

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota

April 9, 2026

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 8:30 AM in the Commissioner Room of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Kyle Lee, Roger Walls, Troy Nelson, Steve Spilde, and Corey Lundquist present. Chairman Lee presided.

Also, attending via Zoom were Michelle Longville - Treasurer, Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization, Steven Strande - Sheriff, Kristen Longville, Emergency Manager and Amy Halverson - Kingsbury Journal

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.

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, requested to add a travel request for the Director of Equalization.

Motion by Spilde, second by Lundquist to approve the agenda with said change. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Lundquist, second by Walls to approve the minutes of March 17, 2026. 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.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Motion by Spilde, second 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.

81 AUTO CLINIC 320.03 REPAIRS, A-OX WELDING SUPPLIES 1345.23 SUPPLIES, ALL NATIONS INTERPRETERS, INC 49.50 PROF SERVICES, ANDERSON LUMBER, LLC 3.27 REPAIRS, APPEARA 119.76 REPAIRS, BADGER OIL COMPANY 2667.60 FUEL, BEADLE COUNTY SHERIFF 850.00 PRISONER CARE, BIG IRON 1375.44 WEED BOARD EQUIPMENT, BLUE LAW FIRM LLP 122.00 BMI, BROOKINGS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFF 3129.19 PRISONER CARE, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 5785.49 REPAIRS/SUPPLIES, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 9787.36 EQUIPMENT, BRIAN CHRISTENSEN 136.40 TRAVEL, CITY OF DESMET 203.42 UTILITIES, COWBOY COUNTRY STORE-DESMET 227.17 SUPPLIES, CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING INC 1001.22 SUPPLIES, KEVIN CURD 120.00 SUPPLIES, DANR - FISCAL OFFICE 400.00 PROF SERV, BRANDON DUFFY 20.00 TRAVEL, ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE IN 54.66 SUPPLIES, FEDEX 45.86 PROF SERV, MATTHEW FURNESS 101.40 TRAVEL, G & R CONTROLS, INC 9460.97 REPAIRS, GEOTEK ENGINEERING & TESTING 2997.50 PROF SERV, JIM HARVEY 9.07 SUPPLIES, INNOVATIVE BUSINESS CONSULTANT 10674.32 HLTH CLAIMS, INDEPENDENCE UPFITTERS LLC 6315.00 EQUIP, INFOTECH SOLUTIONS 4430.98 PROF SERV/EQUIP, INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER 39.72 REPAIR, INTERSTATE BATTERY 449.85 SUPPLIES, MICHAEL JENKINS 98.56 SUPPLIES, KINGBROOK RURAL WATER 56.35 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 119.16 REPAIR, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 112.98 REPAIR, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 42.00 PUBLISHING, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 2642.66 ADV TAX, LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 95.00 PRISONER CARE, M & T FIRE AND SAFETY 564.00 REPAIR/MAINT, TOM MARTENS 120.00 SUPPLIES, MAYNARD'S FOOD CENTER 36.64 SUPPLIES, MICRO COMPUTER SYSTEMS 12.08 PROF SERV, MILLS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 8505.75 PROF SERV, MULTI BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC 3250.00 PROF SERV, EASTLINE SUPPLY 17.64 REPAIRS, EASTLINE SUPPLY 65.95 SUPPLIES, NAPA CENTRAL 97.90 SUPPLIES, NIMBLE WASH, LLC 301.40 REPAIRS, BYRON NOGELMEIER 165.00 FEES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 13.87 UTILITIES, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 371.89 SUPPLIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 1259.33 SUPPLIES, RYAN OLSON 123.80 TRAVEL, PRAIRIE AG PARTNERS 52.90 REPAIRS, PJ'S MACHINE & REPAIR INC 377.53 REPAIR, PURINTUN ABSTRACT 70.00 PROF SERV, QUILL 256.27 SUPPLIES, RFD NEWS GROUP 417.62 PUBLISHING, ROCS TRANSIT PROGRAM 3000.00 DONATION, RUNNING SUPPLY INC. 103.73 SUPPLIES, SD DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 340.40 PROF SERV, SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGENCY 972.00 SUPPLIES, SD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE 1315.07 UNEMPLOYMENT TAX, SDAAO 600.00 TRAVEL, STEVE STRANDE 93.25 TRAVEL/SUPPLIES, THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD 315.00 TRAVEL, TRANSOURCE 304.22 SUPPLIES, TRUENORTH STEEL 1242.92 SUPPLIES, TWOTREES TECHNOLOGIES 240.00 PROF SERV, UNITED METHODIST WOMEN 1204.00 DISTRICT MEETING, USPS POSTAGE BY PHONE 2000.00 SUPPLIES, VERIZON 439.51 UTILITIES, VERIZON 328.32 UTILITIES, VISA 1.05 SUPPLIES, VISA 4980.30 SUPPLIES, VISA 27.99 SUPPLIES, MIDWAY SERVICE DBA VOLLAN OIL 607.60 REPAIRS, ROGER WALLS 116.80 TRAVEL, ERLAND WEERTS 128.00 TRAVEL, WW TIRE 1906.90 REPAIRS, YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY SHERIFF 75.00 PROF SERV, ZELL MANUFACTURING 88.09 SUPPLIES,  
END OF MONTH

COURTHOUSE SALARIES	\$86,143.39
HIGHWAY SALARIES	37,062.37
PAYROLL DEDUCTION	
Wellmark Health Plan	46,125.64
MASA	308.00
IBC (MERP)	6,211.48
AFLAC	1,624.70
AFLAC	1,182.58
AFLAC Dental	1,174.06
Optilegra Vision	688.68
Reliance Life Insurance	284.66
SD Retirement Supplement Pretax	449.00
SD Retirement System	19,161.02
SD Retirement Supplement	574.00
AFSCME	296.64
Kingsbury County	36,053.69

#### OFFICE REPORTS

The Register of Deeds, Sheriff's and Director of Equalization's Reports of Fees Collected during the month of March 2026 were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Walls, second by Lundquist that the Auditor's report with the Treasurer as of the close of business March 31, 2026, be accepted as presented. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

#### TRAVEL REQUESTS

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to approve the following travel requests. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Deputy Auditor, SDACO Spring Workshop, May 5-7, 2026, Pierre

4-H Coordinator, 4-H Online & Fair Entry Training, April 13, 2026, Mitchell

#### HIGHWAY

Dave Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss highway matters.

Sorenson informed the Board the road postings had been removed.

Sorenson provided an update on the 425<sup>th</sup> Ave. road project, informing the Board construction would start next week and the road would be closed.

Sorenson informed the Board that core samples had been taken on 215<sup>th</sup> Street and they look good with only a couple of spots needing extra consideration. Redstone Dairy wants to move forward with the project and Sorenson has contacted an engineer to begin the process and the Dairy will cover the cost.

Sorenson presented a Right of Way application from East River Electric to place poles along CR204 for approval.

Motion by Lundquist, second by Spilde to approve the Right of Way application from East River Electric to place poles along CR204. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson informed the Board the BRIC grant application for Structure Number 39-070-041 was denied and the next step is to get the project bid ready and resubmit an application.

Sorenson requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 9:04 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of executive session at 9:10 A.M.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the issue of the Highway Shop lot.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGER

The Board discussed the Burn Ban ordinance and the revision needed to allow the Emergency Manager and Chairman to remove a burn ban after consulting with local fire departments.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Revised Ordinance will be placed on the April 21, 2026 agenda.

Kristen Longville, Emergency Manager, requested some old chairs, a calculator and an older Dell computer to be surplus. As none of these items have any value the consensus of the Board was to dispose of them.

Longville requested travel approval to attend EM training in Pierre April 28-29, 2026.

Motion by Lundquist, second by Nelson to approve travel for Longville to attend EM training in Pierre April 28-29, 2026. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairman Lee informed the Board he had been in contact with Chad Ebsen concerning the Mills Property invoices for phone calls.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

Jessica Bingham, Human Resources Consultant, presented an updated wage scale changing the Deputy States Attorney position to a salaried position. With the current Deputy States Attorney being in Step F of the wage scale at \$30,000.00.

Motion by Nelson, second by Lundquist to accept the amended wage scale changing the Deputy States Attorney position to a salaried position. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

#### DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, requested travel approval for herself and the Deputy Director of Equalization to travel to Sioux Falls April 28-29, 2026, for their District meeting.

Motion by Nelson, second by Lundquist to approve travel for the Director and Deputy Director of Equalization to travel to Sioux Falls April 28-29, 2026, for their District meeting. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anderson provided the annual update for the Equalization office as required by SDCL and informed the Board that Equalization Boards were scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. and that no appeals had been received at this time.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed open meetings, recording of meetings by outside parties and Zoom meetings.

#### CHAIRMAN

Chairman Lee expressed his gratitude to all the Courthouse employees for their support and help in making the Sioux Valley District meeting a success.

Lee commended the Kingsbury County Cattleman's Association for their donations of hay and the delivery of said hay to the farmers/ranchers in Nebraska that were affected by the fires.

AUDITOR

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, presented the 2026 Malt Beverage License renewal for Mathew's store for approval and for the Chairman to sign. Motion by Spilde, second by Nelson to approve the 2026 Malt Beverage License renewal for Mathew's store and for the Chairman to sign same. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

Steffensen opened the hearing to supplement the 425<sup>th</sup> Ave project budget in the amount of \$3,666,000.00. No one was in attendance.

Steffensen read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2026- 5

WHEREAS, THERE WAS A NEED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BUDGET AUTHORITY IN THE 2026 BUDGET. THE FOLLOWING ITEM WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS AN ADDITIONAL 2026 BUDGET AUTHORITY

301	311	425	REPAIRS/MAINT 425 <sup>TH</sup> AVE PROJECT	\$3,666,000.00
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AND

WHEREAS PROCEEDS FROM DEBT WILL BE THE OFFSETTING MEANS OF FINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF KINGSBURY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DO HEREBY PROPOSE, MAKE AND MOVE FOR ADOPTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN THE ITEM SET FORTH ABOVE, AND

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT DUE NOTICE THEREOF BE GIVEN BY THE POSTING OF A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THAT A HEARING ON SAID REOLUTION SHALL BE HAD AND HELD IN THE COURTROOM AT THE KINGSBURY COUNTY COURT HOUSE, DE SMET, KINGSBURY COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA ON APRIL 9, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

Dated this 9th day of April 2026 at Kingsbury County, SD.

Motion by Nelson, second by Lundquist to accept and adopt Resolution 2026-5 and for Chairman Lee to sign the same.

All present voting via roll call. Lee - aye, Spilde - aye, Walls - aye, Lundquist - aye, Nelson - aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee left the meeting and Vice-Chairman Lundquist presided.

#### SECURITY COMMITTEE

Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds, Kristen Longville, Emergency Manager and Sheriff Steven Strande met with the Board as the Security Committee.

Hojer provided the status of projects that had been included in the grant the County was approved for. Informing the Board that Castlerock would be installing the fence around the heating and cooling system.

The Committee presented a quote from Onsite for \$32,004.85 and Efraimson Electric for \$12,138.00 for the camera security system requesting to move forward with that part of the project as soon as possible and addressing the alarm system later. All would still be included in the total grant that the County was approved for.

Hojer informed the Board she had applied for a another grant for the push bars, extended glass in the clerk's office and window tinting.

It was noted that the estimate required a prepay which the County cannot do per codified law.

Motion by Walls to accept the estimate from Onsite and Efraimson with the prepay clause removed. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lundquist requested to move into executive session for contract negotiations.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for contract negotiations at 10:30 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Lundquist declared the Board out of executive session at 10:36 A.M.

#### OSCEOLA ROAD DISCUSSION

Madeline Reintz, Paralegal, Eugene Weerts, John Fox and Bjorn Aamot from Le Seuer Township met with the Board to discuss roads around Osceola to determine whether they should be maintained by the County or Township. This has been an ongoing issue with the residents in that area as with the school and assisted living facilities in Osceola they would like the roads to be maintained more. Township officials will meet with the residents to discuss.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 8:30 A.M.

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Kyle Lee, Chairman

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Corey Lundquist, Vice Chairman

ATTEST

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Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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