

# HAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Hand County Board of Commissioners  
Miller, South Dakota  
Commission Chambers (video via Facebook Live)  
January 5, 2021

Chairman Jim Jones brought the meeting to order at 1 pm with commissioners Gib Rodgers, Greg Palmer, Jim Eschenbaum and Luke Wernsmann present.

The first order of business was the annual election among the commissioners to determine the chairman and vice-chairman. It was moved by Jones, seconded by Wernsmann, after calling for nominations three times, that Gib Rodgers be elected chairman by unanimous ballot. The motion carried.

Chairman Rodgers called for nominations for vice-chair. After three calls for nominations, it was moved by Wernsmann, seconded by Jones to elect Greg Palmer as vice-chairman by unanimous ballot. The motion carried.

Auditor DeBoer asked that a plat of The Olson's Outlot 1 be added to the consent agenda as it was inadvertently removed during editing of the agenda. Chairman Rodgers approved the addition with the consent of the board.

Auditor DeBoer then reviewed the other items on the consent agenda. Upon motion of Wernsmann & Palmer, passed, the consent agenda was approved and the following items along with it: December 1, 2020 minutes, claims for payment, publication of the snow removal policies for county and secondary highways, prisoner care contracts for Beadle, Charles Mix and Faulk Counties, NECOG's joint cooperative agreement (membership), holidays for 2021, and setting of a budget supplemental hearing for February 2.

The consent agenda also included the receipt of the minutes from the library board for their November 20 meeting and the Weed and Pest board from their December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Other items approved included: purging the following employees from the payroll system (a formality): Bryton Black, Nick Laidlaw, Wesley Bowsher, Zach Weber, Mike Mareska, Bernie Huisman, Deb Bushfield, Marlys Aune and Shae Knox.

Lastly, a request to add the position of "PRN" which is "pro re nata" or "as needed" as the title given to unscheduled part time employees and to change board members for library and weed & pest to per-diem if allowed by statute and administrative rule.

The salaries and wage schedule for 2021 was explained by the auditor and approved upon motion of Wernsmann/Jones, and passed. 2021 Wages enumerated: (Department head listed first) **Commissioners:** Gib Rodgers, Luke Wernsmann, Jim Jones, Greg Palmer and Jim Eschenbaum all \$8,506.32 annually. **Sheriff:** Shane Croeni-\$52,834.32 annually. Hourly civilian staff: Full time: Chelsea Price-\$17.01, Part time: Colleen Peterman-\$14.88, PRN: Sandra Selting-\$14.24 and Theresa Lichty-\$14.24. Certified