

RESOLUTION NO. 98-7

HUGHES COUNTY POLICY RELATIVE TO MAINTAINING ROADS IN RURAL SUBDIVISIONS

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota has severely limited the County's ability to levy property taxes to pay for county highway costs, and

WREREAS, the other principal source of county highway funds is the license plate fees which are still at 1931 levels, and

WHEREAS, the above facts severely limit the funding available to Hughes County to maintain the existing highway system at satisfactory levels, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of Hughes County not to place any additional rural subdivision roads, not section line roads, on the secondary road system. Subdivision roads currently on the secondary road system will be maintained as follows:

A. NEW SUBDIVISIONS

The acceptance of a plat by the Hughes County Commission does not obligate the County to maintain the roads of a rural subdivision. Until the County accepts the subdivision roads for maintenance and designates those roads as part of the Hughes County Secondary Road System, the County is not responsible for maintenance. It is the policy of Hughes County not to designate roads as secondary roads and accept them for maintenance in any additional rural subdivisions. To protect the safety and welfare of the citizens, roads shall be constructed in conformance to the standards as stated in Hughes County Ordinance No. 93-3.

B. SUBDIVISION ROADS CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS HUGHES COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS.

Certain roads that have been designated Hughes County Secondary Roads are located in the following subdivisions: Camelot Addition, Section 23, T111N, R79W; Dell Acres, Section 18, T111N, R78W; Sunshine Acres, Section 23, T112N, R80W; Oahe Acres, Section 32, T112N, R79W; North Hyde's Addition, Section 33, T112N, R79W; South Hyde's Addition, Section 4, T111N, R79W.

A number of the roads in these subdivisions are currently not built to the standard set out in Hughes County Ordinance No. 93-3, but were accepted by the Commission. Narrow rights-of-way and inadequate drainage make proper maintenance very difficult and expensive. The County will therefore maintain

