HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, September 29, 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, September 29, 2026.

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

No conflict of interest or citizen input.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox to approve the September 1st meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bumgardner gave a report on the Safe Place open house he attended and the SDACC convention meetings.

Ronnie Roth, Hwy Superintendent and Brosz Engineering presented the easements signed by landowners for Board approval. The easements are needed to repair the 413th Ave bridge. Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Robert & Evelyn Pierson permanent easement and to file said easement in the Hanson County Register of Deeds office. All voted aye, motion carried.
Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Robert & Evelyn Pierson temporary easement. All voted aye, motion carried.
Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the James & Carol Pollreisz temporary easement. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Waldera, seconded by Fox and to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Brosz Engineering Right of Way Certificate needed to repair the 413th Ave bridge. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Fox to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 413th Ave Utilities Certificate for Brosz Engineering. All voted aye, motion carried. Central Electric is the only utility in the area of the bridge. All documents are now in order to forward to FEMA to secure funding for the bridge.

As advertised, the public meeting was held for the County's 2027-2031 Five-Year Road & Bridge Plan. A list of attendees is on file in the Auditor's office. Motion Waldera, seconded by Kjetland to approve the presented plan, with no changes, and authorize the Chairman to sign said plan. All voted aye, motion carried. A copy of the completed Five-Year Plan can be viewed at the Highway Department, Auditor's Office or www.hansoncountysd.gov once approved by the State DOT.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to approve the Triotel Utility permit to bury fiber optic cable in Springlake Township for a new house. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Kjetland to postpone the review of the Mitchell Quarry Haul Road Agreement until October 13, 2026 so Mr. Alexander and any neighboring residents can be notified of this agenda item for their input. All voted aye, motion carried.

An information packet on the 418th Corridor study was reviewed. Superintendent Roth explained that this is a request for seven miles of gravel in Hanson and Hutchinson County to be paved. No action taken.

Brandon Wingert, EM, presented the Mutual Aid Agreement for the Intercounty Sharing Resources During Emergencies or Disasters Within SD Office of Emergency Managements Region 6. Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to approve and authorize Wingert to sign said agreement. All voted aye, motion carried.

Sheriff Wingert presented several quotes and options to replace the body cameras, dash cameras and tasers. Several vendor quotes can only supply one of the needed items. Axon can supply everything needed, including cloud storage and warranty, for a five-year total cost of $47,840.40. A motion was made by Waldera to accept Sheriff Wingert's recommendation to purchase all equipment from Axon, the motion was seconded by Kjetland. All members voted aye, motion carried. A yearly payment of $9,568.08 will be made until the equipment is paid in full.

Brenda Steilen, Maintenance Supervisor, joined to discuss the water that continues to leak in the basement and was instructed to contact Blackburn Repair for an estimate to see what can be done. Brenda also informed the Board that the trees on the east side of the Courthouse are rotting within and need to be taken out. A quote will be obtained to remove the trees and/or the Hwy Department will see if they can remove any easily.

Reid Kiner, States Attorney, joined and discussed the need to update or eliminate Ordinance #38 that pertains to the application of manure as the updated Zoning ordinance covers this. The first reading to rescind ordinance 38 will be held at the next meeting.

It was moved by Bumgardner and seconded by Kjetland to adopt the 2027 Provisional Budget as the 2027 Annual Budget with the following changes made after the provisional publication: Cash Balance Applied: from $784,275.00 to $834,693.00; Current Property Tax from $2,166,920.00 to $2,116,502.00. All voted aye, motion carried. The 2027 County levy is $.149 less than 2026.

COUNTY TAX LEVIES	Tax Levy in Dollars	$'s/1,000
WITHIN LIMITED LEVY:		
* General County Purposes (10-12-9)	$2,116,502,.00	$2.254
Library	$10,000.00	$0.011
OUTSIDE LIMITED LEVY:		
Road & Bridge Opt-Out	$500,000.00	$0.532
(7-25-1)		
Courthouse Bond (7-24-18)	$0.00	$0.00
LEVY – SUB-TOTAL		
OTHER SPECIAL LEVIES		
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY	$2,626,502.00	$2.797

As of September 29, 2026 these levies are not approved by the Department of Revenue.

RESOLUTION 26-05

Adoption of Annual Budget for Hanson County, South Dakota

WHEREAS, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and,
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and
WHEREAS, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, shall be approved and adopted as the annual budget of the appropriation and expenditures for Hanson County, South Dakota and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hanson County, South Dakota, this 29th day of September, 2026. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor Hanson County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Hanson County for the year January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Board of County Commissioners of Hanson County, South Dakota

/s/ Gary Schoenrock, Chairman
/s/ John Bumgardner, Commissioner
/s/ Bruce Kjetland, Commissioner
/s/ Curtis Fox, Commissioner
/s/ Richard Waldera, Commissioner

ATTEST:
/s/ Lesa Trabing, County Auditor (SEAL)

At the request of Commissioner Waldera, the leave time policy approved on September 1st was revisited and amended. After discussion that included county employees, it was moved by Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to amend the leave time policy as follows: Vacation, 10 hours per month with a cap of 240 hours and 100% payout when the employee leaves employment with the County. Sick Leave: 10 hours per month with no cap on accumulation and payout of up to 240 hours at 25% of the current hourly wage when the employee leaves employment with the County. Two days notification to the supervisor when leave time will be used. All members voted aye, motion carried. Accrual rates and use of leave time begin on day one and remain the same until the employee leaves employment with Hanson County.

Motion Fox, seconded by Waldera to enter executive session at 11:40 a.m. for personnel as defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 12:16 p.m.

Motion Bumgardner, seconded by Waldera to approve payment of the following expenses (two pay periods): Commissioners: 4,602.35, Auditor: 8,240.30, Treasurer: 10,591.95, States Attorney: 10,148.74, Custodian: 4,783.38, Director of Equalization: 11,573.02, Register of Deeds: 6,756.89, Sheriff: 25,937.99, Resource Officer: 569.82, Extension: 4,211.68, Drainage: 434.20, Planning & Zoning: 1,683.22, Highway: 44,427.74, E911: 172.40, Emergency & Disaster: 697.37. BILLS: Grand Jurors, 486.80, fees, mileage; Hampton Inn, 243.13, lodging; Haag Auto, 1,781.94, tires; Grand Jurors, 399.00, fees, mileage; A & B, 108.85, copier lease; A-Ox, 207.28, supplies; Ace, 44.90, parts, supplies; Addy, 226.00, garbage; City of Alex, 155.70, water, sewer; All Nations Interpreters, 45.00, translator; Appeara, 144.76, floor care; AT&T, 665.03, cell bills; Auto Value, 1,518.84, filters, oil, remote; Avera, 1,115.00, blood alcohols, drug testing; Brosz, 15,120.00, 413th bridge; BIT, 140.50, email fee; C&B, 187.27, belt; Cedar Shores, 282.64, lodging; Commercial Asphalt, 40.88, hot mix; Crystal Longhenry, 60.00, meals; Davison Sheriff, 6,510.00, jail bill; De Castro Law, 878.40, attorney fees; East River Land, 8,300.00, Beulah Twp project; ES&S, 1,046.07, ballots, programming; Fleet Pride, 133.86, valve, connectors; Haag Auto, 4,667.50, tractor tires; Hanson Treasurer, 282.89, postage; Hollaway, 102,041.00 bridge repairs; James Valley Landscape, 835.00, lawn care; McLeod's, 827.39, tax statements, planner, stamper; Midwest Alarm, 148.80, monitoring; Minnehaha JDC, 1,566.06, juvenile care; Mitchell Quarry, 467.50, rip rap; Mitchell Regional 911, 5,133.50, surcharge share; Morgan Law, 4,500.00, public defender; New Century Press, 503.57, publishing; Northwestern, 12.62, heat; Office Advantage, 3,999.13, managed services, hardware lease, install printer, copier lease, tech support; Paul's Towing, 921.67, water pump repairs; Puthoff, 177.44, belt; Quill, 87.98, paper; RDO, 132.70, sensor; Santel, 30.00, trunking fees; SD Public Safety, 2,712.00, teletype service; SD DOR, 244.02, excise tax; SD LTAP, 125.00, registration; Penny Speich, 452.36, mileage, gas, state fair supplies; Stephanie Moen, 138.15, court reporting; Stiles Law, 1,078.72, software reimbursement; Sun Gold, 75.00, uniforms; Tessier's, 247.60, HVAC; The Helping Hand, 230.45, flowers; True North Steel, 8,740.86, culverts; Vanguard, 962.50, website fee; Verizon, 40.01, hot spot; Vern Eide, 2,269.11, AC repairs, oil change; Visa, 982.34, election labels, share file, toner, postage, gas; Wex, 2,310.91, gas; Wingen's, 28,371.61, diesel, gas; Xcel, 2,238.62, electricity; Deb Zens, 283.16, lodging, gas, mileage, meals.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion Bumgardner, seconded by Fox to adjourn until Tuesday, October 13, 2026. All voted aye, motion carried.

Gary Schoenrock, Chairman
Hanson County Board of Commissioners

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