

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

Chairman Bumgardner, with members Fox, Schoenrock and Waldera present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. Kjetland was absent.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve the agenda presented. Motion carried.

Conflict of interest: None

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve the June 24th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No board reports.

Dennis Haehn, Emery, joined citizen input to talk about the tree pile at the corner of 429<sup>th</sup> and 261<sup>st</sup>. The pile will be removed at some point, not burned.

Nathan Smith joined to discuss the dumping grounds at the corner of 413<sup>th</sup> and Hwy 38. Complaint letters can be sent to the Zoning Administrator.

Kathy Hofer asked the board to consider increasing the wheel tax to increase revenue and better Hanson County's chances to receive BIG funds to replace and repair bridges. Wheel Tax discussion will be added to the July 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$4,103,884.24 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of June 30, 2025.

General:	1,405,925.17
CD's	431,840.00
Restricted Funds	
Road & Bridge:	1,692,111.09
E911	37,147.10
County Library	9,033.29
Emergency & Disaster	15,281.47
Domestic Abuse	451.53
24/7	8,165.09
M & P	61,576.15
Township Infrastructure	130,700.31
Courthouse Bond	19,591.13
Schools	122,750.17
Townships	20,480.15
Cities	7,671.44
JRWDD	224.58
Treasurer Trust	10,290.18

State Motor Vehicle	120,263.46
LEPC	1,628.63
Fire Districts	746.16
Law Library	8,007.14

Register of Deeds fees collected for the month of June 2025 totaled \$5,658.00.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, informed the board that last year's gravel bid is over one year old and cannot be extended. Bids for gravel purchases in 2025 will be advertised and accepted at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Roth reported that work has commenced on the Plano Road project. Rock is being hauled in with milling starting tomorrow and three miles of gravel have been laid on 258<sup>th</sup> St.

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

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Doug Papendick, Deputy States Attorney, spoke about the Juvenile Justice Diversion program Davison County has in place and introduced Katie Bushbach, Program Administrator in Davison County, to explain how the program works. The program is no cost to the county and keeps juveniles out of the court system. Because Hanson County has juveniles that will benefit from this program a motion by Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to approve a joint agreement for the Juvenile Justice Diversion program with Davison County. All voted aye, motion carried.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff/EM, reviewed his departmental budget requests with the board. Further discussion on wages will take place at the next meeting.

Now that the state radio programming has been completed, the need to reprogram 12 handheld radios in Hanson County must be done to be compatible. Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve the expense of approximately \$1,025.00 to complete the reprogramming. All voted aye, motion carried.

Wingert talked about the shooting complaints his office has received in the area of the James River bridge on 257<sup>th</sup> St. The States Attorney will look into what can be done to try and eliminate this happening.

Maria Schwader, Department of Legislative Audit, presented the findings for the 2022-2023 County audit. The Board and Auditor acknowledged the audit findings. A written comment by the county will state that measures will be taken to ensure that the unassigned general fund balance will not exceed 40% in future years.

Reid Kiner, States Attorney, reviewed his 2026 budget request with the board and confirmed that he will look into what can be done about the noise/shooting on 257<sup>th</sup> St.

A public hearing was held regarding the one-day liquor license for the James River Archers to operate at the Almond Branch on July 12, 2025. No one was present to oppose the license, motion by Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the license. Motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve a PLAT OF LOT 1 OF ACROSS THE ROAD ADDITION IN THE NW4 OF SECTION 12, T104 N, R 57 W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., Hanson County, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Deb Zens, Register of Deeds, reviewed her 2026 budget request. Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the temporary employee hire, until the current Deputy ROD returns to work, to fill in only when the Register of Deeds is unable to work. All voted aye, motion carried. Temporary employee pay will be \$18.54 an hour, no benefits.

The 2026 Provisional Budget and estimated revenue amounts were presented. Cash applied, taxes to be collected and the general fund cash balances for 2026 were discussed.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the Auditor to conduct an auto supplement to the Sheriff's salary budget in the amount of \$6,290.90 for overtime grant funds received. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to allow payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,234.16, Auditor: 3,953.71, Treasurer: 5,033.87, States Attorney: 3,624.61, Custodian: 2,305.69, Director of Equalization: 5,467.51, Register of Deeds: 2,594.06, Sheriff: 11,185.58, Nurse Clerical: 774.34, Extension: 2,048.65, Weed: 1,547.48, Drainage: 279.57, Planning & Zoning: 813.80, Highway: 21,400.19, E911: 86.11, Emergency Management: 347.56. BILLS: A & B, 101.96, copier lease; A-Ox, 188.37, supplies; Ace Hardware, 625.74, paper, supplies, gauge; Addy, 186.00, garbage; City of Alex, 328.95, water, sewer; Appeara, 130.08, mats, towels, mops; AT&T, 601.75, cell bills; Auto Zone, 69.65, oil change supplies; Avera Occupational, 36.60, drug test; Bridgewater Ambulance, 500.00, yearly allotment; BIT, 57.25, state email; Mike Carpentier, 675.00, CDL training; Car Quest, 26.87, thread die; Dakota Counseling, 500.00, qrtly payment; Davison Sheriff, 6,825.00, jail bill; Davison Auditor, 2,062.50, VSO salary; Fleet Pride, 1,049.86, parts; Galls, 55.75, uniforms; Hanson County Treasurer, 178.26, postage; Interstate Power, 252.00, generator service call; Jack's Uniforms, 88.94, uniforms; Kipp's Repair, 367.85, sump pump; Bruce Kjetland, 168.84, mileage; Lewis, 26.09, jail meds; McLeod's, 614.95, toner; Mitchell Iron & Supply, 567.91, metric tool; Northern Safety, 96.98, window barriers; Office Advantage, 108.50, copier service call; On Sight, 90.00, support; Puthoff Sales, 724.53, mower parts; RDO, 274.72, cylinder kit; State of SD, 80.00, blood alcohols; SD State 4-H, 85.00, state fair, parking passes; SD Unemployment, 522.17, surcharge; SDAAO, 1,000.00, registration; SDACC, 100.00, registration; Stepping Stones, 468.00, qrtly payment; Sturdevant's, 514.40, filters, supplies; The Helping Hand, 229.00, flowers; Titan, 1.30, gasket; Triotel, 932.17, phone bill; True North Steel, 34,550.40, culverts; Van Diest, 2,047.05, tordon, amine; Verizon, 40.01, hot spot; Visa, 677.66, toner, postage, cover; Wex, 1,378.72, gas; Wingen's, 720.62, gas; Xcel, 1,418.60, electricity.

Being as there was no further business for the day it was moved by Schoenrock and seconded by Waldera to adjourn until Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

John Bumgardner, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Lesa Trabing, Auditor  
(SEAL)

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