

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

Chairman Fox with members Bumgardner, Schoenrock and Waldera present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Thursday, November 7, 2024. Kjetland was absent.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

No conflict of interest.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No Board reports or citizen input.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$5,811,429.44 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of October 31, 2024. General Fund, 1,663,954.28; CD's, 431,840.00; Restricted Funds: Road & Bridge, 1,242,178.83; E911, 37,506.50; County Library, 12,729.34; Emergency & Disaster, 5,881.43; Domestic Abuse, 750.56; 24/7 Program, 7,217.14; M & P, 62,960.75; Township Infrastructure, 144,836.60; Courthouse Bond, 144,058.33; Schools, 1,580,880.33; Townships, 121,307.72; Cities, 154,843.68; JRWDD, 15,872.92; Treasurer Trust, 6,431.06; State Motor Vehicle, 110,554.69; LEPC, 2,049.94; State Clearing, 518.65; Fire Districts, 57,390.55; Law Library, 7,706.14.

Register of Deeds fees collected for October 2024 totaled \$5,089.00.

Clerk of Courts fees collected for October 2024 totaled \$5,670.00.

Eric Prunty, Brosz Engineering, presented the change orders and payment application #4 for the progress work completed on the Old Mill Old bridge preservation project. Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the change orders totaling \$8,092.70. All voted aye, motion carried. Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Schoenrock to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the application for payment #4 in the amount of \$104,797.80. All voted aye, motion carried.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, presented a Joint Powers Force Account Agreement between Hanson County and the State of SD for approval. The agreement will cover flood damage expenses on Emergency Relief routes not covered by FEMA. Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorized the Chairman to sign said agreement with the State. All voted aye, motion carried. Estimated project cost for the two ER projects in Hanson County totaled \$45,000.00.

Roth presented prices for plastic culverts and plastic-coated metal culverts. After discussion on the life expectancy and cost, the Board has no problem with the Hwy Superintendent using these options for culverts if he chooses to do so.

As the 1988 Kenworth lost rings or scored pistons and aftermarket parts are the only parts available, the Board gave Roth the approval to look around for a replacement truck instead of repairing.

Gravel testing samples were presented from the Werning pit and found to meet the specs required by Hanson County. Testing will continue throughout the crushing process.

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

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Roger Risty, Sonja Nordbye and Dan Johnson, Risty Benefits, presented the 2025 Health Partners insurance renewal and other options for health insurance for the Board to consider.

Christi Pierson, Zoning Administrator, presented plats for approval. Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve a PLAT OF TRACT A OF BARTSCHER'S ADDITION IN THE SW4 OF SECTION 11, T103N, R58W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., HANSON COUNTY SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to change the Hanson County comprehensive map to rezone the following plat description from Ag to Rural Residential. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve a PLAT OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN PINE GROVE MEADOWS ADDITION, IN THE E2 OF THE SE4 OF THE SE4, SECTION 14, T101N, R57W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the notice of annexation of county property on the western edge of Alexandria into the City of Alexandria's boundaries.

Jim Davies, States Attorney, reviewed options for the pending Public Health Nurse contract that will be discussed at the next meeting.

The resignation of Deputy States Attorney, Richard Rylance, was presented and effective October 31, 2024. Davies informed the Board that States Attorney Elect, Reid Kiner, has resumed the Deputy States Attorney position on November 1, 2024 at the same monthly contract rate of \$3,580.50.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to enter executive session at 10:47 a.m. with the States Attorney for litigation as defined in SDCL 1-25-2.3. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:51 a.m.

A public hearing was held regarding the one-day liquor license for the James River Archers to operate at Granite Springs Lodge on November 16, 2024. No one was present to oppose, motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the license. Motion carried.

The November 5th General Election results were canvassed. Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the canvass as the recap sheets, poll books and tabulator count reported all match and balanced. All members voted aye, motion carried.

General Election results: Presidential Electors: Kamala, 399; Oliver, 8; Trump, 1,611; Kennedy, 28; US Representative: S. Johnson, 353; D. Johnson, 1,665; PUC: Wilson, 328; Oakes, 50; Fiegen, 1,536; Senator Dist. 19: Schoenfish, 1,455; Miller, 388; Representative Dist. 19: Peterson, 972; Bahmuller, 1,489; Supreme Court Retention: Yes, 1,368; No, 312; Amendment E: Yes, 663; No, 1,343; Amendment F: Yes, 1,201; No, 788; Amendment G: Yes, 507; No, 1,514; Amendment H: Yes, 460; No, 1,460; Measure 28: Yes, 416; No, 1,556; Measure 29: Yes, 582; No, 1,414; Referred Law 21: Yes, 624; No, 1,307. Hanson County had a 62% voter turnout with 2,089 ballots being voted.

A random drawing was held for selection of the precinct and races to be hand counted for the post-election audit. Precinct #1 was drawn with a total of 690 ballots. Amendment F and Amendment H were drawn for the races to be hand counted. The post-election audit will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024 and the results will be presented and recorded at the next Commissioners meeting on November 19th.

Chairman Fox signed the SD Department of Legislative Audit engagement letter as acknowledgement of the 2022-2023 county audit currently being done by Auditor, Maria Schwader.

Hanson County will follow the State of SD and close all county offices on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving and December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to allow payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,169.11, Auditor: 2,961.57, Treasurer: 3,864.10, States Attorney: 3,018.69, Custodian: 1,821.04, Director of Equalization: 4,744.09, Register of Deeds: 3,179.00, Sheriff: 8,457.31, LEPC: 73.92, Nurse Clerical: 1,012.62, Extension: 1,454.72, Weed: 859.21, Drainage: 131.12, Planning & Zoning: 735.03, Highway: 18,045.06, E911: 69.43, Emergency Management: 281.20. Bills: A & B, 92.02, copier lease; A & G, 88.04, valve; Abacus, 973.23, virtual server; Ace Hardware, 1,182.93, tool box, paper, candy, fluid; Advantage Auto, 956.43, window; Alex City, 240.08, water, sewer; Alignment Xperts, 715.00, tires; Appera, 109.86, mats, mops, towels; AT&T, 806.78, cell bill; Auto Value, 331.70, oil, filters, tower; Auto Zone, 59.48, wiper blades; BIT, 71.25, email, access fee; Certified Language, 11.55, translator; Dailey Law, 4,500.00, public defender; Devy Interpreting, 150.00, translator; Darrington, 420.00, cooler rent; Fleetpride, 344.87, filters, connector, valve; Hillyard, 181.01, cleaning products; McLeod's, 40.53, calendar, poll book; Midwest Fire, 174.00, extinguisher repairs; Mitchell Landfill, 513.00, debris disposal; Mitchell 911, 15,277.80, traffic stops, qrtly payment; Morgan Theeler, 3,580.50, Deputy States Attorney; Office Advantage, 3,413.41, hardware lease, managed services, copier lease; Paul's Towing, 1,082.98, repair power steering leak;

RDO, 16,893.93, repair motor grader; Santel, 30.00, trunking fees; Terri Lembcke Schildhauer, 441.00, court reporting; Allen Schmeichel, 2,687.50, reclaim gravel pit; SD DOT, 1,209.80, bridge inspection; Team Lab, 70,812.50, base one additive; The Special, 94.16, renewals; Thomson Reuters, 782.04, law subscription; Triotel, 1,028.10, phone bill; Two Way Solutions, 4,664.81, new pickup equipment install; Uline, 570.18, cones; US Bank, 137,685.00, final courthouse payment; Verizon, 65.58, cell bill; Vern Eide, 2,916.94, windshield, repairs; Visa, 744.90, toner, app, gas, candy, election supplies; Wex, 1,491.99, gas; Xcel, 1,422.23, electricity; General Election, 6,047.30, precinct workers, precinct rent, mileage; BX Civil & Construction, 104,797.80, progress payment on Old Mill Bridge.

Being as there was no further business for the day a motion by Schoenrock and seconded by Bumgardner to adjourn until Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Curtis Fox, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lesa Trabing, Auditor

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