

# HAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Hand County Board of Commissioners  
Miller, South Dakota  
Commission Chambers (video via Facebook Live)  
December 29, 2020

Chairman Jim Jones brought the meeting to order at 5:13 pm with commissioners Greg Palmer, Jim Eschenbaum and Luke Wernsmann present. Commissioner Rodgers joined the meeting at 5:15 pm.

The commissioners reviewed and approved final claims for payment upon motion of Wernsmann/Eschenbaum, passed.

The commission heard from auditor DeBoer on funds received from grants. The highway department received \$293,630.69 for bridge repairs. The primary project was in Burdette Township.

The second grant received was \$6,793 from the South Dakota Humanities for use in the library. The primary project was to update pc's used by patrons.

The third grant was \$2,000 in CARES ACT funds from the South Dakota State Library and was used to buy computer peripherals and supplies.

The fourth grant was for \$5,000 from the Center for Technology and Civic Life to help provide a safe environment for voters during the election process. The primary project was plexiglass dividers, sanitizer, document scanners, a laptop and printing supplies.

The fifth grant was for \$815.06 from the State of South Dakota to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The primary project was to make technology enhancements promoting interactive communications.

The auditor reported he had already loaded the supplements into the accounting software pending commission approval. It was moved by Wernsmann/Eschenbaum, passed to approve the supplemental budget injects above.

The next item for consideration was the transfer from the commissioner's contingency fund to the various other budget expenditure accounts. The original overruns were reported as \$8,635.51 for court appointed attorney, abused children defense for \$494.80, library for \$8,792.24, LEPC for \$390.58, Register of Deeds for \$2,959.10, Highway for \$296,011.81, Jail for \$2,749.08, Elections \$15,172.64 and states attorney for \$1,580.29. After application of the grant injects mentioned above, the final requests and subsequent supplements are accurately depicted in Resolution 2020-12.

Resolution 2020-12 [entitled] Year End Budget Supplement

WHEREAS, the annual budget for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 does not provide sufficient funds to warrant the proper conduct and discharge of lawful county obligations, and

WHEREAS, due notice of intent to adopt a supplemental budget providing additional funds for the proper conduct and discharge of lawful county obligations has been given in accordance with law and direction of the board;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the following budget be adopted as supplement to the aforesaid annual budget: Court Appointed Attorney: \$8,635.51, Abused Children Defense: \$494.80, Register of Deeds: \$3,298.32, Jail: \$2,749.08, Elections: \$10,172.64, and States Attorney: \$1,666.83. Total contingency transfer amount: \$27,017.18.

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2020 /s/: Jim Jones, Chairman. ATTEST: /s/: Doug DeBoer-Auditor [The transfer to the road & bridge fund, library and LEPC were not needed and did not happen.]

It was moved by Rodgers/Palmer, passed to approve Resolution 2020-12, the contingency transfers / budget supplements.

The last budget modification to be discussed was the transfer of \$900,000 from the general fund to the road and bridge fund. It was moved by Palmer/Wernsmann, passed to execute the transfer.

The commission then acted upon two beverage license applications, one being from the Miller Golf Course and the second from the Polo Legion. Neither

application required a public hearing so it was moved by Wernsmann/Palmer, passed to approve the applications.

Mary Breitling presented a request to the board to consider. The microfiche machine currently in use at the library is in need of renovations. The cost to replace the machine was almost double the cost to upgrade the machine. Following some discussion on the machines history and future use it was decided to approve the upgrade cost of \$3,095 via Active Data Systems. The motion was made by Rodgers/Eschenbaum and passed.

Breitling also said that because of the grants received, all of the PC's in the library have been replaced.

Breitling asked for a clarification on the 2021 budget for the library. The roof repairs were not done as planned in the fall of 2020 and will likely occur in the spring of 2021. The budget for 2021 contained funds for the resurfacing or replacement of the parking lot and not the roof. Breitling wanted to know if this would cause a problem with doing both projects. After some discussion, it was decided by consensus to allow Breitling to contact Pierce and Harris PE of Huron to come look at the parking lot and determine the specifications for the project. Dependent on the outcome of the engineer's study, the commission will take up the topic again.

The last item on the agenda was presented by Conservation Officer Jon Dunlap. Dunlap asked the commission if they were at a point where, they could talk about purchasing the current rubble site for a future firearms / sporting area owned and managed by Game and Fish. Game and Fish would like to purchase the rubble site after it reaches its life's end and then rehab the property for use for public shooting. The commission, by consensus told Dunlap (and thus, Game and Fish) that the county is very interested in the sale of the rubble site at its end-of-life. This statement will allow Dunlap to further the process. The exact timing of this occurrence depends on how much of the facility is still able to support rubble and how quickly the county can acquire neighboring property for a new rubble site.

Auditor DeBoer told the group that Jeff Hargens had said the compost area would, most likely, not be sold and kept as part of the new rubble collection area. Ultimately, the exact usage and remaining areas for collection need to be known.

Dunlap then switched topics to some property the county owns in Pleasant Valley township. Dunlap expressed interest in the property as a public hunting area. The commissioners were interested but also had reservations because others currently lease the property and their leases are in good standing. The parties agreed to revisit the idea in the future.

Lastly, Dunlap and E.M. Arlen Gortmaker asked the commissioners if they would consent to allowing Dunlap to move into Gortmaker's space on the first floor and Gortmaker would move into the space currently used by the Department of Social Services. Dunlap explained the sheriff's office does not provide enough space for him now that there are two full time and one part-time deputies. Gortmaker explained that he could better use the two rooms in the corner office because it would allow him to set up and leave the emergency operations center in place without tying up the assembly room. Dunlap has also researched the ability of Social Services using space in the home health area the hospital controls.

The commissioners gave preliminary permissions to move the office spaces around so long as conflicts do not arise. If a conflict presents itself, the parties will discuss it further.

It was moved by Palmer/Eschenbaum, passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at 5:45pm. The next meeting will be on January 5, 2021 at 1pm.

Bills, claims and vouchers submitted for payment on December 29, 2020.

For: BOARD OF COUNTY COMM

CONNECTING POINT	BACK UP	20.00
ON HAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MONTHLY SUPPORT	2500.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1561.00
THE MILLER PRESS	PUBLISHING	444.84
VENTURE COMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	8.34
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		4534.18

For: ELECTIONS\*\*\*\*\*

DOUGLUS DEAN DE BOER	POSTAGE	8.70
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THE MILLER PRESS	PUBLISHING	1905.09
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		1913.79
For: AUDITOR*****		
A & B BUSINESS, INC.	COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	29.48
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES	SUPPLIES	69.96
CAROLYN FORMAN	49 LETTERS & DIRECTORY	29.75
OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES	6.69
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE METER LEASE	321.84
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1726.00
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	98.22
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		2281.94
For: TREASURER*****		
CAROLYN FORMAN	PASSPORT POSTAGE	4.50
QUILL OFFICE SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES	412.97
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1726.00
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	96.22
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		2239.69
For: STATES ATTORNEY*****		
ANSON LAW	RENT	325.00
ANSON LAW	SUPPLIES	312.50
ANSON LAW	UTILITIES	300.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1561.00
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		2498.50
For: COURT APP. ATTORNEY*		
CHURCHILL, MANOLIS, FREEMAN,	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY	1367.50
VOLESKY LAW OFFICE	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY	1028.00
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		2395.50
For: ABUSED & NEG. CHILD*		
CHURCHILL, MANOLIS, FREEMAN,	COURT APPT ATTY - JUVENILE	1033.80
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		1033.80
For: GOV. BUILDING*****		
AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE	HEATING FUEL	18000.00
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC.	SUPPLIES	196.30
BUILDERS CASHWAY, INC.	SUPPLIES	10.79
HUGHES ELECTRIC, LLC	FRONT OUTSIDE & BASEMENT LIGHT	1164.80
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	651.60
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2770.00
STI/SPFA	FUEL TANK TESTING	20.00
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	61.77
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		22875.26
For: DIR. OF EQUAL.*****		
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES	SUPPLIES	11.96
TERRY AUGSPURGER	POSTAGE	7.50
CONNECTING POINT	SERVICE WORK	55.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1876.00
SDAO	2021 MEMBERSHIP	75.00
THE MILLER PRESS	SUPPLIES	48.22
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	161.11
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		2234.79
For: REG. OF DEEDS*****		
CONNECTING POINT	SUPPORT WORK	140.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1726.00
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	128.66
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For: VETERANS SER. OFF.**		
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	160.00
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	61.77
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		221.77
For: SHERIFF*****		
DAKOTA ELECTRONICS	REPEATER USE	100.00
KARL CHEVROLET	2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE	36430.00
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INF	MEMBERSHIP FEE	100.00
MIDWEST FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAINTENANCE	135.50
MIDWEST FIRE & SAFETY	SUPPLIES	25.50
MILLER ACE	SUPPLIES	5.85
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP DUES	68.00
OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES	353.74
JAN BUSSE FORD	REPAIRS	338.07
ISAAC SAUDER	EXPENSES- A.R.I.D.E. TRAINING	116.50
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	3990.00
SD SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION PATCHES	44.60
STOBBS SALES INC.	MAINTENANCE	63.65
THE MILLER PRESS	PUBLISHING	102.20
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	224.00
VISA	SUPPLIES	301.99
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For: JAIL*****		
BEADLE COUNTY SHERIFF	PRISONER CARE	3400.00
FAULK COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	PRISONER CARE	1445.00
FAULKTON AREA MEDICAL CENTER	PRISONER CARE	172.00
PETTY CASH	JAIL MAILINGS	19.75
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	3270.00
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		8306.75
For: CORONER*****		
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	75.12
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		75.12
For: SOLID WASTE*****		
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	624.16
THE MILLER PRESS	RUBBLE SITE TICKET BOOKS	266.00
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		890.16
For: CARE OF POOR (CARE)*		
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	E-MAIL	2.00
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For: COUNTY NURSE*****		
HAND CO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC.	COUNTY HEALTH NURSE	2954.21
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		2954.21
For: MENTAL HEALTH*****		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE	MONTHLY SUPPORT	360.00
DEN HERDER LAW OFFICE, PC	MENTAL HEALTH ATTORNEY	134.20
MARK KATTERHAGEN	MENTAL HEALTH BOARD	9.00
LUCY LEWNO	MENTAL HEALTH BOARD	146.50
DARCY LOCKWOOD	MENTAL HEALTH BOARD	9.00
YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF	SHERIFF'S FEE	50.00
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		708.70
For: LIBRARY*****		
A & B BUSINESS, INC.	COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	50.46
ACTIVE DATA SYSTEMS	UPGRADE SCAN PRO	3095.00
BOB'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	GARBAGE DISPOSAL	21.00
BOB'S GAS	PROPANE	276.00

CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	798.12
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	BOOKS	196.64
MIDWEST ALARM	INSTALL COMPUTER SOFTWARE	120.00
MILLER ACE	LIGHTING PROJECT	2871.91
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	301.95
OVERDRIVE, INC.	SD DIGITAL CONSORTIUM	1100.00
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	481.73
QUOIN FINANCIAL BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENT	10.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1561.00
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	DELL MONITOR	181.04
VENTURE COMUNICATIONS	E-MAIL	2.00

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11066.85

For: EXTENSION\*\*\*\*\*

OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SANITIZER DISPENSERS	397.80
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	715.50
SDSU EXTENSION	SUPPLIES	233.46
VENTURE COMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	94.22

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1440.98

For: WEED CONTROL\*\*\*\*\*

AT & T	CELL PHONE	67.28
BOB'S GAS	PROPANE	1128.00
BRADY LAMMERS	MILEAGE	17.64
MILLER ACE	SUPPLIES	19.96
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	265.91
ASSN OFSD CO WEED & PEST BDS	MEMBERSHIP DUES	150.00
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	5150.02
BRETT STEVENS	MILEAGE	18.48
THE MILLER PRESS	SUPPLIES & PUBLISHING	117.08
VENTURE COMUNICATIONS	E-MAIL	2.00

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6936.37

For: HWY RDS BRIDGES\*\*\*\*\*

AMERIPRIDE SERVICES, INC.	SUPPLIES	1172.88
AVERA HAND CO. MEMORIAL HOSPIT	DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTS	156.00
BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	575.52
BOB'S DISPOSAL SERVICE	GARBAGE DISPOSAL	50.00
BOB'S GAS	PROPANE	98.00
BOB'S GAS	PROPANE	805.00
CK WELDING & REPAIR LLC	SUPPLIES	21.78
DAKOTA OIL	SUPPLIES	130.75
GREAT WESTERN TIRE	SUPPLIES	2809.60
HARTMAN CONSTRUCTION	EXCAVATOR WORK - BRIDGES	1306.12
CITY OF MILLER	UTILITIES	349.88
MILLER CONCRETE PRODUCT INC	SUPPLIES	3318.00
MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES	375.00
OAKLEY FARM & RANCH SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	391.26
OAKLEY REPAIR	REPAIRS	3018.75
OAKLEY REPAIR	SUPPLIES	161.19
HAYDEN PETERMAN	HI-VIS COAT	63.89
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	35509.00
STOBBS SALES INC.	REPAIRS	725.55
TRUENORTH STEEL, INC.	SUPPLIES	3104.72
TWIN VALLEY TIRE OF MILLER	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	121.55
VENTURE COMUNICATIONS	E-MAIL	2.00
WW TIRE SERVICE	MAINTENANCE	5048.20

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59314.64

For: E-911\*\*\*\*\*

VENTURE COMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	10.00
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For: EMERG. & DIS. SERV.*		
MILLER ACE	SUPPLIES	1738.91
OFFICE PEEPS, INC.	SUPPLIES	207.50
SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1491.72
VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE	61.77
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		3499.90
For: LEPC*****		
DOUGLUS DEAN DE BOER	RADIO	239.62
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