

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota  
February 22, 2022

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Roger Walls, Steve Spilde, and Corey Lundquist present. Also present were Gary Schumacher- States Attorney, and Joe Jensen - Planning and Zoning. Commissioners Kyle Lee and Doug Kazmerzak attended via Zoom. Chairman Kazmerzak presided.

Others attending via Zoom were Donna Palmlund - Kingsbury Journal, Sheriff Strande, Caryn Hojer - Register of Deeds, Michelle Longville - Treasurer and Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Steffensen stated Maintenance and Director of Equalization could be removed from the agenda and requested Bob Montross with the Park Trail Project to be added at 9:30 A.M.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to approve the agenda with stated changes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Kazmerzak asked for public comment. There was none.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

HIGHWAY

Kazmerzak stated Dave Sorenson- Highway Superintendent, would not be attending the meeting and updated the Board on highway matters.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hojer met with the Board to present the new contract with Infotech Solutions, IT support for the county. The contract is for a 5-year period

and includes an increase due to Microsoft raising their license fees by 20%. Hojer stated this would increase the county bill by approximately \$4-500.00 per year.

Hojer also presented a contract with SDN, the county's internet provider, for a 1-year period. The previous contract had been for 5 years. The Board asked Hojer to contact SDN to inquire about the change.

Hojer stated she had received a list of computers from Infotech that need updated, and the Treasurer's office is on this list.

#### AUDITOR

Steffensen requested the Board approve the replacement of 33.21 hours of sick leave with administrative leave for an employee that was out with Covid. The employee provided a copy of her positive test results as required.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lundquist to approve the request for administrative leave. Motion carried.

Steffensen informed the Board the Sioux Valley District meeting will be on March 23, 2022, in Clark and will need to RSVP by March 11, 2022, with the number of attendees from Kingsbury County.

#### PARK TRAIL PROJECT

Bob Montross, Laird Beck and Delmer Wolkow met with the Board with an update on the Park Trail Project. All spoke on the benefits to the county with the hope that the county would provide some financial support.

Kazmerzak stated the Board recognizes the potential of the project and requested they keep the Board informed.

#### ORDINANCE 61- Second Reading

Steffensen read the following Ordinance.

#### ORDINANCE 61

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING KINGSBURY COUNTY COMMISSIONER VOTING DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING NEW VOTER DISTRICTS BASED UPON 2020 CENSUS, PER SDCL 7-8-10 AND 7-8-12, BY DIVIDING KINGSBURY COUNTY INTO FIVE (5) COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY OF KINGSBURY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That Ordinance 61 of Kingsbury County, SD is hereby to read as follows:

Commissioner Districts: The County shall be divided into five (5) districts and shall be designated respectively as First District, Second District, Third District, Fourth District and Fifth District. The districts shall be described by setting for the certain street or avenue designations or other landmarks that divide and border the commissioner districts. Any reference to street or avenue below shall mean an imaginary line running down the approximate middle of each street or avenue. The commissioner districts of Kingsbury County are as set forth below and by the map thereof. Any discrepancies shall be resolved by reference to the map rather than the physical descriptions set forth herein. A map illustrating the boundaries and location of each commissioner district is kept on file with the County Auditor.

First Commissioner District will include all that property in Denver Township lying east of 451<sup>st</sup> Avenue, including the entire portion of the City of Arlington within Kingsbury County.

Second Commissioner District will include all of Spirit Lake Township, all of Hartland Township, the entire City of Lake Preston, the entire Town of Erwin, and all that property in Baker Township located north of US Highway 14.

Third Commissioner District will include all of Wards I and III in the City of DeSmet, all of Mathews Township, all of DeSmet Township lying south of US HWY 14, and all of DeSmet Township lying east of SD HWY 25.

Fourth Commissioner District will include all of Ward II in the City of DeSmet, that portion of DeSmet Township lying north of US HWY 14 and west of SD HWY 25, the entire portion of the City of Iroquois within Kingsbury County, all of the Town of Bancroft, all of the unincorporated municipalities of Osceola, Manchester, and Esmond, and all of Le Sueur, Iroquois, Manchester, and Esmond Townships.

Fifth Commissioner District will include the Towns of Oldham, Hetland, and Badger, the entire Townships of Whitewood, Spring Lake, and Badger, all that portion of Baker Township lying south of US HWY 14 (excluding any portion of the City of Lake Preston), and all that portion of Denver Township lying west of 451<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Spilde to accept the second reading and adopt Ordinance 61. Motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Lee 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. Motion carried.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

TAMMY ANDERSON 190.54 TRAVEL REIM, CINDY BAU 28.00 TRAVEL REIM, CIVIL DESIGN INC 49659.50 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, CENTURLINK 235.72 UTILITIES, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 51.79 UTILITIES, HURON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER 712.54 PRISONER CARE, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 768.00 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 518.91 ADVANCE TAX, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 21.20 LICENSE FOR SHERIFF'S NEW CAR, NORTHWESTERN 2033.63 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 159.92 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1754.90 UTILITIES, SDACC 921.00 CARE FOR THE POOR, SDACC 1728.00 SDACC & NACO MEM DUES 2022, SDACC 498.00 FEES, SDACHS 100.00 CONFERENCE FEES, SDACO 206.00 01/2022 MP&R REMITTANCE, SDACO 894.39 MEMBERSHIP DUES

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

Walls provided information to the Board on a conversation he had with a Luverne, MN resident on GEVO. Kazmerzak also provided information on a phone call he had received. Lundquist stated there had been more open discussion on GEVO from constituents.

Gary Schumacher, States Attorney, provided clarification on open meeting laws.

#### SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS

Dan Lederman presented an overview of the Carbon Solutions Pipeline project.

#### DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Anderson met with the board to request approval to purchase a new laptop. Anderson provided quotes of \$1900 and \$2500. The difference being in the processing capability. Anderson explained a larger processor would be better for accessing GIS.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Spilde to approve the purchase of the \$2500 laptop. All present voting. Aye - 4, Nay - 1, Abstain - 0. Motion carried.

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hojer returned to the meeting with the contract from SDN. The one year renews automatically and can be canceled with a 30-day notice. It was the consensus of the Board that Hojer could sign the contract.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Kazmerzak, Chairman

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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