

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota

February 21, 2023

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Roger Walls, Steve Spilde and Corey Lundquist present. Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Kazmerzak joined via Zoom. Acting Chairman Walls presided.

Attending via Zoom were Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization, Natalie Remund - HR Consultant, Sheriff Strande, and Amy Halverson- Kingsbury Journal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, informed the Board that the contract negotiations under the HR Consultant would need to be in executive session.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lundquist to approve the agenda with correction. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES

One spelling correction for February 7, 2023, minutes.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the minutes from February 7, 2023, with one spelling correction. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting Chairman Walls asked for public comment. There was none.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Acting Chairman Walls asked the Board if there was any conflict of interest. There was none.

MAINTENANCE

Steffensen provided the Board with an update on the estimate to fix the BOAS fresh air intake repairs. The amount of the estimate came to \$2,823.00.

Motion by Kazmerzak and seconded by Lundquist for Lonny Palmlund, Maintenance, to move forward with the repairs on the BOAS unit in the amount of \$2,823.00. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lundquist that the following claims presented to the Board for consideration be approved and the County Auditor be directed to issue warrant checks for payment of same. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

JEFF BURNS 470.80 COURT APPT ATTORNEY PRO FEES, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 27.68 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, CENTURYLINK 232.01 UTILITIES, CENTURYLINK 563.11 UTILITIES, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 60.13 UTILITIES, HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS 1116.72 SUPPLIES, CITY OF HURON 3986.98 911 EMERGENCY SURCHARGE 12/22, INFOTECH SOLUTIONS 3178.49 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INTERLAKES COMMUNITY ACTION 417.17 COMMUNITY SERV WORKER 2/2023, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 416.00 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 1479.84 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 12.62 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 182.46 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1986.05 UTILITIES, PALMLUND AUTOMOTIVE 1260.00 SNOW REMOVAL, QUILL 86.14 SUPPLIES, RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONFERENCE 101.00 HWY CONF TRAVEL, SDACHS 100.00- TRAVEL, SDACHS 350.00 DUES-NACE & SDACHS, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 189,788.78 - STATE REMITTANCE, US POSTAL SERVICE 47.45 SUPPLIES, WOODS HEATING & COOLING LLC 127.55 REPAIRS/MAINT,

SHERIFF

Sheriff Strande met with the Board to update them on department matters.

HIGHWAY

Dave Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to update them on highway matters.

Sorenson introduced Brice Paulson from Butler Cat. Paulson provided information on the blade estimate given to the Board on February 7, 2023. Paulson provided the Board with two options for warranties. One being 7 years/7500 hours and the other 10 years/10,000 hours. Paulson also provided information on interest rates and the option of locking in a rate of 4.2% with Kansas State which would require interest rate payments until the blade is delivered. Delivery for a blade is out a year or more.

Paulson informed the Board of some used blades that could come available in the near future. The blade would have approximately 2,000 hours or less

and a 10,000-hour warranty would be available. The estimated cost on a used blade with a new wing would run \$250,000-260,000 and one should be available early summer. A second one could come available in the fall.

The Board discussed the option of buying a used blade versus a new blade and asked Paulson to get back to them with numbers.

HR CONSULTANT

Natalie Remund, HR Consultant requested to move into executive session for contract negotiations.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Kazmerzak to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for contract negotiations at 9:46 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee to adjourn from executive session. Acting Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 11:00 A.M.

AUDITOR

Steffensen requested travel approval for herself and Michelle Longville, Treasurer, to travel to Pierre for the SDACO New Officials workshop April 19-20th, 2023.

Motion by Kazmerzak and seconded by Lundquist to approve the travel request for the Auditor and Treasurer to travel to Pierre for the SDACO New Officials workshop April 19-20th, 2023.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization presented a request to abate the 2022 taxes due 2023 for record #5932 in the amount of \$1,064.10 The property was purchased by the school in 2022 after valuation notices were sent.

Motion by Kazmerzak and seconded by Lundquist to abate the 2022 taxes due in 2023 in the amount of \$1,064.10 on record #5932. All present voting aye. Motion Carried.

Anderson informed the Board that Sheriff Strande is assisting her in locating a vehicle to purchase for the County. This vehicle will replace the Durango they have been using when traveling to do valuations.

Anderson requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Kazmerzak to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 11:08 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lee to adjourn from executive session. Acting Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 11:24 A.M.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Caryn Hojer updated the Board on IT matters. Hojer stated Dakota State University had finished their assessment and had recommended changes to password protocol. Hojer is continuing to work with Infotech and SDN to identify any security issues.

AUDITOR

Steffensen requested authorization to sign Opioid Settlement Participation documents for the County to participate if a settlement is reached.

Motion by Kazmerzak and seconded by Lee to authorize Steffensen to sign said documents. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the need to obtain lists from departments on any surplus property that could be auctioned off. Steffensen will email the department heads to request a list.

HR CONSULTANT

Natalie Remund, HR Consultant requested to move into executive session for contract negotiations.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for contract negotiations at 11:52 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from executive session. Acting Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 12:00 P.M.

TREASURER

Michelle Longville, Treasurer, met with the Board to request a tax abatement for senior freeze/disability applicant 2022-2.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the abatement of taxes for senior freeze/disability applicant 2022-2.

Longville informed the Board an offer for the open deputy treasurer position had been made and the letter of acceptance had been received. The new deputy will start on February 27, 2023.

Longville requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 12:15 P.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from executive session. Acting Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 12:30 P.M.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to authorize the HR Consultant to begin a search for a deputy treasurer. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED _____
Roger Walls, Acting Chairman

ATTEST _____
Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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