

**HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

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, April 14, 2026.

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

No conflict of interest or Commissioner Board reports.

Motion Fox, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion carried.

During citizen input Kenneth Brown read and presented an amendment he would like added to the March 17<sup>th</sup> citizens input section of the minutes pertaining to the removal of trees in the county right of way. The amendment can be viewed in the Auditor's office.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$3,891,041.65 in all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of March 31, 2026.

General:	864,979.32
CD's	431,840.00
Restricted Funds	
Road & Bridge	1,736,106.17
E911	41,669.69
County Library	4,889.99
Emergency & Disaster	21,558.09
Domestic Abuse	182.62
24/7	8,382.53
M & P	62,665.64
Opioids Settlement	2,363.32
Township Infrastructure	112,606.69
Courthouse Bond	21,351.22
Schools	312,326.87
Townships	37,736.30
Cities	26,405.63
JRWDD	2,970.16
Treasurer Trust	15,794.91
State Motor Vehicle	153,974.54
LEPC	1,097.34
State Clearing	13.08
Fire Districts	10,703.34
Law Library	294.00
Davison Hanson Ambulance	21,130.20

Register of Deeds fees collected in March 2026 totaled \$8,370.00.

Clerk of Courts fees for the month of March 2026 totaled \$3,966.02.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent, reported his findings in state law SDCL 31-31-1 saying he has the right and responsibility to keep the county right of way clear. Roth said they use the fenceline as a guideline and knows not all fences are placed at the correct measured right of way as they are all different. Roth is working to clean up all trees in all right of way to keep them from getting out of control like some are now.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve the Oaklane Colony Haul Road Agreement as all parties involved are in agreeance. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Kjetland to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the three Triotel Telephone Utility permits to bury fiber optic cable in Hanson County. All voted aye, motion carried.

Roth discussed the need to revise Ordinance #19 clarifying the description of county right of ways and the responsibility of landowners to stay clear of the right of way. Roth will discuss the revision with the States Attorney and present the ordinance for its first reading on April 28th.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve the overlay patching expenses quoted by Commercial Asphalt, while staying within the budget, after no bids were received. All members voted aye, motion carried. Estimated cost will be \$262,000.00.

Bridge repairs, hired tree trimming, farming the right of way, downed stops signs and removal of deer hit in the roadway were all discussed.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, presented the South-Central Alcohol Task Force MOU with the City of Mitchell. This agreement will implement compliance checks of underage alcohol sales in establishments. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize Sheriff Wingert to apply for the Highway Safety Grant that will reimburse the County for overtime hours worked on federal roadways. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the quote from ProSeal to sealcoat the Courthouse parking lots for \$3,545.96. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to enter executive session at 10:09 a.m. for personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:12 a.m.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the expert witness expense requested by States Attorney Kiner for an upcoming case in June. All voted aye, motion carried. Approximate cost will be \$3,000.00.

All parties signed the Oaklane Haul Road agreement in the presence of the States Attorney and the amendments needed for the Ordinance #19 revision were reviewed.

Christi Pierson, Zoning Administrator, presented the following plats for approval. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve a PLAT OF TRACT 2 OF HEINZ ADDITION, IN THE SW4 OF SECTION 36, T102N, R58W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the purchase request of moveable conference tables for the Commissioners room so a U shape table can be formed. Waldera voted nay, all other voted aye, motion carried. Cost of the four section table is \$1,152.95.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to recess Board of Commissioners at 10:30 a.m. to conduct the yearly Equalization meetings. Motion carried.

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Governor Rhoden's letter was presented introducing SB 96 that will reduce property taxes by allowing counties the option to implement a half-cent sales tax to make up for the tax reduction. This law goes into affect July 1, 2026.

Information was presented from the Department of Legislative Audit indicating CD's are recording in the General Ledger, going towards the General Fund balance.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to enter executive session at 11:00 a.m. for an employee review defined in SDCL 10-3-14 and 1-25-2.1. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 11:27 a.m.

Time sheets were reviewed by the Board and a motion by Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to approve payroll (two pay periods) and payment of the following bills. Motion carried. SALARIES: Commissioners, 4,602.39, Auditor: 8,074.35, Treasurer: 10,591.97, States Attorney: 6,973.83, Custodian: 4,788.56, Director of Equalization: 12,064.41, Register of Deeds: 6,911.10, Sheriff: 26,686.29, Coroner: 250.00; Resource Officer: 1,758.29, Extension: 4,342.82, Drainage: 299.76, Planning & Zoning: 1,393.30, Highway: 44,565.23, E911: 172.32 Emergency & Disaster: 697.16. BILLS: Office Advantage, 7,519.03, managed service, hardware lease for 2 months; C & B, 741.50, batteries; Lyle Signs, 1,115.68, blank signs; SD SOS, 30.00, notary renewal; Vander Haag's, 774.76, fuel tank; Visa, 1,103.82, share file, toner, bookcase, gas, iPad, motion detectors; Wex, 1,152.17, sheriff's gas; A&B, 107.91, copier lease; A-Ox, 177.63, welding supplies; Ace, 658.35, chain, magnet, oil, jumper cables, light kit, filters; Addy, 226.00, garbage pickup; Advantage Auto, 1,673.13, windshield; City of Alex, 157.00, water, sewer; Appeara, 134.40, towels, mats, mops; AT&T, 689.88, cell bills; Avera, 423.00, blood alcohols; Axis, 65.00, blood panel; Brosz, 11,270.00, bridge design for 413<sup>th</sup>; BIT, 66.25, email fee; Dakota Counseling, 500.00, qrtly support; Davison Sheriff, 3,990.00, jail bill; Fleetpride, 256.64, shoe kit, drum balance; Hanson Treasurer, 168.66, postage; Interstate Power, 2,637.80, generator maintenance; Lewis, 41.67, jail

meds; The Lodge, 315.00, lodging; McLeod's, 679.49, ballot envelopes, election supplies; Lisa McManus, 155.47, mileage, reimbursement; Menard's, 164.85, filters, pothole patch; Kelly Mentele, 45.00, CDL; Midwest Alarm, 1,184.52, alarm inspection; Midwest Fire, 786.00, extinguisher service; Minnehaha JDC, 8,138.30, lodging; City of Mitchell, 5,181.35, surcharge share; Mitchell Landfill, 92.50, disposal fee; Morgan Law, 4,500.00, public defender; New Century Press, 754.39, publishing; Layne Nicholson, 45.00, CDL; Northwestern, 416.88, heat; Office Advantage, 2,228.06, printer, tech support, copier lease, laptop and setup; On Sight, 200.50, monitoring; RDO, 2,265.62, windowpane, labor/warranty work; Ronnie Roth, 119.00, CDL, meals; Santel, 30.00, trunking fees; State of SD, 165.00, blood alcohols; SD DOT, 946.94, bridge inspections; SD Unemployment, 1,352.60, surcharge; SDACO, 600.00, registration; Melinda Songstad, 2,376.50, court reporter; Penny Speich, 274.14, lodging; Stepping Stones, 468.57, qrtly support; Sturdevant's, 164.79, brake cleaner, disk rings, bit set, extractor; Tessier's, 1,432.08, spring inspection; Total Fire, 648.00, annual inspection; Triotel, 947.94, phone, internet; True North Steel, 24,944.40, Beulah Twp RAIF project; USPS, 461.90, envelopes; Verizon, 40.01, cell bill; Wingen's, 9,989.99, diesel; Xcel, 2,353.33, electricity.

Being there was no further business for the day, a motion by Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to adjourn until Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gary Schoenrock, Chairman  
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lesa Trabing, Auditor  
(SEAL)

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