

Chairman Randy Brown called the Monday, February 7, 2022 meeting of the Hughes County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 PM with members Tom Rounds, Bill Abernathy and Connie Hohn. Randy Vance was unavailable. County Manager Kevin Hipple, Planning Director/ Building Official Eric Booth, Sheriff Patrick Callahan, Highway Superintendent Trent Arbach, Emergency Management Director Rob Fines, and Veterans Service Officer Janet Beck were also present. The meeting began with a prayer by County Manager Kevin Hipple and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MINUTES:** Moved by Rounds and seconded by Hohn to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Commission meeting. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Rounds to approve the abatement of \$5,917.73 in 2021 taxes payable 2022 for the State of South Dakota Department of Corrections, Cunningham's Outlots S 360' of E 121.9' of Outlot 1 & Cunninghams Outlots R 410' of S 770' of E 121.9' of Outlot 1 & All of Outlot 2 Less the N 1018'. The State of South Dakota Department of Corrections qualifies for tax exempt status. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Rounds to approve the abatement of \$1,294.30 in 2021 taxes payable 2022 for the Ulmen Family Land Ltd. Partnership, Ulmens Addition Block 6 Less W200' and Less Lot 1. Property owner was taxed twice due to a new plat. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Rounds to approve the abatement of \$2,309.82 in 2021 taxes payable 2022 for the City of Blunt; Original Plat Block 5 Lots 1-12. The City of Blunt qualifies for tax exempt status. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**INVESTMETNS:** Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve the investment of \$500,000.00 in a 12 month CD with American Bank & Trust at a rate of 0.25%. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve the following resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution 2022-04 and a letter to the Highway Patrol. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**HUGHES COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 4  
WEIGHT LIMIT ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, seasonal climatic changes can be detrimental to our highways, and  
WHEREAS, the Hughes County Board of County Commissioners, desires to protect existing Hughes County Highways, ultimately saving tax dollars and,

WHEREAS, the Hughes County Board of County Commissioners, desire the enforcement of weight limitations on Hughes County roads as set forth and posted by the Hughes County Highway Superintendent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

WHEREAS the limits on Hughes County highways shall be set at seven (7) ton per axle on all asphalt surface roads and six (6) ton per axle on all blotter and gravel roads during spring thaw period and when limit signs are in place. That the South Dakota Highway Patrol be and hereby is authorized and requested to enforce weight limitations on Hughes County roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the penalty for the violation of the load restrictions shall be as set forth in SDCL 32-22-55.

**ADVERTISE FOR HIGHWAY DEPT BIDS:** Moved by Hohn and seconded by Abernathy 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 March 01, 2022 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Hohn and seconded by Abernathy to authorize advertising for bids for supplying culverts for the Hughes County Highway Department to be received by 11:00 AM on March 01, 2022 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**PLANNING & ZONING:**

**PLANNING & ZONING ANNUAL REPORT:** The Commission reviewed the report.

**RESTRICTIVE COVENANT:** Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve the restrictive covenant to combine Lots 53 & 54, Dakota Landing Estates Sec 4 112-80. Timothy and Catherine Forsch plan to build a detached garage. Combining the lots will allow the structure to comply with zoning regulations. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**PERSONNEL:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Rounds to approve the hire of Kyle Redwater as a custodian for the Courthouse Minimum Pay Grade 11 \$15.09 per hour effective February 14, 2022. All voted aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Hohn and seconded by Abernathy to approve the resignation of Jail Registered Nurse Hollie Stoeser effective February 8, 2022, and to advertise the position for hire. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Hohn and seconded by Abernathy to approve the resignation of Raynee Adson, Correctional Officer at the Jail effective February 27, 2022. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Move by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve the hire of John Adams, Correctional Officer at the Jail Grade 16 Step M \$22.17 per hour effective February 8, 2022. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Move by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve the hire of Tia Drinkhouse, Correctional Officer at the Jail Grade 16 Step M \$22.17 per hour effective February 11, 2022. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Move by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve the hire of James Thomas, Jail Maintenance Supervisor Grade 17 Step 1 \$25.14 per hour effective February 17, 2022. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

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

**WILDLAND FIRE DESIGNEE:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve Emergency Management Director Rob Fines and Colby Jensen to act as the Commission appointed designees on behalf Wildland Fire Division. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve the following claims. All voted Aye. Motion passed. A-OX WELDING 37.57 OXYGEN 00261164, ACCESS HEALTH BROOKINGS 52.00 JAIL-HOSPITAL SN0013818893, ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCA 68145.07 JAIL MED CONT. 114292,114641, AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE 4050.00 SUBSIDY BILLING FOR JANUARY, AT & T MOBILITY 1460.72 PHONES 287283130494X01232022, AVERA MCKENNAN REGIONAL LAB 210.00 JAIL HOSPITAL R. B.E., AVERA MCKENNAN HOSPITAL 746.00 MENTAL ILLNESS MK6000129605, AVERA MEDICAL GROUP - PIERRE 11.56 JAIL HOSPITAL K. T., AVERA ST MARYS HOSPITAL 611.30 SERVICES SY0001987910, AVERA ST MARYS HOSPITAL 315.54 SERVICES SY6000002241, BACHAND & HRUSKA, P.C 4166.67 JANUARY SERVICES 1595, BECK MOTORS 426.03 SD REPAIRS & LABOR SO#358917, BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT 579.45 INV 01751302 #49, BOB BARKER CO INC 455.45 UNIFORMS, BROSZ ENGINEERING 15744.00 STRUCTURE INVEN/DRAINAGE STUDY, BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION 54.07 POSTAGE MS212095, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 589.36 REPAIRS C45841, CAPITAL AREA REFUSE 604.25 UTILITIES 3077, CAPITAL AREA COUNSELING 13582.02 MENTAL ILLNESS/CRISIS RESPONSE, CAPITAL AREA COUNSELING 640.00 JAIL MED CONTRACT, CAPITAL JOURNAL 35.28 SERVICES 404287, CAPITAL ONE 639.76 SUPPLIES 1639870509, CAPS TRAIL SERVICE 216.50 171277,171216,171160,171094, CELERITY BROADBAND 926.38 INTERNET - 196540, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC 744.39 CONTRACTS, CENTURLINK 238.91 SERVICES, CLEARFLY 382.82 INV 404381 SERVICES, COLE PAPERS INC 2124.80 SUPPLIES, COMM TECH INC 95.98 JAIL OFFICE SUPPLY 13537, CONCORDANCE 1386.54 INMATE SUPPLY, DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP 397.84 SUPPLIES, DAKOTABILITIES 360.00 MENTAL ILLNESS, DEPT OF HEALTH 1615.00 DECEMBER DRAWS 56331-122021, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1836.68 FUEL S00122257, DIAMOND DRUGS INC 2698.39 JAIL MED, BRYON EATON 3085.45 JAIL REPAIRS, EIDE, ELIZABETH 20.00 WITNESS FEES, FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER 1282.96 REPAIRS 20538, FRIMAN OIL & GAS CO INC 2353.46 PROPANE, GARY SNOW & ASSOCIATES

325.00 INV 2021089, GATEWAY FORD 545.38 SD REPAIRS 53185, GROSSENBURG IMPLEMENT 1460.50 FILTERS 1459086, HALLS, STEVEN 278.03 SERVICES, INGRAM PEST SERVICE 240.00 PEST CONTROL, INMANS WATER TECHNOLOGIES 248.50 GROUP 57679, JANET BECK 214.28 TRAVEL TO SIOUX FALLS, JC OFFICE SUPPLIES 1234.30 SUPPLIES, JT CRANE 120.00 REIMBURSE, KWYR 680.50 JAIL(JOB ADS), BRENDA LOUNSBURY 1020.00 BLOOD DRAWS, LYLE SIGNS INC 88.15 911 SIGNS 2470063, MCLEODS 4260.00 ELECTION SUPPLIES 54703, MENARDS 107.98 SUPPLIES 20318,19225, MENARDS 292.34 SUPPLIES 21485,22159,22016, MID DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM 149.00 WATER 714401,267301, MIDCO 240.00 UTILITIES 14033900112455, MIDWEST OIL CO 1307.86 OIL 1014157,1014326,1014470, MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL 665.00 JAIL REPAIRS 162407, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 4573.51 , NAPA AUTO PARTS 5.99 REPAIRS 460056, NEWMAN SIGNS 1616.56 INV 37197,36994, OAHE ELECTRIC COOP INC 935.51 POWER, OAHE GLASS 425.00 REPAIR 08923, ONE STAFF MEDICAL 19011.83 JAIL MED CONTRACT, OVERHEAD DOOR 185.03 SERVICES 18738, PARSONS, JESSE 14.90 SD REPAIRS (JAIL), PATRICK CALLAHAN 36.20 REIMBURSE, JESSICA PAULSEN 1474.40 STATE V TAYLOR, STATE V D ATS, PIERRE AREA REFERRAL SERVICE 10500.00 CARE OF POOR PARS 2022, PIERRE CITY 360.00 MEDICAL DIRECTOR- JAN, PIERRE CITY 5495.78 UTILITIES 3-710720-01, PIERRE CITY 4395.12 991 SERVICE FUNDS, PIERRE CITY 8053.23 IT SERVICES 202201241454, PIERRE CITY 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to go into executive session for personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1), and for Care for the Poor per SDCL 1-25-2(3) & HIPPA. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Chairman Brown declared the board to be out of executive session.

**CARE OF THE POOR:** Moved by Hohn and seconded by Rounds to deny claim 20220203-01 for Avera for medical bill on November 04, 2021. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

The following salaries and benefits were paid by department in the month of January 2022:

Commissioners-\$26,624.16, Auditor-\$18,991.42, Treasurer-\$16,990.03, States Attorney-\$39,067.16, Govt Buildings-\$6,039.16, Equalization-\$16,905.69, Register of Deeds-\$10,529.00, Veterans Service-\$8,109.26, Sheriff-\$46,638.83, Jail-\$232,895.91, Coroner-\$538.25, Juvenile Services-\$59,391.08, Planning & Zoning-\$6,853.66, Road & Bridge-\$71,851.96, Emergency Management-\$14093.38.Total payroll \$575,518.95.

Auditor's Account with the Treasurer January 31, 2022: Cash on hand-\$6,748.12, Checks in the Treasurer's possession less than three days-\$174,999.42, Cash items\$53.68, Demand deposits: American State Bank-\$11,242,481.11, Bad Checks Outstanding-\$1,170.99, First Dakota National Bank \$700,000.00, Investments-\$1,575,000.00 Total Cash Assets-\$13,700,453.32.

**COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS  
HUGHES COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**FEBRUARY 07, 2022**

Register of Deeds Fees Collected in January 2022: Recording Fees-\$6,610.00, Transfer Fees-\$6,301.00, Copy Fees-\$641.50, Credit Card Fees-\$40.00, and Vitals-\$3,130.00. Total \$16,722.50.

Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to adjourn the meeting until **Tuesday at 5:30 PM on February 22, 2022.** 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