

Chairman Randy Vance called the Monday, February 1, 2021 meeting of the Hughes County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 PM with members Tom Rounds, Randy Brown, Bill Abernathy and Connie Hohn. County Manager Kevin Hipple, Planning Director/ Building Official Eric Booth, Sheriff Darin Johnson, Emergency Manager Rob Fines, and Highway Superintendent Rob Brunmeier were also present. The meeting began with a prayer by Pastor John Fette and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Hohn and seconded by Abernathy to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Commission meeting. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARING: MENTELE APPROACH VARIANCE - 117 LINNELL ST: Time set for 5:30 pm for a public hearing.** Don & Karen Mentele are requesting a variance permit for an approach for their home at 117 Linnell St. Menteleø explained the need for the approach to access their garage easier and safer. Also, four propane tanks are serviced on this approach. There is also a utility box located nearby which would limit where you could located an approach. Menteles indicated they had followed the proper process and requested and received an approach permit prior to starting construction. They contend it was the Countyø error in issuing the permit, not their error.

Staff reported that they had received the following public comment prior to the meeting; one letter in opposition, one phone call in opposition and one phone call in favor, one email in opposition and one email in favor. Details of those comments were shared with the Commission and included in their packets.

Kathleen Schuh shared an estimate of \$783.60 from CenturyLink to move the utility box located near their approach at 118 Linnell Street.

Bruce Petersen asked why this ordinance is in place, saying the new approach is much safer than the previous approach.

Darrel Beck brought up the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph and since its lower more approaches should be allowed.

No in person opponent testimony was offered. The public hearing closed.

The commission requested Menteleø to meet with the neighbor (Schuhø) to combine their two approaches into one shared approach and bring it back to the commission.

Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to postpone the variance until Menteleø bring a proposal. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to go into executive session to consult with counsel per SDCL 1-25-2(3). All voted aye. Motion passed. Chairman Vance declared the board to be out of executive session.

**FEMA BRIC GRANT:** Jordan Lamb, GM Oahe Electric Cooperative is requesting support for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant to help with the cost of burying power lines. Jim Poppen, Mitigation and Recovery Manager for the State of SD and Matt Eldridge, Operations Manager for Oahe Electric were present to answer questions. This would be a pass through grant for up to \$600,000 and bury approximately 5 1/2 miles of lines. Oahe Electric would be responsible for any costs associated with an audit triggered by the grant. Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve moving forward with the FEMA BRIC Grant as a pass through grant for Oahe Electric Cooperative. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**BARON WEATHER CONTRACT:** Moved by Rounds and seconded by Brown to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Baron Threat License Agreement for a three year period; February 1, 2021 thru January 31, 2024 for \$900 per year. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**ANTENNA TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Brown to approve and authorize the Commission Chairman to sign lease agreements for Antenna Tower Leases for Hyde County, City of Fort Pierre, Four Corners Fire Dept., Mid Dakota Rural Water, and Stanley County. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**ADVERTISE FOR HIGHWAY DEPT BIDS:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to authorize advertising for bids for supplying gas and diesel fuel for the Hughes County Highway Department to be received by 11:00 AM on February 22, 2021 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to authorize advertising for bids for furnishing the season's supply of Magnesium Water for the Hughes County Highway Department to be received by 11:00 AM on February 22, 2021 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to authorize advertising for bids for supplying culverts for the Hughes County Highway Department to be received by 11:00 AM on February 22, 2021 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to authorize advertising for bids for Crushed Gravel and Stockpiling for the Hughes County Highway Department to be received by 11:00 AM on February 22, 2021 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**ONE WAY PLOW PURCHASE:** Moved by Rounds and seconded by Brown to approve the purchase of a one way snow plow for one of the motor graders from Capital Industries for \$25,500. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**PERSONNEL:** Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to approve the promotion of Josh Larson to Jail Deputy Sheriff Pay Grade 16 Step 3 \$23.74 per hour starting on February 2, 2021. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve transferring Dea Fischer to Correctional Officer at JSC; Pay Grade 14 Step 7 \$22.47 per hour on February 4, 2021. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Brown to approve promoting Kevin Donovan to Correctional Officer Sargent at the Jail; Pay Grade 15 Step 1 \$20.92 per hour on February 4, 2021. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**JUVENILE SERVICE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Gregory County for using the Hughes County Juvenile Services Center at the rate of \$295 per day. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**ABATEMENTS:** Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to approve the abatement of \$271.46 for the 2020 payable 2021 taxes for Calvary Baptists Church; Stebbins & Freelandø Addition Block 6 Lots 36 thru 38 to the City of Blunt. The property qualified for tax exempt status. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to approve an abatement of \$965.79 for the 2020 payable 2021 taxes; a refund for the 2018 payable 2019 taxes of \$973.58 and a refund of the 2019 payable in 2020 taxes of \$965.42 for Aaron & Darby Magnuson; Highlands Ridge Addition Block 3 Lot 6 to the City of Pierre. The property owner qualified for the Owner Occupied exemption. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to approve the abatement of \$574.68 for the 2020 payable 2021 taxes for John & Dawn Koch; Wells Second Addition Block 69 S4ø of Lot 19 and all of lots 20 thru 22 to the City of Pierre. Kochø qualified for the Owner Occupied Status for 2020. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to approve an abatement of \$602.88 for the 2020 payable 2021 taxes for Barbara Thimsen; Wells Second Addition Block 58 Lots 20 and S16ø of Lot 21 to the City of Pierre. The property owner qualified for a tax reduction program. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**DELINQUENT TAX AGREEMENT:** Moved by Hohn and seconded by Brown to approve the Delinquent Tax agreement with Melanie McCoy for R#5493; Capitol Addition Block 14 Lots 1 thru 3 to the City of Pierre for \$100.00 per week beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2021. All voted aye. Motion passed.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Rounds and seconded by Hohn to approve the following claims. All voted aye. Motion passed.

3D SPECIALTIES 1929.60 INV 220158 BRIDGE MARKERS, A-OX WELDING 34.15 INV 00242259 CYLINDER RENTAL, ALLIED PLUMBING & HEATING INC 473.10 WORK ORDER S004985 MAINTENANCE, AMERICAN STAMP & MARKING PROD 119.25 INV 1717246 PRINTER, ANDERSON DENTAL 818.10 INMATE DENTIST / MARKOS, AT & T MOBILITY 1595.90 CELL & WIFI, AT & T MOBILITY 1357.73 CELL & WIFI, AVERA MCKENNAN HOSPITAL 727.82 ACCT MK005052222 G.L., AVERA MEDICAL ASSOC CLINIC 2295.00 DEC 2020 CONTRACT, AVERA MEDICAL ASSOC CLINIC 1338.40 ACCT WF0000001859 INMATE, BOB BARKER CO INC 92.59 WEB000702318 UNIFORMS, BOTTOM LINE WELDING 139.45 INV 013306, 013295 REPAIRS, BROSZ ENGINEERING 9640.00 DESIGN-BRIDGES P23901,02,23757, BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION 1029.54 SERVICE, CAPITAL AREA REFUSE 519.25 ACCT 3077, CAPITAL AREA COUNSELING 12000.00 TEEN COURT SUPPORT 2021, CAPS TRAIL SERVICE 46.39 # 168360 FUEL, CARPENTER, SHEILA 203.28 TRAVEL, CDW GOVERNMENT INC 134.40 INV 6621380 SUPPLIES, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC 334.15 INV 551278,551279 SUPPLIES, CENTURYLINK 174.74 PHONE, CHOLIK SIGN CO 80.00 INV 11623 DECALS, CITIBUSINESS CARD 685.05 SUPPLIES, COLE PAPERS INC 1396.63 SUPPLIES, CWD INVESTIGATIONS 63.90 PI - A. WELLS, DAKOTA ELECTRONICS 97526.63 INV 30459 RADIOS HOMELAND SEC, DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP 56.04 INV S100683253.001 SUPPLY, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1591.32 LAUNDRY C18D1077, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1588.32 S00117056 FUEL, DIAMOND DRUGS INC 837.91 MEDICATION INV 1097881, DIAMOND MOWERS 87.51 INV 0189932 REPAIRS, FRIMAN OIL & GAS CO INC 316.25 INV 31500 FUEL OIL, GRAHAM TIRE 46.90 INV 1717151213 OIL, INGRAM PEST SERVICE 170.00 INV 38887 MAINTENANCE, INMANS WATER TECHNOLOGIES 55.00 ACCT 60715 RENTAL, INTOXIMETERS 1250.00 INV 671544 PBT TUBES, JC OFFICE SUPPLIES 169.22 SUPPLIES, JC PRINTING 249.00 INV 15752 TIME CARDS, MARK KATTERHAGEN 18.00 MI - R.K., KIRK MILLER & JUDITH WEGNER 49.00 TAX OVERPAY, LAWSON PRODUCTS INC 137.97 INV 9308137289 SUPPLIES, LEWIS DRUG 20.39 ACCT 119840-3 INMATE MEDS, LUCILLE M LEWNO 176.50 MI - R.K., DARCY LOCKWOOD 18.00 MI - R.K., LYLE SIGNS INC 3564.56 SIGNS,CULVERT MARKERS,POSTS, M & R SIGNS 28.50 INV 276853 SIGN, MEDICINE CREEK 100.32 FUEL, MENARDS 30.42 ACCT 33210280, MENARDS 202.82 ACCT 33210252, MID DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM 124.00 UTILITIES, MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL 665.00 INV 156679 MAINTENANCE, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 58.87 UTILITIES, NAYLOR, GARY 114.47 UNIFORM, NESDCAP 3500.00 REQUEST IN 2020, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 310.20 UTILITIES, OAHE ELECTRIC COOP INC 93.12 UTILITIES, PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT 37.67 REPAIRS, QUALIFIED PRESORT SRV 4019.78 INV 508842 TAX FORMS, REDWOOD MEDIATION & LAW 346.50 MI - Z.P., T.A., SANFORD HEALTH 2272.00 INV 310159223 J.C., SCHUMACHER, JIM 40000.00 GRAVEL ROYALTY, SDPA SECRETARY/TREASURER 50.00 MEMBERSHIP E. BOOTH, SECRETARY OF STATE 30.00 NOTARY J. DEYO, SERVALL UNIFORM & LINEN CO 444.13 ACCT 402350, SHANES PHARMACY 2121.44 INMATE MEDICATIONS, SOUTH DAKOTA 811 7.84 INV SD20-3899 DEC 2020, SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES 16364.28 MEALS, JASON W BERNETT 265.00 INV 22775 WINDOWS, SUPER 8 PIERRE 144.54

**COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS  
HUGHES COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

CARE OF POOR R.B. 2 NIGHTS, VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS 305.42 DISPATCH / PHONE, WALMART COMMUNITY 89.21 SUPPLIES, WALMART COMMUNITY 68.29 SUPPLIES, MONA WEIGER 421.80 COURT REPORTING, YANKTON COUNTY 254.70 MI - T.A., M.G., ZANDER AUTO PARTS 133.99 INV 145116366 REPAIRS.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

The following salaries and benefits were paid by department in the month of January 2021: Commissioners-\$25,334.31, Auditor-\$17,480.15, Treasurer-\$19,859.59, States Attorney-\$28,099.03, Govt Buildings-\$9,456.34, Equalization-\$11,557.92, Register of Deeds-\$10,342.95, Veterans Service-\$4,829.39, Sheriff-\$45,043.51, Jail-\$209,107.17, Coroner-\$403.69, Juvenile Services-\$48,775.92, Weed & Pest \$768.96, Planning & Zoning-\$6,426.45 Road & Bridge-\$65,315.44, Emergency Management-\$13,598.71.Total payroll \$516,399.53.

Auditor's Account with the Treasurer January 31, 2021: Cash on hand-\$4,795.05, Checks in the Treasurer's possession less than three days-\$110,660.84, Cash items\$9.90, Demand deposits: American State Bank-\$9,851,571.18, Bad Checks Outstanding-\$1,185.99, Investments-\$2,575,000.00 Total Cash Assets-\$12,543,222.96.

Register of Deeds Fees Collected in January 2021: Recording Fees-\$7,018.00, Transfer Fees-\$5,520.00, Copy Fees-\$464.50, Credit Card Fees-\$180.00, and Vitals-\$4,060.00. Total \$17,242.50.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to adjourn the meeting until **Tuesday at 5:30 PM on February 19, 2021.** All voted aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Randy Vance, Chairman  
Hughes County Commission

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Jane Naylor, Finance Officer  
Hughes County, South Dakota