

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota  
May 20, 2025

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom 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, Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization, Maggie Purintun - Deputy 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 Nelson and seconded by Lundquist to approve the agenda. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

## MINUTES

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of May 6, 2025. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Walls to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025. 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 and seconded by Nelson 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.

BARBARA BROSVIK-PAULSON 86.36 TRAV REIM VSO CONF, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 43.90 COPIER SER-DOE, CENTURYLINK 1055.62 PHONE UTILITY, CENTURYLINK 242.79 PHONE UTILITY HWY, CITY OF DESMET 208.52 WATER UTILITY, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 509.50 UTILITY SERVICE, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 67.75 HWY-WASTE UTILITY, COWBOY COUNTRY STORE-DESMET 38.21 HWY SUPPLIES, WENDY DENISON 317.16 CLEANING 4H BLDG & SUPPLIES, LOUIS DU RANDT 133.26 TRAVEL VSO CONFERENCE, CARYN HOJER 68.27 REIM SUPPLIES GEN BLDG, CITY OF HURON 6585.17 911 SURCHARGE MAR 2025, KINGBROOK RURAL WATER 49.50 HWY- WATER UTILITY, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 464.50 HWY- ELEC UTILITY, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 535.57 ADVANCE TAX, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 203.17 ADVANCE TAX, CURT LUNDQUIST 90.82 BOARD OF ADJ -MTG & MLG, MIDSTATE AGRONOMY 180.00 GEN BLDG SUPPLIES, STAN MYERS 17.63 ADVANCE TAX REFUND- 4 PROP., NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 540.02 UTILITIES - GAS, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 319.56 HWY- GAS UTILITY, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1127.78 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 116.54 ELEC UTILITY -HWY, QUILL 16.04 SUPPLIES, PAUL D ROBY 275.00 MOWING, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 300.00 MALT BEV LICENSE RENEWALS, SDN COMMUNICATIONS 917.00 IT SERV CONTRACT, VERIZON 430.29 PHONE UTILITY,

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairman Lee informed the Board of an invite to a meeting with GEVO on May 27, 2025, at the Lake Preston Café at 12:00 P.M.

Commissioner Lundquist provided samples of ordinances for solar farms to the Board for their review.

#### AUDITOR

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, presented an abatement application for record #8582 due to the same property being taxed more than once in the same year. The tax was a mobile home sold in 2024 with the taxes due in 2025 being paid at that time.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to approve the abatement request for record #8582. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen presented Mathews Store 2025-2026 Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License renewal application for approval.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson to approve Mathews Store renewal application for the 2025-2026 Uniform Alcoholic Beverage License. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen requested approval to pay out 155.38 accrued vacation hours and prorated longevity totaling \$5,589.80 to Cindy Bau, retired Emergency Manager.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Lundquist to approve the request to pay out 155.38 accrued vacation hours and prorated longevity totaling \$5,589.80 to Cindy Bau, retired Emergency Manager.

#### HIGHWAY

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

Sorenson presented a request for 77 hours of the Kingsbury County Highway Department's sick leave bank for Tom Martens.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson to approve the request for 77 hours of the Kingsbury County Highway Department's sick leave bank for Tom Martens. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson presented an application for occupancy on the right of way of 429<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Valley Fibercom for approval.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Walls to approve the application for occupancy on the right of way of 429<sup>th</sup> Ave from Valley Fibercom, All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson requested to move into an executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from the regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 8:58 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 9:02 A.M.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board held a discussion on the sample solar farm ordinances and the time allowed for extensions on conditional use permits. No action was taken.

#### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into Board of Adjustment at 9:58 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of Board of Adjustment and back into regular session at 10:04 A.M.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Walls and seconded by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 10:09 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 10:56 A.M

The Board recessed to 11:30 A.M,

The Board reconvened at 11:30 A.M.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EQUALIZATION/DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Tammy Adnerson, Director of Equalization, addressed the Board and other community members with a presentation on the valuation process.

Others in attendance were Maggie Purintun, Deputy Director of Equalization, Jeff Puthoff, Department of Revenue, Austin Strande, Joel Gerteman, Brett Anderson, Tracey Larson - De Smet City Finance Officer, Brenda Klug - Lake Preston City Finance Officer, Stephanie Damm - Arlington City Finance Officer, Jennifer Malone, and Gary Wolkow - De Smet Mayor.

Robin Carlson, Department of Revenue, joined via Zoom.

Anderson, Puthoff and Carlson provided an overview of the valuation and levy process.

#### RISTY BENEFITS

Roger Risty and Sonja Nordbye, Risty Benefits, met with the Board and provided an update on the county's current Medical Reimbursement Plan. They also provided minimal information on an HSA. Nordbye stated she would put together more information for the Board and provide it via email to the Auditor.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Lundquist and seconded by Nelson to adjourn from the regular session and move into executive session for contract negotiations 1:29 P.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 1:37 P.M.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

Natalie Remund, Human Resource Consultant, requested to move into an executive session for personnel.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 1:39 P.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board back into regular session at 2:47 P.M.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 8:30 A.M.

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Kyle Lee, Chairman

ATTEST

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Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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