

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota  
February 8, 2019

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Friday, February 8, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioners meeting room in the Courthouse with Commissioners Delmer Wolkow present; and with Joe Jensen, Steve Spilde and Shelley Nelson joining via conference call. Chairman Nelson presided.

**AUDITOR**

Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, informed the Board of an error brought to her attention by the Treasurer, Elaine Blachford, in the identification of property owners who qualify for Senior Freeze. Barnard was requesting the identification of the parcel number revealed at the meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>, be amended to application number 19-3, given to her by Blachford.

Barnard had spoken with State's Attorney Gass, and the amending can be done prior to the minutes being approved by the Board.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded the amendment of the identification from the previously used parcel number to applicant 19-3. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Elaine Blachford, Treasurer, joined the meeting and informed the Board application 19-4 for the Senior Freeze was in process. The applicant did meet the qualifications and Blachford requested the Board abate the 2018 taxes due in 2019 back to the qualified amount.

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded to approve the abatement back to the qualified Senior Freeze amount. All present voting aye, motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE**

Lonny Palmlund met with the Board to discuss the purchase of new blinds for the courthouse. Palmlund had spoken to the department heads and all are wanting to move forward, though the Extension office did not budget for the upgrade.

Palmlund also inquired as to the purchase of blinds in the state offices in the east annex. Depending on the size of the window the cost of the blind ranged from \$76.24 to \$128.25. The cost of the blinds for each office are: Auditor - \$686.86; Treasurer - \$430.36; Register of Deeds - \$343.43; Extension - \$837.92 and the Director of Equalization - \$457.44.

The areas of the second floor lobby, the ICAP office, and the state offices on the first floor of the east annex would total \$1,998.61. The areas of the Clerk of Courts, Judges Chambers, Court Room and Jury Room would total \$1,799.79.

These costs include a 25% off promotional rate, with an additional 5% discount available if a business account were set up with Lowes for items not available from local businesses.

Barnard stated the Extension budget could be added to the Supplemental Budget Hearing being noticed for the Clerk's office.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded for the purchase of the blinds. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Spilde moved and Jensen seconded for the business account to be established with Lowes. All present voting aye, motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Siefker, with the De Smet News, requested information regarding the responsibility of the veterinary bills for the horses confiscated earlier in the week.

Chairman Nelson indicated this was pertaining to an ongoing investigation and pending litigation, and did not want to give any comment without the approval of the State's Attorney.

#### AUDITOR

Barnard requested to move into Executive Session for possible litigation.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from regular session, and move into Executive Session for possible litigation at 9:48 A.M. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to move back into regular session. Chairman Nelson declared the Board out at 9:50 A.M.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to deny Case 2019-1 based on SDCL 28-13-34.1 and assets. All present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 8:30 AM.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

Shelley Nelson, Chairman

ATTEST

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Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor

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