

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

Chairman Bumgardner with members Fox, Kjetland, Schoenrock and Waldera present called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Waldera reported that he and Roth met with SD LTAP, concerning the 247<sup>th</sup> St repairs, which will be discussed further during the Hwy Superintendents agenda item on this.

No conflict of interest or citizen input.

Clerk of Courts fees collected for January 2025 totaled \$3,952.00.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, joined. As advertised, bids were opened for the purchase of a 2022 or newer utility tractor for mowing county road ditches. Eight bids were submitted timely: Springside Sales, \$73,490.00; Kibble Equipment, \$75,900.00; C & B, \$93,987.00; Titan Machinery, \$88,500.00, \$77,500.00 and \$65,500.00; Butler Machinery, \$100,342.22 and \$77,737.00. Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to accept the bid from Titan Machinery for a 2023 Case IH Farmall 105A with 87 hours for \$65,500.00. All voted aye, motion carried. All bid details can be viewed in the Auditor's office.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve the following mowing policy for Hanson County. All voted aye, motion carried.

It is the policy of Hanson County to initiate safety mowing operations and focus on maintaining safety elements inherent to highway design.

The Hanson County Highway Superintendent, or assignee, has the responsibility for initiating safety mowing operation using his best judgement; considering all prevailing weather conditions that would adversely affect the growth of the vegetation.

The general practice will be as follows: As of June 1, or first working day in June, safety mowing will begin, unless growth of the vegetation reaches a height that is deemed unsafe by the County Highway Superintendent or assignee before the June 1 date. Safety mowing will consist of one 8-to-9-foot pass along each side of the road. Safety mowing will start on county oil roads first, followed by county gravel roads. Every mile will be mowed continuously from one end to the other end (NO EXCEPTIONS). Safety mowing will be done continuously throughout the season to maintain safe travel conditions. The season end mowing will be one 8-to-9-foot pass, or more if needed, to prevent snow build up.

Adopted on February 18, 2025

/s/ John Bumgardner

/s/Curtis Fox

/s/Richard Waldera

/s/Gary Schoenrock

/s/Bruce Kjetland

In depth discussion concerning how to properly repair 247<sup>th</sup> St. (Plano Road) took place taking into consideration the life cycle cost estimates drawn up by SD LTAP. It was agreed that in order to do the project correctly to maximize the life span of the road, the six-mile project will be reduced to three miles. The three miles near Long Lake will be milled, base one added and millings relayed. The asphalt overlay on the three miles will then take place in 2026. Total project cost for three miles is estimated at \$1.5 million. The remaining three miles of the project will be done in 2027 or when funds are available.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the full time hire of Marc Degen as Hwy Maintenance worker. All voted aye motion carried. Starting wage of \$24.00 an hour, \$.50 raise after three and six months and all full-time benefits.

Approval was granted for Roth to purchase and replace the current cordless tools that are 15 years old. Approximate cost from Ace Hardware is \$800.00.

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

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve the 2025 spring and fall James Valley lawn care agreement. All voted aye, motion carried. Price remains the same.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to deny indigent payment to McCook County EMS for as Hanson County has no contract in place for ambulance service and no name or address was offered to verify Hanson County residency. All voted aye, motion carried.

Reid Kiner, States Attorney, joined to answer questions and to update the Board on the drainage documents mailed out.

Time sheets were reviewed by the Board and a motion by Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve payroll and payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,234.15, Auditor: 3,675.80, Treasurer: 4,838.85, States Attorney: 3,494.36, Custodian: 2,305.70, Director of Equalization: 5,262.08, Register of Deeds: 3,252.71, Sheriff: 10,605.72, Coroner: 250.00; Nurse Clerical: 1,027.20, Extension: 1,918.83, Weed: 252.66, Drainage: 279.48, Planning & Zoning: 878.39, Highway: 20,844.06, E911, 84.57, Emergency & Disaster: 341.42. BILLS: A-Ox, 188.37, supplies; Appera, 125.98, floor care, towels; Auto Zone, 28.02, parts; Axon, 1,440.00, taser payment; BIT, 57.25, email fee; CASA, 2,500.00, allotment; Dakota Embalming, 220.00, transport; Davison County Sheriff, 5,565.00, jail bill; Devy Interpreting, 50.00, translating; Geo Tek, 620.00, core inspections; McLeod's, 1,274.35, mortgage book, toner, tickets, envelopes; New Century Press, 30.96, publishing; Northwestern, 742.33, heat; Office Advantage, 2,640.47, hardware lease, managed services;

Paul's Towing, 221.17, repairs; Prairie Wind, 72.00, trailer parts; Santel, 30.00, trunking fees; State of SD, 125.00, blood alcohols; SDACC, 2,695.00, CLERP; SDACH, 150.00, registration; SDACO, 125.00, registration; Shannon Tegethoff, 34.84, mileage; Total Fire, 465.75, sprinkler head repair; Vern Eide, 48,269.00, 2024 Ford Explorer; Wingen's, 394.06, gas; Xcel, 660.71, electricity; Prairie Wind, 4,550.00, PJ trailer; Peterson Motor's, 63,500.00, 2013 Kenworth; SD Secretary of State, 30.00, notary renewal; FNIC, 50.00, notary bond; Titan Machinery, 65,500.00, utility tractor.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Waldera and seconded by Kjetland to adjourn until Friday, February 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with Davison County to hold a public hearing for the proposed ambulance district. All voted aye, motion carried.

John Bumgardner, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lesa Trabing, Auditor

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