

HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Chairman Bumgardner with members Fox, Kjetland and Waldera present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Schoenrock was absent.

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

No conflict of interest or Board reports.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the November 13th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: Scott Tilberg and others who often travel 413th Ave. joined the meeting for an update on the washed-out bridge on this road. They just don't want the bridge project to be forgotten and never completed as this creates a lengthy detour for those who live and farm in the area. Kathy Hofer asked where the Board is with the Bridge Replacement Grant application for this bridge. Eric Prunty was present to respond that the BIG application is the next step as preliminary engineering is done.

Zack Wilsey and Eric Prunty, Brosz Engineering, presented the findings for the 2025 county bridge inspections. Wilsey reported that our 41 bridges are in good shape with only seven having significant findings which were all reviewed with the Board. Superintendent Roth stated that some of the repairs can be done in-house to prolong the bridge's life and will have to wait for springs for the repairs that need to be done by a contractor.

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve the Beulah Township RAIF project to install six, 60" culverts using 80% of the Township Infrastructure funds held by the county for the project and Beulah Township contributing 20% of the cost. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the RAIF application for Rosedale Township to repair a culvert on James River Road using the Township Infrastructure funds held by the county at the 80-20 split also. All voted aye, motion carried.

As the 2025 Road & Bridge budget allows, a motion by Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve the purchase of a new disc mower for \$15,250.00. All voted aye, motion carried.

Reid Kiner, State Attorney presented the second reading of amended Ordinance 57 for approval and adoption. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve the following ordinance with the changes needed.

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, above 6,000 pounds, not to exceed sixty dollars (\$60) and two dollars (\$2) per wheel, per vehicle, 6,000 pounds and under, 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: 4;

Votes Against: 0.

Motion Carried.

Dated November 25, 2025.

/s/ John Bumgardner, Chairman
Hanson County Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Lesa Trabing, Auditor
Hanson County

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Second Reading & Adoption: November 25, 2025
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The States Attorney's salary budget was discussed and Kiner will draft an ordinance prohibiting bales in the right of way after a certain date and prohibit anything being placed in the county right of way.

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve payment of the following bills.
Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,234.20, Auditor: 4,063.88
Treasurer: 5,033.88, States Attorney: 3,882.99, Custodian: 2,304.12, Director of
Equalization: 5,737.64, Register of Deeds: 3,392.40, Sheriff: 11,000.34, Coroner:
125.00; Nurse Clerical: 811.22, Extension: 2,048.66, Drainage: 145.03, Planning &
Zoning: 878.35, Highway: 21,923.46, E911: 85.17, Emergency Management: 344.70.
BILLS: A&B, 101.86, copier lease; Appeara, 130.00, floor care; Engage, 750.00, jail
mental health; Graham, 437.45, tires; Haag Auto, 431.90, battery; Hanson County
Treasurer, 191.11, postage; Lawson, 105.25, shop supplies; Lyle Signs, 1,149.94, signs;
McLeod's, 347.98, toner; Morgan Law, 4,500.00, public defender; Motorola, 19,898.46,
grant radios; Northwestern, 18.23, heat; Office Advantage, 3,492.04, hardware lease,
managed services; Quill, 547.18, toner, supplies; Ramkota, 224.00, lodging; Sioux Falls
Truck & Trailer, 558.44, parts; Humane Society, 62.00, boarding, shots; Titan
Machinery, 214.95, filters; Two Way, 5,318.76, new vehicle radio installation; Verizon,
40.01, cell bill; Visa, 700.64, trunk or treat candy, chairs, subscription, share file; Wex,
1,164.66, gas; Xcel, 1,371.84, electricity; Grand Jurors, 479.80, fees, mileage.

Being as there was no further business for the day a motion by Waldera and
seconded by Kjetland to adjourn until Tuesday, December 9, 2025. All voted aye,
motion carried.

John Bumgardner, Chairman
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lesa Trabing, Auditor
(SEAL)

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