001-085. All voted aye, motion carried. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2023 and then publicly opened and read aloud during the regular Commission meeting.

Eric asked for clarification of the official speed limit on 251<sup>st</sup> so Brosz Engineering can proceed with the bridge grant PE on this road. The States Attorney will review the speed limit ordinance to determine the official speed.

Eric reported that bridge inspections for Hanson County are wrapping up and a report should be available in September or October. Eric informed the Board that we are ineligible for a grant previously applied for as the repairs already done puts the bridge in satisfactory condition.

Interim Hwy Superintendent, Ronnie Roth, joined along with Dennis Thelen, from Edgerton Township, asking for an update on the Rural Township Infrastructure project approved for the township and wondered if they should hire a contractor to install the culverts. The Board and Roth assured Thelen that the project will be completed by the County soon.

As it is the County's obligation to reclaim the Hart clay pile, it was discussed how to accomplish this and what the cost might be. Several options were reviewed, the Board will contact Curt Hart about possibly renewing the clay pile lease.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the advertisement for a Highway Superintendent. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to accept the resignation of Highway Bookkeeper, Jennifer Hauge, effective August 25, 2023 and approve the advertisement for a replacement. All voted aye, motion carried.

The bad spots on 419<sup>th</sup> Ave. and other gravel roads, due to the recent rains, were discussed and will be acted on as soon as possible.

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

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, has found a certified Deputy Sheriff to fill the part time position available. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to hire Darrell O'Conner as Deputy Sheriff, working as needed, making \$18.00 an hour. All voted aye, motion carried.

Julie Ruden, Treasurer, presented the new hire for her office. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the full time hire of Sarah Kayser, as Deputy Treasurer effective September 1, 2023. All voted aye motion carried. Starting wage of \$19.50 an hour, \$.50 raise after three months, \$.50 raise after six months and all full-time benefits.

Kyle Peters, A-1 Development Solutions, was invited to attend the meeting to give an update on the soybean processing plant going up in Davison County. Groundbreaking for the 500 million dollar High Plains Processing plant will begin this fall and tentatively scheduled to open in the fall of 2025. The plant will generate an estimated \$750,000 in taxes each year, employ 75 people, utilize Central Electric service and Davison County Rural Water. The Board expressed the concern about 257<sup>th</sup> St. in Hanson County due to the increased truck traffic this road will see. Peters acknowledge our concern and hopes that the improvements being made to Hwy 37 and 257<sup>th</sup> St. in Davison County will encourage trucks to take that route.

Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve a letter of support be sent to the SD DOT in hopes of them securing grant funds to help pay for the I-90 Flood Resiliency and Drainage Improvement Project to improve roadway infrastructure and drainage issues at Exit 350, Exit 357 and MRM 359. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to approve and authorize the Auditor to conduct a cash transfer of \$8,003.00 from the General Fund to the Emergency & Disaster Fund to cover budgeted expenses for 2023. 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 September 2, 2023. No one was present to oppose, motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the license. 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 September 9, 2023. No one was present to oppose, motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the license. 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 September 10, 2023. No one was present to oppose, motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve the license. 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 September 16, 2023. No one was present to oppose, motion Bumgardner, seconded by Kjetland to approve the license. 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 September 30, 2023. No one was present to oppose, motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve the license. Motion carried.

Jim Davies, States Attorney, stated that Hanson County either has a Drainage Ordinance, and the permitting process, or nothing, after the idea of trying to simplify the drainage process was discussed when the vacancy of the Drainage Administrator was not immediately taken over at the Highway Department. Upon motion by Bumgardner, seconded by Schoenrock, it was decided that advertising for a part time Drainage Administrator will be attempted before changing the current drainage ordinance and process in Hanson County. All voted aye, motion carried.

Davies explained what should be done to remedy the situation of gravel traded for trucking Hanson County needed done and some additional gravel sold.

A letter will be sent by the States Attorney to a landowner in need of a drainage permit for a project currently taking place and discussed the revisions an outside attorney has recommended to simplify employee personnel issues.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to enter executive session, with the States Attorney, at 10:44 a.m. for personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 11:40 a.m.

Commissioner Waldera called for a motion on the following wage recommendations effective September 1, 2023; all county employees, except Highway and Commissioners, receive a \$2.00 an hour increase; new Highway Maintenance workers start at \$24.00 an hour with a \$.50 raise after three months and \$.50 raise after six months; Seth Hauge, \$25.00 an hour; Vince Kayser, \$27.00 an hour; Ronnie Roth, \$27.00 an hour; Ronnie Roth as Interim Hwy Superintendent, \$29.00 an hour; and eliminate the 4% raise calculated in the 2024 proposed budget. It was moved by Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to accept the September 1<sup>st</sup> wage increases. All voted aye, motion carried.

The 2024 Provisional Budget was then adjusted removing the 4% raise in all departments. Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Kjetland to approve the 2024 Provisional budget for publishing, motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to allow payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,169.14, Auditor: 3,777.39, Treasurer: 3,630.10, States Attorney: 2,771.83, Custodian: 2,027.72, Director of Equalization: 5,034.61, Register of Deeds: 2,853.36, Sheriff: 9,218.14, Nurse Clerical: 731.06, Extension: 1,236.52, Drainage: 341.43, Planning & Zoning: 880.01, Highway: 14,606.56, E911: 82.79, Emergency & Disaster, 334.78. BILLS: A-Ox, 170.65, supplies; Addy, 186.00, garbage; Stephanie Albin, 56.72, replacement check; Alex City, 202.95, water, sewer; Appera, 142.08, mats, mops; Avera Queen of Peace, 137.00, blood alcohols; BIT, 59.00, email, access fee; Butler, 118.72, parts; C & B, 270.89, filter, hyguard; CHS, 37.08, gas; Jennifer Craig, 60.00, meals; Dailey Law, 4,500.00, public defender; Dakota Fluid, 806.75, cylinder, hoses, fittings; Davison County Auditor, 7,500.00, Veteran service contract; Kristi Goehring, 60.00, meals; Dick Huber, 60.00, plywood; Kimball Midwest, 697.35, ratchet, lube, coupler; Larry's I-90, 437.14, axle replacement; Lawson, 289.27, shop supplies; McLeod's, 15.99, card stock; Morgan Theeler, 3,580.50, Deputy States Attorney; New Century Press, 352.17, publishing; Northwestern, 10.77, heat; Office Advantage, 2,917.13, copies, managed services, hardware lease; On Sight, 526.81, camera lease, monitoring; Christi Pierson, 146.91, mileage, meals; Quill, 389.91, paper products, supplies; RDO, 199.57, link replacement; Running's, 390.56, post, hose, dolly; State of SD, 205.00, blood alcohols; SDSU Extension, 57.64, mileage; Share Corp., 564.49, plow coating, light; Sign Solutions, 371.56, signs; Sturdevant's, 2,862.11, bearings, filters, HD hydraulic, HD fuel, oil; Thomson Reuters, 713.17, online access; Two Way, 289.49, antenna; Timothy Uher, 50.00, replacement check; Wheelco, 625.08, valve, iron front; Wingen's, 324.13, gas; Xcel, 85.96, electricity.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion Schoenrock, seconded by Kjetland to adjourn until September 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Richard Waldera, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lesa Trabing, Auditor

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