

August 6, 2019
HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONS
COURTHOUSE COMMISSION CHAMBERS
MILLER, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Hand County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:30am on Tuesday August 6, 2019. Members present were Chairman J.D. Wangsness, Commissioners Greg Palmer, Jim Jones, and Gib Rodgers. Luke Wernsmann was excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said aloud.

The chairman presented the consent calendar to the commission and it was approved upon motion of Palmer, seconded by Jones, with all voting in favor thereof. The consent agenda included the following items: Approval of the July 2, 2019 minutes, approval of claims / vouchers for payment, approval of the Register of Deeds fees in the amount of \$4,953.50, approval for Suzy Wernsmann to attend software training in Chamberlain on August 15, receipt of four building permits from the zoning office, approval of alcohol beverage license for Eagle Pass Lodge of Ree Heights and renewal / approval of the ArcGis software renewal for 911 mapping (\$400).

The board then received a report and request from the Huron Police Department for a change in the funding contract for 911 answering services. The current rate is 80% of 911 surcharge revenue. The request is for 85% in 2020. The commission approved the request upon motion of Jones, seconded by Palmer, with all voting in favor thereof.

The board then reviewed a request from Dakota Law Firm (Clay Anderson) for the last of five installments on the Rural Attorney Recruitment Program co-sponsored by the county, the Unified Judicial System and the SD State Bar. The five-year investment of the county totaled \$21,989.80, the UJS contributed \$31,284 and the state bar provided \$9,385.20. The total value of the program was \$62,569. The intent was to attract new attorneys to settle in rural communities where legal services are scarce. Approval of the last payment was moved by Rodgers, seconded by Palmer with all voting in favor thereof.

The commissioners then reviewed the resignation of Doug Purrington who served the county highway department for 37 years. Purrington left the door open to the option of working part-time as needed / available.

The commissioners also considered the resignation of Ray Caffee who served as a library employee and director for 17 years. Caffee also expressed interest in working as a part time employee limiting himself to 9 hours per week.

It was moved by Jones, seconded by Rodgers to accept both resignations, authorize the part-time employment of each and to commend both employees for their long service to the citizens of Hand County and their interest in serving as part-time employees.

The commission then considered a request from the library board to employ Mary Breitling as library director and set her pay at \$18,772 annually. The commission had some questions they could not resolve and want to speak to the library board members. It was moved by Rodgers, seconded by Jones to table the request until the September 3rd commissioner meeting.

The commissioners then moved to discussion of the 2020 draft budget. Input was requested from Sheriff Croeni and Weed Supervisor Peck on their vehicle purchases. Neither department head was able to attend. It was moved by Jones and seconded by Palmer to advertise the draft budget "as is". All voted in favor thereof. [The draft budget

is still subject to change]. Peck and Croeni can make their vehicle purchase presentations at the September 3 meeting.

Amber Erickson of SDSU / 4-H was present to discuss options for filling the 4-H directorship in Hand County. Discussion centered on a memorandum of understanding in which SDSU would provide support services and authority to the director but all personnel expenses would be solely on the county. No state financial aid would be awarded. Minimum degree requirements would have to be met and the person would be solely a county employee. It was noted that if this option results in failure, the county could renegotiate with SDSU.

It was moved by Rodgers, seconded by Jones to accept the memorandum to opt out with the conditions specified. All voted in favor thereof. [The revised memorandum arrived on August 8, 2019].

Belinda Nelson with Community Counseling Services met with the board to discuss their request of funding in the amount of \$9,450 for services provided in and to Hand County residents (or guests). The board discussed the program and upon motion of Jones, seconded by Rodgers, agreed to pay the requested amount for services rendered. All present voted in favor thereof. [This is an annual budget amount]

The commissioners had a brief discussion to note that the Wind Energy Systems ordinance had not yet been referred to the voters and its enactment as law (county ordinance) would likely occur as designed.

The commission then spoke with EM Gortmaker about the vacancy in the 911 coordinator's position. At the conclusion, Gortmaker was instructed to develop a job description and bring it before the board in September.

Mike LeBrun with DICE Financial Services was present and brought forth the revised options for health insurance coverage. The commission tabled the issue last month so that new calculations could be obtained for the coming contract year. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was moved by Rodgers, seconded by Palmer to move to the revised "Plan 1" for health coverage. All present voted in favor thereof. The premium would be \$886.40.

The representative from the Glacial Lakes & Prairies Tourism organization did not show up for the meeting. As a result, Jones moved to end the discussion and remove the item from consideration and payment. Jones withdrew his motion moments later. The discussion was then moved to the September meeting for resolution.

A request was received from VSO Johnson to attend their annual conference and pay for the same. It was agreed by consensus to grant the request.

The chairman moved the highway department's appointment back and an executive session was held at the request of DOE Augspurger. Augspurger requested to discuss a personnel issue [under SDCL 1-25-2(1), Rodgers seconded, all present voting in favor thereof. The commission closed the door at 11:25.

At 11:30 the commission door was re-opened and the commission resumed open session. It was moved by Jones, seconded by Palmer to employ Sandi Selting as a part-time deputy assessor as needed and available at the "part-time deputy" pay. All present voted in favor thereof.

Highway Supt. Hargens met with the board of commissioners to discuss the creation of a haul road agreement for the Sweetland wind energy project. Hargens said that ULTEIG engineering and SD-LTAP would be at the September meeting to further discuss the agreement. The conditions of the agreement are dictated by the commission through

the highway department and then provided to the contractor to comply with. This helps ensure the restoration of the roads used during the project.

The chairman then opened the meeting to public comment in compliance with SDCL 1-25-1. Deb Bonebright presented a letter she had written expressing her sadness at the commissioners enacting the wind energy ordinance "...to the detriment of the people of Hand County." Bonebright wrote that the "SETBACKS" approved are insufficient and "...will erode our land, kill and drive out wildlife, ruin our beautiful scenery, harm our people's health and devalue our property." Bonebright requested that it be in the record, that "...wind energy is inefficient and costly to us in all ways I just mentioned. These towers are built with our money, paid through tax credits to companies. It is a well-thought out plan, supported by money paid to just the right people, to make wind companies millions of dollars while we at best get crumbs and our lives are harmed in many ways."

It was then moved by Jones, seconded by Palmer to adjourn the meeting. The chair closed the meeting at 11:45.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be on September 3, 2019 at 9:30 in the morning.

The claims for payment are as follows:

For: BOARD OF COUNTY COMM		
DAKOTA LAW FIRM, PROF. LLC	RURAL ATTY RECRUITMENT PMT	4379.76
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	LICENSE PLATE FEES	6.45
KESSLER'S	OAHE DIST MTG SUPPLIES	55.52
SHERRIL K. KOECK	MEAT FOR OAHE DIST MTG	20.75

		4462.48
For: AUDITOR*****		
A & B BUSINESS, INC.	COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	26.80
DOUGLUS DEAN DE BOER	SUPPLIES	33.88
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	500.00

		560.68
For: STATES ATTORNEY*****		
JIM ANDERSON	WITNESS FEE	20.00
JIM ANDERSON	MILEAGE	37.80
ELTON ANSON	MILEAGE	37.80
ANSON LAW	RENT	325.00
ANSON LAW	SUPPLIES	300.00
ANSON LAW	UTILITIES	291.66
AVERA HAND CO. MEMORIAL HOSPIT	MEDICAL RECORDS	40.00
AVERA MEDICAL GROUP MILLER	MEDICAL RECORDS	20.00
ROGER ROSENDAHT	WITNESS FEE	20.00
ROGER ROSENDAHT	MILEAGE	137.76

		1230.02
For: GOV. BUILDING*****		
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC.	SUPPLIES	186.14
BOB'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	GARBAGE DISPOSAL	200.00
BUILDERS CASHWAY, INC.	SUPPLIES	21.08
COWBOY COUNTRY STORES	GAS	21.25
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	LICENSE PLATE FEES	6.45
GLASS PRODUCTS, INC.	SKYLIGHT REPAIRS	17119.00
HUGHES ELECTRIC, LLC	ELECTRICAL WORK	874.38
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	1098.67
NATURE BOUND FLORAL	FLOWERS	207.45
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY	ELEVATOR REPAIRS	1400.39

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For: DIR. OF EQUAL.*****			
A & B BUSINESS, INC.	COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT		25.00
AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE	GAS		38.41
CONNECTING POINT	INSTALLATION		1270.00
CONNECTING POINT	3 COMPUTERS & ACCESS.		3695.99
CONNECTING POINT	MILEAGE		187.20
MILLER REXALL DRUG	SUPPLIES		3.29
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For: REG. OF DEEDS*****			
OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES		122.97
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For: VETERANS SER. OFF.**			
SDVSOA	DUES & CONFERENCE FEE		100.00
		-----	100.00
For: SHERIFF*****			
COWBOY COUNTRY STORES	GAS		177.14
COWBOY COUNTRY STORES	GAS		330.97
COWBOY COUNTRY STORES	GAS		322.20
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	LICENSE PLATE FEES		19.35
MCLEODS PRINTING & OFFICE SUP.	SUPPLIES		87.53
MILLER BOOSTER CLUB	ADVERTISING IN PROGRAM		200.00
OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES		121.42
OMG NATIONAL	SUPPLIES		150.77
VISA	SUPPLIES		126.73
VISA	MAINTENANCE		8.00
VISA	CELL PHONES		166.99
		-----	1711.10
For: JAIL*****			
BEADLE COUNTY SHERIFF	PRISONER CARE		2585.00
FAULK COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	PRISONER CARE		1020.00
NORTHEASTERN DENTAL CENTER	PRISONER DENTAL WORK		281.00
PETTY CASH	MEAL		10.20
		-----	3896.20
For: SOLID WASTE*****			
THE MILLER PRESS	RUBBLE SITE AD		108.00
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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
		-----	180.00
For: LIBRARY*****			
BOB'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	GARBAGE DISPOSAL		21.00
BOB'S GAS	PROPANE		110.00
BOOK SYSTEMS, INC.	ATRIUM EXP & SNAPSHOT RENEWAL		1885.00
DEMCO	SUPPLIES		150.08
HUGHES ELECTRIC, LLC	ELECTRICAL WORK		116.62
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES		333.44

		2616.14
For: EXTENSION*****		
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES	PRINTER SUPPLIES	519.10

		519.10
For: WEED CONTROL*****		
A+ TIRE & AUTO SERVICE CENTER	REPAIRS	22.00
AT & T	CELL PHONE	97.55
BOB'S GAS	PROPANE	550.00
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	LICENSE PLATE FEES	58.20
FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS, INC.	SUPPLIES	56.95
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	SUPPLIES	11.60
HEPPER'S SPORTS CENTER	SUPPLIES	51.99
MARLE'S REPAIR	REPAIRS	53.95
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CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	289.48
OAKLEY FARM & RANCH SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	13.99
PUMP N PAK	GAS	1493.14
VISA	SUPPLIES	42.59

		3011.34
For: HWY RDS BRIDGES*****		
A+ TIRE & AUTO SERVICE CENTER	REPAIRS	222.35
AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE	GAS	14971.57
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC.	SUPPLIES	566.62
BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	623.78
BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC.	SUPPLIES	317.88
BOB'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	GARBAGE DISPOSAL	100.00
BUILDERS CASHWAY, INC.	SUPPLIES	29.74
CK WELDING & REPAIR LLC	SUPPLIES	39.85
CONNECTING POINT	SUPPORT CONTRACT	1390.00
CRAWFORD TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	131.61
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	LICENSE PLATE FEES	245.10
DIAMOND MOWERS, INC.	SUPPLIES	438.83
FASTENAL COMPANY	SUPPLIES	113.56
FISCHER, DANIEL MELVIN	GAS	30.00
FLINT HILLS RESOURCES LP	ROAD OIL	124965.61
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	SEMI REPAIRS	622.30
MACK METAL SALES, INC.	SUPPLIES	97.20
MIDCO BUSINESS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	172.13
CITY OF MILLER	HYDRANT SUPPLIES	319.38
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	408.84
MILLER CONCRETE PRODUCT INC	SUPPLIES	465.00
MOORE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	SUPPLIES	2083.33
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	UTILITIES	19.77
OAKLEY FARM & RANCH SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	38.61
OAKLEY REPAIR	REPAIRS	4466.70
OAKLEY REPAIR	SUPPLIES	159.42
JAN BUSSE FORD	REPAIRS	3724.30
PREMIER EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	78.92
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	SUPPLIES	968.89
CHRIS SCHAEFERS	SUPPLIES	22.58
SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	SHARE OF REPAIR COST	6327.47
TONY'S REPAIR	REPAIRS	34.95
TRUENORTH STEEL, INC.	SUPPLIES	4217.64

		168413.93
For: E-911*****		
CITY OF HURON	MAY 2019 E-911 CHARGES	2596.46
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH	SOFTWARE SUPPORT CONTRACT	400.00

		2996.46
For: EMERG. & DIS. SERV.*		
SD DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	LICENSE PLATE FEES	32.25
ARLEN GORTMAKER	MEALS	23.92
OAKLEY FARM & RANCH SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	45.22
PUMP N PAK	GAS	128.62
TONY'S REPAIR	TIRES	540.72
VISA	ROOM	128.69
VISA	CELL PHONE	50.82

		950.24
For: DOMESTIC ABUSE*****		
FAMILY CRISIS CENTER	DOMESTIC ABUSE	1500.00

		1500.00
For: JAIL*****		
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	29.27
SD DRUG CONTROL FUND	DRUG SCREENS	100.00
VISA	DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES	295.00

		424.27
For: LAW LIBRARY*****		
THOMSON REUTERS	SD LAW BOOKS	381.26

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Total Checks: 222493.10

The Auditor's Account with the Treasurer per SDCL 7-10-3 is, as of the close of business on the last day of July, 2019, the treasurer had \$1,090.00 of cash on hand, \$48,446.91 of checks in possession less than 3 days, \$0.00 of checks in possession more than 3 days, \$0.00 of cash items, \$300.00 of petty cash.

Reconciled Demand Deposits: \$326,917.76 in the American Bank & Trust and \$24,230.23 in the Quoin Financial Bank.

Time Deposits: \$1,620,535.32 in the American Bank & Trust and \$1,697,022.08 in the Quoin Financial Bank.

Investments: \$12,712.27 in the library checking account, \$12,400.00 in library certificates of deposit and \$10,633.00 in library stocks.

Total cash assets equal \$3754287.57

James D. Wangsness, Chairman
Hand County Board of Commissioners

(Attest)

Doug DeBoer, Hand County Auditor

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