

## HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Hand County Planning & Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment met in the commission chambers of the courthouse on Tuesday May 2nd, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Luke Wernsmann at 1:00 P.M. with commissioners Jones, Eschenbaum, Jensen and Palmer also present. The meeting was live streamed via YouTube with a link provided on the county's Facebook page.

A hearing on the proposed conditional use permit for **Vertical Bridge** (Curt Walter) was held as advertised. Vertical Bridge is requesting the permit to construct a communications tower in Spring Lake Township, section 36, a location which previously had a communications tower.

The commission offered time for in person testimony but no one present offered any, either for or against the proposed project.

At the conclusion of the hearing, it was recommended to refer the application for conditional use to the board of County Commissioners for action.

Jaime Russell as zoning administrator summarized the **building permits** presented to her office. Russell also presented two plats for review-the Lichty Addition and the Kolegraff First Subdivision. The plats were also recommended for consideration of the county commission.

There being no further business before the Planning & Zoning commission, it was moved by Eschenbaum & Jensen, passed, to adjourn at 1:08 P.M.

The Hand County Board of County Commissioners met in the commission chambers of the courthouse on March 7, 2023 at 1:08 P.M. Chairman Wernsmann called the meeting to order with commissioners Eschenbaum, Jones, Jensen, and Palmer present.

It was moved by Palmer & Jensen, passed, to **approve the items on the consent agenda** which included the following acknowledgements: Receipt of the month end revenue and expenditure budgets for the county, receipt of the payroll ledger and receipt of the library board's minutes and financial report. The following items were approved within the consent agenda: A fireworks permit for Miller C&C, a permit to land aircraft on county highways, the payment of claims / vouchers, minutes of the April 11, 2023 commission meeting and the April 11, 2023 planning & zoning meeting.

**Sheriff Shane Croeni** met with the commission and requested that **Chelsea Price** be approved for appointment as a **deputy sheriff** with her wage increasing to \$20.01 per hour. It was moved by Jones & Jensen, passed. Price will attend the academy in November.

A request from the Miller School District and the First United Methodist Church for donations to the **PBIS and Table to Go Programs** were received by the sheriff's office. It was the consensus of the board that such donations are not a permissible use of tax dollars.

Croeni requested the commission ratify the employment of **Edwin Alpizar** as a deputy sheriff with a starting wage of \$18.77. The request was approved upon motion of Palmer & Eschenbaum, and passed.

**Zach Lasek and Mark Wengierski with Scout Clean Energy (Sweetland Wind Farm)** spoke to the board about the status of the project. Wengierski also informed the board that he will be present less often and the new point of contact will be Logan Bell. The commission asked Wengierski to look into signage along SD HWY 45 as the increase traffic is causing some issues. Lastly, the group readdressed the utilities crossing permits. There are two in place, and they compliment each other and both remain in force.

**Assessor Jaime Russell** requested permission to advertise for a clerk position, make an offer, with a start date of June 1. The request was approved upon motion of Jones & Jensen, passed.

**Auditor Doug DeBoer** reported that two petitions had been filed to refer the **opt out for secondary roads** to a public vote. DeBoer asked the board to set an election date, the polling place(s), approve poll staffing and counting board. The commission agreed upon June 13<sup>th</sup> or June 20<sup>th</sup> as election dates. It was moved by Jones & Eschenbaum, passed, to approve the employment of poll staff and the use of the Polo Gym as the polling location.

**PLATS:** The commission considered the plat for Lichty Addition. The text of the resolution reads: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Hand County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: "**Lichty Addition** in the SW1/4 of SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 112 NORTH, RANGE 66 WEST OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., HAND COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." It was moved by Palmer & Jensen, passed upon roll call vote to approve the Lichty Plat.

The second plat for consideration was the Kolegraff First Subdivision which reads: "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAND COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT THE PLAT SHOWING **KOLEGRAFF FIRST SUBDIVISION** IN GOVERNMENT LOTS 1 AND 2 AND S ½ NE ¼ OF SECTION 1-T116N-R68W OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., HAND COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, HAVING BEEN EXAMINED, IS HEREBY APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SDCL 11-