

HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Chairman Bumgardner with members Fox, Kjetland, Schoenrock and Waldera present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the July 22nd meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest.

The county's citizen input policy was reviewed.

Dennis Haehn, Emery, spoke during citizen input to thank Hanson County and the Highway Department for removing the tree pile at 429th Ave. and 261st St.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$4,027,914.72 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of July 31, 2025.

County General:	1,363,299.44
CD's	431,840.00
Restricted Funds	
Road & Bridge:	1,700,656.69
E911	42,368.29
County Library	9,061.03
Emergency & Disaster	14,373.00
Domestic Abuse	661.60
24/7	8,222.94
M & P	61,813.56
Township Infrastructure	130,726.59
Courthouse Bond	19,595.03
Schools	17,412.80
Townships	41,152.36
Cities	11,615.36
JRWDD	124.78
Treasurer Trust	10,286.59
State Motor Vehicle	154,397.71

LEPC	1,628.63
State Clearing	94.50
Fire Districts	527.68
Law Library	8,056.14

Fees collected by the Register of Deeds for July 2025 totaled \$4,796.75.

Eric Prunty, Brosz Engineering, gave a presentation on how the point system to be eligible for BIG funds works and what is needed to obtain the points as follows; user impact and bridge detour, max points of 20; local planning, 30 points; wheel tax points are determined on the county's wheel tax amount, 10 points for a maximum wheel tax of \$5.00; bid ready with plans and permits completed, 10 points and local financial contribution up to 10 points.

As advertised, sealed gravel bids were opened. One bid was submitted by Albert Werning, \$7.50 a ton with a minimum of 15,000 ton. Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to accept the bid from Albert Werning for \$7.50 a ton. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Kathy Hofer, joined to express her hopes on a decision being made about the wheel tax. Increasing the wheel tax to \$5.00 a wheel on all vehicles will generate an extra \$112,000.00 a year to repair our roads and bridges and increase the county's chances for BIG funds.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to increase the wheel tax to \$5.00 a wheel for vehicles weighing 6,000 pounds or more starting January 1, 2026. All members voted aye, motion carried. All vehicles weighing 5,999 pounds and less will remain the same at \$2.00 a wheel. Max amount of wheel tax collected per vehicle is \$60.00 as defined in state law SDCL 32-5A-1. The first reading of ordinance #57 for this amendment will take place at the August 19th meeting.

Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to approve A PLAT OF LOT 1 OF CHRISTIAN'S ADDITION IN GOVT LOT 1 IN THE NE4 OF SECTION 4, T101N, R59W OF THE 5TH P.M. HANSON COUNTY. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Christi Pierson, DOE, requested a onetime fee to add Government Lots to the Hanson County GIS program and/or new Plat information. Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the expense of \$4,000.00 to add both the Government Lots and Plat information to the County's GIS mapping system. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to accept the resignation of Jennifer Craig effective July 31, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried. Hanson County would like to thank Jennifer for her 17 years of service, and we wish her well.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to enter executive session at 10:33 a.m. for personnel defined in SDCL 1-25.2.1. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:48 a.m.

States Attorney, Reid Kiner, presented the letter to the SD DOT for approval and signing, which expresses Hanson County's opposition to the proposed weigh station in Hanson County on I-90.

Time sheets were reviewed by the Board and a motion by Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve payroll and payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners 2,234.15, Auditor: 3,978.30, Treasurer: 5,033.87, States Attorney: 3,211.25, Custodian: 2,305.69, Director of Equalization: 4,267.41, Register of Deeds: 2,594.08, Sheriff: 11,891.98, Coroner: 125.00; LEPC, 63.20; Nurse: 1,011.40, Extension: 2,048.65, Weed: 205.27, Drainage: 252.67, Planning & Zoning: 468.18, Highway: 22,744.70, E911: 84.86, Emergency Management, 347.57. BILLS: A&B, 101.86, copier lease; Ace Hardware, 1,082.33, saw, cutting kit, supplies; Ag-News, 119.00, listing; City of Alex, 84.82, water, sewer; Appera, 130.23, mats, towels, mops; Applied Concepts, 2,686.00, traffic data collector; AT&T, 601.65, cell bill; Berg Electric, 247.21, ballast; BIT, 64.25, state email fee; Dailey Law, 4,500.00, public defender; Engage Services, 1,400.00, evaluation; Forte, 13,468.48, courtroom audio upgrades; Hanson County Treasurer, 101.32, postage; Jack's Uniforms, 79.55, uniforms; McLeod's, 27.28, office supplies; New Century Press, 61.89, sheriff sale listing; Office Advantage, 3,657.17, hardware lease, managed services, copier lease; Paul's Towing, 20.00, tire repair; ProVision, 476.81, night vision camera; Penny Speich, 213.15, ribbons, first aid kit; Triotel, 946.43, phone bill; Ultra, 8,615.00, software maintenance fee; Vanguard, 10,775.00, software maintenance fee; Visa, 703.49, Cricut and supplies, seat covers, office supplies; Wex, 1,702.41, gas; Xcel, 1,901.85, electricity; Fleetpride, 1,222.46, parts; Graham, 874.90, tires; Hawkeye Tree & Stump, 4,500.00, cut down trees; Lawson, 483.38, drill bits; Puthoff, 225.34, mower parts; SD DOT, 5,080.50, bridge inspections; Sturdevant's, 257.43, filters, towels, supplies.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion Waldera and seconded by Schoenrock to adjourn until Tuesday, August 19, 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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