

DRAFT AGENDA for the HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY AUGUST 17, 2021 – 7 pm

Location: County Commission Chambers, Facebook Live and Zoom upon request.

PLEASE NOTE:

(URL / LINKS are provided when documentation has been provided to us in advance.)

The chairman has declared the entire meeting as the statutory period of public comment (SDCL 1-25-1)

The Commission Reserves the ability to have an executive session without it appearing on the agenda.

All documents are available for download. Paper copies are available upon request.

Item / Approximate time

7:00 Call to Order

2022 BUDGET PREPARATIONS

- Threshold for eligibility to receive health insurance.
 - Hourly Employees: Was 30 hours in 2016, 25 hours in 2020, changed back to 30 for 2021.
 - Suggest it return to 25 hours and specify what the share ratio is for health insurance.
 - Ratio of payment would be the same fraction as the employee's term:
 - Under 25 hours, no allowance.
 - 25 of 40 hours is five-eighths time
 - 30 of 40 hours is three-fourths time
 - 35 of 40 hours is seven-eighths time
 - 25 hours is currently: five parts on employee, 3 parts on employer
 - 30 hours is currently: three parts on employee, 1 part on employer
 - 35 hours is currently: seven parts on employee, 1 part on employer
 - 40 hours is currently: 100% on employer
 - No allowance for children / family coverage.
 - Commissioners are authorized. No ratio set when passed in 2020; defaulted to 100% employer. Nor anything for other elected officials working less than full time.
 - The minutes from the August 2020 Commissioners meeting, taken from our Hand County website.
 - It was noted that in the wording of the minutes it states that if County Commissioners take County medical insurance, that they have to pay for it themselves. The wording is towards the bottom of the second page, it states, "Commissioner Rodgers said he believes that more, possibly younger, people would consider running for the position if they knew health insurance was a buyable option."
 - The discussion on the "buyable" implies a commissioner would pay toward the premium.
 - The commission did not revisit the ratio at which a commissioner would pay.
 - Suggestion: Using a premium of \$1,000 as an example.
 - 25 hours: 40% employee / 60% employer. \$400 employee/\$600 employer
 - 30 hours: 30% employee / 70% employer. \$300 employee/\$700 employer
 - 35 hours: 20% employee / 80% employer. \$200 employee/\$800 employer

 - Support for On Hand Development
 - Commissioners Budget and Line: 101-111-422.02 "Special Programming"
 - 2021: \$30,000 over 12 months or \$2,500 monthly

- Community Health Nurse program
 - Rent: \$600 per month = \$7,200 per year.
 - Contract with D.O.H = \$10,989 rounded to \$11,000
 - Incidentals / Unknowns = \$1,200
 - Proposed total: \$19,400
 - History:
 - 2018 = \$35,450.52
 - 2019 = \$35,450.52
 - 2020 = \$35,450.52
 - 2021 = \$14,771.05 to date (mid year)
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- Wages - Current instruction from commission:
 - Department Heads: \$2.00 / hour equivalent
 - Hourly Employees: \$1.25 / hour
 - Presently loaded into budgets
 - Received amendments from:
 - Custodian
 - Emergency Management
 - No amendments from:
 - States Attorney
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- **REVENUES**

- CPI (1.2%) increase on General Fund property taxes equals \$27,160
 - “GROWTH” for the county is 0.27% which equals: \$6,110
 - Total on property taxes: \$33,270
 - We received 50% of the American Rescue Plan but still do not have an allowable project.
 - \$309,000 into a restricted (by statute and state instructed) fund
 - Does not adversely impact the 40% ratio rule.
 - Pennington County is trying to use some of their to renovate plumbing in their building
 - Another county is trying to update their HVAC system
 - First compliance report is due the end of August
 - Rural Access Infrastructure Grant (SDCL 31-34) / [House Bill 1259](#)
 - Impacts only the Road & Bridge Fund (nothing for general fund)
 - [2021 Distribution Memorandum](#)
 - I lowered the elections budget for 2022 hoping to use “state held” HAVA funds
 - Possible return of excise taxes on CAFO in Pearl Township
 - Shortage will come from accumulated funds in the general fund.
 - Road and Bridge fund will be similar.
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OTHER ITEMS (if allowed)

- Surplus Property from Tax Deed
 - Purchase Used Lawn Mower from John Fawcett
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EXECUTIVE SESSION - Reserved / If Needed

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INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE (No action needed)

- The next “regular” commission meeting is set for Tuesday September 7, 2021 at 1 pm.
- Adjourn