

HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, June 23, 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, June 23, 2026.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

No conflict of interest, board reports or citizen input.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the meeting minutes from June 4th. Motion carried.

Kenneth Brown, landowner along 257th St., presented proposals for compensation of the trees damaged by the Highway Department while removing cedar trees within the right-of-way of 257th. The quotes also include new fencing as the fence will have to be removed to clean up the dying trees that were trimmed. Mr. Brown also indicated that additional costs to seed grass and to water and care for the new trees will be needed. The following quotes were presented: James Valley Landscape, \$38,060.00 for 55 Black Hills Spruce; Nursery Wholesale, \$72,208.85 for 80 Red Cedar; Landscape Garden Center, \$76,596.59 for 80 Black Hills Spruce; Bartscher Fencing, \$11,522.60, fencing; Victor Weber, \$12,750.00, fencing. All quotes include delivery and installation. The Board will review the options with the States Attorney and will notify Mr. Brown in writing of their decision.

Eric Prunty, Brosz Engineering, joined to give an update on the 413th bridge project and presented the preliminary design plan. The project is on course to commence in October of 2026 with a tentative completion date of November 2027.

Ronnie Roth, Highway Superintendent, talked about the dust control done by Mitchell Quarry on 257th St. required in the haul road agreement necessary for the quarry's conditional use permit. The required dust control was applied on June 9th, 40 days late, and the watering being done is inadequate. Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to refer this matter to the Zoning Board to consider revoking the Mitchell Quarry's conditional use permit as a result. All voted aye; motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to accept the 2026 Spink County low bid from Hollaway Construction, Parker, SD for Bridge Work and Repairs. All voted aye, Motion carried. The itemized bid can be viewed in the Auditor's office along with the proper publication notice and Spink County minutes approving the bid.

Brandon Wingert, Sheriff, spoke about the radio purchase budgeted for this year and the need to maybe hold off on the purchase to use the funds to replace existing body cams. No quotes were available today, Wingert will return to the next meeting with the cost to replace the body cams.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to approve the quote for maintenance expenses totaling \$2,524.43 for the Sheriff's 2022 Ford pickup. All voted aye, motion carried.

Wingert asked about planting a memorial tree for past Sheriff, Randy Bartlett, who passed away last year. The Board approved the request. No County funds will be used for the memorial.

Justin Schoenrock, Hanson Conservation District, joined to inform the Board that the district is considering a merge with Davison County and asked if the County would be interested in the Conservation District's building in Alexandria. The district would not charge the County anything for the building if the County agrees to future funding if it is ever needed. Justin will return to a future meeting with the district's final decision. SDCL 6-5-1 and 6-5-2 states assets can be transferred from one government entity to another at no cost.

The Board discussed Kenneth Brown's proposal for the County to replace the damaged trees and fence on his property with States Attorney, Reid Kiner. Kiner will draft a letter in response.

A certification was presented indicating the hand count of ballots in the Post Election Audit matched the election day tabulator results exactly for the US Senator and State Senator District 19 race in Precinct #2. Results have been sent to the SD Secretary of State's office to be posted on their website.

Auditor Trabing indicated that a Post Election Audit will not be needed for the Governors Republican Runoff election to be held on July 28, 2026 as the ballots will be hand counted.

2027 Budget discussion was held along with SB 96 which allows Counties to implement a .5% sales tax to offset property taxes for owner-occupied residence.

Time sheets were reviewed by the Board and a motion by Kjetland, seconded by Waldera to approve payroll and payment of the following bills. Motion carried. Salaries and benefits: Commissioners: 2,301.15, Auditor: 4,222.98, Treasurer: 5,295.99, States Attorney: 3,486.92, Custodian: 2,394.28, Director of Equalization: 6,335.61, Register of Deeds: 3,301.33, Sheriff: 14,287.10, Resource Officer: 352.74, Extension: 2,105.84, Weed: 1,214.60, Drainage: 149.89, Planning & Zoning: 886.77, Highway: 21,769.73, E911: 84.98, Emergency Management: 344.15. BILLS: A-Ox, 189.75, welding supplies; Advantage Auto, 45.89, headlight; Alex City, 172.58, water; Appeara, 144.76, floor care; Avera, 282.00, blood alcohols; Brosz, 22,705.00, engineering 413th bridge; Butler, 16.46, filters; C&B, 965.34, battery; Crystal Longhenry, 120.00, meals; Dakota Horse Power, 1,820.00, tires; Davison County Sheriff, 1,155.00, jail bill; Dental Care Center, 34.04, inmate care; Fleetpride, 1,001.32, parts; Hanson Treasurer, 111.12, postage; James Valley Landscape, 1,208.86, sprinkler repairs, lawn care; Julie Schoenfelder, 232.40, mileage; Hollie Kaufman, 3,434.88, expert witness for trial; Lyle, 107.92, signs; McLoed's, 288.67, election supplies, envelopes; Midwest Alarm, 967.82, alarm testing; Mitchell Regional, 5,130.97, 911 surcharge; New Century Press, 409.88, publishing; Northwestern, 18.39, heat; Office Advantage, 3,746.76, managed services, copier lease, hardware lease; Christi Pierson, 157.26, meals, mileage; Postmaster, 378.00, box rent; Pro Seal, 2,984.98, courthouse parking lots; Owen Reitzel, 108.05, mileage; Santel, 30.00, trunking fees; Allen Schmeichel, 500.00, land charge; Human Society, 494.30, stray

animal; Penny Speich, 59.56, 4-H supplies; Stephanie Moen, 110.50, court reporting; True North Steel, 7,310.02, culverts; Upper Midwest Garage, 188.78, service call; Van Diest, 17,850.00, weed spray; Verizon, 40.01, cell bill; Vern Eide, 521.83, oil change, repairs; Visa, 540.98, gas, thermal tape, share file, postage, 4-H supplies; Wingen's, 601.47, gas; Xcel, 299.27, electricity; Post Election Audit, 182.20, wages, mileage; Grand Jurors, 535.40, fees, mileage; Jurors, 2,625.80, fees, mileage.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Waldera, seconded by Bumgardner to adjourn until Tuesday, July 7, 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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