

HANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
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The first meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 by the Auditor with members Bumgardner, Fox, Kjetland, Schoenrock and Waldera present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

The first order of business was to appoint a chairman for 2026. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to appoint Gary Schoenrock as Chairman of the Board for 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

Chairman Schoenrock took over the meeting.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to appoint Bruce Kjetland as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the December 23, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No conflict of interest, citizen input or board reports.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$3,535,776.60 as of December 31, 2025.

General:	1,052,801.39
CD's	431,840.00
Restricted Funds	
Road & Bridge:	1,599,937.45
E911	39,654.00
Emergency Disaster	-15,077.46
County Library	3,542.57
Domestic Abuse	147.62
24/7	7,954.29
M & P	62,034.69
Township Infrastructure	132,380.61
Courthouse Bond	20,885.28
Schools	23,684.84
Townships	8,753.33
Cities	3,131.18
JRWDD	188.09
Treasurer Trust	64,322.10
State Motor Vehicle	97,649.28
LEPC	1,097.34
Fire Districts	589.50
Law Library	121.00
Excise Tax	139.50

Register of Deeds fees for December 2025 totaled \$5,385.00. Total fees collected for 2025 equaled \$60,055.00.

Clerk of Courts fees collected for December 2025 totaled \$3,893.16.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, discussed the current equipment rental rates and the hourly rate that FEMA will reimburse. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the increase of equipment rental rates to match the FEMA reimbursement rates. John Metz offered public input on behalf of Rosedale Township indicating the townships can't afford an increase. It was then moved by Fox, seconded by Waldera to rescind the motion to increase equipment rental rate and keep all rates the same reflecting no increase. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to request an extension on the FEMA application for the 413th Ave. bridge replacement. All voted aye, motion carried. This allows for extra time to complete the design engineering and extends the date for interest free financing with the state.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to enter executive session at 9:20 a.m. for personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 9:25 a.m.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2026 MOU with Davison County for Veteran Services. All voted aye, motion carried. Price remains the same at \$8,250.00.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to increase county building insurance deductibles to \$5,000.00 to save premiums. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the Auditor to transfer Opioids Settlement funds in the amount of \$8,612.46 from the General fund the restricted Opioids Fund. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Funeral Leave policy will be considered and revised at the January 20th meeting and consider combining vacation and sick leave to PTO.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to designate The Special as the official County newspapers for 2026. All voted aye, motion carried. An online subscription to the Special will also be purchased for \$5.00 a month and anyone interested in the Hanson County legals can also subscribe or visit www.sdpublishnotices.com to view legals free of charge.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the following banks as active depositories for Hanson County. Security State Bank, Alexandria, SD; The Security State Bank, Emery, SD. Motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to designate the Hanson County Courthouse as the location for foreclosure sales. Motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to make the following appointments to the various boards for 2026: Extension, Kjetland; LEPC, Waldera; Stepping Stones/Dakota Counseling, Bumgardner; District III Advisory Board and Planning Commission, Bumgardner; Zoning Board (2 year term), Fox and Schoenrock; Child Protection Team, Waldera; Minnehaha JDC Advisory Board, Kjetland; Consolidated Board of Equalization, Bumgardner, Schoenrock and Fox. Motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to cover all County affiliated Boards and election workers under the Counties Liability and Work Comp insurance. All voted aye, motion carried. A list of all members is on file in the Auditor's office.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to follow the States reimbursement rates. Mileage: \$.70 per mile, \$.315 per mile if a personal vehicle is used when a county vehicle is available. Meals in state requiring an overnight stay: Breakfast, \$6.00, Lunch, \$14.00, Dinner, \$20.00. Out of state meal reimbursement: Breakfast, \$10.00, Lunch, \$18.00, Dinner, \$28.00. No meal receipts are required. Sheriff's mileage rate to serve papers, \$.76 per mile. Motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to set election precinct workers wage at \$250.00 per day; election school attendance at \$25.00 plus mileage; and mileage for delivery of ballot boxes from precinct to Courthouse and return to home at \$.70 per mile. For Special Elections that require election workers to work a half day or less will be paid \$125.00; post-election audit workers, \$20.00 an hour. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to set a special wage of \$105.00 for board members who are required to attend an all-day meeting, with two being the maximum number of members attending. Motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to close all County Offices for the holidays identified in the Hanson County Personnel Manual and to follow the States decision to close for any additional days. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to authorize the Chairman of the Board to close the Courthouse in case of inclement weather as stated in state law. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to approve the following fees: copies, \$.25/each; faxes, \$1.50/each. Kjetland abstained from voting, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to set a \$20.00 limit for indigent gas and \$20.00 for indigent meals. Motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to set payment of \$2,500.00 for indigent burials for 2026. Motion carried.

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to appoint Kjetland as Chairman of the Drainage Board for 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

Hanson County Salaries and hourly wages for 2026. Commissioners, 11,115.74; Auditor, 54,806.09; Commissioner Assistant, 9,548.10; Deputy Auditor, 19.10/hour; Treasurer, 54,806.09; Deputy Treasurer, 21.75/hour; Register of Deeds, 54,806.09; Deputy ROD, 19.10/hour; Director of Equalization, 54,806.09; Zoning Administrator, 9,548.10; Deputy

Director of Equalization, 25.75/hour; DOE Clerical, 19.10/hour; States Attorney, 52,334.36; States Attorney Clerical, 17.96/hour; Deputy States Attorney, 122.00/hour; Custodian, 44,197.09; Sheriff, 65,775.80; E911 Coordinator, 1,655.64; Chief Deputy Sheriff, 60,000.00; Deputy Sheriff, 55,000.00; Part time Deputy Sheriff, 21.22/hour and 19.10/hour; Sheriff Clerical, 21.75/hour; Hwy Superintendent, 65,775.80; Hwy Clerical, 21.22/hour; Hwy Maintenance, 28.64/hour, 26.52/hour and 25.75/hour; Emergency Manager, 5,569.73; Deputy Emergency Manager, 1,137.12; Drainage Administrator, 1,591.35; Drainage Assistant, 1,591.35; 4-H Youth Educator, 21.75/hour; Nurse Clerical, 19.10/hour; Seasonal, 19.10/hour; Drainage Board, 25.00/meeting; LEPC Board, 25.00/meeting; Zoning Board, 50.00/meeting, Commissioner on Zoning Board, 40.00/meeting.

Reid Kiner, States Attorney, presented information on publishing in the designated county newspapers.

Motion by Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve payment of the following bills. A-Ox, 182.55, welding supplies; Ace, 286.05, copy paper; AT&T, 688.76, cell bills; Avera, 274.00, blood alcohols; Davison Sheriff, 6,090.00, jail bill; Dware, 4,900.00, hwy software; Emery Senior Citizens, 750.00, donation; Engage, 1,000.00, jail mental health; Hanson County Treasurer, 130.42, postage; IAAO, 255.00, dues; James Vally Drug Task Force, 6,250.00, membership dues; Bruce Kjetland, 132.66, meeting mileage; Konexus, 4,140.00, alert sense subscription; Lewis, 484.47, jail meds; Mitchell Iron & Supply, 190.00, labor; Morgan Law, 4,500.00, public defender; National Sheriff's Assoc., 125.00, dues; National Sign, 294.00, signs; New Century Press, 276.38, publishing; Planning & Development, 12,436.00, dues; Pomp's, 54.09, late fee due to usps; Postmaster, 1,578.00, tax notice postage; Santel, 30.00, trunking fees; SD Dept. of Revenue, 139.50, excise tax; SD Unemployment, 201.33, surcharge; SDAAO, 150.00, dues; SDACC, 1,961.00, dues; SDACO, 839.67, dues; SDAE 4-H, 200.00, dues; SDML, 28,943.00, work comp insurance; Triotel, 927.88, phone, internet; Tritech, 6,233.99, Zuercher software; Two Way, 99.99, radio repairs; Ultra, 120.00, transfer valuations; Visa, 1,130.88, postage, boots, gas, funeral plant, chair; Wex, 1,112.48, gas; Whitmore, 1,185.00, load right subscription; Wingen's, 129.88, oil; Xcel, 1,770.03, electricity; Juror Selection, 378.60, fees, mileage.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to adjourn until Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gary Schoenrock, Chairman
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Lesa Trabing, Auditor

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