

Sept 17, 2024

Unapproved minutes: The Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on Sept 17, 2024 with the following members present: Rudebusch, Noem, Tulson, Saathoff and Roe. No one absent. John Delzer States Attorney was also present. There were approximately thirty people present for the meeting.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Roe to approve the agenda as posted. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Noem seconded by Tulson to approve the minutes of Sept 5, 2024 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Bryan Pedersen Hwy Supt met with the Board. On the overhead bridge project the railroad has still not come. The asphalt company has to do the asphalt now when they are in the area. They will asphalt up to the railroad. The amount from the State for the turning lane by the County Line Dairy has changed. It was going to be the State cost 80% and County 20% now the Board in Pierre has made it State 30% cost and County 70% cost. IMEG will meet with the Commissioners on Oct 8 about this. The Dept is doing graveling and has rented a tractor for mowing road ditches. The Sign Company through the SD DOT put in anchors along time ago in the ditches but still has not put in the posts. This makes it hard for people to mow such and can cause damage. Commissioner Roe asked to check about signs north of Thomas around the lake for the curve. Bryan thought there were some but will check on it.

FUEL QUOTES: Sept 16 in Hayti Diesel Hamlin County Farmers Coop 2.79 Farmers Union 2.82 All quotes do not contain certain taxes.

VETERANS SERVICE: Todd Rose Veterans Service Officer met with the Board. They have been helping veterans from Hamlin County. They have their phone numbers posted in the Courthouse. They will come down to Hamlin County and to nursing homes and houses if need be to help a Veteran. Codington has a vehicle for transporting Veterans for appointments but have a hard time finding drivers for such. Have to take a class in order to drive.

PUBLIC COMMENT: About thirty people were present. Kirk Hauck had presented a petition to hold a county wide election on conduct of elections. The petition stated (1) all elections in Hamlin County shall be conducted by paper ballot only. (2) Tabulation of votes shall be by hand count after polls are closed in accordance with SDCL 12-20 (3) Electronic voting devices of any kind are prohibited (4) Electronic tabulation devices of any kind are prohibited (5) Absentee ballots properly obtained and marked by the individual voter in accordance with SDCL 12-19 shall be tabulated by hand after polls close. Ballots received after 7 pm on election day shall be disqualified (6) The establishment of vote centers or the like in Hamlin County is prohibited. Mr. Hauck spoke to the Board concerning election laws and what they could do. A person from Minnehaha County also spoke about laws and how different attorneys interpret things different. She felt the Board should abide by the petition. A gentleman from Huron also stated to have a free vote by the people election. Hamlin County had been in a recount after the Primary for the State Senator Race in District 4 which a judge had appointed a recount board and attorney to hand count that race in all seven precincts. The Count came out the same and also in the other five counties in District 4 which had the recount also.

PETITION: Motion by Noem seconded by Saathoff to move to reject the petition as it would enact something the County Commission itself does not have the power to enact, as it conflicts with state and federal law. Roe called for a roll call vote. Tulson yes, Saathoff yes, Roe yes, Noem yes, and Rudebusch yes. Motion Carried.

ZONING: Jessica Tesch Zoning Officer met with the Board. John Hurley was also present. Owners of the other two campgrounds were invited but did not appear. Jessica stated in the camp grounds certain things should probably have a building permit and or need to be assessed. The Board agreed that this should be on the owner of the campgrounds from now on with no penalty about old ones. John stated he always has to sign off on such. The zoning officer and Director of Equalization will go out together to check the campgrounds and map them

4H ADVISOR: Abbi Steeke 4-H Advisor met with the board. She gave a report on the State Fair. Hamlin County had 89 members attend and 742 Exhibits. This was up from last year Hamlin had 60 members attend and 228 exhibits. She worked the shows all week out there. She stated her office would have to be closed Sept 27-28, Sept 30-Oct 3 and Oct 15-27 Some of these days might be open part time. She presented a list of items to surplus and to be destroyed. Sharp adding machine 1983, GE VCR 1995, Gateway laptop & printer, 2003 Laptop, cordless phone and multifunction phone, Radio Shack telephone, Walkie Talkies 1992 and 3830 printer 2018 Motion by Saathoff seconded by Roe to declare these surplus and to destroy them. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

SHERIFF TRAVEL REQUEST: The Board approved the request of deputies Sgt Tristan Molitor and Lt Tayt Alexander to attend a meeting in Aberdeen Sept 18 which they must attend to obtain grants.

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT: Motion by Tulson seconded by Saathoff to make an automatic supplement received from Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$1,631.01 to Sheriffs Budget (101-211-411) and to Revenue source of grant (101-331.95) All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

PLAT: Motion by Tulson seconded by Roe to approve the Plat of Leiseth Addition Located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 114, North Range 53 West of the 5th PM Hamlin County. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

PLAT: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Noem to approve the plat of Wellhouse Second Addition located in the South Half of Section 14, Township 115 North, Range 51 West of the 5th PM Hamlin County. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

BUDGET HEARING: Budget Hearing was held as advertised. No one appeared. The Auditor stated when the budget was started this year the State had not sent the Utilities yet so had to do with what information we had. The CPI had stayed at 3.00 however the growth percent went from last year 2.39 to 1.36 this year so made a difference in amount of taxes. Tax amount will be reduced from 3,087,171 to 3,064,566 as that is all the State will allow. Cash applied in General Fund will go from 633,214 to 656,365 and levy will be 1.945 Motion by Tulson seconded by Saathoff to approve the budget for 2025 with these changes. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR HAMLIN COUNTY SD. 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 THERE BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters there set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR Hamlin County SD and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning Jan 1,2025 and ending Dec. 31,2025 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamlin County SD this 17th day of Sept 2024 The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Hamlin County Auditor. The accompanying taxes are levied by Hamlin County for the year Jan. 1,2025 through Dec. 31,2025. Taxes 3,064,566 levy 1.945

Randall Rudebusch Chairman

Commissioners Doug Noem, Burt Tulson, Larry Saathoff, Leland Roe

Attest Dixie Opdahl Hamlin County Auditor

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Roe to make an automatic supplement to the WIC budget in the amount of 13,264.86 which is money reimbursed from the State to (231-422-411) All members voting aye. Motion Carried

CLAIMS PAID: COMMISSIONERS Herald Enterprise sub. 65.00 ELECTIONS: Election Systems repairs 1108.72 COURT: Yesika Munoz interpretor 232.75 mileage 50.00 AUDITOR:PMB state access 31.25 TREASURER: Renee Platz reimburse insurance 875.00 PMB state access 31.25 POSTAGE: Office Peeps Copy Machine maint 61.20 GENERAL 911 H-D Electric towers 89.07 COURTHOUSE MAINT: Culligan water 72.75 Dust Tex floor mats 112.94 Hamlin Co Coop gas 41.00 Menards supp 303.45 Ottertail Power 708.26 DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: Marshall & Swift supp 1259.95 REGISTER OF DEEDS; ITC phone 78.75 PMB state access 31.25 SHERIFF: Cutting Edgz repairs 450.00 Estelline Comm Oil gas 227.20 Farmers Union gas 229.65 Hamlin County Coop repairs 75.00 gas 663.83 Language Line Util 13.53 the Lodge Lodging 720.00 SD DOT gas 1190.11 Watertown City Quarterly Emergency dispatch 6171.30 Verizon cell phones and air cards 538.21 total 10,278.83 JAIL: Brookings County Jail 13,442.50 Codington County Jail 390.00 Prairie Lakes blood tests 85.00 SD Public Health Lab blood tests 120.00 CORONER: Donna Thompson mileage 16.38 Poor Brookings County prisoners medicine 1360.66 LIEAP: Interlakes Community Action worker 399.83 NURSE: Contract with the State 1774.44 MENTALLY ILL: Human Service Agency care 87.50 Lincoln County care 103.50 WEED;H-D Electric Util 47.12 Hamlin Co Coop repairs 135.89 Gas 62.64 Hamlin Bldg Center 12.98 Menards repairs 40.82 Nutrien Ag Weed chemical 3013.20

ROAD: Auto Value parts 115.45 Daniel Platz reimburse insurance 875.00 Farmers Union fuel 1563.49 H-D Electric Uti 363.09 Lyle Signs supp 160.29 Menards supp 15.97 cold mix 68.94 W.W. Tire repairs 692.78
Total Road expense 3855.01

911: Watertown City fees from State to Watertown 7709.98

AG BLDG: Hamlin Building center supp 37.22 Ottertail Util 264.76

WIC: Chantel Sprang travel 137.20

RURAL ACCESS FUND: Basin Construction repairs 71,089.12 Rinker Materials repairs 127,560.56

M&P FUND: SDCO part of Register of Deeds fees to State 260.00

DEPT OF REVENUE: money to State: Drivers License 786.00 Motor Vehicle License 232,742.93 Birth Fees 60.00 Death Fees 10.00 total 233,598.93

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Noem seconded by Roe to go into Executive Session at 11:30 for Litigation SDCL 1-25-2 (3) All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. The Chairman declared them out at 11:35

The Auditor reported the cash on hand Sept 1 in the Treasurer's Office: Checking Account 1,236,273.87 Money Markets 525,016.69 CD's 9,000,600.00 Cash on hand 3477.82 Checks on Hand 34,228.88 Credit Card Deposit on hand 3920.51 Petty Cash 400.00 Total 10,803,917.77 Of this the following belongs to General Fund 9,261,465.81 Special Revenue 1,127,190.72 Schools 93,519.54 Townships (26,327.11) Cities & Towns 5,092.69 Trust and Agency Funds 342,976.12 Total 10,803,917. 77

Meeting adjourned until Oct 8, 2024 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti second floor.

Randall Rudebusch
Chairman

ATTEST:
Dixie Opdahl Hamlin County Auditor

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