

Unapproved
MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
Britton, South Dakota

The Board of County Commissioners met in emergency session at 3:30 p.m. on December 14, 2018 at the Marshall County Courthouse. Members present were Medhaug, Symens, Schuller, and Luttrell. Commissioner Knebel arrived during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

AGENDA:

Luttrell moved, Symens seconded to approve the agenda for December 14, 2018 with the addition of a time for Public Comment. All members present voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following individuals were present for the public comment portion of the meeting to express support for Sheriff Elsen: Kirk Moeckly, Jared Holland, Dori Lloyd, Shari Baker, Lavon Keller, Luverne Satrang, Jeanette Poitra, Joe Stark, Terri Glodrey, Andrea Ronshaugen, Coleen Monson, Nancy Hagen, John Burger, Jerry Burger, Melissa Hunt, Cher Loeb, Darrell Eikamp, Marlin Heitmann, Audrey Shilhanek, Bill Deutsch, Kyle Elsen, Justin Monson.

Doug Card was present representing the Britton Journal.

Commissioner Medhaug asked for anyone wishing to make public comment to state their name and make brief comment. Holland introduced himself and spoke in support of Elsen. Holland stated that Elsen treats people not as numbers, but as people and is respected in the community. Lloyd introduced herself and stated that Elsen has helped in situations when other deputies didn't and that people make mistakes, but Elsen has made a difference in people's lives.

Eikamp asked the board to explain what happened. Chairman Medhaug explained that charges against Elsen were brought to the South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission after complaints were investigated by the Division of Criminal Investigation. The Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission held a hearing on December 13 in which it voted to remove Elsen's certification.

Individuals asked what they can do to support Elsen. The board advised everyone present that Elsen's certification is out of Marshall County Commission's hands and an appeal is up to Elsen and his attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Schuller moved, Symens seconded to enter in to executive session at 4:02 pm to discuss personnel matters. All members voted aye. State's Attorney Dana Frohling, Sheriff Dale Elsen and Transport Officer/Training Manager Brian Bard were present. The chairman called the board out of executive session at 5:27 pm.

SPECIAL DEPUTY:

Luttrell moved, Symens seconded to hire Brian Bard as Special Deputy to assist in the ongoing operation of the Sheriff's office on a temporary basis at his current rate of pay effective immediately. All members voted aye.

ADJOURN:

Schuller moved, Medhaug seconded to adjourn. All members voted aye.

ATTEST:

Doug Medhaug, Chairman

Megan Biel, Auditor