

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

Chairman Schoenrock, with members Bumgardner, Fox, Kjetland and Waldera present called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The County Auditor was also present.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the March 2nd meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Clerk of Courts fees collected for the month of February 2021 totaled \$2,294.51.

Josh Kayser, Mayor of Emery, was present to verify that the City of Emery does indeed want the County to sign the agreement with the SD DOT for installation of highway-rail grade crossing signals by BNSF. Kayser assured the Board that the money has been reserved for the City's 10% cost of the crossing. The agreement will officially be signed at the next meeting and sent to the State.

Clinton Degen, Hwy Superintendent, reported nothing further has been done on the FEMA projects as they are still waiting for permits. Commissioner Fox spoke with the current FEMA representative to find out exactly what is causing the hold up. A few things FEMA has to check on before any work can proceed are the Topeka Shiners and historic preservation. Another issue is that project repairs starting before FEMA approval was granted, the two sites were not considered emergencies according to FEMA.

Township Opt Outs were discussed.

To get an idea of how much gravel is needed, and an estimated cost of the gravel, a motion by Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to conduct a gravel depth survey on all County gravel roads, done in house by County Hwy employees, as soon as possible. All voted aye, motion carried.

To find out what needs to be done and the cost to do so a motion by Waldera, seconded by Fox asking the Hwy Superintendent and the Sheriff to put together a five-year Capital Outlay Expense report to be presented at the next meeting. All voted aye, motion carried.

Purchasing or leasing crack filling equipment was discussed. Degen will obtain more information on the lease to own option.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to table purchasing a hoist and tire changer for now. All voted aye, motion carried.

As no gravel is available to purchase this year from the Parker area, a gravel stock piling site has not obtained. Degen's plan is to gravel in the area where it is needed near the Miiller pit and the pit north of Salem.

Degen reported that most of the new Hanson County Highway Department decals have been placed on the vehicles and the rest should be on within the next two weeks.

The lack of shoulders on 421<sup>st</sup> Ave and 247<sup>th</sup> St. was discussed. Accidents have occurred and several calls of concern regarding the shoulders have been heard. As there is little material in the ditch to work with to build shoulders the material would need to be purchased and hauled in.

It was moved by Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 21-02  
BRIDGE REINSPECTION PROGRAM  
FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, 23 CRF 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Hanson County is desirous of participation in the Bridge Inspection Program using Bridge Replacement funds.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Consulting Engineers for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payment to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

All voted aye, motion carried.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2021, at Alexandria, SD.

/s/ Gary Schoenrock, Chairman  
Hanson County Commissioner

ATTEST:  
/s/ Lesa Trabing  
Hanson County Auditor

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Telephone Utility Permit for Triotel Communications to install fiber optic cable in the Fulton area. All voted aye, motion carried.

Degen will obtain quotes and specs for the purchase of a new road sander.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner and carried to recess Board of Commissioners to conduct business as the Drainage Board.

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, joined the meeting. As the Sheriff's Department is still using the 2006 Durango a motion was made by Kjetland, seconded by Fox to table surplusing this vehicle and equipment for now. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to allow the Sheriff to pursue the UJS grant for the purchase of a courtroom metal detector. All vote aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to enter into executive session at 10:35 a.m. with the Sheriff and States Attorney to discuss personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:45 a.m.

At the recommendation of Sheriff Wingert, a motion by Fox, seconded by Waldera to terminate employment of the Secretary in the Sheriff's office, effective today, with the status changing from unpaid administrative leave to terminated. All voted aye, motion carried.

As advertised, a public hearing was held regarding the one-day liquor license for the James River Archers to operate at Granite Springs Lodge on April 17, 2021. As no one was present to oppose said license it was moved by Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve the license. Waldera abstained from voting, all other members voted aye, motion carried.

Jim Davies, States Attorney, answered questions about Opt Outs, a Bond Issue and the Road & Bridge levy. All Board members agree, additional revenue is needed to improve the road conditions throughout the County. The Hwy Superintendent will gather information on the amount and cost of road materials, supplies and equipment that will be needed for this to be done. The Board will then look further into the options to generate the needed revenue and take this decision to the vote of the people.

A Fairview Township road with posts and wire across it was discuss with Davies. A letter will be drafted to the Township.

Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to meet as the County Weed Board. Vince Kayser, Weed Supervisor was also present. A voluntary compliance letter will be mailed to the landowner of the property described as the NW4 of 33-102-58 to control the noxious weeds. A deadline will be indicated in the letter for the property to be sprayed by and written proof that it has been sprayed will need to be presented. The Weed Board adjourned.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to follow the State and close all County offices on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> for the Easter holiday. Waldera voted no, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to enter into executive session with the Hwy Superintendent at 12:07 p.m. to discuss personnel as defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 12:37 p.m.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner and carried to allow payment of the following bills. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners 2,126.60, Auditor: 2,842.78, Treasurer: 3,293.85, States Attorney: 2,455.41, Custodian: 1,759.10, Director of Equalization: 4,553.15, Register of Deeds: 2,663.38, Veterans Service: 316.73, Sheriff: 7,817.44, Nurse Clerical: 649.09, Extension: 1,008.84, Drainage: 238.35, Planning & Zoning: 765.67, Highway: 20,161.12, E911: 87.87, Emergency & Disaster: 311.38. BILLS: A & B, 373.22, copier contract; Advantage Auto, 50.00, rock chip repair; Alex City, 109.75, water, sewer; Alignment X-Perts, 80.00, alignment; Alvine Weidenaar, 1,032.10, CAA; Appera, 114.57, mats, mops, towels; Avera, 419.38, blood alcohols, jail medical; B&B Upholstery, 150.00, recover seat; Bob Berg Electric, 142.80, labor; BIT, 65.75, access and email fee; CNA Surety, 50.00, notary charge; The Daily Republic, 223.08, renewal; Davison County Sheriff, 950.00, jail bill; Clinton Degen, 1,600.00, loader forks; Doug's, 1,044.40, Durango repairs; ES&S, 94.80, election firmware; Farmers Alliance, 3.90, supplies; Fastenal, 225.25, shop supplies; Iverson's, 25.05, parts; Lawson, 1,037.12, shop supplies; Lube Rangers, 89.99, oil change; Lyle Signs, 206.07, die cut sign; Make It Mine, 700.00, hwy vehicle decals; McLeod's, 383.63, office supplies; Menard's, 285.57, filters, batteries, paint; Midwest Alarm, 84.75, monitoring; Morgan Theeler, 3,000.00, public defender; New Century Press, 268.87, publishing; North American Truck, 687.80, parts; Northwestern, 429.12, heat; Office Advantage, 719.50, copier lease, switch; Paul's Towing, 140.99, oil change, tire repair; Postmaster, 96.00, box rent; Qualified Presort, 168.73, mail assessment notices; Quill, 366.13, toner, paper; Running's, 122.98, dark helmet; SD DOT, 2,179.54, cost share; SDACC, 220.00, registration; Secretary of State, 30.00, notary fee; Sturdevant's, 298.78, parts, supplies; Tech Solutions, 165.00, drop box fee; Tessier's, 231.96, filters; Thomson Reuters, 626.99, info charges; Triotel, 1,037.32, phone bill; Upper Midwest Garage Door, 114.55, three remotes; Xcel, 2,635.61, electric bill.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Kjetland and seconded by Waldera to adjourn meeting until Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gary Schoenrock, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Lesa Trabing, Auditor  
(SEAL)

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