

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota
February 20, 2024

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Kyle Lee, Steve Spilde, Roger Walls, Corey Lundquist, and Doug Kazmerzak present. Chairman Lee presided.

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

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

MINUTES

Chairman Lee asked if there were any corrections to the February 6, 2020 minutes.

Commissioner Lundquist stated there was a motion seconded by him that needed to be corrected to Commissioner Spilde and some spelling errors.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Kazmerzak to approve the minutes of February 6, 2024 with 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.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Motion by Kazmerzak and seconded by Spilde 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.

1ST DIST ASSC OF LOCAL GOVT. 1186.35 RLF INTEREST, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 89.72 SUPPLIES, CENTURYLINK 989.83 UTILITIES, CENTURYLINK 236.03 UTILITIES, CITIZENS STATE BANK 5.00 FEES, INFOTECH SOLUTIONS 7763.43 PRO SERVICES/EQUIPMENT, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 30.70 TITLE FEES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 830.40 UTILITIES, LINCOLN COUNTY 1399.84 BMI, MAGGIE PURINTUN 37.99 SUPPLIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 1403.21 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 727.59 UTILITES, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 966.81 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1993.06 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 185.94 UTILITIES, SDACO 164.00 MP & R, ABBIGALE STEEKE 62.31 TRAVEL, SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 179217.04 MV

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed an upcoming meeting concerning the carbon pipeline and HB201.

TREASURER

Michelle Longville met with the Board to request abatement of taxes for 4 senior freeze applicants.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the abatement for Applicants 1,2,3 & 4. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Longville requested travel approval to Huron on March 13, 2024 for the Sioux Valley Commission meeting. Steffensen requested to add herself and Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds to the travel request.

Motion by Kazmerzak and seconded by Walls to approve travel for the Treasurer, Auditor and Register of Deeds to Huron on March 13, 2024. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Longville requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 9:14 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of executive session and back into regular session at 9:34 A.M.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into Board of Adjustment at 9:34 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of Board of Adjustment and back into regular session at 9:56 A.M.

DEPARTMENT OF EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, met with the Board and requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Natalie Remund, Human Resources, joined via Zoom.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 9:58 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of executive session and back into regular session at 11:01 A.M.

PLANNING & ZONING

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning & Zoning at 11:04 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of Planning & Zoning and back into regular session at 11:30 A.M.

MUNICIPALITIES

The following joined the meeting:

Lowell Hansen - De Smet

Tracey Larson - Finance Officer, De Smet

Curt Lundquist - Mayor, Arlington

Terry Rowbothan - Councilman, Arlington

Brenda Klug - Finance Officer, Lake Preston

George Cavanaugh - Councilman, De Smet

Brett Jensen - De Smet

Andy Wienk - Mayor, Lake Preston

Todd Wilkinson - Attorney

Todd Wilkinson, Attorney, addressed the Board to discuss the Road Levy tax misunderstanding.

The cities are requesting the County make up a difference in the Road Levy due to an email provided to them by the County Auditor to apprise them of a road levy the Commissioners were considering in October 2022. It was later discovered the estimated amounts the cities might receive was overstated. The Auditor informed the cities of the error in June 2023 prior to budgeting for projects in 2024 and they were given the correct estimates to be used in their budgets.

Wilkinson informed the County the cities were putting their bids together for chip sealing streets this summer and are asking if the County would help. The cities believe the County should, since they had first been provided with an incorrect estimate, although a correct estimate was provided for budgeting purposes. Wilkinson expressed that the cities may not have supported the road levy if the correct estimate had been provided in the original email and the levy would have possibly been referred to a vote.

All parties concurred working together is important. It was the consensus of all those present since the request being made would involve the highway department and Dave Sorenson, Highway Superintendent was not in attendance the matter would need to be taken under consideration and discussed later when Sorenson is present.

DEPARTMENT OF EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, returned to the meeting to request the Board approve the abatement of taxes on Record 7328 due to the building having been demolished.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lundquist to approve the tax abatement for Record 7328. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anderson requested an abatement for Record 5940. The Board requested more information and tabled the request.

AUDITOR

Steffensen brought to the Boards attention an error that was made when posting the agenda for the special meeting held on February 9, 2024. The agenda stated, "Road Levy" and should have been "Road Limits or Load Limits". Due to this error, Steffensen recommended Resolution 2024-5 "Kingsbury County Weight Limit Per Axle Enforcement" that was approved at the meeting be rescinded and a new one passed to replace it.

It was the consensus of the Board to rescind Resolution 2024-5 however, a new one would not be necessary at this time as limits can be placed per codified Law SDCL 32-14-6 from February 15th through April 30th without a resolution if the County posts the limits on the roads.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Kazmerzak to rescind Resolution 2024-5 "Kingsbury County Weight Limit Per Axle Enforcement". All present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXTENSION

Abbigale Steeke, 4-H Advisor and Kathy DeDeyne, 4-H Office Assistant, met with the Board to update them on the 4-H programs and workshops they have been providing.

Steeke requested travel approval for herself and DeDeyne to Mitchell on April 8, 2024 for 4-H Online & Fair Entry Training.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Kazmerzak to approve the travel request for Steeke and DeDeyne. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

Steffensen provided information to the Board on assigned funds from 2018 and updated them on the General Fund unassigned fund balance.

Steffensen requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Kazmerzak and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of executive session and back into regular session at 1:20 P.M.

The Board adjourned to Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED

Kyle Lee, Chairman

ATTEST

Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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