

February 4th, 2025

County Commissioners Meeting

at Hamlin County Courthouse (300 4th Street; Hayti, SD)

on Second Floor in Commissioners Room (go through Auditor's Office)

Agenda:

- 9:30 Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes
- 9:35 Highway Department - Butler Machinery
- Road Limits
- 10:30 Public Comment
- 10:40 Abatements
- 10:45 Set Fees
- 10:50 Appoint Deputy State's Attorney
- 11:00 Sheriff
- 11:30 Plats
- 11:35 Bills
- 11:45 Count Cash

Minutes:

UNAPPROVED MINUTES: The Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on Feb. 4, 2025 with the following members present: Randall Rudebusch, Larry Saathoff, Burt Tulson, Riley Buck and Scott Popham. Also present was John Delzer States Attorney, Jenna Aderhold reporter. Doug Noem and Leland Roe were present for a picture of the previous board. They left at 9:45am. Picture was taken of current board members also.

The Chairman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Tulson seconded by Popham to approve the minutes of Jan. 21, 2025 All members voting aye. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Bryan Pedersen Hwy Supt met with the Board. The County had received a grant of \$132,500 for the turning lane by the County Wide Dairy. Motion by Tulson seconded by Saathoff to have the County accept such grant from the State. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. The new loader has arrived. It has a scale right in it. Bryan will have to get a printer so when they load in the pits it will read out each load amount. He will get prices for such. He went through the rates charged for all equipment that will be used for township work for 2025. This depends on depreciation, repairs and usage. The Board accepted the rates he had presented. He will show these to the townships at the Feb. 18 meeting.

The States Attorney had prepared a letter to the SD Assoc of County Commissioners in Pierre as requested by the Board to be in support of Senate Bill 95 to have money to continue the Rural Access Infrastructure Program for culverts within the townships. Six townships in Hamlin County have already used this program. As of this time no money has been allotted from the State to continue this program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Buck seconded by Tulson to go into executive session at 10:00 for personnel reasons SDCL 1-25-2 (1) All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. The Chairman declared them out at 10:10

ABATEMENTS: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Popham to approve the following abatements: Record 4254 Estelline City mobile home sold abate 277.06 Record 6970 Hamlin Twp mobile home sold abate 237.50 Record 1384 Florence Twp mobile home sold abate 200.00 Record 4490 Hayti Town mobile home sold abate 90.90 All mobile homes have to pay advance taxes in 2024 when sold. Therefore the 2025 taxes have already been paid. Record 3768 late filing of elderly tax freeze Castlewood City abate 2481.54 Record 800058 Castlewood City house tore down abate taxes on house only for seven months abate 333.30 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

FEES: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Buck to approve the following fees: Treasurer \$0.25 per page, \$25.00 Admin Fee for extra work on some titles, \$40.00 for insufficient funds check, Copy Machine \$0.15 letter size, \$0.20 legal size and \$0.50 large size Register of Deeds all charges set by SDCL except transfer \$5.00 a month for abstract companies \$0.40 per image only for abstract companies. Ag Building Rental \$50.00 per day or \$100.00 per day for commercial must sign liability sheet. Use of Ag Buildings for storage \$20.00 per month under show ring, \$40.00 per month for storage in buildings, \$15.00 per month for campers parked just on the 4-H grounds which are not under any cover. Such campers should be parked as to not interfere with snow removal. All campers should sign a liability sheet removing the county from any liability. Sheriff Fingerprinting \$10.00 Accident reports \$5.00 with pictures \$10.00 Weed: Spraying \$40.00 per hour for man and equipment plus cost of weed chemical. All members voting Aye. Motion carried. Director of Equalization and Zoning fees were published earlier.

SHERIFF: Chad Schotterbeck Sheriff and Tayt Alexander Lieutenant met with the Board. Chad stated the rifles they had were very old and had to be turned back to the Federal Government. He requests to purchase 4 guns at \$425.00 each from Kones Korner. Board approved such. The 2018 Dodge Charger Vin 2C3CDXKT2JH218248 along with this equipment of Lightbar, Center Console, Back Seat Cage, Window Bars, Light Bar Siren Control Box, Siren Speaker, Grille Guard, Lights on Grille and Lights in Back Window will be traded in to Guardian in Minnesota which will pick it up and take it back and use rest of equipment to install in new vehicle. The trade in of these will be taken off of the labor and any other new equipment needed. They will have the new vehicle road ready and they will deliver to Hamlin County. Motion by Popham seconded by Buck to declare this vehicle and listed equipment as surplus and to be traded in on the equipment for the new vehicle. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. Chad also requested permission for Lt Tayt Alexander and Sgt Tristan Molitor to attend a meeting in Sioux Falls March 27 so they are eligible for the Highway Safety Grant. They are just applying for such now which would pay 100% of 8 Del lap tops which need to be replaced cost of each one in \$1,910 He also requested if he could attend the State meeting in Deadwood April 15-17 Board approved both.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Delmer Ellis met with the Board. Also, present Donna Rhody Director of Equalization and Jessica Delzer Treasurer. Mr. Ellis bought a house in Dec. 2023 and the taxes were still in the old owner's name. Their purchase agreement stated they would be responsible for the taxes in 2024 They stated they tried to pay such but there was interest due on them. They did not feel they should pay interest. The Director of Equalization stated the cut off is Nov. 1 for changing anything into new owner's name. The Treasurer stated according to state law she is unable to accept taxes if interest is due until the interest is paid with the taxes.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Brett Schutt Emergency & Disaster Director met with the Board. Fire Departments and Ambulance workers have to go through a training which the departments and individuals have been paying themselves. The session which could cost up to \$7,000 depending on how many attends such is expensive. Lake Norden Fire was requesting money from the County for this since they are hosting it this year. They have some from Hazel, Lake Norden and the Mayfield Colony signed up right now. Brett stated he had checked with different counties and everyone does something different. This would have to be done for all the county departments. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Rudebusch left at 11:10

The Courthouse will be closed all day Feb. 17 for a legal holiday.

ADJUST SALARY SCHEDULE: Motion by Saathoff seconded by Buck to change the salary set in Jan. for the following employees: New salaries:

Evan Jensen \$24.96 per hour

Angela Kranz \$24.96 per hour

Donna Rhody Salary \$6,500.00 per month plus \$1,000 per month for GIS

All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

PLATS: Motion by Buck seconded by Tulson to approve the following plats of 80's Pasture Addition located in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 18, Township

114 North Range 52 West of the 5th PM Hamlin County and Plat of Connie Seppanen Addition in the County of Hamlin SD located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 114 North Range 54W of the 5th PM Hamlin County All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

CLAIMS PAID:

COMMISSIONERS: Riley Buck mileage 40.20 Hamlin County Publishing 1221.30 Randall Rudebusch mileage 45.56 Larry Saathoff mileage 53.60 Scott Popham mileage 32.16 Burt Tulson mileage 17.42 Total gross salaries for complete dept 6850.10 benefits 2285.84 Total Commissioners expense 10,546.18

COURT: Yesika Munoz interpreter 100.00 mileage 33.50

AUDITOR: ITC phone 95.50 Office Peeps supp 16.49 Total gross salaries for complete dept 5851.64 benefits 447.65 Total Auditors expense 6411.28

TREASURER: ITC phone 85.15 Office Peeps supp 40.63 Total gross salaries for complete dept 9011.05 benefits 3080.88 Total Treasurers expense 12,217.71

POSTAGE& COPIES: Office Peeps copy machine supp 15.92

STATES ATTORNEY: Foley & Foley Law Prof serv 750.00 Total gross salaries for complete dept 5554.16 benefits 719.91 Total States Attorney expense 7024.07

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY: Timothy Cummings 759.77

COURTHOUSE MAINT: Dust Tex floor mats 112.94 Hayti Town Util 59.00 ITC Internet 148.45 Trane furnace repairs 3628.00 Two Trees Ultra repairs 230.25 Northwestern Energy Util 1139.02 total gross salaries for complete dept 3937.66 benefits 1844.37 Total Courthouse Maint expense 11,099.69

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION: ITC phone 80.55 total gross salaries for complete dept 16,266.00 benefits 5199.00 Total Director of Equalization expense 21,545.55

REGISTER OF DEEDS: ITC phone 75.95 Microfilm Imaging rental 345.00 Total gross salaries for complete dept 9143.92 benefits 1248.16 Total Register of Deeds expense 10,815.03

SHERIFF: Amazon supp 884.78 Galls supp 282.72 ITC phone 409.34 Office Peeps repairs 249.99 Jamison Ries travel 20.00 Safelife Defense supp 1257.30 Zach Vidmar travel 20.00 W.W. Tire repairs 713.92 Watertown City dispatch quarterly 6171.30 AT&T phone 784.56 Total gross salaries for complete dept 35,104.51 benefits 11,048.17 Total Sheriffs expense 56,946.59

911 GENERAL: ICT trunking charge for towers 374.33

MENTALLY ILL: Mental Health Board members Mark Katterhagen 20.00 Lucy Lewno 198.73 Bill Schaefer 20.00 Yankton County Sheriff 50.00

EXTENSION: Office Peeps repairs 60.78 supp 13.72 Runnings supp 6.38 Abbi Steeke travel 141.04 Capital One Wal Mart supp 64.37 AT&T cell phone 54.12 Total gross salaries for complete dept 2424.40 benefits 1256.35 Total Extension expense 4021.16

WEED: Auto Value supp 21.97 Hamlin County Treasurer title 26.70 Hamlin Bldg Center 76.92 ITC phone 31.35 Runnings supp 161.00 AT&T cell phone 51.25 Total gross salaries for complete dept 4848.02 benefits 1587.19 Total Weed expense 6804.40

ZONING: Robbie Fedt mileage 17.42 Hamlin County Publishing 86.01 Martin Prouty mileage 14.74 Richard Wiarda mileage 12.06 Stuart Schubloom mileage 14.74 Total Per diem 900.00 benefits 256.84 Total Zoning expense 1301.81

GLACIAL LAKES: Glacial Lakes yearly membership 575.00

ROAD: Butler repairs 165.14 Butler Equipment 354,277.82 Capital One -Macks parts 51.00 Estelline City Util 93.09 First District contract 250.00 Fleetpride parts 259.99 Hayti Town util 52.00 IMEG Prof Service 9000.00 ITC phone 146.61 Menards cold mix 22.98 Ottertail Power Util 121.97 SD DOT Bride Prof 2418.09 SDACHS Registration 150.00 SD State Treasurer excise tax 79.57 Stern supp 3936.91 Twotrees Connecting Point repairs 60.00 Capital One Wal Mart supp 172.56 AT&T cell phone 86.33 Northwestern Energy Util 604.93 Total gross salaries for complete dept 50,575.84 benefits 17,427.01 Total Road expense 441,151.84

AG BULDING: Hayti Town Util 52.00 Northwestern Energy Util 223.40

EMERGENCY & DISASTER: ITC phone 30.85 AT&T cell phone 49.79 Total gross salaries for complete dept 4850.14 benefits 1781.42 Total Emerg & Disaster expense 6712.40

WIC: Chantel Sprang travel 109.07 Total gross salaries for complete dept 3845.60 benefits 524.93

ECONOMIC DEV. Ally Dakota Dev. Loan revolving interest 9557.38

COUNTY 24/7: Alcopro 24/7 supp 1741.50

M&P FUND: Microfilm Imaging Register of Deeds rental 317.00

STATE 24/7: 24/7 fees to State

BOOKMOBILE: Total gross salaries for complete dept 5335.20 benefits 578.63

Commissioners Buck and Popham did the semi-annual cash count of money in the Treasurers Office.
Total 10,083,074.35

Meeting adjourned at noon until Feb 18 2025 at 9:30 am in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti.

Randall Rudebusch
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Dixie Opdahl

Hamlin County Auditor

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