

April 2, 2019
 HAND COUNTY COMMISSION
 MILLER, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Hand County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Members present were Chairman J.D. Wangsness, Gib Rodgers (arrived at 11 A.M.), Greg Palmer, Luke Wernsmann and Jim Jones.

The commissioner reviewed the consent agenda. Resolution #2019-05 was removed as was discussion on an employee's employment status. They were moved to the regular agenda.

It was moved by Wernsmann, seconded by Jones to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. All present voted in favor thereof.

The consent agenda included the following items: Minutes of the March 12 commission and zoning meetings, approval of warrants for payment, setting of the next meeting on May 7, reminder of the PUC hearing on April 25, reminder of Equalization meetings on April 9, Reminder of Zoning meeting on April 9, approved change of hours for library during Easter weekend, declared four library (Gateway) computers surplus, and approved training / travel for the 4H staff.

The warrants for payment are as follows:

For: BOARD OF COUNTY COMM

FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, LTD.	2019 HAND CO DIRECTORIES	825.00
MATTHEW BENDER	2019 COURT RULES SUPPLEMENT	55.44
THE MILLER PRESS	PUBLISHING	434.75

		1315.19

For: JUDICIAL SYSTEM*****

SDACC	CATASTROPHIC LEGAL EXPENSE	2387.00

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For: AUDITOR*****

A & B BUSINESS, INC.	COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	65.64
COWBOY COUNTRY STORES	GAS	26.25
DOUGLUS DEAN DE BOER	SUPPLIES	70.21
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER RENT	321.84

		483.94

For: TREASURER*****

OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES	141.87

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For: STATES ATTORNEY*****

ELTON ANSON	MILEAGE	37.80
ANSON LAW	RENT	325.00
ANSON LAW	SUPPLIES	300.00
ANSON LAW	UTILITIES	291.66

		954.46

For: COURT APP. ATTORNEY*

CHURCHILL, MANOLIS, FREEMAN,	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY	441.70

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For: GOV. BUILDING*****

AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC.	SUPPLIES	175.26
BOB'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	GARBAGE DISPOSAL	100.00
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	885.00
THE MILLER PRESS	PUBLISHING	27.08

		1187.34

For: DIR. OF EQUAL*****

AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES	SUPPLIES	106.29
COWBOY COUNTRY STORES	GAS	36.26
MARSHALL & SWIFT /BOECKH, LLC	APPRAISAL MANUALS	1014.15

		1156.70
For: REG. OF DEEDS*****		
OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES	49.21

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For: SHERIFF*****		
DOUGLUS DEBOER	REIMB RETIREMENT ERROR	270.00
SHEONA DUNLAP	SEWING PATCHES	30.00
HAND COUNTY SHERIFF TRUST ACCT	CHECKS & DEPOSIT SLIPS	123.15
BECKY HOCKETT	NARCOTICS CONF REGISTRATION	50.00
IDI	FLAT RATE PLAN	25.00
OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES	118.74
PETTY CASH	SUPPLIES	6.38
PRAIRIE WIND PROMOTIONS	DECALS ON JACKET	6.00
PUMP N PAK	GAS	77.12
SD SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION PATCHES	21.60
VISA	SUPPLIES	109.98
VISA	CELL PHONES	246.71

		1084.68
For: JAIL*****		
AUTO BODY SPECIALTIES	SUPPLIES	24.40
FAULK COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	PRISONER CARE	255.00
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	18.43
VISA	SUPPLIES	133.70

		431.53
For: CARE OF POOR (CARE)*		
AVERA HAND CO. MEMORIAL HOSPIT	INDIGENT CARE	9017.71
SDACC	CATASTROPHIC POOR RELIEF	713.00

		9730.71
For: COUNTY NURSE*****		
HAND CO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC.	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	2954.21

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For: MENTAL HEALTH*****		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	180.00
YANKTON CO TREASURER	MENTAL ILLNESS HEARING	120.00

		300.00
For: LIBRARY*****		
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS & MAGAZINES	250.78
BOB'S GAS	PROPANE	290.00
MARY BREITLING	MILEAGE	74.76
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	316.78
RECORDED BOOKS, LLC	AUDIOBOOKS	141.27

		1073.59
For: EXTENSION*****		
SDSU EXTENSION	4-H TRAINING REGISTRATION	20.00

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For: WEED CONTROL*****		
AT & T	CELL PHONE	121.96
CROSSROADS HOTEL	ROOMS AT CONVENTION	434.95

CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	389.51
REDFIELD COMPUTER SERVICES LLC	COMPUTER REPAIR	270.00
ASSN OFSD CO WEED & PEST BDS	MEMBERSHIP DUES	150.00

		1366.42
For: ZONING*****		
THE MILLER PRESS	PUBLISHING	70.00

		70.00
For: HWY RDS BRIDGES*****		
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC.	SUPPLIES	676.01
CK WELDING & REPAIR LLC	REPAIRS	15.00
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LANCE DEHAAI	SUPPLIES	24.00
GLENN DICK	SNOW BLOWER WORK	2200.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	SUPPLIES	2400.47
GREAT WESTERN TIRE	SUPPLIES	704.75
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	LEASE 3 TRACTORS	5000.00
HARTMAN CONSTRUCTION	EXCAVATOR - SNOW REMOVAL	6530.62
INLAND TRUCK PARTS COMPANY	REPAIRS	1424.77
IVERSON	REPAIRS	698.62
KIMLICKA CONSTRUCTION	TRACKHOE WORK	7836.75
MAC'S, INC.	SUPPLIES	35.00
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	709.69
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	UTILITIES	33.33
OAKLEY FARM & RANCH SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	197.20
OAKLEY REPAIR	REPAIRS	5175.48
R & R BLADING	QUAD TRACK HIRE	5630.00
RESEL OIL	FUEL	7139.30
CHRIS SCHAEFERS	SUPPLIES	26.97
THE MILLER PRESS	PUBLISHING	51.53
TONY'S REPAIR	REPAIRS	212.42
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	1461.17
TRUE NORTH STEEL	SUPPLIES	6715.70

		54933.08
For: DEBT SERVICE*****		
KS STATE BANK	PAYMENT PRIN	25257.36
KS STATE BANK	PAYMENT - INT	2317.93

		27575.29
For: E-911*****		
CITY OF HURON	DEC 18 E-911 BILLING	2654.77

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For: EMERG. & DIS. SERV.*		
AT& T MOBILITY	CELL PHONE	66.30
NICOLE GORTMAKER	SUPPLIES	49.99
OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES	4.87
PRAIRIE WIND PROMOTIONS	SHIRT PRINTING	36.00
VISA	CELL PHONE	64.42

		221.58
For: JAIL*****		
SD DRUG CONTROL FUND	DRUG SCREEN TESTS	250.00

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Total Checks: 110783.27

PREPAID CLAIMS: GENERAL FUND: Dakota Energy, Utilities – 95.13; Midco, Utilities– 1008.50; Miller Ace, Supplies –619.26; **ROAD & BRIDGE:** Dakota Energy, Utilities – 73.23; Farnams, Supplies – 3091.76; John Deere Financial, Supplies – 3613.92; Midco, Utilities-170.22; Miller Ace, Supplies – 139.98; Productivity Plus, Supplies – 116.77; Sturdevant’s, Supplies – 190.76; **EDS:** Midco, Utilities – 62.50; E-911: Century Link, ANI-ALI – 193.95; Miller Ace, Supplies – 4.99 Total: 9380.97

STATE COLLECTIONS: SD Dept. of Revenue, Births/Deaths/Driver’s License – 545.00; MV Collections – 72503.88; SD Dept. of Revenue, Sales Tax – 94.08; Total: 73142.96

POLO FIRE DISTRICT: February Collections-2280.50; **MODS & PRESERVATION:** SDACC-142.00; **SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CITIES & TOWNSHIPS:** Miller Area-126,770.31; Hitchcock-Tulare-2403.35; Redfield-25277.44; Faulkton Area-17360.43; Wolsey-Wessington-13550.44; Miller City-12323.04; Ree Heights-895.85; St. Lawrence-1065.07; Wessington Annex-120.81; Townships-20316.66; Total pass through: 222505.90

PAYROLL: Commissioners – 2982.41; Auditor’s Office – 8259.94; Treasurer’s Office – 4670.78; States Attorney – 4511.47; Custodian – 2803.56; Director of Equalization – 4408.54; Register of Deeds – 4103.96; Veterans Service Office – 577.19; Sheriff – 10289.91; Library – 2812.69; 4-H Office – 1956.46; Weed & Pest – 2427.35; Rubble Site – 708.66; Zoning – 136.21; EDS – 1569.18; Highway Department – 35092.02; Total: 87310.33

BENEFITS: AFLAC3-96.22; Delta Dental-1353.18; AveraP1-7067.79; United Accounts-200.00; AFLAC6-104.98; PEBSCO7-502.07; AFLAC8-833.03; Avera9-7078.83; AFLAC10-572.10;SDSR11-248.91; SDSR12-11477.62; AB&T-AveraHSA13-2290.55; Companion Life15-109.07; AFLAC16-191.62; AveraP217-3106.61; VSP18-311.29; AFLAC19-96.34; AFLAC20-745.01; AB&T, FICA99-25144.16; AB&T, Withholding/FICA – 22,311.57; Total Benefits: 83840.95
Total: \$476181.11

AUDITOR: Resolution 2019-05 setting out approved signatures on accounts at Quoin Financial Bank was discussed and approved upon motion of Wernsmann, seconded by Jones with all members voting in favor thereof.

A Care of the Poor requested from Avera-Hand County Memorial Hospital, client 2019-02, in the amount of \$9,017.71 was approved upon motion of Jones, seconded by Wernsmann with all voting in favor thereof.

Shaney Davis completed her six month probationary / orientation period. Registrar Wernsmann requested that the commission approve the request, that her hourly pay change from \$12.60 to \$14.21 per hour and that the CPI increase be applied, bringing a new wage of \$14.29 per hour. It was moved by Jones, seconded by Palmer with all voting in favor thereof.

Auditor DeBoer reported that a county employee and wheel loader was involved in a non-injury motor vehicle crash on February 20. The SDPAA covered the liability claim. The photocopier and computers are due for replacement. DeBoer is working on soliciting pricing for those items for the May meeting.

Auditor DeBoer reported that no one from the SDPPA was able to attend to review the media policy but an employee who came for a review indicated the policy was intended for commission level items, not departmental items. The SDPPA will be invited to the May meeting for further discussion / clarification.

Auditor DeBoer reported that the COP requested, that was denied last month (Avera Heart Hospital, client 2019-04) was being appealed by the hospital.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Croeni requested travel and lodging permission for him and Chelsea Price to attend separate training sessions. Sheriff Croeni will attend drug investigator’s training and Kendrick will attend SD Sex Offender Registry training. Permission was granted.

Sheriff Croeni informed the commission that Zach Sahli resigned (verbally) as a deputy sheriff. Sheriff Croeni asked for and received permission to advertise for hiring a new deputy sheriff. Sheriff Croeni also reported on recruiting from the student pool at Lake Area Tech’s law enforcement program. Permission was granted to hire prior to the next meeting and have the employment ratified at the next regular meeting.

Sheriff Croeni reported that four people were picked up on outstanding warnings, the response to the blizzard and resulting flooding, two recent arrests for a female failing drug testing and an adult male on multiple counts of sexual assault. Additionally, one other inmate remains in jail awaiting trial.

NORTHWEST ENERGY: Robert Gehm, Real Estate Representative from NorthWest Energy presented an application for the occupation of county (countywide) right of ways for the placement of utility infrastructure. Following the public hearing and discussion, it was moved by Wernsmann, seconded by Jones to approve the application and execute the documents required. All present voted in favor thereof.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE SPECIALIST: Dean Bisbee with SD Game, Fish and Parks was present to discuss programming on predatory and non-predatory animal control efforts, including deer depredation, in the county and region.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Director Arlen Gortmaker reported on the price estimates for moving the paging repeater from the courthouse to the Miller City water tower. The estimate that met the bulk of requirement for parts and labor was from Two-Way Solutions of Sioux Falls. This “worse case” scenario was estimated at \$6,177.59. Some of the other vendors did not provide a “turn-key” solution as they do not have tower / structure climbers. The estimate was accepted upon motion of Jones, second by Wernsmann, all voting in favor thereof.

Director Gortmaker did a briefing for the commission on the process of collecting damage estimates for hopeful disaster recovery funds through F.E.M.A. Director Gortmaker reiterated that funding is not guaranteed. An open discussion followed on conditions throughout the county.

CHRISTIANSEN FARMS: Adam Barka met with the commission and informed them of intent to construct two operations in the north central part of the county. Barka said each operation would be under 2,500 head. Mr. Barka assured the commissioners that the project is in compliance with the necessary controls and his appearance was an effort to keep them informed.

ROAD AND BRIDGE: Supt Jeff Hargens was present and brought forward two proposals, the first being an agreement to have the SD-DOT do road striping on county roads. The agreement was approved upon motion of Wernsmann, seconded by Jones, with all present voting in favor thereof. The second agreement was for bridge inspections. The agreement allows for cost sharing with qualified engineering firms. Pierce and Harris, who do work for the county was on the approved list. The agreement was approved upon motion of Palmer, second from Jones with all members present voting in favor thereof. A brief discussion followed on the “sod buster” implement that is being considered. The use of the device would reduce the number of trips down the county’s 305 miles of gravel. The device helps reclaim material and shapes the shoulders. Currently, multiple passes are required to perform what would be done with one trip. The estimated costs of the implement is over \$50,000

NESCAP: Northeast SD Community Action Program representative, Marcia Erickson, did not attend the meeting to present their request for financial support. Deferred until next month’s meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM: Sweetland Wind Farm, Mark Wengierski offered a status update of the pending application they have before the Public Utilities Commission. The commission was reminded of the public hearing to be held in Miller at the community center on April 25, 2019 beginning at 5:30 P.M. The opportunity for interested persons to be heard will be granted. It was explained that testimony will be heard but comments / answers will not be returned. The PUC offers other paths for interested parties to contribute comment. The application is available for public review through the auditor’s office and online at <https://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2019/EL19-012.aspx> Questions regarding the PUC’s process may be made by calling 605-773-3201.

CUSTODIAN: At the appointed time of 11:30, a discussion was to ensue regarding the re-roofing project. The consensus was to wait for ten minutes to allow for late arrivals. At 11:40 Will Page introduced Adam Stemwedel from Pro-Tec of Watertown. Bill Long of Weathercraft had also been invited but was not in attendance. Mr. Page and Mr. Stemwedel reviewed the roofing project and fielded questions from the commission on various topics and aspects of the re-roofing project. It was then moved by Wernsmann, seconded by Rodgers to award the roofing project to Pro-Tec in the amount of \$65,850.00 as submitted for the March 5, 2019 meeting. All present voted in favor thereof.

The commissioners then requested that Pro-Tec procure a performance bond to cover potential errors or faults which might result during re-roofing. The cost of the performance bond will be paid by Hand County. An option of financing the project over two years was then discussed and it was suggested that part of the project be paid in 2019 and part in 2020 if acceptable financing can be obtained. The target date for the re-roof is July. During the several day project, the west parking lot and entrance will be closed to the public and employees for the safety of all involved.

Mr. Page presented the information from G&R Controls and the work to be done on the boiler and radiator systems. After discussion, it was moved by Wernsmann, seconded by Palmer to enter into

the proposed service contract with G&R Controls to provide service on the boiler / radiator systems. All present voted in favor thereof.

**AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER
(SDCL 7-10-3)**

As of the close of business the last day of March, 2019	
Cash on Hand	\$ 2158.05
Checks in Treasurer's Possession less than 3 days	35,701.45
Checks in Treasurer's Possession more than 3 days	0.00
Cash Items	0.00
Petty Cash	300.00
Reconciled Demand Deposits:	
American Bank & Trust	107,633.99
Quoin Bank Miller	120,106.23
Time Deposits:	
American Bank & Trust	1,374,108.77
Quoin Bank Miller	1,683,431.60
Investment:	
Library Checking	12,712.27
Library CD	12,400.00
Library Stocks	10,633.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$ 3,359,185.36

A period will be reserved at the end of every meeting for the purpose of conducting business fitting the criteria for an executive or closed session. The presence of the executive or closed session is not meant to imply that it will be used, only that it is available should an issue arise which it is suited for.

Commissioner Wernsmann moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Jones to adjourn.
Chairman Wangsness declared the meeting adjourned.

The next regular commission meeting of the will be held Tuesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.

James D. Wangsness, Chairman
Hand County Board of Commissioners

(Attest)

Doug DeBoer, Hand County Auditor

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