

HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Hand County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on August 3, 2021 in the commission chambers. Chairman Gilbert "Gib" Rodgers called the meeting to order at 1pm with the following commissioners present: Wernsmann, Eschenbaum and Palmer. Commissioner Jones was excused. The meeting was also broadcast live on Facebook and later uploaded to YouTube.

Palmer / Eschenbaum moved, passed, to approve the items on the consent agenda. Those items are the acknowledgment of building permits for Dustin McFarlane (shed), Dean Bottum (shed), Brock Edgar (home), and Kent Reimann (move a mobile home). It also included receipt of the Register of Deeds financial report for June, the library board's minutes and financial report and a list of records destroyed by the auditor's office. Those records were purged voter registry cards that were more than 2 years old, W-2 forms more than 10 years old, timesheets for employees more than five years old and election ballots, pollbooks and records greater than 22 months.

The items approved on the consent agenda included: Minutes of the July 6, 2021 meeting, conditional approval of a beverage license for Eagle Pass Lodge, payment of claims and permission to close the assessor's office on August 9th so they can attend training in Pierre.

RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS It was moved by Palmer, seconded by Wernsmann, motion carried that the plat of "BOSE OUTLOT 1" a part of the NE ¼ Section 9, Twp. 113 North, Rge. 67 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Hand County, South Dakota, as described above and drawn hereon be approved and accepted and the Auditor hereby is instructed to endorse on such plat a copy of the resolution and to certify the same.

4-H Director Ann Price provided a report on her recent activities and plans for achievement days and the state fair. Price asked the commissioners if, in leu of daily commuting to the state fair, they could consent to her using a camping spot on the fair grounds. Price figured the arrangement would cost less than driving. The commissioners agreed and approved the request.

Sheriff Shane Croeni informed the board that the dispatch computer needs to be replaced. It was moved by Wernsmann/Eschenbaum, passed, to approve the purchase of a new computer system up to \$1,100. Additionally, the new software platform requires some specialized service and the City of Huron has an IT staff who can help. The commissioners agreed that paying the City of Huron for use of its IT staff would be of benefit.

Croeni told the board that Keeven Long is no longer able to participate as a part-time deputy sheriff. Long self-terminated without a written resignation so the commissioners, by motion of Eschenbaum/Palmer, passed, approved his termination and subsequently approved the advertisement for another part-time deputy. Croeni said his preference is to recruit current police science students from Lake Area Technical College. Lastly, Croeni informed the board he would be in Sturgis during the rally to work there.

Commissioner Palmer requested (and moved) to have an executive session for a personnel matter. Wernsmann seconded and it passed. The commissioners met in executive session for approximately 15 minutes. It was moved by Wernsmann/Eschenbaum to exit executive session. The meeting reopened with no action being taken at that time.

Weed Supervisor Randy Peck met with the board and informed them that Jon Smallwood also self-terminated as a seasonal employee on July 9, 2021. Peck had another applicant (he had already been advertising for help) named John Higgins.