

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
HANSON COUNTY, SD  
FEBRUARY 21, 2025

A special meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Mitchell Technical College, Mitchell, SD on February 21, 2025 by Gary Schoenrock, Vice Chairman.

Members present: Bumgardner, Schoenrock, Waldera, Fox

Members absent: Kjetland

Everyone in attendance at the hearing signed in.

Each member of the commissioners present acknowledged business before the board of commissioners; consent to the meeting and the conduct of the business before the commissioners and waived and further notice of this special meeting.

This was the time, date, and place for the joint meeting of the board of commissioners for Hanson County and Davison County and to conduct a public hearing to consider adopting a resolution to establish an ambulance district in Hanson and Davison counties. Thereupon, Chairman Schoenrock opened the public hearing, gave certain instructions and called for public comment.

Amy Storm, EMT for Ethan, Mitchell and Mount Vernon, gave a presentation on the proposed district's needs, cost and the important reasons for approving the district.

Public comments were then taken by those in attendance.

After the receipt of public comment, the two board of commissioners met jointly to consider what had been presented and to consider whether or not to adopt a resolution to call for an election of the residents of the proposed district to determine whether or not a district should be formed, and other matters related thereto.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted. It was moved by Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve:

RESOLUTION 25-04  
A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT WITHIN HANSON AND DAVISON  
COUNTIES AND HOLD AN ELECTION THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED that an ambulance district be formed pursuant to South Dakota law as follows:

- A. Name: The “Davison-Hanson Ambulance District”
- B. Area included: The area included in the district will be:
  - 1. All of Davison County except the area located within the city limits of Mitchell, SD; and
  - 2. All of Hanson County except the following property all located in Township One Hundred One North, Range Fifty-Eight West, Section Thirty-One; Section Thirty-Two; the South Half and the North East Quarter of Section Twenty-Nine; and the South Half of Section Thirty-Three; and the East Half section Thirty-Six, Township One Hundred One North, Range Fifty-Nine West.
- C. Boundaries: The boundaries of the district will be the boundaries of Hanson County and Davison County combined, less the area described above.
- D. The following map is incorporated herein for reference:



- E. This district shall have seven (7) members on its Board of Directors, one at large and a minimum of three members from each county.
- F. Monies to pay for the publication of these proceedings shall be allocated from the county general fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hanson and Davison County Auditors shall set and conduct an election for the residents and voters pursuant to law.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR RESOLUTION:**

- A. Ambulance services are currently available but are not on a sound financial basis.

- B. An ambulance district appears to be the best means available to ensure that those residents of Hanson and Davison County, not living within the city limits of Mitchell, SD continue to have ambulance service as needed.
- C. Without additional funding, the areas outside the limits of the city of Mitchell are at risk of losing ambulance service.
- D. An ambulance district will provide the means of funding to have the necessary personnel to provide continuous, timely ambulance coverage.
- E. This resolution was adopted by both counties at the joint meeting.

Roll call vote: Bumgardner, aye; Schoenrock, aye; Waldera, aye; Fox, aye. Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the boards, a motion by Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye, motion was carried.

Gary Schoenrock, Vice Chairman  
Hanson County

ATTEST: Lesa Trabing, Auditor  
Hanson County  
(SEAL)

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