

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

Chairman Schoenrock with members Bumgardner, Fox and Kjetland present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Also present was the County Auditor. Waldera was absent.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the agenda as amended to include burn ban discussion.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$2,628,937.60 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of March 31, 2021.

The Register of Deeds reported \$4,178.50 in fees collected for the month of March 2021.

No citizens input.

Clinton Degen, Hwy Superintendent, presented the gravel depth survey completed by hwy personnel. The survey shows which roads are in need of gravel. This report will then be used to calculate the amount of gravel needed and an approximate cost to do so.

Degen presented a rough draft of his departments five year capital outlay plan. The final document will be presented at the April 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the SD DOT Highway-Rail Grade Crossing agreement for the 429<sup>th</sup> Ave. railroad crossing by BNSF. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to approve and authorize the Chairman and Hwy Superintendent to sign the Mitchell Telecom utility permit to bury fiber optic cable in the northwestern portion of Hanson County. All voted aye, motion carried.

Degen voiced the need for black dirt and a small tractor to finish and seed flood project areas throughout the County. Degen will check with the soil conservation to see if they have a small tractor for rent.

As Holloway Construction is able to return and complete the 413<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge project on April 12<sup>th</sup> a decision needs to be made whether to go ahead and complete the project prior to FEMA approval or wait. As the Corps of Engineers has sent FEMA the needed permits for the project, Degen hopes to have approval before April 12<sup>th</sup>. It was moved by Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to allow Holloway Construction to go ahead with the project when they arrive, even if it's before FEMA approval, as it will most likely be fall before Holloways can return to Hanson County again. All members

voted aye, motion carried. Phone calls will be made to the Governor's office and Thune's office to voice the concerns of slow progress and miscommunication from FEMA.

The CAT motor grader oil analysis was discussed. The report shows this hasn't been sent in since 2017. Degen will check on this as he believes a sample was sent in last fall.

The need to blade wash boards on the gravel roads was brought to Degen's attention.

Trees in the right of way at the corner of 419<sup>th</sup> Ave. and the Fulton corner were discussed. After the recorded right of way measurements are verified and determined if the trees are actually a violation, a letter will then be sent to the landowner.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to remove the spring load limit restrictions effective Thursday, April 15, 2021. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to enter into executive session at 9:52 a.m. with the Hwy Superintendent for personnel described in SDCL 1-25.2.1. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:10 a.m.

Clinton Degen presented a letter of resignation effective April 15, 2021. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to accept the resignation and thank Clinton for his time and service to Hanson County for the past 35 years. All members voted aye, motion carried.

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

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, and Connie Harr, joined the meeting so Connie could be introduced to the Board. Motion Kjetland, second Bumgardner to approve the hire of Connie Harr as Sheriff Clerial. The position consists of 32 hours a week, starting pay of \$12.93/hour with a \$.50 raise after 3 months and \$.50 raise after the six month probation period, 6% SD Retirement, 32 hours of vaction each year and 50% of a single health insurance premium (optional). All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to surplus the 2006 Dodge Durango and unneeded equipment in the Durango. All memebbers voted aye, motion carried. The Durango will be sold at an upcoming Weiman's Auction sale.

Wingert reviewed his departments five year capital outlay expense report with the Board.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to allow the Sheriff to move forward with the Highway Safety grant for the purchase of new body cams. The County will be required to cover 20% of the equipment costs and the grant will cover the remaining 80%. All voted aye, motion carried. The grant also includes federal overtime reimbursement.

Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to approve the added purchase of the States Attorney portal for the existing Zuercher software. The one time Hanson County cost will be \$1,700.00 with the yearly maintenance fee of \$600.00 being split between the other three Counties and the City of Mitchell also joining. All voted aye, motion carried.

Jim Davies, States Attorney, joined the meeting. The City of Emery railroad crossing agreement wasn't ready to be approved and signed.

The burn ban was discussed and implementing a fire hazard ordinance was reviewed. The ordinance would implement a burn ban whenever the National Weather Service issues a red flag warning. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to hold the first reading of Ordinance #46 "Fire Hazard Ordinance". All voted aye, motion carried. The second reading will take place on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

A brief update on the revised drainage ordinance was discussed.

An informational conference call was held with Suzanne Starr regarding the Rural Attorney Recruitment Program. This program was designed to draw attorneys to rural areas of the state. Suzanne visited with the Board about the possibility of Hanson County contributing to the program as Attorney Mike Sharp has moved an office to Emery, SD. The program asks for a five year commitment of the attorney working at least 35 hours a week in Hanson County. The financial obligation of \$12,500.00 per year is split with the Unified Judicial System paying 50%, State Bar paying 15% and Hanson County would be responsible for 35% (\$4,3789.76 per year). Suzanne will return for the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting asking for the Boards decision.

The yearly review of Christi Pierson, Director of Equalization, was held via Zoom and everything was found to be satisfactory.

The following plats were presented for approval. A PLAT OF LOT 1 OF KAYSER'S ADDITION IN THE NW4 OF SECTION 20, T102 N, R 57 W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve said plat. All voted aye, motion carried.

A PLAT OF TRACT 1 OF TRIPLE K LAND ADDITION IN GOVERNMENT LOT 2 OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF SECTION 18, T 102 N, R 57 W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve said plat. All voted aye, motion carried.

Due to the SDACO Spring Workshop, the May 4<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting has been moved to Friday, May 7, 2021.

The advertisement for a new Highway Superintendent will be posted as soon as possible.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox and carried to allow payment of the following bills. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners 2,126.60, Auditor: 3,065.56,

Treasurer: 3,095.96, States Attorney: 2,455.41, Custodian: 1,759.10, Director of Equalization: 4,672.50, Register of Deeds: 2,663.37, Veterans Service: 316.74, Sheriff: 7,596.61, Nurse Clerical: 633.26, Extension: 1,008.85, Drainage: 229.70, Planning & Zoning: 372.23, Highway: 19,840.77, Emergency & Disaster: 164.36. BILLS: A-ox, 150.43, supplies; AT&T, 632.68, cell bill; Avera Queen of Peace, 116.00, drug screen; Dakota Counseling, 500.00, qrtly support; Clinton Degen, 94.01, gas, meal reimbursement; DMC Wear Parts, 7,560.00, blades; Galls, 41.09, equipment; Hanson County Treasurer, 220.05, postage; Interstate Tire, 980.00, tires, rims; Lawson, 193.26, supplies; Lexis Nexis, 68.08, court rules; McLeod's, 56.90, toner; Lisa McManus, 41.70, learning kits; Menard's, 136.60, supplies; Mitchell Public Safety, 11,811.00, qrtly 911, traffic stops; New Century Press, 829.16, publishing; Office Advantage, 2,649.49, copier lease, hardware lease, managed services; Pomp's, 1,261.76, tires; SD DOT, 44.56, inspection; SDACC, 2,126.00, CLERP; SDSU Extension, 161.20, mileage; US Postal Service, 634.75, envelopes with postage; Stepping Stones, 468.57, qrtly support; Tessier's, 1,350.00, summer inspection; Thune's, 16.77, supplies; Tom's Auto, 172.51, oil change, repairs; Total Fire, 405.00, inspection; Trittech Software, 4,770.12, maintenance fee; Verizon, 71.95, cell bill; Viking Glass, 433.16, new locks, auto door repair; Visa, 670.75, On Sight monitoring, lodging, postage, equipment; Wex, 1,092.51, gas; Wheelco, 901.16, supplies.

Being as there was no further business for the day a motion by Kjetland, seconded by Fox to adjourn until Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for County Board of Equalization. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gary Schoenrock, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lesa Trabing, Auditor  
(SEAL)

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