

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

Chairman Fox with members Bumgardner, Kjetland, Schoenrock and Waldera present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

No conflict of interest.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the January 2nd meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk of Courts fees for December 2023 totaled \$5,417.87.

Kassie Marek joined for citizen input to give an update on the 4-H Youth Advisor position. Kassie has been in contact with SDSU and reported that job posting for the full-time advisor will take some time since this is a new position for Hanson County but should be ready for advertisement in late January or February. An upcoming family night and open house will be held to get younger kids started in 4-H activities and make kids and families aware of everything 4-H entails.

Eric Prunty, Brosz Engineering, was unable to make today's meeting. The Hwy Superintendent will see if Brosz can attend the next regular meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss a variance to reduce the speed limit on a bridge.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, presented two quotes to replace the snowplow that the holes and pins are wearing badly and rusting out. Northern Truck has a plow on hand for \$19,365.00 and Vander Haag's price is \$15,358.00 but Roth was unsure if they had one readily available. Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve and authorize the Hwy Superintendent to research and purchase the plow that best fits the need. All voted aye, motion carried.

Roth reported on the snow removal done over the weekend to get the roads opened. The check engine repairs have been made to the truck but they haven't had a chance to haul anything to test it out and the Ford pickup needed a new sensor which cost about \$600.00.

The last 2019 FEMA Flood project was approved on January 4, 2024. Hanson County will be reimbursed \$362,750.44 for the 413<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge project.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, presented a year end recap for all calls of service in 2023.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the auditor to conduct an operating transfer from the General fund to the Emergency and Disaster fund in the amount of \$19,487.00 to cover budgeted expenses for 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Bumgardner to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2024 James Valley Drug Task Force agreement. All voted aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the States Attorney and Treasurer positions that will need to be filled in 2024 as the current elected officials are choosing not to run another term. Petitions for these offices, County coroner and County Commissioner District 2, 3 and 5 can now be circulated. Party affiliated petitions are due March 26<sup>th</sup> and Independent petitions are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. The required publications for these offices will be published on January 18 and January 25, 2024.

Jim Davies presented an itemized breakdown of the States Attorney work done since June 2023. Davies gave an update on the nuisance properties and will research the law pertaining to the hiring of Deputies for elected officials.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to enter executive session at 10:15 a.m. for personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,169.10, Auditor: 3,600.03, Treasurer: 4,612.72, States Attorney: 3,014.73, Custodian: 2,146.59, Director of Equalization: 4,775.10, Register of Deeds: 3,080.40, Sheriff: 11,235.48, Nurse: 690.43, Extension: 1,453.59 Drainage: 138.54, Planning & Zoning: 464.61, Highway: 19,910.03; E911: 79.86; Emergency & Disaster: 322.94. BILLS: A-Ox, 182.55, cylinders; Addy, 186.00, garbage pickup; Alex City, 157.00, water, sewer; Appera, 62.12, mat, mops; Bridgewater Ambulance, 500.00, service area fee; BIT, 75.50, email, access fee; Butler, 1,719.69, parts, repairs; Certified Language, 26.40, translation services; Dailey Law, 4,500.00, public defender; Dakota Counseling, 500.00, qrtly fee; Dakota Fluid, 220.96, valve repair; Davison County Sheriff, 1,600.00, jail bill; Graham Tire, 554.20 battery; Hanson Conservation, 7,500.00, allotment; Larry's I-90, 637.66, pickup sensor; Menard's, 171.48, ice melt, supplies; Mitchell Regional 911, 15,227.80, qrtly contract payment; Morgan Theeler, 3,580.50, Deputy States Attorney; New Century Press, 408.55, publishing; Northwestern, 524.68, heat; Office Advantage, 4,162.16, hardware lease, managed services, laptop service, copier leases; On Sight, 526.81, camera lease, monitoring; Planning & Development District III, 14,563.00, dues, web service; Postmaster, 462.00, election postage; Running's, 99.99, fuel nozzle; Santel, 30.00, 911 fees; State of SD, 165.00, blood alcohols; SD Unemployment, 846.33, surcharge; SDACHS, 350.00 dues; Stepping Stones, 468.57, qrtly support; Thomson Reuters, 744.80, online subscription; Transource, 213.73, cover; Triotel, 1,066.21, phone bill; Trittech, 5,654.39, annual software; Wingen's, 18,565.08, diesel; Xcel, 2,268.64, electricity.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Kjetland and seconded by Schoenrock to adjourn until Tuesday, February 6, 2024. All voted aye, motion carried.

Curtis Fox, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Lesa Trabing, Auditor

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