

**COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS  
HUGHES COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**APRIL 15, 2025**

Chairman Rob Fines called the Tuesday April 15, 2025 meeting of the Hughes County Board of Commissioners to order at 3:00 PM with members Tom Rounds, Connie Hohn, and Bill Abernathy present. Randy Brown was available via telephone. County Manager Lori Jacobson, Director of Equalization/Planning Director & Zoning Official Eric Booth, Jail Administrator Gerald Wasko, and Highway Superintendent Nick Dooley were also present. The meeting began with a prayer by Nance Orsbon and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** No conflicts declared.

**AGENDA:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of Highway Bids and a change to the Cattleman's Resolution to Stockgrowers Resolution. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Rounds and seconded by Hohn to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Commission meeting, and the April 8, 2025 Consolidated & County Board of Equalization meeting minutes. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Rounds to approve the following claims. All voted Aye. Motion passed. A-OX WELDING 38.19 CYLINDER RENTAL, ATLANTIC COASTAL SUPPLY 145.82 JAIL REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE, ADVENT FINANCIAL SYSTEMS LLC 6000.00 E-LEARNING SUBSCRIPTION, AERO INDUSTRIES INC 1119.51 HWY SUPPLIES/TOOLS, AMERICAN BANK & TRUST 403.08 DOE CREDIT CARD, AMERICAN BANK & TRUST 773.79 HWY CREDIT CARD, AMERICAN BANK & TRUST 1424.64 SHERIFF/JAIL CREDIT CARD, AMERICAN BANK & TRUST 1588.41 EMS CREDIT CARD, AMERICAN BANK & TRUST 3279.36 FINANCE CREDIT CARD, ANDERSON RUMPCA DENTAL 1575.90 INMATE DENTAL, ANIMAL CLINIC OF PIERRE 380.00 SO ANIMAL CONTROL, ARAMARK CHICAGO LOCKBOX 42871.30 JAIL FOOD, AT&T MOBILITY 2233.35 CELL PHONE BILL, AVERA ST MARYS HOSPITAL 1625.67 JAIL DOCTOR, AVERA ST MARYS HOSPITAL 703.70 EXAM, AVERA ST MARYS HOSPITAL 120.57 JAIL DOCTOR, AVERA ST MARYS HOSPITAL 176.91 JAIL DOCTOR, BACHAND & HRUSKA PC 2916.67 LEGAL SERVICES APRIL 2025, BALCO UNIFORM CO 368.01 JAIL UNIFORMS, BAUMANN LUMBER 4.95 LUMBER, BECK MOTORS 1268.53 SO REPAIRS & LABOR, BOB BARKER CO INC 79.98 JAIL UNIFORMS, BUILDERS FIRST SOURCE 43.45 PARKING LOT SEALANT, EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE OFFICE 51.00 ACCESS FEES, EXECUTIVE MGMT FINANCE OFFICE 28.89 RECORDS MANAGEMENT, BUTLER MACHINERY CO 471.00 REPAIRS TO 820, CAPITAL AREA REFUSELLC 541.04 GARBAGE SERVICE, CAPITAL AREA COUNSELING 5790.96 QMPH EVALS, CAPITAL AREA COUNSELING 9630.00 MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE, CAPITAL CITY RENTALS 124.05 HWY SUPPLY, CAPITAL CITY RENTALS 207.96 HWY SUPPLIES, CAPITAL ONE - WALMART 347.59 JAIL/JSC SUPPLIES, CDW GOVERNMENT INC 730.53 SA PRINTER, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC 112.91 SO SUPPLIES, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC 19.28 COPIER LEASE, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC 274.09 COPIER LEASE, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC 556.30 JAIL OFFICE EQUIPMENT, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS INC 60.00 COPIER LEASE, CENTURYLINK 128.63 PHONE, CENTURYLINK 79.65 SO TELEPHONE, CENTURYLINK 77.40 EXPO PHONE, CENTURYLINK 5.20 SO TELEPHONE, CENTURYLINK 11.78 JAIL TELEPHONE, CHANDLERS 56.00 JAIL REPAIR/MAINTENANCE, CHARM-TEX 131.80 JSC SUPPLIES, CHASE ROOFING & SHEET METAL 9452.00 JAIL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE, CODY SMITH 20.00 WITNESS, COLE

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PAPERS INC 1822.76 JAIL SUPPLIES, COMM TECH INC 26.99 COMPUTER SPEAKERS, CORRECTEC INC 925.00 JAIL SOFTWARE & MAINTENANCE, DAKOTA FLUID POWER 1407.70 HWY SUPPLIES, DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP 197.49 HWY SUPPLIES, DAKOTABILITIES 360.00 SUPPORT APR/MAY/JUN 2025, DANIEL MOTTA 80.00 REIMBURSEMENT, DEAN A SCHAEFER COURT REPORTER 117.00 BMI COURT REPORTING, DEN HERDER LAW OFFICE PC 192.73 MI COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1638.03 SO UTILITIES, DEPT OF REVENUE & REGULATION 385115.74 MARCH 2025 STATE FUNDS, DEPT OF REVENUE & REGULATION 3684.38 FEB 2025 FUND PAYMENT SHORTAGE, DIAMOND DRUGS INC 936.29 JAIL MEDICATIONS, DONS SINCLAIR 17.69 FUEL, DONS SINCLAIR 18264.92 HWY FUEL, DONS SINCLAIR 20.00 SO GAS/OIL, FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER 8825.41 HWY SUPPLIES, FOX LAW FIRM, PLLC 486.66 ALLEGED MENTAL ILLNESS, GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES 1439.00 OFFSITE BACKUP/ MICROSOFT PKG, GRAHAM TIRE 116.95 408 TIRE REPAIR, GUNDERSON PALMER NELSON & 4108.00 BOARD OF MENTAL ILLNESS, GUNDERSON PALMER NELSON & 2596.30 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, THE HILLTOP TRUCK STOP 93.21 FUEL, HOGENS HARDWARE HANK 59.22 SUPPLIES, HOGENS HARDWARE HANK 2.99 JAIL OFFICE SUPPLIES, HUGHES COUNTY 26.70 SHEIRFF VEHICLE, INGRAM PEST SERVICE 75.00 PEST CONTROL, INMANS WATER TECHNOLOGIES 355.00 WATER COOLER RENTAL, INMANS WATER TECHNOLOGIES 60.00 WATER COOLER RENTAL, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS 97.13 TONER/CARD HOLDER, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS 26.34 SA OFFICE SUPPLIES, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS 319.49 PRINTER CARTRIDGES, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS 123.55 SUPPLIES, INTERIM HEALTHCARE 10854.40 JAIL MEDICAL CONTRACT, JASON GLODT 2293.30 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, JC OFFICE SUPPLIES 17.49 AUDITOR SUPPLIES, JC OFFICE SUPPLIES 53.30 JAIL OFFICE SUPPLIES, KALLEO TECHNOLOGIES LLC 700.00 JAIL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE, MARK KATTERHAGEN 72.00 ALLEGED MENTAL ILLNESS, KIMBALL MIDWEST 815.66 SHOP SUPPLIES, LEWIS & CLARK BHS 675.00 BOARD OF MENTAL ILLNESS, LUCILLE M LEWNO 134.25 BOARD OF MENTAL ILLNESS, LINCOLN COUNTY 2287.67 MENTAL ILLNESS EVAL, MAHER LAW OFFICE LLP 3936.73 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, MATHEW FOLEY 80.00 NOTARY REIMBURSEMENT, MAY ADAM GERDES & THOMPSON 13435.50 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL 598.89 JAIL MEDICATIONS, MEIERHENRY SARGENT LLP 6452.00 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, MENARDS 104.95 HWY SUPPLIES, MENARDS 150.98 SUPPLIES, MENARDS 362.61 JAIL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE, MICHELLE HARRISON 600.00 EXPERT WITNESS JUV24-150, MID DAKOTA RURAL WATER SYSTEM 185.00 HWY SHOP WATER, MID STATE ORGANIZED CRIME 100.00 SO DUES, MIDCO 402.23 FIBER INTERNET, MIDCO 265.78 BUSINESS INTERNET, MIDWEST OIL COMPANY 2814.16 HWY SUPPLIES, MIDWEST TIRE & MUFFLER INC 76.52 SO GAS & OIL, MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL 665.00 JAIL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 2827.58 JAIL NATURAL GAS, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 437.62 NATURAL GAS, MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES 575.25 PIERRE SHOPS, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS 91.00 SO SUPPLIES, NORTHERN SAFETY TECH 6037.69 SO EQUIPMENT, NORTHERN SAFETY TECH 8058.96 SO EQUIPMENT, NORTHERN SAFETY TECHNOLOGY 9568.90 SO EQUIPMENT, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 265.00 UTILITIES, OREILLY AUTO PARTS 41.47 HWY SUPPLIES, PENNINGTON COUNTY JAIL 1306.43 MARCH 2025 PRIONER TRANSPORT, PIERRE CITY 110.40 HWY WATER BILL, REDSAIL TECHNOLOGIES 525.83 JAIL MEDICAL CONTRACT, RITER ROGERS LLP 1081.00 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, RIVER CITIES TRANSIT 2500.00 MONTHLY ALLOCATION APRIL 2025, ROAD GROOM

MANUFACTURING 936.31 HWY SUPPLIEW, RUNNINGS SUPPLY 111.66 HWY SUPPLIES, RUNNINGS SUPPLY 4.48 JAIL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, SARAH SMITH 20.00 WITNESS FEE, JOAN BOOS SCHUELLER 6643.51 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, SD ACHIEVE DBA LIFESCAPE 60.00 MARCH 2025 SUPPORT, SD ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE 155.00 MARCH 2025 24/7 FUNDS, SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 2322.00 SO TELETYPE, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPART OF HEALTH 2565.00 BLOOD TESTING, SD HOUSING DEVELOP AUTH 6510.76 FEB, MAR 2025 HR SALARY, SERVALL UNIFORM & LINEN CO 170.28 RUGS, SERVALL UNIFORM & LINEN CO 222.73 RUGS, OVERALLS & SOAP, SHANE KRAMME 300.00 REPLACEMENT CHECK WRONG AMOUNT, SHANES PHARMACY 156.95 JAIL MEDICATIONS, THE SHARP FIRM, PROF LLC 5119.28 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, DAVID W SIEBRASSE 8001.45 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT 735.00 JAIL EQUIPMENT, K THOMPSON LAW PROF LLC 2327.19 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, THOMSOM REUTERS WEST PAYMENT 316.44 WEST LAW SUBSCRIPTION, TODDS ELECTRIC 2520.89 JSC REPAIR, TOM HUBER 5000.00 JAIL MEDICAL CONTRACT, VAL LARSON 72.00 ALLEGED MENTAL ILLNESS, W W TIRE 3028.15 HWY SUPPLIES/REPAIRS, MONA WEIGER 89.25 TRANSCRIPTS, WHALEN LAW OFFICE 28525.25 COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY, YANKTON CO SHERIFF 150.00 CIVIL PAPERS SERVED, YANKTON COUNTY 181.25 BOARD OF MENTAL ILLNESS, ZANDER AUTO PARTS 683.04 HWY SUPPLIES.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS: MILITIAMEN MOTORCYCLE CLUB RAFFLE:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Rounds to approve the raffle being held by the Militiamen Motorcycle Club, the drawing will be held November 30, 2025. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CATTLEMEN'S RESOLUTION DISCUSSION:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10**

**OPPOSITION TO Mandatory Electronic Identification (MEID) LIVESTOCK TAGS**

WHERE AS: The traceability program is incremental. USDA APHIS stated on its website, updated October 11th, 2024, after approving the new rule, that it "is committed to implementing a modern system that tracks animals from birth to slaughter", and

WHERE AS: The cost of EID tags disproportionately burdens small and medium sized independent farmers and ranchers. The USDA rule allows large, corporate-owned herds to be grouped and tagged as one group, creating huge loophole that keep costs low for larger companies, and

WHERE AS: The EID mandate would potentially interfere with price discovery found in traditional markets, thereby furthering vertical integration of the US food supply at the expense of the consumer and independent producer, and

WHERE AS: The EID mandate is far overreaching, intrusive and potentially circumvents privacy laws, threatening the livelihood independent cattle and bison producers, and

WHERE AS: Independent, family-owned cattle ranches are of paramount importance to our local economy and to the economy as a whole, and

WHERE AS: The comments received by USDA APHIS in the rulemaking process were overwhelmingly against the new rule, and

WHERE AS: America has the safest and highest quality meat in the world using our current, fully functioning and effective traceability system. The mandated rule claims to be about animal health, but does nothing to prevent or treat disease, and

WHERE AS: South Dakota Codified Law 40-3-27 provides for identification of animals and premises involved in animal movement. The Animal Industry Board may develop and implement specific programs for the identification of animals and premises involved in animal movements. Any program implemented pursuant to §§ 40-3-27 to 40-3-29, inclusive, must provide for confidentiality of identification records other than those records requested by law enforcement officers of the state and those records used for mandatory disease control or eradication efforts. A livestock owner may choose to identify animals using any methods set forth in 9 C.F.R. part 86, as adopted on January 9, 2013, as well as any additional methods that are later approved by the South Dakota Animal Industry Board pursuant to this section, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Hughes County vehemently opposes the implementation of any EID mandate by the USDA, with the suggestion that funds currently earmarked for this program be reallocated to efforts to restore import standards that protect all livestock producers and consumers from introduction to foreign animal disease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Hughes County requests that all elected officials make every effort to block this government overreach by the USDA.

Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve Resolution No. 2025-10. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the following renewal applications for malt beverage licenses: McCarty Investments for the Grey Goose Store – 28886 Merry Rd; The Hilltop, Inc. – 19865 US Hwy 83; Terry Etzkorn for Etzkorn Goose Camp – 21444 Catfish Place; 1 Stop Truck Stop – 29265 E Hwy 14; & Dakota Sky RV Park – 212 Landing Ave. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**2026 BUDGET DISCUSSION:** Thomas J. Oliva, Hughes County Finance Officer spoke to the Commission about the upcoming 2026 budget cycle and reviewed some important dates.

**MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION:** County Manager Lori Jacobson spoke to the Commission about the loss of funding for mosquito spraying and asked what the Commission would like to do going forward. The Commission stated they would forego funding mosquito spraying services until such time when or if an issue should arise.

**HIGHWAY SURPLUS:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Brown to declare a Unit 211c A 1961 Butler Water Tank from the Hughes County Highway Department as surplus property. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Rounds and seconded by Brown to declare a Unit 323 & 824 1974 International Scrapers from the Hughes County Highway Department as surplus property. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Brown and seconded by Abernathy to declare a 1967 Clark Scraper from the Hughes County Highway Department as surplus property. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**HIGHWAY BIDS:** Moved by Rounds and seconded by Abernathy to approve the bid received from Jensen Rock & Sand Inc. of Mobridge SD for Chip Sealing services in 2025 in the amount of \$101,097.72. Bids were received by April 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM and publicly read aloud in the Hughes County Commission Chambers. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**SUMMMER PICNIC DISCUSSION:** Discussion took place regarding a summer picnic for Hughes County employees.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to grant four (4) hours of administrative leave to Hughes County Employees for Good Friday. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**PERSONNEL:** Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve the hire of Tonya Paulisick full-time LPN at the Jail effective April 10, 2025 at \$35.00 per hour. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve the hire of Brady Johnson Correctional Officer at the Jail effective April 22, 2025 at \$25.00 per hour. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve the hire of Amarus Sims Correctional Officer at the Jail effective April 21, 2025 at \$26.08 per hour. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Hohn to approve the resignation Greg Hansmann effective June 24, 2025 and authorize for advertisement of the position for hire. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Moved by Abernathy and seconded by Rounds to adjourn the meeting until **3:00 PM on Tuesday May 6, 2025**. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

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Rob Fines, Chairman  
Hughes County Commission

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