

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**  
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Chairman Schoenrock with members Bumgardner, Fox, Kjetland and Waldera present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

No conflict of interest, board reports or citizen input.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the January 6th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, presented prices for a small mulcher style brush cutter and a larger option that were demonstrated to Roth and two commissioners. Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the purchase of the small demo brush cutter at the reduced rate of \$6,700.00 and the safety shield/door for \$1,236.00. Fox voted nay, all others voted aye. Motion carried. The larger brush cutter can be rented by the week or month to take care of the larger trees in the right of way.

Eric Prunty, Brosz Engineering, joined for consideration of the Type Size & Location of the 413<sup>th</sup> Ave. bridge replacement planning. Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve Brosz' recommendation for a 142' bridge replacement on 413<sup>th</sup> Ave. All members voted aye, motion carried. By making this decision Brosz can move forward with engineering to qualify for a possible bridge improvement grant or to have an additional step completed if the FEMA route is taken. Roth will schedule a joint meeting with all parties involved with this bridge project.

Jim Davies joined to ask the Board to consider surplussing an irregular track in Alexandria the county obtained by tax deed.

WHEREAS, Hanson County has certain personal property which is no longer necessary for county purposes; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the taxpayers and residents of Hanson County if this property were sold and converted to cash monies;

Now therefore on a motion by Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 26-01

Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners the Irregular Tract One (1), Section Ten (10), Township 102N, Range 58W of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M. in the City of Alexandria, Hanson County, SD be declared surplus property.

Votes For: 5 Votes Against: 0  
Motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 26-02

Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners that Tim Wenande, Ed Henningsen and Todd Waldera shall be appointed as the Board of Appraisers for the property described above; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Appraisers make a report of their appraisal to the Commissioners not later than February 16, 2026.

Votes for: 5 Votes Against: 0  
Motion carried.

Davies also presented lease agreements for the quonsets and 4-H buildings owned by the County but sit on City of Alexandria land. Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the City of Alexandria's 25-year quonset lease and payment of \$10.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the City of Alexandria's 5-year 4-H building lease and payment of \$10.00. All members voted aye, motion carried.

The Hanson County Board of Commissioners held the yearly review of the open meeting laws as defined in SDCL 1-25-13.

Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to approve the updated Funeral Leave policy as follows:

- A. All regular full-time employees are eligible for up to twenty-four (24) hours paid funeral leave per death, with approval from their department head, for the death in the immediate family.
- B. For this section, the immediate family shall consist of the employees:

-Spouse	-Son/Daughter	-Mother
-Father	-Brother/Sister	-Grandparents
-Grandchild		
- C. In the event of the death of a niece/nephew, aunt/uncle, son in-law/daughter in-law, mother in-law/father in-law, sister in-law/brother in-law the employee may use up to twenty-four (24) hours of vacation or sick leave.

D. An employee who is serving as a pall bearer at a funeral that does not involve an immediate family member may use up to eight (8) hours of sick leave, with approval from their department head.

E. The provisions of this section shall also apply to the death of a county employee, with the permission of the supervising department head.

No action was taken on changing employee vacation and sick leave to paid time off.

Reid Kiner, States Attorney, was unable to make today's meeting. As a final decision was made at the January 6, 2026 drainage hearing, Drainage Chairman Kjetland signed the documents prepared by Kiner that will be mailed to all parties involved.

Motion by Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to approve payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,301.20, Auditor: 4,165.81, Treasurer: 5,215.86, States Attorney: 3,281.29, Custodian: 2,377.12, Director of Equalization: 6,066.27, Register of Deeds: 3,317.72, Sheriff: 12,459.05, Coroner: 250.00; Nurse: 426.91, Extension: 2,060.02; Drainage: 284.00, Planning & Zoning: 482.77, Highway: 21,766.47; E911: 86.79; Emergency & Disaster: 351.18. BILLS: Addy, 226.00, garbage; City of Alex, 157.00, water, sewer; Appear, 130.23, mats, mops, towels; BIT, 64.25, email fee; C&B, 8.42, parts; Dakota Counseling, 500.00, qrtly support; Davison County Sheriff, 5,460.00, jail bill; Mid States Crime, 100.00, member fees; Mitchell Landfill, 157.00, disposal fee; Motorola, 585.11, software license; Northwestern, 706.21, heat; Office Advantage, 154.67, copier lease; On Sight, 1,380.00, yearly monitoring; Planning & Development District III, 250.00, GIS web hosting; State of SD, 50.00, blood alcohol; SDACHS, 800.00, dues, registration; SDPAA, 62,928.53, property and vehicle insurance; Stephanie Moen, 88.50, drainage transcript; Stepping Stones, 468.57, qrtly support; Titan Machinery, 67.50, parts; Two Way, 450.00, radio repair, reprogram; Xcel, 418.85, electricity.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Waldera and seconded by Kjetland to adjourn until Tuesday, February 3, 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gary Schoenrock, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Lesa Trabing, Auditor

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