

February 15th, 2022

UNAPPROVED MINUTES: The Hamlin County Board of Commissioners met on Feb. 15 with the following members present: Saathoff, Baldwin Rudebusch and Roe. Absent Noem. Also present was John Delzer States Attorney and Bryan Pedersen Highway Supt. The Vice Chairman Larry Saathoff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Baldwin to approve the agenda as posted. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Roe seconded by Rudebusch to approve the minutes of Feb. 1,2022 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

WIC CONTRACT: Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Baldwin to authorize the Chairman to sign the Amendment II WIC contract with the SD Dept of Health. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. This program provides WIC services for the County at no cost to the County.

ABATEMENTS: Motion by Roe seconded by Baldwin to approve the following abatements: Record 7364 annexed from Estelline Township into Estelline City abate tax 1061.18 Record 7363 annexed from Estelline Township to Estelline city abate 1284.40 Record 4378 ,4379,4387,4377 property now owned by Estelline City exempt from tax abate 22.97 Record 147 now owned by Estelline City tax exempt abate 2870.44 Record 6797 Mobile Home paid in advance abate 6.38 Record 5994 Mobile Home Paid in advance abate 161.66 Record 800041 Mobile Home Paid in advance abate 84.82 Record 800043 Mobile Home Paid in advance abate 845.22 Record 5894 Mobile Home Paid in advance abate 372.08 All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

PLAT: Motion by Rudebusch seconded by Roe to approve the plat of Solsaa Angus Addition Located in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter and the West half of Section 18, Township 114, North Range 52 West of the 5th PM Hamlin County. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

BRIDGE INSPECTIONS: Motion by Roe seconded by Rudebusch to authorize the Chairman to sign the Bridge Reinspection Program Resolution: WHEREAS 23CFR 650 Subpart C requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years. THEREFORE, Hamlin County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program. The County requests SDDOT to hire IMEG for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County 20% of the cost.

Dated Feb 15,2022 at Hayti SD

Larry Saathoff
Vice Chairman

Attest:
Dixie Opdahl
Hamlin County Auditor.

HIGHWAY DEPT: Bryan Pedersen Highway Supt submitted the annual road report to the Board. He requested that the Highway Dept employees attend a safety meeting in Brookings March 1 and March 2 Half of crew each day. This is required by law. The Board approved such. Load limits were discussed. Bryan had checked the culverts north of Thomas.

LOAD LIMITS: Motion by Baldwin seconded by Roe to approve the following Load Limits Resolution: WHEREAS, Hamlin County is responsible for the maintenance of certain highways under its jurisdiction, WHEREAS it appears that said highways, by deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or restrictions as to weight of vehicles are imposed and WHEREAS, the County of Hamlin lacks the scale equipment with which to enforce weight limits. NOW THEREFORE pursuant to SDCL 32-14-16 and any laws amendatory thereto, be it resolved that the load limit on Hamlin County asphalt roads and some gravel roads within the County of Hamlin shall be 7 ton per axel. This resolution will be in effect for a full 75-day period. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be erected and maintained signs designating the provision of this Resolution as provided by State law and that the Resolution shall be effective until or unless such signs are erected and maintained. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Hamlin County shall request the SD Highway Patrol to enter the county of Hamlin with scales adequate to weigh motor vehicles to ensure compliance with State Laws pertaining to vehicle weight and with the weight laws established by this Resolution, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be effective each and every year hereafter unless repealed or modified by duly enacted Resolution:

Dated at Hayti SD Feb. 15,2022

Larry Saathoff
Vice Chairman

Attest:
Dixie Opdahl
Hamlin County Auditor

CLAIMS PAID: SDACO Register of Deeds Fees to State 256.00 SD Public Health Lab blood tests 80.00 Dakotan publishing 406.87 H-D Electric 911 towers elec. 131.48 Ottertail Power Elec. Courthouse 638.95 Ag Bldg 66.46 SDACHS Road Registration 100.00 Verizon Sheriff cell phones & air cards 573.74 Arlo & Colita Remmers land purchase 16,500.00 Lyman & Donita Hanson land purchase 16,500.00 Watertown City 911 fees collected 4651.58 ITC phones States Attorney 85.75 Treasurer 98.17 Emergency & Disaster 154.07 911 Trunking fee 374.33 LIEAP 53.22 Courthouse Internet 43.09 Auditor 50.77 Assessor 98.17 Register of Deeds 56.02 Ag Bldg 84.4 Extension 99.67 Sheriff 248.88 Weed 94.67 Lingo phones Treasurer 15.48 Weed 14.94 Assessor 16.29 Courthouse Internet 14.94 Register of Deeds 15.35 Extension 14.94 LIEAP 14.94 Auditor 14.94

SD Dept of Revenue money to the State: Motor Vehicle License 162,401.91 Drivers License 1127.00 Birth fees 100.00 Death Fees 30.00 Total sent 163,658.91

The Commissioners Board then adjourned to the 4-H Building to attend the township meeting.

The annual township meeting was held on Feb. 15, 2022 Roll Call was taken of townships present. Answering roll call was Castlewood, Oxford, Brantford, Garfield, Norden, Estelline, Hamlin, Florence, Opdahl and Dixon.

The minutes of last year's meeting were read. Motion by Robert Shultz seconded by Gene Sauder to approve the minutes as read. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Highway Supt Bryan Pedersen gave a report on the rates for work to be done would stay the same. Townships should submit their work orders to him as that helps a lot. He is presently doing the inventory of the small structure culverts and as he does each one it is sent directly to the State. This has to be completed by May 31.

Weed Supervisor Cody Michalski gave his report of the spraying for townships. He stated his department had covered 1461 miles of road ditches. The rate for spraying with one person and machine will be \$40.00 per hour. The boom truck will not be used as he only has two part time employees and that takes two people to run such. They can do better by spraying directly in the ditch. The State is recommending only spot spraying for a better job than solid spraying. He has sent out to each township a spray agreement for them to return to him with what they want sprayed.

John Stewart and Andy Alban from the State Emergency Management Public Assistance program spoke to the group and handed out how each township will have to replace their DUNS number with a new UEI number for obtaining any grant or state money. They can call his office in Pierre and they will give them a new number. Questions were asked concerning townships not receiving their FEMA from 2019 yet. He stated the State does not have money that they hold, when they approve a payment he must submit it to the Federal Government for reimbursement. He also stated townships should set an amount at their annual meeting per hour for work done above the regular meetings. This is for FEMA. The State is still working on the 2019 Disaster. Dustin Leiseth State Township Board member spoke about new proposed laws that affect townships. Fifty-three counties have submitted their inventory of culverts. Dustin went over the duties of the Commissioners after the townships submit any culverts for this program. The townships have to pay 20% of the cost of repairing the culvert.

Dustin thanked David Schaefer Emergency & Disaster Director for all his work through the years. He is retiring.

Packets were handed out to each township for paperwork for their annual meeting. The Commissioners part of the meeting adjourned at noon and the Commissioners left.

Dustin conducted the meeting for just the local boards elections. Dustin's term on the State Board is up. Motion by Jerry Runia seconded by Bob Shultz to appoint Dustin Leiseth to a three year term on the State Board and that nominations cease and cast an unanimous vote for Dustin. Seconded by Betty Skroch . All members voting Aye.

Motion Carried. Motion by Jerry Runia to nominate Dustin Leiseth for a three year term for President of the Local township association. Seconded by Brent Bass that nominations cease and cast an unanimous vote for Dustin. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gene Sauder to nominate Wesley Johnson to a three year term for Vice President of Local association. Seconded by Riley Buck that nominations cease and cast an unanimous vote for Wesley. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bob Shultz to nominate Lowell Laue for Treasurer for a three year term seconded by Dan Schmit. Motion by Betty Skroch that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous vote for Lowell. Seconded by Tom Kranz. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried. Lowell Laue gave the Treasurers report. Motion by Harold Singrey seconded by Betty Skroch to approve the report. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Curt Luken seconded by Bret Buck to adjourn the meeting. All members voting Aye. Motion Carried.

Commissioners next meeting will be by **March 8, 2022 at 9:30 am** in the Commissioners Room County Courthouse at Hayti.

VICE CHAIRMAN
Larry Saathoff,
Vice Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:
Dixie Opdahl
Hamlin County Auditor

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