

The joint Boards of Hughes and Stanley County Commissioners met with members Hughes County Commissioners Randy Brown, Tom Rounds, Bill M. Abernathy, and Stanley County Commissioners Dana Iversen, Sonny Harrowa, and Dennis Booth present. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Moved by Brown and seconded by Booth to approve the agenda as stated. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING: CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA AMBULANCE DISTRICT FORMATION**

Time set for 5:30 PM to consider public comment on the formation of the Central South Dakota Ambulance District to encompass the entire boundary of Hughes and Stanley County.

Gary Gritner spoke about his concerns related to the increase in costs to the tax payers in order to form the Central South Dakota Ambulance District.

Tom Huber spoke about the situation and how forming the district would stabilize an unstable situation. He went on to say that quality is not an issue, the service we have is right, we just have to figure out how to make it work.

City of Fort Pierre Mayor Gloria Hansen spoke about the cost of the district compared to that of law enforcement and said it was insignificant. She also thanked the media for getting the word out to the public.

Matt Hardwick from AMR spoke about the issues the ambulance service is facing, and how the district would help them continue to provide the care the public deserves. Matt also spoke about employee shortages since COVID, and how this is not just a Pierre issue it's a nationwide issue.

City of Pierre Mayor Steve Harding commented on how astronomical the costs would be to form a new ambulance service from the ground up.

Commissioner Brown spoke about the hardship put on the County to fund the current ambulance service, and how the district would benefit everyone in our community.

Hughes County Sheriff Pat Callahan spoke about the challenges AMR is dealing with.

Commissioner Booth mentioned that no other bids were received for Ambulance service other than from AMR so the only choice was to negotiate with them on the increases in costs to operate the service.

**COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS  
HUGHES COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**August 17, 2022**

Moved by Rounds and seconded by Booth to adjourn the meeting. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Randy Brown, Chairman  
Hughes County Commission

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Thomas J. Oliva, Finance Officer  
Hughes County, South Dakota