## HANSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Chairman Waldera with members Bumgardner, Fox, Kjetland and Schoenrock present, called the regular meeting of the Hanson County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday September 5, 2023.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

No conflict of interest.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Fox to approve the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Motion carried.

No Board reports.

John Metz talked to the Board during citizen input to inform them that Rosedale Township has temporarily hired a private contractor to maintain their roads but they do indeed want to continue with the County maintaining roads once winter comes.

The Auditor's account balanced with the Treasurer's account in the amount of \$3,048,813.51 all county, state, civil, school, CD and trust accounts as of August 31, 2023.

Register of Deeds fees collected for the month of August 2023 totaled \$10,109.75.

Ronnie Roth, Interim Hwy Superintendent and Jason Jarding, Wayne Township, joined. Jason asked about the County's plan to complete the Rural Infrastructure project approved on the township road at the west end of Lake Hanson wondering if the township should hire a contractor to complete the project. It was stated that the project will be completed by the County soon.

Motion Fox, seconded by Kjetland to approve a three-year lease contract with Curt Hart to obtain clay from the SE4 of 202-102-58 for \$2,000.00 a year. All voted aye, motion carried. Reclaiming the existing area will be done during removal of clay over the next three years.

Extending the box culvert on 422<sup>nd</sup> in Wayne Township will have to wait due to the cost and limited budget.

Motion Schoenrock, seconded by Bumgardner to approve the following Highway Department hires: Lane Ruden, full time Hwy Maintenance starting September 5<sup>th</sup> at

\$24.00 and hour, \$.50 raise after three months, \$.50 raise after six months and all full-time benefits.

Matt Schroeder, full time Hwy Maintenance starting September 6<sup>th</sup> at \$24.00 an hour, \$.50 raise after three months, \$.50 raise after six months and all full-time benefits.

Shannon Tegethoff, part time Hwy Bookkeeper working 32 hours a week starting September 18<sup>th</sup> at \$19.00 and hour, \$.50 raise after three months, \$.50 raise after six months, 32 hours of vacation, SD Retirement, paid holidays (not to exceed 32 hours a week) and 50% of a single health insurance premium. All voted aye, motion carried.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to recess Board of Commissioners to conduct business as the Drainage Board. Motion carried.

Reconvene Board of Commissioners.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to decline participating in the States FY 2024 LEMPG program. All voted aye, motion was carried.

Justin Schoenrock, Hanson Conservation District, was present to discuss the 2024 budget request. Schoenrock stated that between \$7,500 and \$10,000 could work for the district. The provisional budget request for the district will be decreased to \$7,500.00.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Schoenrock to approve A PLAT OF SHELTON TRACT 1 IN THE NE4 OF 26, T 104 N, R 57 W, OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., HANSON COUNTY, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

The 2023-2024 agreement with the State of SD and Hanson County for WIC services was up for consideration. Deb Wollman, Public Health Nurse joined to explain the changes the State is making to the WIC and Public Health offices throughout the State. No decision on the agreement was made at this time.

After reviewing the accepted bid, Jim Davies, States Attorney, will send a letter to Loiseau Construction indicating the County will pay the 2022 accepted bid price of .92 SYD for the injection of additive as the project should have been completed last fall or at the latest this spring.

Motion Fox, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the following resolution.

## Resolution 23-05

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that "The Special", a weekly newspaper published covering Salem, Alexandria and Emery (McCook & Hanson County) is hereby designated as the official legal newspaper for Hanson County.

## Justification for resolution:

- 1. County of Hanson is required to have an official legal newspaper; and
- 2. The former Alexandria Herald was merged with the Emery Enterprise, creating the Hanson County Herald, and that has been merged with the Salem weekly

newspaper now creating "The Special". This will be the County of Hanson's designated legal newspaper. All voted aye, motion carried.

Davies presented a plat for approval on behalf of the City of Alexandria. Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to approve A PLAT OF LOT 5, BENNETT'S ADDITION, IN THE N2 OF THE NW4 OF SECTION 10, T102N, R58W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., CITY OF Alexandria, Hanson County, SD. All voted aye, motion carried.

Davies clarified what is needed for a joint drainage permit to be approved. The landowner will be notified to complete the joint permit.

The States Attorney will draft the new lease between Hanson County and Curt Hart for the clay lease and will research and supply the Commissioners with a requested statute.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to enter executive session at 10:30 a.m. with the States Attorney for personnel defined in SDCL 1-25-2.1. All voted aye, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:56 a.m.

As advertised, the 2024 Provisional Budget Hearing was held. No one from the public appeared for the hearing. The budget will be finalized and approved at the September 19th meeting noting any changes made to the adopted budget.

Motion Kjetland, seconded by Bumgardner to allow payment of the following bills. Motion carried. DEPT. SALARIES: Commissioners: 2,169.06, Auditor: 3,652.24, Treasurer: 3,548.28, States Attorney: 2,771.84, Custodian: 2,027.71, Director of Equalization: 4,805.63, Register of Deeds: 2,853.36, Sheriff: 9,278.70, Nurse Clerical: 823.55, Extension: 1,535.97, Drainage: 134.55, Planning & Zoning: 482.95, Highway: 7,871.59, E911: 82.97, Emergency & Disaster: 335.18. BILLS: A & B, 89.25, copier lease; Appeara, 46.42, mat, mops; Arrowwood, 641.80, lodging; AT&T, 224.31, cell bills; BIT, 59.00, email, access fee; Butler, 965.00, circle assembly; Connecting Point, 6,790.00, software agreements; Davison County Sheriff, 2,000.00, jail bill; Etterman, 57.28, metric hex; Heartland Aq, 360.00, raven repair; James Valley Landscape, 660.04, fall lawn care; Reid Kiner, 937.40, CAA; Bruce Kjetland, 119.34, mileage; Krohmer Plumbing, 289.82, repairs; Lawson, 279.80, supplies; Lexis Nexis, 1,033.20, case map basic; Make It Mine, 70.00, sign patches; McLeod's, 111.49, trust cards; New Century Press, 114.48, 4-H ad; Office Advantage, 699.99, copier lease, hard drive, service; Quill, 235.79, office supplies; RDO, 2,821.25, bearings, wear strips; SD DOT, 26,319.61, RR crossing, bridge inspection, progress billing; SDACC, 800.00, registrations; Sign Solutions, 3,206.50, posts; Sturdevant's, 21.58, floor dry; Two Way, 299.00, FCC license renewal; Vanguard, 962.50, software agreement; Verizon, 64.68, cell bill; Visa, 1,017.00, postage, toner, subscription, gas, car wash, business cards; Wex, 1,627.76, gas; Xcel, 1,681.09, electricity; Deb Zens, 34.00.

Being as there was no further business for the day, motion by Bumgardner, seconded by Schoenrock to adjourn until Tuesday, September 19, 2023. All voted aye, motion carried.

Richard Waldera, Chairman Hanson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Lesa Trabing, Auditor (SEAL)

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