

HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 MEETING

The Hand County **Planning and Zoning Commission** met in special session in the commission chambers of the courthouse on September 26, 2022. Chairman Greg Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following commission members present: Jim Jones, Jim Eschenbaum, Luke Wernsmann and Dan Jensen. The meeting was broadcasted live on YouTube with a link on the county's Facebook page.

Jaime Russell, Zoning Director, informed the P&Z Commission of the sole plat for consideration, that being from Jay D. Fanning Estate and entitled the "**JD Fanning Outlots**" in Saint Lawrence Township. After review and discussion, it was moved by Jones & Eschenbaum to approve and passed.

There being no further business before the Planning and Zoning Commission, it was moved by Wernsmann & Eschenbaum, passed, to adjourn as the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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The Hand County Board of County Commissioners met in special session, in the commission chambers of the courthouse, on September 26, 2022. Chairman Greg Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. with the following commissioners present: Jim Jones, Jim Eschenbaum, Luke Wernsmann and Dan Jensen. The meeting was broadcasted live on YouTube with a link on the county's Facebook page

Consent Agenda: There were no acknowledgments to consider. There were, however, several items up for approval. The first being to approve the surplus property auction for October 21, 2022, then to grant permission for the highway department to advertise for vacancies and lastly, approval for Jeff Hargens to attend the "Regional Local Road Conference on October 18, 2022. It was moved by Jones & Wernsmann and passed.

Although it was on the consent agenda, the following was acted upon separately. The auditor asked the commission to approve the signing of the "Preliminary Engineering – State Administration" for **bridge structure 30-000-392** which is located 13.2 miles south and five miles west of Ree Heights where it crosses over Elm Creek. It was moved by Jones & Jensen, passed, to execute the cited document.

It was moved by Wernsmann & Jones, passed to ratify the execution of the "Joint Powers and Funding Agreement for Bridge Replacement" on six structures as follows:

PCN: 08MQ Structure: 30-170-185

PCN: 08MR Structure: 30-194-250

PCN: 08MT Structure: 30-220-166

PCN: 08MU Structure: 30-220-256

PCN: 08MV Structure: 30-240-151

PCN: 08MW Structure: 30-29-144

Said agreement was executed by the commission chairman on September 9, 2022.

The auditor asked the commission to review and consider RESOLUTION 2022-28 which adopts the annual budget for 2023. It was moved by Wernsmann, Seconded by Jones to adopt resolution 2022-28. The text of the resolution is as follow: **RESOLUTION 2022.28 WHEREAS.** (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board

of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause the same to be published by law and, **WHEREAS**, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, eliminations and additions have been made thereto. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR HAND COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hand County, South Dakota on this 26th day of September, 2022. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the county auditor. Miller, Hand County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Hand County for the year beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

General County Purposes (10-12-9) in the amount of \$2,359,183 resulting in a levy of \$1.51 per thousand. Secondary Road (31-12-27) in the amount of \$98,145 resulting in a levy of \$0.56 per thousand. Total taxes levied by the county, \$2,457,328 and resulting levy of \$2.07. [Secondary roads are in the unorganized townships]. Signed: /s/: Daniel Jensen, District 1, /s/: Jim Jones, District 2, /s/: Greg Palmer, District 3, /s/: Jim Eschenbaum, District 4, /s/: Luke Wernsmann, District 5. Attest: /s/: Doug DeBoer – Auditor. As of October, / November _____, 2022, these levies are / are not approved by the Department of Revenue.

Highway Superintendent **Jeff Hargens** met with the commissioners to discuss a request to purchase from Whitmore Inc., L3180 Smart Loader Scale system for \$15,579.25. It was moved by Eschenbaum & Wernsmann, passed, to approve the purchase.

Hargens submitted the following list for approval as surplus items within his department to be sold at public auction: Tractor Tires, Truck Tires, Grader Tires, Steel Face Packer, Grinder Set - Brake Grinder, Blue Jack, Truck, Drill Press, Chop Saw, Air Compressor, Roll Back Tarps, Band Saw, Jack Hammer (Electric), Parts Washer, Gas Tanks, Power Washer, Air Compressor, 2 Trucks, 1 Wrecked in Roll-Over, 1 Blown Motor, 1 Flatbed Truck, Paver, Snow Blower from Oshkosh, One-way snow plows, "V" plows, Belly scraper from dump truck, Truck frame for trailer, Welder. Hargens also asked to include a GMC pickup and end dump truck. Hargens' request was approved upon motion of Wernsmann & Eschenbaum, and passed.

A request to approve a gravel royalty agreement was moved to the October 4, 2022 meeting as it was not on the agenda.

It was moved by Jones & Wernsmann and approved by roll call vote of all members indicating in the affirmative, to approve the Plat of "JD FANNING OUTLOTS in Saint Lawrence Township for the Jay Fanning Estate.

At 7:28 PM the commission closed the meeting upon motion of Jones & Jensen, it passed, and the commission met in executive session to discuss personnel / pending openings and a legal matter. At 8: 23 PM the commission returned to open session upon motion of Eschenbaum and Jensen, it passed.

The commission instructed the auditor to develop a job description for the vacant positions in cooperation with the highway superintendent and return it to the commission for the next meeting. On the legal matter, the commission took no action. It was moved by Eschenbaum and Jensen, passed, to adjourn the meeting (8:23 PM).