

Chairman Randy Vance called the Monday November 22, 2021 special meeting of the Hughes County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 PM with members Randy Brown, Bill M. Abernathy, Tom Rounds and Connie Hohn were present. County Manager Kevin Hipple, Planning/Building Official Eric Booth, Sheriff Patrick Callahan, States Attorney Jessica LaMie, and Veterans Service Officer Janet Beck were also present. The meeting began with a prayer by Pastor John Fette and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: Zack Clark from Clark Insurance appeared to go over health insurance renewal options for Hughes County.

Sonya Nordbye from Risty Benefits also appeared to answer questions on their health insurance proposal for Hughes County.

Tabled for further discussion until the Monday November 29, 2021 special meeting.

SALARY SCHEDULE: Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to approve the request for the Veterans Administrative Assistant position to move from Pay Grade 13 to Pay Grade 14. Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to move Veterans Administrative Assistant Sheila Carpenter to Step 6 of Pay Grade 14. Effective November 25, 2021. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Rounds and seconded Brown by to approve the budgeted 3% wage increase for Hughes County employees. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve the requested wage increase for the States Attorney Jessica LaMie to \$91,618.00 for 2022. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL: Please approve the following resignations: Melissa Betone Corrections Officer at the jail effective November 23, 2021, Lori Leighton a Correctional Officer at the jail effective December 5, 2021, Carrie Huwe Corrections Officer at the jail effective November 25, 2021. Rescind the offer of employment to Ariel Alberto Rayes as a Corrections Officer at the jail. Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to accept the resignations, rescind the job offer, and to advertise the positions for hire. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Personnel SDCL 1-25-2 Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to go into executive session. All voted Aye. Motion passed. The Chairman declared the board to be out of executive session.

**COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS
HUGHES COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting until **Monday at 4:00 PM on November 29, 2021.** All voted Aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Randy Vance, Chairman
Hughes County Commission

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