

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota  
September 1, 2020

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse with Commissioners Delmer Wolkow, Roger Walls, Joe Jensen, and Shelley Nelson present. Commissioner Steve Spilde attending via Zoom. Chairman Walls presided.

APPROVE AGENDA

Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, informed the Board Dave Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, would be joining the meeting.

Jensen moved and Nelson seconded to approve the agenda as edited. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Sorenson met with the Board to schedule the Highway 5-Year Plan meeting for publication. The meeting was scheduled for September 22, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Walls asked for public comment. There was none.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed various topics with Barnard including the 2020 Budget and how the Covid-19 Relief Fund dollars received relating to the Coronavirus will impact the 2019 and 2020 Budgets. Barnard explained the claim process for the Relief Fund and the need to have Budget Supplement Hearings for those budgets needing funds supplemented for unbudgeted items expensed.

The Board also discussed the upcoming 2020 County Convention in Sioux Falls with five county officials currently scheduled to attend.

#### STATE'S ATTORNEY

Gregg Gass, State's Attorney, met with the Board to discuss several items.

Gass informed the Board the request for Agropur to spread wastewater in Kingsbury County had been rescinded. Gass also stated the Lake Thompson outlet clean-out project was moving forward.

Gass requested to move into Executive Session for litigation.

Jensen moved and Nelson seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for litigation at 9:36 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 9:40 A.M.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 9:41 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Wolkow seconded to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 10:54 A.M.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

Walls informed the Board the need to purchase a computer by the Director of Equalization was no longer needed at this time. Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, had called requesting to re-appropriate the funds for new tires on the county vehicle.

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to re-appropriate the previously approved funds for new tires on the county vehicle. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

#### AUDITOR

Barnard presented Case 2020-1, for funeral expenses. Barnard informed the Board the application had been received with all documentation signed.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded for the maximum allowance of \$2,000.00 be paid for Case 2020-1 funeral costs. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Barnard requested approval of the second-year discretionary value for NorthWestern Energy Corp. be approved for the 2020 taxes payable in 2021. This would reduce the taxable value by \$71,383.00.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to approve the second-year discretionary value for NorthWestern Energy Corp. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION - cont.

Elaine Blachford, Treasurer, and Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to discuss the upcoming 2020 Fall Convention in Sioux Falls. It was the consensus of Blachford, Hojer and Barnard the need to attend for annual certification needs, and the ability to meet with peers to discuss current events. It is also the best time to get updated information and training from State Officials.

It was the consensus of the Board that if the Convention is not ultimately cancelled, for those attending to work from home for the remaining of the week and self-monitor for Covid-19 symptoms.

Blachford requested to move into Executive Session for personnel.

Wolkow moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for personnel at 11:29 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 12:00 P.M.

Jensen moved and Nelson seconded for the interest on property taxes for Record Numbers 1625, 325, and 355 totaling 177.81 be abated due to a clerical error. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Walls, Chairman

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor

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