

May 21, 2024

the Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on May 21, 2024 with the following members present: Rudebusch, Noem, Tulson, Saathoff and Roe. No one absent. Also present was John Delzer States Attorney and Norden Township Board members Daryl Rust and Betty Skroch

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Noem seconded by Roe to approve the minutes of April 22, 2024 and May 7, 2024 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Noem seconded by Roe to go into executive session at 9:30 am for personnel reasons SDCL (1-25-2 (1) All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. The Chairman declared them out at 9:45

NEW HIRE: Motion by Noem seconded by Tulson to hire Donna Rhody as Director of Equalization at \$75,000 per year and \$1,000 a month for GIS and also a hiring bonus of \$13,000. Also hiring of James Benning for Deputy Director of Equalization at \$51,000 per year. All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 2024-2: First Reading of Ordinance #2024-02 amending Section 3.07.11 Structure Regulations Lake Park District updating lot coverage percentage. No comment was received.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Bryan Pedersen Hwy Supt met with the Board. Bryan stated IMEG will be doing the engineering for the turning lane by the dairy and wants to submit the bill to the County which then the State grant will reimburse the County for such. Moving the county patrol shed from Lake Norden to Hayti would cost about \$15,000 It is about 50x30 Lake Norden needs the lot it is on which is owned by the County. He had done the road part for the railroad crossing by the overhead bridge project. The railroad stated the signs must be different color than what he had put up, so will change them. With the truck grant for replacement, the new truck should be in Aberdeen by June and to the County by Oct. Aberdeen is putting the box on it. The dept has been putting culverts in and graveling. Commissioner Saathoff wanted some holes patched south of the C Store by Estelline. They requested to have the water level on 188th monitored. The two Norden Township officers were requesting help for the Golf Course road which is a township road. Betty also asked if microphones could be in the Ag building for zoning meetings and also for the commissioners meeting as hard to hear. This will be looked into.

FUEL QUOTES: April 22 in Lake Norden Diesel Hamlin Co Farmers Coop \$3.10 Farmers Union \$3.05 May 15 in Hayti Diesel Hamlin Co Farmers Coop \$3.05 Farmers Union \$3.10 All quotes do not contain certain taxes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jessica Delzer Treasurer met with the Board. She stated a taxpayer parcel # 4537 wanted the Board to know that she paid taxes in 2023 and will have taxes again in 2025 However the Director of Equalization office had made a mistake when they removed the owner-occupied status on her property, they actually removed the valuation so no taxes for payable in 2024. Commissioners could not take action because of the error. This is just the way it will have to be.

EXTENSION: Abbi Steeke 4-H advisor met with the Board. She suggested a couple of names to be on the Ag building Board to help oversee anything with these buildings. Commissioner Tulson is the representative from the Commissioners board also. The Board stated that would be fine. The request that had been made for having microphones at the Ag building was brought up. She stated a new speaker system had just been purchased by the 4-H leaders with had like four speakers and 4 microphones which could be used for this.

ZONING FEE: Motion by Noem seconded by Roe to waive the \$400.00 fee for Brad Jensen for zoning because of having a house he lives in next to the one he is building for himself. All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

VACATE PLAT: Hearing was held as advertised. No one appeared. Motion by Saathoff seconded by Tulson all members voting Aye to approve the...

RESOLUTION AND ORDER: Whereas a petition was filed with the Board of County Commissioners of Hamlin County by K&R Development Inc by President Kenneth Hansen requesting that the Board vacate the plat of Lot 5 of Block 3 in Sunset Park Estates in Government Lot 3 and the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26-T113N-52W of the 5th PM Hamlin County SD Recorded in Book E Page 223 Plat Book. Whereas the Board of County Commissioners has set this as the time and place for public hearing on the Petition and it appearing that due and legal notice of the hearing has been given as required by law as more fully appears from Affidavit of Publication on file and Whereas a public hearing has this date been conducted and testimony about the action proposed by the Petition has been received and Whereas the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the granting of the Petition will not abridge or destroy any of the rights and privileges of other properties of such plat and will not authorize the closing or obstruction of any public highway laid out according to law, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the plat hereinbefore described be and hereby is vacated.

Dated this May 21, 2024

Chairman Randall Rudebusch

ATTEST: Dixie Opdahl Hamlin County Auditor

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Roe to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. In accordance with SDCL 33A-1-22 Hamlin County will join with Codington County in employing a County Veteran Service Officer. Hamlin County will supplement the Codington County budget of \$13,000.00 effective June 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024 Prior to the next supplement due in January 2025 for the period Jan 1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2025 The Memorandum of Understanding and Operational Agreement will be reviewed during Dec. 2024 and a new MOU and OA will be signed. Randall Rudebusch Chairman

SHERIFF RATES FOR CONTRACT LAW: Motion by Noem seconded by Tulson to raise the rates charged for contract law to cities, towns and schools by \$2.00 per hour. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

E-911 CONTRACT: The State law had raised the charge on cell phones to \$2.00 per month. Motion by Tulson seconded by Saathoff to authorize the Chairman to sign the amended contract for E-911 Service for July 1, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2024 for Watertown City to receive 100% of this. The State sends this to the County each month and the County remits such to Watertown City. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

RETAIL ON OFF SALE Malt beverage & SD Farm Wine License: The Board approved the retail on- off sale malt beverage and SD Farm Wine license for Dollar General Store #18857

AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENT: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Roe to make an automatic supplement to the Road Revenue Budget in the amount of \$655.00 for sale of property (201-374) All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

The Auditor reported the cash on hand in the Treasurer's Office as of May 1, 2024 Checking Account \$5,702,715.47 Money Markets \$520,821.33 CD's \$9,000,600.00 Cash on Hand \$6,897.81 Checks on Hand \$371,575.01 Credit card deposit \$15,720.66 Petty Cash \$400.00 Total \$15,618,730.28 The following belongs to General Fund \$9,463,730.33 Special Revenue \$1,101,170.42 Schools \$3,675,945.71 Townships \$393,420.11 Cities & Towns \$547,456.71 Trust and Agency Funds \$437,007.00 total \$15,618,730.28

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 until June 6, 2024 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti.

Randall Rudebusch
Chairman

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