

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota

July 11, 2023

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Doug Kazmerzak, Kyle Lee, Steve Spilde and Roger Walls present. Chairman Kazmerzak presided.

Attending via Zoom were Michelle Longville, Treasurer, Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization and Amy Halverson, Kingsbury Journal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, requested to add travel requests for the Register of Deed and the Auditor to the agenda.

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

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to request travel approval to Chamberlain, SD on August 17, 2023, for Tyler software training.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Walls to approve the request for the Register of Deeds to travel to Chamberlain on August 17, 2023, for training purposes. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

Steffensen requested travel approval for herself and the Deputy Auditor to travel to Pierre, SD on August 2, 2023 for Ultra Software training and for her office to be closed.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Spilde to approve the travel request for the Auditor and Deputy Auditor to travel to Pierre, SD on August 2, 2023, for training purposes and for the Auditor office to be closed. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen discussed whether the Board wanted to have a resolution in place at the beginning of the year to approve travel for education conferences, meetings, and conventions per SDCL 7-7-25. It was the consensus of the Board that they did not want to put this practice in place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Walls and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 9:42 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board back in regular session at 9:53 A.M.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, commended Rod and Cheryl Palmlund, Kendra Palmlund and Lonny Palmlund for the work done on removing old Equalization records from the basement vault for the transfer of these records to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Society.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, Dave Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, Michelle Longville, Treasurer, Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds, Tanya Flegel, Weed Board, Steve Strande, Sheriff, Michelle Strande, Sheriff Office Manager, Cindy Bau, 911/Emergency Management and Steffensen, Elections met with the Board to discuss budget requests for 2024.

WEED BOARD/CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Alan Vedvei, Chairman of the Kingsbury County Conservation District, provided an overview of the district's 2023 activity. Highlighting student activity and acres of trees planted.

Ryan Olson, Weed Board, provided an overview of the 2023 activity. Olson commended Tanya Flegel for her hard work and dedication.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hojer met with the Board to provide and update on the 125th Anniversary of the courthouse celebration.

AUDITOR

Steffensen requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Lee and seconded by Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 2:14 P.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Kazmerzak declared the Board back in regular session at 2:47 P.M.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Joe Jensen, Planning and Zoning Commission, met with the Board to discuss the 2024 budget request.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jensen, Planning and Zoning Commission, updated the Board on a property at Lake Thompson that has camper sites and septic system with no conditional use permit. Legal counsel will be sought before moving forward.

Jensen provided an update on mobile homes that had been moved out of the city of De Smet into the county without following the proper procedures.

Jensen updated the Board on the status of the Reinvestment Payment Program money from the Kingston, LLC project.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED

Doug Kazmerzak, Chairman

ATTEST

Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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