

HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - SPECIAL SESSION  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS & FACEBOOK LIVE  
MILLER, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Commissioners convened at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday May 14, 2020 in special session to review and take action upon Resolution 2020-06 and Resolution 2020-07, a pair of resolutions which serve as agreements to enter into two bridge replacements with the South Dakota Department of Transportation, discussion on whether to open the county building doors to public entry and an executive session to discuss probable changes in an employee's status.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order with Commissioners Palmer, Eschenbaum, and Wernsmann present. Commissioner Rodgers appeared by electronic means.

Chairman Jones requested that Highway Superintendent Jeff Hargens explain the two resolutions. Hargens informed the commission that the South Dakota Department of Transportation would cover all but 18.1% of the expenses associated with renovating a bridge on 369<sup>th</sup> Avenue, just south of 213<sup>th</sup> Street (Rosehill Township) and a bridge on 185<sup>th</sup> Street just east of 365<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Holden Township). Both structures are on the county road system. The two resolutions will be published independent of these minutes.

It was moved by Wernsmann, seconded by Palmer with all voting in favor thereof to approve Resolution 2020-06. It was moved by Palmer, seconded by Eschenbaum with all voting in favor thereof to approve Resolution 2020-07.

The commission then discussed the timeline for reopening the doors to the county properties [Courthouse, Library, Highway Department and Weed & Pest Shop]. There was considerable discussion which lead to a consensus that the doors would be opened to the public on June 1, 2020 but that the department heads reserved the right to close their interior doors in an effort to screen guests and control access, social distancing and sanitation. The commission remains concerned for the health safety of the staff and the public and encouraged each office to post signage so the public knows the best procedure to use when needing service.

Upon motion of Palmer, seconded by Wernsmann, with all voting in favor thereof, the commissioner entered into executive session [at 7:21 P.M.] to discuss a probable change in an employee's employment status. At 7:54 P.M. the commissioners, upon motion of Wernsmann, seconded by Palmer, with all voting in favor thereof, reconvened, and took no action. The commission concluded that it would be inappropriate to act on probabilities. Action may take place once more information and facts are known.

It was moved by Palmer, seconded by Wernsmann to adjourn the special meeting. All members voted in favor thereof. The time was 7:54 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 6, 2020, the Thursday following the Primary Election.

Jim Jones, Commission Chairman

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Doug DeBoer, County Auditor