

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**

Chairman Kjetland with members Bumgardner, Fox, Schoenrock and Waldera present called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Conflict of interest disclosure: Waldera for the James River Archers one day liquor license.

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

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No citizens input.

No Commissioner/Board reports.

Fees collected by the Clerk of Courts for the month of January 2022 totaled \$5,709.42.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Triotel Communications Utility permit to bury fiber optic in the ROW on 421<sup>st</sup> Ave. from I-90 to 252<sup>nd</sup> Ave. All voted aye, motion carried.

Justin Friese, Hwy Superintendent, presented the 2022 bridge inspection agreement. Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 22-04  
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.

The County requests SDDOT to hire Brosz Engineering 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 15th day of February, 2022, at Alexandria, SD.

/s/ Bruce Kjetland, Chairman  
Hanson County Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Lesa Trabing  
Hanson County Auditor

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to accept the Highway Department resignations of Alan Whitcomb and Nick Mentele. Whitcomb's resignation was effective February 8, 2022. Mentele's last day will be February 25, 2022. All voted aye, motion carried. The Board would like to thank Nick for his 11½ years of service with Hanson County.

The three-month review of Friese as Drainage Administrator was held. Friese reported that things are going well, and the Board has heard nothing negative about his performance as drainage administrator.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, presented the city approved contract law agreements for county approval. Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Schoenrock to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Alexandria City Policing Agreement for 2022. All voted aye, motion carried. Contract price per month is \$2,100.00.

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Emery City Policing Agreement for 2022. All voted aye, motion carried. Contract price per month is \$2,000.00.

The three-month review of Wingert as Emergency Manager and Mike Brown as Deputy Emergency Manager was held. Wingert reported that things are fine and working well with he and Brown in the EM positions.

Brandon reported that our current camera in the Commissioners room is meant more for surveillance and not recording purposes. The cost to purchase necessary equipment to record and post the meetings on the County website would cost about \$200.00 or a subscription for cloud-based storage through On Sight could be purchased for \$99.00 a month. A taxpayer in attendance at today's meeting was asked if this would be valuable for the public and he said no, forget it. A motion was then made by Waldera to scrap the idea of recording the meetings and leave things as is. The motion was amended by Fox to not pursue recording the meetings and posting them online. The motion was seconded by Waldera, all voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to approve a county burial assistance application. All voted aye, motion carried. Payment of \$2,500.00 will be issued to Bittner Funeral Chapel.

Christi Pierson, Zoning Administrator, presented a plat for approval. Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve A PLAT OF TRACT 5, SUBDIVISION OF LOTS A-1 AND A-2 OF JANSSEN'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT A IN THE NE4 OF SECTION 36, T 102 N, R 57 W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., CITY OF EMERY, HANON COUNTY, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Pierson gave a brief report on the Flood Plain meeting she attended last week.

Jim Davies, States Attorney, joined the meeting. The Board asked for an update on the Bannwarth ditch maintenance agreement. Jim reported that he met with Friese on Friday to gather information for the agreement and will have it put together this week.

Davies gave a brief update on Zoning happenings and the process to amend the zoning ordinance.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to enter into executive session at 10:16 a.m. for personnel as defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 11:04 a.m.

Rosanna Swyter joined the meeting asking for a tax reduction on her Main St. building in Emery. The Direct of Equalization was not let in the building when it was reassessed and valued according to experience. It was due to health reasons that Ms. Swyter overlooked the assessment notice in time to appeal the value last year. Since the time frame to appeal the assessed value has past there is nothing the Board can do at this point to reduce her 2021 pay 2022 taxes on the property. The DOE has now been in the building and lowered the assessed value which will be reflected on the 2023 taxes.

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 March 5, 2022. As no one was present to oppose the application it was moved by Bumgardner, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the license. Waldera abstained, all others voted aye, motion was carried.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to allow payment of the following bills. All voted aye, motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,169.10, Auditor: 3,135.19, Treasurer: 3,200.01, States Attorney: 2,671.10, Custodian: 1,870.50, Director of Equalization: 4,788.85, Register of Deeds: 2,729.06, Sheriff: 8,540.99, LEPC: 34.47, Nurse Clerical: 424.22, Extension: 1,081.58, Drainage: 256.83, Planning & Zoning: 753.49, Highway: 17,860.78, E911, 88.47, Emergency & Disaster: 336.60. BILLS: A-Ox, 1,240.93, supplies; AI's Engraving, 31.85, badge; Alex City, 107.71, water, sewer; Appera, 120.22, towels, mats, mops; AT&T, 183.27, cell bill; Avera Queen of Peace, 369.00, blood alcohols; Axon, 1,440.00, taser payment; Brock White, 12,768.00, crack sealant; Farmers Alliance, 382.70, gas, oil change, battery; Hanson County Treasurer, 124.68, postage; Interstate Power, 1,390.00, generator maintenance; John Deere Financial, 118.40, parts; Lawson, 417.52, supplies; Lewis, 236.15, jail meds; Lewis & Clark Behavioral, 184.00, mental health eval; Menard's, 339.10, cabinet, supplies; Mitchell Republic, 236.55, subscription; Mitchell Iron & Supply, 17.80, adaptor; Morgan Theeler, 3,500.00, public defender; New Century Press, 501.69, publishing; Northwestern, 856.56, heat; Office Advantage, 2,870.68, hardware lease, managed services, copier lease; Planning & Development District III, 11,787.00, dues; Pomp's, 60.00, disposal fee; Running's, 160.97, paint, primer; State of SD, 160.00, blood alcohols; SD DOT, 284.40, bridge inspection; SDACC, 267.00, CLERP; Stan Houston, 13.35, male end; Sturdevant's, 177.30, filters, plug; Thomson Reuters, 645.80, info charges; Triotel, 1,009.09, phone bill; TSC, 1,179.95, fuel tank, filters; Xcel, 531.36, electricity, Bittner Funeral Chapel, 2,500.00, county burial assistance.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Waldera and seconded by Schoenrock to adjourn until Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Bruce Kjetland, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lesa Trabing, Auditor

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