

HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, October 14, 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, October 14, 2025.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

No conflict of interest.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve the September 16th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No board reports or citizen input.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$3,575,804.18 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of September 30, 2025. General Fund, 559,651.09; CD's, 431,840.00; Restricted Funds: Road & Bridge, 1,910,148.45; E911, 38,589.31; County Library, 9,457.69; Emergency & Disaster, 9,417.88; Domestic Abuse, 966.89; 24/7 Program, 8,429.42; M & P, 66,293.07; Township Infrastructure, 130,780.94; Courthouse Bond, 20,849.63; Schools, 189,838.64; Townships, 24,131.46; Cities, 21,017.08; JRWDD, 1,823.02; Treasurer Trust, 9,956.39; State Motor Vehicle, 129,041.97; LEPC, 1,628.63; State Clearing, 0.00; Fire Districts, 3,804.48; Law Library, 8,138.14.

The Register of Deeds reported \$9,144.00 in fees collected for September 2025.

Clerk of Courts fees collected for September 2025 totaled \$4,182.00.

Kyle Peters, representing the High Plains Processing Plant, was invited to the meeting by Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, to talk about the plant and the road conditions. At this time the soybean processing plant is only accepting contracted beans so the full impact to the roads will not be known until next fall. Roth has a traffic counter out on 257th reporting only a slight increase in trucks. The processing plant encourages trucks to use SD Hwy 37 as the SD DOT monitors the traffic counts to confirm a need for improvements to the state road. Jeff McKentee, spoke about the dust on 257th and damage done to his bean crop again this year. McKentee said between the landfill, Mitchell Quarry and the soybean plant something needs to be done to 257th.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, reported that his 2026 budgeted will allow him to purchase 33,000 ton of gravel next year. Roth will notify Werning so crushing can be done now while the crusher is already at the pit.

As a way to save for a motor grader or other large highway equipment purchases, Commissioner Waldera suggested reserving the estimated \$14,000.00 the new wheel tax will generate in 2026 as a starting point. After discussion on the reason for the new wheel tax and the number of blades needed by the County, a motion was made by Waldera to set aside a minimum of \$75,000.00 per year for a heavy equipment purchase when needed. The motion died due to the lack of a second. This item will be looked at again at the end of the year, if there is any extra money in the Road & Bridge budget the funds will be designated for future heavy equipment purchases.

Joe Jarding joined to ask for the county's assistance cleaning up an area between the Wayne Township road and the railroad tracks in Alexandria. Joe plans to meet with the railroad the second week of November about the cleanup and just wants a plan to present to the railroad as they do not clean up their property or spray for weeds or trees. No action was taken at this time.

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

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, asked for approval to purchase the \$21,000.00 in radios with the cost to be reimbursed with JAG funds awarded to Hanson County. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

Christi Pierson presented the following plat for approval. Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Waldera to approve A PLAT OF LOT 1 OF HOFER ADDITION IN THE SW4 OF SECTION 7, T 102 N, R 59 W OF THE 5TH PM, HANSON COUNTY, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Cole Morgan, Morgan Law PLLC, presented a proposal to take over the Hanson County Public Defender contract from Dailey Law as Cole has started his own practice. Dailey Law will continue to be Cole's backup defender through 2025. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the transfer to Morgan Law PLLC. All voted aye, motion carried. The contract price remains the same.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to terminate the current Ambulance contract with the City of Mitchell effective December 31, 2025 as the new Davison Hanson Ambulance Service will start in 2026. All voted aye, motion carried. Reid Kiner, States Attorney, will draw up a letter to notify the City of Mitchell.

The Board asked States Attorney Kiner what can be done about a township that won't replace culverts that need to be replaced. Kiner will research this topic to see what can be done.

The September 2025 General Fund Surplus Analysis shows an undesignated General Fund balance of 10%.

Due to the Veterans Day holiday, the scheduled November 11th Commissioners meeting has been moved to Thursday, November 13th.

Time sheets were reviewed by the Board and a motion by Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to approve payroll, for two pay periods, and payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 4,468.38, Auditor: 8,069.55, Treasurer: 10,067.75, States Attorney: 6,422.49, Custodian: 4,611.39, Director of Equalization: 12,156.60, Register of Deeds: 6,385.64, Sheriff: 22,623.39, Nurse Clerical: 1,654.04, Extension: 4,097.31, Drainage: 559.17, Planning & Zoning: 1,316.55, Highway: 44,676.77, E911: 170.29, Emergency & Disaster: 688.59. BILLS: Ace, 1,490.34, paper, batteries, transfer pump, blacktop repair, paper products; A-ox, 188.37, supplies; Barco, 1,226.48, sign materials; Mitchell Landfill, 8.15, disposal; Commercial Asphalt, 5,403.31, hot mix; Fleetpride, 488.89, parts; GeoTek, 795.00, gravel test; RDO, 42.04, parts; SD DOT, 2,009.91, pre engineering; SD Federal Property, 544.00, tires, tote, sandbags; Sturdevants, 453.44, filters, oil; Transource, 262.06, seal, ring, bearing; True North Steel, 8,561.28, culverts; Vollar Oil, 14,806.93, diesel; Wingen's, 575.51, gas; Dakota Horsepower, 3,880.00, tires; A&B, 101.86, copier lease; Addy, 226.00, garbage; City of Alex, 162.85, water, sewer; Appeara, 130.08, mats, towels, mops; AT&T, 640.19, cell bills; Avera, 137.00, blood alcohols; John Bumgardner, 210.38, mileage; BIT, 64.25, state email; Comfort Inn, 224.00, lodging; Crystal Longhenery, 180.00, meals; Dakota Counseling, 500.00, qrtly support; Davison County Sheriff, 3,780.00, jail bill; Davison County Auditor, 2,062.50, VSO payment; Legislative Audit, 17,492.50, 2022-2023 Audit; Engage, 1,000.00, mental illness eval; Graham, 820.00, tires; Hanson County Treasurer, 155.92, postage; Holiday Inn, 695.00, lodging; James Valley Landscape, 769.63, lawn care; Johnson Controls, 1,185.32, replace fan; Lewis, 167.72, jail meds; MARC, 334.89, cleaning supplies; McCook Auditor, 84.78, bookmobile share of Triotel capital credits; McLeod's, 1,440.80, record books; Midwest Fire, 297.50, extinguisher repairs; City of Mitchell, 1,250.00, qrtly ambulance (final); New Century Press, 412.52, publishing; Office Advantage, 182.07, copier lease; Christi Pierson, 180.00, meals; Postmaster, 206.00, box rent; Quill, 231.84, binders, tabs; Redwood Toxicology, 76.00, blood alcohols; Running's, 15.94, washer fluid; Santel, 30.00, trunking fees; Gary Schoenrock, 152.76, mileage; SD Dept of Public Safety, 2,712.00, teletype service; State of SD, 50.00, blood alcohols; SD Unemployment, 250.05, qrtly surcharge; SDACC, 2,695.00, CLERP; SDACO, 100.00, online training; Stephanie Moen, 349.20, court reporter, transcripts; Stepping Stones, 468.57, qrtly support; Triotel, 932.84, phone bill; Two Way, 920.00, program radios; Verizon, 40.01, cell bill; Vern Eide, 171.24, oil change, repairs; Xcel, 1,902.18, electricity; Office Advantage, 3,492.04, managed service, hardware lease; SD LTAP, 125.00, road conference registration; Visa, 1,050.20, lodging, share file, indeed ad, postage, parade candy, cabel, drawer; Wex, 1,274.23, gas.

Being as there was no further business for the day it was moved by Waldera, seconded by Schoenrock to adjourn until Tuesday, October 28, 2025. All voted aye, motion carried.

John Bumgardner, Chairman
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lesa Trabing, Auditor
(SEAL)

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