

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota

September 22, 2020

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse with Commissioner Steve Spilde attending via Zoom. Commissioners Delmer Wolkow, Roger Walls, Joe Jensen, and Shelley Nelson present. Chairman Walls presided. Kingsbury County resident, Ed Goss, also joined the meeting via Zoom.

This meeting was recorded and available in the Auditor's office for listening.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Jennifer Barnard, Auditor, stated there were several items to add to the agenda. These include: Cindy Bau, Emergency Management, requested to remove the Quarterly Report for signature and add Sioux Falls Two Way Radio update; Barnard requested to add a second plat for Tract 1 of Moe's Addition and Covid-19 Tax Deferral.

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

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.

MINUTES

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT

David Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss highway matters and current projects being worked on.

Sorenson stated he will need to advertise for bids for hauling rip rap to several locations in the county. The bid opening will be scheduled in the future.

Sorenson also informed the Board the Federal Signage Project is almost completed and the verification process will begin. Any corrections needing to be made will be done during the verification.

Sorenson reviewed the various portions of the Kingsbury County Five-Year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan with the Board. Those present for this portion of the meeting include Donna Palmlund, with the Kingsbury Journal. Director of Equalization, Tammy Anderson, and county resident, Ed Goss, via Zoom.

There were no public comments regarding the proposed 5-Year Plan as presented.

Barnard read the resolution for the plan as prepared by First District of Local Government:

RESOLUTION 2020-24

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE KINGSBURY COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Department of Transportation Local Bridge and Improvement Grant Fund requires that in order to be eligible to apply for Bridge Improvement Grant funds, Counties are required to develop a five-year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, hereinafter referred to as Plan; and

WHEREAS, Kingsbury County has utilized the South Dakota Department of Transportation, County Staff, the First District Association of Local Governments, Townships, and the general public in developing the various components of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes maps and lists identifying an inventory of highways and bridges, project needs, and revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, Kingsbury County held a public meeting on September 22, 2020 to solicit input into the Plan, and the citizens who attended expressed an interest in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County will be able to use the Plan as a tool to budget for transportation enhancements and better coordinate transportation issues with other entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE KINGSBURY COUNTY FIVE-YEAR HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND IS RECOGNIZED AS THE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR KINGSBURY COUNTY.

Dated at Kingsbury, South Dakota this September 22, 2020.

Jensen moved and Nelson seconded to accept Resolution 2020-24 and the Kingsbury County Five Year Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan. All present voting via roll call: Walls - aye, Wolkow - aye, Nelson - aye, Jensen - aye, Spilde - aye. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning to review two proposed plats at 9:26 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 10:00 A.M.

Wolkow moved and Nelson seconded to accept the Plat of Lots 47A & 48A, McMasters Third Subdivision as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Nelson moved and Spilde seconded to accept the Plat of Tract 1 of Moe's Addition as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Spilde moved and Jensen seconded 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 - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

CENTURYLINK 229.27 UTILITIES, CENTURYLINK 1523.46 UTILITIES, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 453.57 UTILITIES, DE SMET CITY 112.72 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 391.80 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN 49.48 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN 23.84 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 101.67 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1656.75 UTILITIES, VERIZON 185.43 UTILITIES,

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bau met with the Board to discuss various items.

Bau informed the Board Two Way Radio, in Sioux Falls, would be able to sound the tornado siren for the cities of De Smet, Arlington, Erwin, Badger, Hetland, and Lake Thompson State Park. This would eliminate the need to require individuals in these areas to leave their homes and sound the sirens, and Lake Preston, Iroquois and Oldham already participate in the system.

The cost to initiate this ability is \$1,680.00 and the funds are available in the donations from Dakota Access Pipeline.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to approve the use of the Dakota Access donation if the E911 funds could not be used for this purpose. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Bau reviewed sections of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan with the Board.

Bau reviewed the updates to the County Plan, in particular the Civil Defense Annex.

Nelson moved and Jensen seconded to accept the updates to the County Plan. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

Bau reviewed the various program requirements for the year.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, requested approval for Deputy Director, Maggie Purintun, and herself to travel to Sioux Falls for their District meeting with the Department of Revenue on October 21, 2020.

Jensen moved and Spilde seconded to approve the travel expenses for Anderson and Purintun to attend the District meeting in Sioux Falls. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

AUDITOR

Barnard discussed the Covid-19 tax deferral for "Affected Employees" that has become available through a Presidential Memorandum with the Board. After prior discussion with State's Attorney Gregg Gass, no employees of the county have lost hours or pay, and thus would not qualify as "Affected Employees."

It was the consensus of the Board that Kingsbury County employees do not qualify as "Affected Employees" and no motion was made.

Barnard inquired as to any changes needing to be made to the 2021 Budget.

After some discussion, there were no changes made to the 2021 Budget as set forth in the Provisional Budget as published.

Jensen moved and Wolkow seconded to approve the 2021 Budget as is. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0, motion carried.

G&R CONTROLES - PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

Tracy Kerkhove, with G&R Controls, and Travis Sichmeller, with Mettler Sichmeller Engineering, joined the meeting via Zoom. State's Attorney Gass and Lonnie Palmlund, Maintenance, joined the meeting.

Palmlund reviewed the benefits of the Preventative Maintenance option as discussed in the meeting on September 8, 2020.

Gass stated he had reviewed the proposed contract and suggested a one-year contracts vs. a three-year contract.

Kerkhove explained the cost difference between the one-year and three-year contract options.

Those present requested clarification on the various costs and for that information to be provided to the county for additional review. The matter was tabled until the meeting scheduled for October 6, 2020.

State's Attorney Gass requested to move into Executive Session for possible litigation.

Jensen moved and Nelson seconded to adjourn from regular session and move into Executive Session for possible litigation at 11:44 A.M. All present voting aye - 5, nay - 0. Motion carried.

Wolkow moved and Spilde seconded to adjourn from Executive Session. Chairman Walls declared the Board out at 12:06 P.M.

Barnard inquired if any additional protocols or resolutions needed to be put in place in preparation for reopening the courthouse on October 5, 2020. None were made.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED _____
Roger Walls, Chairman

ATTEST _____
Jennifer Barnard, County Auditor

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