

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota
October 21, 2025

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioner Room of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Kyle Lee, Troy Nelson, Steve Spilde, Corey Lundquist and Roger Walls present. Chairman Lee presided.

Attending via Zoom were Amy Halverson- Kingsbury Journal, Kristen Longville - Emergency Management, Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization and Michelle Longville - Treasurer

Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Chairman Lee asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Spilde to approve the agenda. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES

The following corrections were noted by Commissioner Lundquist:

Under Highway request for a Right-of-Way approval motion added "All present voting aye. Motion carried" and changed the signature to Kyle Lee.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the minutes of October 7, 2025, with said corrections. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Lundquist that the following claims with said addition 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.

AT&T 100.05 PHONE UTILITY, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 629.04 COPIER CONTRACT, CENTURYLINK 958.18 PHONE UTILITY, CITY OF DESMET 232.40 WATER UTILITY, CLUBHOUSE HOTEL & SUITES-PIERR 1337.27 2025 FALL CONFERENCE, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 74.23 WASTE UTILITY, FLOWERS BY BETSY 42.48 SUPPLES-, CARYN HOJER 10.57 MAINT SUPPLIES, INNOVATIVE BUSINESS CONSULTANT 1330.83 HEALTH INS CLAIMS, INFOTECH SOLUTIONS 3053.99 IT PRO SERVICES, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 960.28 HWY TOOLS, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 368.00 ELEC UTILITY, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 139.54 MAINT REPAIRS, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 40.54 GAS UTILITY, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 27.09 GAS UTILITY, OFFICE PEEPS INC 392.72 SUPPLIES-EM MGT, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 235.14 , OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1850.85 ELECTRIC UTILITY, SDN COMMUNICATIONS 917.00 INTERNET SERV, TK ELEVATOR CORP 234.00 REPAIRS, USPS POSTAGE BY PHONE 500.00 POSTAGE FOR METER, VALLEY FIBERCOM 180.31 INTERNET SERVICE, INNOVATIVE BUSINESS CONSULTANT 994.82 MERP FEES, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 119117.07 STATE REMITTANCE, SDACO 160.00 FEES

AUDITOR

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, informed the Board the Sioux Valley Commissioners' Association meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 in Madison.

Steffensen informed the Board Governor Rhoden had granted administrative leave for state employees on November 28, December 24, and December 26, 2025. Per County policy the Courthouse would be closed also.

Steffensen presented the 2026 Brookings County Inmate housing contract for approval and for the Chairman to sign.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the 2026 Brookings County Inmate housing contract and for the Chairman to sign the same. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairman Lee informed the Board he had received a phone call from the CEO of GEVO letting him know that GEVO had asked the federal government to shift the financing they were approved for to their North Dakota site. The transfer was approved. It was stated they do still see value in the property in Kingsbury County but will not be moving forward at this time.

TIF DISTRICT #1

The Board discussed the Development Agreement for TIF District #1. The Development Agreement explained the loan agreement would be for a maximum of \$6M and the County would dedicate a maximum of \$2M of the RPP funds to the project.

Commissioner Lundquist noted the notary statement needed to be corrected to read Kingsbury County.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Walls to approve the Chairman to sign the TIF agreement with the notary statement corrected. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

MILLS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Chad Ebsen, Mills Property Maintenance Foreman, met with the Board to discuss maintenance matters.

Ebsen presented an estimate from CP Bat Mitigation for \$9,500.00 to eliminate the bats in the courthouse. It was the consensus of the Board to possibly put up a bat house and have Commissioner Lee look int other avenues.

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Lundquist to allow Commissioner Lee to use his discretion to decide on the bat issue. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED _____
Kyle Lee, Chairman

ATTEST _____
Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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