

HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, September 2, 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 September 2, 2025.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest.

Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the August 19th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No Board reports or citizen input.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$3,761,388.67 all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of August 31, 2025. General Fund, 1,228,799.76; CD's, 431,840.00; Restricted Funds: Road & Bridge, 1,584,345.13; E911, 47,599.60; County Library, 9,152.52; Emergency & Disaster, 13,642.95; Domestic Abuse, 881.76; 24/7 Program, 8,357.78; M & P, 62,070.15; Township Infrastructure, 130,755.62; Courthouse Bond, 20,819.76; Schools, 48,105.00; Townships, 22,381.34; Cities, 8,590.88; JRWDD, 448.39; Treasurer Trust, 10,984.39; State Motor Vehicle, 121,116.14; LEPC, 1,628.63; State Clearing, 94.50; Fire Districts, 1,659.24; Law Library, 8,115.14.

Register of Deeds fees collected for the month of August 2025 totaled \$3,064.50.

Donny Wipf, Rockport Colony, reported that the colony is in the process of relocating their driveway to enhance drainage. In doing so they would like to raise the county road 3 to 4 feet and will do the work if the county agrees to gravel the raised span of approximately 500'. As Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, is okay with this plan, a motion by Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve Rockport Colony to raise the County Road with the appropriate slopes. All voted aye, motion carried.

Hwy Superintendent Roth reported that chip sealing of the nine miles on Plano road started this morning.

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

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve A PLAT OF LOT 1 OF ROSE IN PARADISE ADDN IN THE NW4 OF 36, T 102 N, R 58 W OF THE 5TH P.M. Hanson County, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve A PLAT OF TRACT 1A, A SUBDIVISION OF TRACT 1 OF KLOCK'S ADDN IN THE SW4 OF 1, T 101 N, R 58 W OF THE 5TH P.M., Hanson County, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve A PLAT OF LOT 1 OF LETCHER'S FAMILY ADDN IN THE NW4 OF 12, T 101 N, R 58 W OF THE 5TH P.M., Hanson County, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve A PLAT OF TRACT D OF TUSCHEN'S ADDN IN THE SE4 OF THE SW4 OF 14, T 103 N, R 57 W OF THE 5TH P.M., Hanson County, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to approve A PLAT OF WAYNE'S ADDN IN THE E2 OF THE NE4 OF 1, T 103 N, R 58 W OF THE 5TH P.M., Hanson County, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to approve A PLAT OF TRACT 1 OF RASSEL ADDN IN THE S2 OF THE NW4 OF 4, T 104 N, R 58 W OF THE 5TH P.M., Hanson County, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

As advertised, the 2026 Provisional Budget Hearing was held. No one from the public appeared for the hearing. The Provisional budget will be adopted as the 2026 Annual budget on September 16, 2025. Any changes to the adopted budget will be noted in the minutes.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the Auditor to conduct an operating transfer to the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$629,300.00 to cover budgeted expenses in 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to approve and authorize the Auditor to conduct an auto supplement to the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$2,980.49 for Federal Overtime grant funds received. All voted aye, motion carried.

The possibility of creating a commissioner meeting attendance policy will be considered after research is done to see if any other counties have a policy on this.

Reid Kiner, States Attorney, presented the seconded reading of ordinance #57 for adoption. Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve and adopt the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 57
AN AMENDMENT ORDINANCE TO ENACT A WHEEL TAX FOR EACH VEHICLE LICENSED
IN HANSON COUNTY SOUTH DAKOTA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

(1) Imposition of Tax. Hanson County does hereby impose a wheel tax on vehicles licensed in Hanson County, South Dakota.

(2) Rate of Tax.

(a) The tax will be effective January 1, 2026, at the rate of five dollars (\$5) per wheel per vehicle 6,000 pounds and above, not to exceed sixty dollars (\$60) per vehicle; and two dollars (\$2) per wheel per vehicle under 6,000 pounds, not to exceed twenty-four dollars (\$24) per vehicle; and

(3) Vehicles Covered. This tax shall apply to all vehicles, including trailers defined in SDCL 32-3-1, which are licensed in Hanson County.

(4) Distribution of Proceeds from Tax. The distribution of the money collected from this wheel tax shall, from time to time, be established or adjusted, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners

(a) To Hanson County road maintenance fund: 100%;

(5) Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2026.

(6) Repealer. All Ordinances, or portions of Ordinances, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

Justification for Ordinance:

(a) Senate Bill 1 requires each County to impose a wheel tax in order to qualify for State funding.

(b) Pursuant to SDCL, Chapter 32-5A, Hanson County has the authority to impose a wheel tax on all motor vehicles including trailers as defined in SDCL 32-3-1, registered in the County; and

(c) It appears that the County will need additional funds for highway and bridge maintenance and construction; and

(d) It appears that the most equitable manner to raise such funds is through a wheel tax; and

(e) The Board of County Commissioners of Hanson County, South Dakota deems it necessary for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the County, to impose a wheel tax on all vehicles registered in the County;

(f) This money collected through a wheel tax would be specifically designated for highway maintenance;

(g) Better roads and highways would be a benefit to all the citizens and residences of Hanson County, South Dakota.

Votes For: 5

Votes Against: 0

Motion Carried.

Dated September 2, 2025.

/s/John Bumgardner, Chairman
Hanson County Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/Lesa Trabing, Auditor
Hanson County

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Second Reading: September 2, 2025

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States Attorney Kiner presented his findings on reversing a township board's decision to vacate township roads. As indicated in SDCL 31-3-14 which states six or more voters of the township, aggrieved by the action of the board of supervisors in vacating, changing, or locating a highway may file with the township clerk a notice in writing within thirty days from the date of the first publication pursuant to § [31-3-9](#), that they appeal the decision on whether the highway shall be vacated, changed, or located to be submitted to a vote of the voters of the township.

The Public Defender contract for 2026 was discussed with States Attorney Kiner.

Time sheets were reviewed by the Board and a motion by Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve payroll and payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,234.15, Auditor: 3,959.43, Treasurer: 5,033.87, States Attorney: 3,327.52, Custodian: 2,305.70, Director of Equalization: 4,888.32, Register of Deeds: 3,093.03, Sheriff: 12,257.31, Nurse Clerical: 995.60, Extension: 1,917.70, Drainage: 279.58, Highway: 23,036.70, E911: 84.73, Emergency & Disaster: 341.92. BILLS: A&B, 101.86, copier lease; Appeara, 130.00, mats, towels, mops; AT&T, 679.44, cell bills; Cedar Shores, 907.99, lodging; Crystal Longhenry, 91.00, meals; Dailey Law, 4,500.00, public defender contract; East River Psych, 2,500.00, evaluation; Haag Auto, 1,893.21, tires; Hanson County Treasurer, 113.88, postage; Lawson, 144.36, shop supplies; Lyle Signs, 236.18, signs; Lisa McManus, 202.64, mileage, supplies; Mitchell Landfill, 50.00, disposal fee; Office Advantage, 3,492.04, managed services, hardware lease; Christi Pierson, 179.63, mileage, meals; Puthoff, 505.30, mower parts; Redwood Toxicology, 145.00, blood alcohols; Ronnie Roth, 20.00, supper; SD DOT, 1,838.34, bridge inspection; SDACC, 440.00, registration; Shannon Tegethoff, 20.00, supper; Sturdevants, 1,136.48, filters, parts; TT Electric, 220.51, courtroom outlet; Two Way, 1,664.21, radio maintenance; Verizon, 40.01, hot spot; Visa, 415.08, indeed, postage, subscription; Wex, 1,567.33, gas; Xcel, 1,634.92, electricity; Curt & Kelly Hart, 2,000.00, mining lease payment.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Waldera, seconded by Fox to adjourn until Tuesday, September 16, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.

John Bumgardner, Chairman
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Lesa Trabing, Auditor
(SEAL)

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