

# HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MEETING

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The Hand County Planning and Zoning Commission, and Board of Adjustment met in special session in the commission chambers of the courthouse on February 21, 2023. Chairman Luke Wernsmann called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. with the following other commissioners present: Jim Jones, Jim Eschenbaum, and Greg Palmer. Dan Jensen arrived at 1:04 P.M. The meeting was broadcasted live on YouTube with a link on the county's Facebook page.

**Zoning director Jaime Russell** informed the commission that two subcommittee meetings had taken place with NECOG's director, Eric Senger. Russell said the group is looking at the current zoning ordinances and outlining ways in which the ordinance could be modified to make for better administration by staff and better understanding by constituents.

Russell also told the group that assessment notices will be mailed to property owners before March 1.

There were four plats reviewed by the commission, all of which were referred to the County Commission for approval. One plat needed to be reviewed by the City of Miller prior to being before the commission.

Commissioner Jim Eschenbaum presented a question of whether the commission would allow citizens to serve as the planning and zoning commission along with one county commission. There was considerable discussion but ultimately no action. It was decided to place the idea on hold until the zoning subcommittee could finish their project.

There was no one present to offer public comment.

It was moved by Palmer & Jones to adjourn the planning & zoning commission. All others voted in favor thereof.

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The Hand County Board of County Commissioners met in special session in the commission chambers of the courthouse on February 21, 2023 at 1:07 P.M. in the commission chambers of the courthouse with the following members present: Eschenbaum, Jones, Jensen, Palmer and Chairman Luke Wernsmann.

It was moved by Jones & Eschenbaum, passed to **approve the proposed agenda** without modification.

**Robin Harty, Director of the Family Crisis Center, Inc.**, / Ginny's Safe House, met with the commission by telephone. After introducing herself, Harty explained that the center had been without a director and Hand County had not had an outreach advocate for about 8 months. Harty said she has many ideas on how to improve the center and its services to Spink, Hand and Faulk Counties.

Harty requested the support of the commission and the commission expressed their desire to continue supporting the center. A resolution provided the day of the meeting was postponed because it was not on the agenda. The commission also asked Harty to visit with them again in the future, once she has time to settle into her job.