

HAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Hand County Board of County Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday May 8th, 2023 for the purpose of conducting time sensitive business received too late for the regular, May 2, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Greg Palmer, at the request of Chairman Wernsmann, presided over and called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Luke Wernsmann, commissioners Daniel Jensen and (later) Jim Eschenbaum participated by telephone or ZOOM while commissioners Greg Palmer and Jim Jones appeared in person.

The first order of business was to consider a renewed agreement with **Elections Systems and Software** to provide contractual services for the creation of ballots (printing), voice prompts for the hard of hearing, and integration with the tabulators. It was moved by Jones & Palmer and by roll call vote all voted in favor thereof.

The second item of business before the commission was to consider the annual agreement with **the SD Department of Transportation** for the purpose of **painting the striping** on the county's hard surface roads. It was moved by Jones & Palmer to approve the agreement. Upon roll-call vote all members voted in favor thereof.

The third item of business was the review of **proposals for the financing of the used road graders** from RDO Equipment. RDO Equipment offered 6.79% over 36 months, 6.99% over 48 months, 7.19% over 60 months. Quoin Financial Bank offered 6.25% over 36 months, 6.45% over 48 months, 6.65% over 60 months and American Bank and Trust offered 7% for all three terms.

Jim Eschenbaum was able to join the meeting by telephone between these actions.

During discussion it was noted that the excise tax rebate from the Radio LLC construction (swine facility south of Saint Lawrence) amounted to about \$425,000 which would cover approximately ½ of the total purchase for three used road graders.

It was moved by Palmer & Jones, passed, upon roll-call vote with all members voting in favor thereof to accept the financing option from Quoin Financial Bank and to finance the purchase of 3 years in the amount [roughly 50%] not reserved with the Ratio LCC rebate.

It was moved by Jones & Palmer, passed, upon roll-call votes with all members voting in favor thereof to allow Highway Superintendent Jeff Hargens and Auditor Doug DeBoer to sign / execute the documents necessary to facilitate the financing with Quoin Financial Bank.

The fourth item of business before the commission was the approval of a work order between the SD Department of Transportation and Hand County **to appoint an engineering firm for the annual bridge inspections**. Previously, the commission recommended Ulteig engineering and this work order formalized the agreement. It was moved by Jones & Palmer, passed, by roll-call vote with all members voting in favor thereof.

The fifth item of business was to have the presiding commissioner sign off on the general ledger changes approved (after review) during the May 2, 2023 meeting.

At the request of Auditor DeBoer, it was moved by Wernsmann & Jones, passed, upon roll-call vote with all members voting in favor thereof **to have Commissioner Palmer sign** or execute all documents in place of the chairman.

The final item before the commission was the consideration of Resolution 2023-10 brought by Emergency Manager Arlen Gortmaker which would formally declare a disaster for the spring runoff / flooding that occurred in April. It was moved by Jones & Palmer, passed upon roll-call vote with all members voting in favor thereof. The text of the resolution reads as follows: **RESOLUTION 2023-10 DISASTER DECLARATION for 2023 SPRING FLOODING [-] WHEREAS**, Hand County, South Dakota, on April 9th 2023 through April 30th 2023 suffered severe road damage caused by flooding, and **WHEREAS**, this rapid and unexpected snow melt caused flooding to county and township roads, throughout Hand County, and **WHEREAS**, water was running and continued to run over multiple county and township roads in the county, washing gravel from the surface of the roads and ice jams which caused water to run over roads. The flooding waters caused culvert bases to eroded. Many bridges and culverts were blown full of snow and ice further causing water to run uncontrolled outside the normal channels, and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hand County Commissioners do hereby declare a disaster for all areas of Hand County. The Hand County Commission respectfully requests that any and all assistance which may be available from state and federal agencies be provided to all local governments of Hand County. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Hand County Commissioner does hereby declare a disaster and respectfully requests the Governor of the State of South Dakota declare a disaster for the county and request a Presidential Declaration of Disaster to ensure that the maximum amount of assistance is made available to local governments, businesses and residents affected. There were 5 votes for and 0 votes against the enactment of this resolution. Dated this 8th day of May, 2023, at Miller, Hand County, South Dakota. Board of County Commissioners of Hand County /s/: Greg Palmer, Presiding Commissioner ATTEST: /s/: Doug DeBoer, Auditor.

There being no other business to come before the commission, it was moved by Wernsmann & Jones, passed upon roll-call vote, to adjourn. [4:27 PM.]

The next scheduled meeting is for June 6, 2023.

The forgoing text reflects the approved minutes of the commission.

Luke Wernsmann, Chairman

Attest:
Doug DeBoer, Auditor

