OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota
February 17, 2026

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse with Commissioners Roger Walls, Corey Lundquist, Steve Spilde and Troy Nelson present. Vice Chairman Lundquist presided.

Chairman Lee attended via Zoom.

Attending via Zoom were Amy Halverson- Kingsbury Journal, Michelle Longville- Treasurer, Tammy Anderson – Director of Equalization, and Kristen Longville – Emergency Manager.

Vice Chairman Lundquist called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA
Vice Chairman Lundquist asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda.

Walls requested to add a discussion on the roads by Osceola and a discussion with Riverview LLC concerning roads for the Redstone Dairy

Motion by Spilde, second by Walls to approve the agenda as amended. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES
Vice Chairman Lundquist asked if there were any changes to the minutes from February 3, 2026.

Walls noted that the welder was purchased from A-OX Welding supply and Nelson noted the motion to approve the purchase of the welder should have stated up to $5,000.00.

Motion by Walls, second by Spilde to approve the minutes of February 3, 2026 with said corrections. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Lundquist asked for public comment. There was none.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Vice Chairman Lundquist asked the Board if there was any conflict of interest. There was none.

APPROVE CLAIMS
Motion by Spilde, second 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.

1ST DIST ASSC OF LOCAL GOVT. 1000.00 PRO SERVICES, A-OX WELDING SUPPLY 4799.19 HWY SUPPLIES, ANDERSON LUMBER, LLC 66.84 SUPPLIES, ANDERSON LUMBER, LLC 117.72 GEN BLD REPAIRS, APPEARA 78.70 REPAIRS INV 1155552, AT&T 87.53 UTILITIES, AVERA DE SMET MEMORIAL HOSP 168.00 PROF SERV, AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE-SF 147.50 PROF SERV, BADGER OIL COMPANY 286.62 UTILITIES, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 209.18 REPAIRS, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 63.96 PRO SERV, CENTURYLINK 969.06 UTILITIES, CITY OF DESMET 184.64 UTILITIES, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 77.23 UTILITIES, CRCORNER LLC 81.77 SUPPLIES, CRCORNER LLC 55.62 FUEL, CARYN HOJER 500.00 SUPPLIES, CITY OF HURON 6624.08 PRO SERVICES, I STATE TRUCK CENTER 449.59 SUPPLIES, INNOVATIVE BUSINESS CONSULTANT 4816.34 FEES AND HLTH INS CLAIMS, INDEPENDENCE UPFITTERS LLC 854.71 EQUIPMENT FOR EM VEHICLE, INTERLAKES COMMUNITY ACTION 602.92 ICAP - PRO SERVICES, KINGBROOK RURAL WATER 56.35 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 1100.60 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 842.34 PUBLISHINGS, LYLE SIGNS, LLC 323.28 SUPPLIES, MAYNARD'S FOOD CENTER 46.95 SUPPLIES, MIDWEST GLASS, LLC 2495.00 REPAIRS/MAINT, MULTI BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC 3250.00 HR SERV CONTRACT, EASTLINE SUPPLY 57.91 SUPPLIES, NIMBLE WASH, LLC 60.28 CAR WASHES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 938.21 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 1429.08 UILITIES, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 85.38 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 403.09 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 2277.38 UTILITIES, PRAIRIE AG PARTNERS 639.07 UTILITIES, QUILL 203.98 SUPPLIES, QUILL 67.78 SUPPLIES, RAMKOTA HOTEL- PIERRE 141.00 TRAVEL, SD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY 2340.00 UTILITIES, SD FEDERAL PROPERTY AGENCY 116.00 SUPPLIES, SD LOCAL TRANSPRT ASSIST PROGM 125.00 TRV/CONF, SDN COMMUNICATIONS 917.00 IT PRO SERV, STEVE STRANDE 1300.00 SNOW REMOVAL, TANGO TANGO INC 5985.00 PROF SERV, TIMECLOCK PLUS LLC 2056.32 PROF SERV, THOMSON REUTERS 339.57 PROF SERV, TRANSOURCE 8374.74 REPAIRS, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 22.97 SUPPLIES, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 129.55 SUPPLIES, ULINE 164.37 SUPPLIES, VALLEY FIBERCOM 168.81 UTILITIES, VERIZON 255.75 UTILITIES, MIDWAY SERVICE DBA VOLLAN OIL 666.81 SUPPLIES, WW TIRE 2705.96 REPAIRS, ZELL MANUFACTURING 2397.01 REPAIRS/SUPPLIES, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 180952.06 STATE REMITTANCE

HIGHWAY

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

Sorenson informed the Board he had scheduled the highway bid opening for March 3, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

Sorenson updated the Board on spring road postings, informing them the state had put postings on as of February 17, 2026 but he would not be putting them on in Kingsbury for at least another week.

Sorenson presented Right-of-Way Occupancy applications from East River for CR11 and CR2, both for boring, for signatures.

Motion by Nelson, second by Walls for Vice-Chairman Lundquist to sign said applications. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson requested travel approval to Deadwood March 17-20, 2026, for the highway conference.

Motion by Walls, second by Nelson to approve travel for the highway superintendent to Deadwood March 17-20, 2026, for the highway conference. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson reminded the Board that the bids for the 425th Ave project would be opened on February 24, 2026, at Civil Design, Inc. in Brookings.

A discussion was held on which roads the Redstone Dairy wants to improve other than 425th Ave to determine if any of their requests or plans conflict with Sorenson's plans for 2026.

Sorenson asked the Board to revisit the State Planning & Research Program that he presented to them on February 3, 2026. The Board decided to hold off discussing the program until later in the meeting when Riverview arrives.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Kristen Longville, Emergency Manager, presented to the Board the Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement Articles requesting approval for her to sign. Sheriff Strande also joined the meeting for further discussion.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to authorize Longville to sign the Articles. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Longville asked the Board what the procedures were for putting a burn ban in place stating that Kingsbury County was under a high wind advisory for

the next couple of days. Chairman Lee informed Longville that if she had a discussion with the fire departments and they recommended a burn ban herself and the Chairman can put one in place.

After discussion the Board decided to place the burn ban.

Motion by Lee, second by Walls to implement a burn ban from beginning February 17, 2026, and for it to remain in place until at least the March 3, 2026, meeting. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Longville requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Walls, second by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 9:13 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Lundquist declared the Board out of executive session at 9:21 A.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION
Vice Chairman Lundquist discussed with the Board the need to reevaluate the requirement of a building to be placed at least 75 feet above the highwater mark. Lundquist stated all the lakes have different high-water marks so this does not allow a standard and would like to consider changing the zoning ordinance to require a certain elevation.

ORDINANCE 75- Second reading

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, read the following ordinance:

Ordinance 75

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, an ordinance to amend Section 1.03.01 adopted by Ordinance 45, March 3, 2015, as amended, of the Zoning Ordinance of Kingsbury County

Be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Kingsbury County, South Dakota: that Section 1.03.01 adopted by Ordinance 45, March 3, 2015, as amended, of the Zoning Ordinance of Kingsbury County be amended to classify the following property: Harty's Addition in the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Nine (9), Township One Hundred (109) North, Range Fifty Six (56) West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County

To "CI" from "AG" Agricultural

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect twenty (20) days after its publication.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

RIVERVIEW LLC

Josh Schmidt, Riverview LLC, met with the Board to discuss possible plans for improvements to other roads around the Redstone Dairy.

Dave Sorenson re-joined the meeting to join the discussion.

The Board requested Schmidt and Sorenson collaborate to address timelines, how to quote the projects, what engineering needs to be done and who is paying for any possible projects.

The Board re-addressed the State Planning & Research Program for Local Governments.

Motion by Nelson, second by Lee to approve the study with Sorenson communicating with Riverview to make sure study would not overlap their plan. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

Steffensen presented a request from Ally Dakota Development to be allowed to approve prudent servicing actions internally for borrowers who have received a loan from the Revolving Loan fund.

Motion by Lee, second by Nelson to approve the Ally Dakota Development to be allowed to approve prudent servicing actions internally for borrowers who have received a loan from the Revolving Loan fund. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen present a request to buy a laptop for absentee voting for $800.

Motion by Spilde, second by Nelson to approve the purchase of a laptop for absentee voting. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen presented a request to purchase 7 poll-pads from Knowink, LLC for $21,310.00 for elections. Explaining the County does have HAVA money with the state that can be used to purchase them.

Motion by Walls, second by Nelson to approve the purchase of 7 poll-pads from Knowink, LLC for $21,310.00 for elections. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen presented the 2026 SDACC/NaCo dues invoice for $2,341.00 to be approved and signed.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to approve the 2026 SDACC/NaCO dues invoice and for Vice Chairman Lundquist to sign said invoice. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2026 SDPAA property and liability insurance renewal.

Steffensen discussed plans for the upcoming District meeting Kingsbury County will be hosting.

Steffensen present an invoice for lawn care from Trugreen, Watertown. The invoice was for informational purposes only to determine if any other services were wanted. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the services the same.

OPEN DISCUSSION
Commissioner Walls discussed with the Board the township roads by Osceola that the County had previously maintained. The Board discussed whether the township had taken over maintaining the roads and it was determined they had. They also discussed that a private party had paid for extra blading.

MILLS PROPERTY
Chad Ebsen, Mills Property Management, met with the Board to update them on property matters.

AUDITOR
Steffensen requested to move into executive session for contract negotiations and personnel with no action needed.

Motion by Nelson, second by Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for contract negotiations and personnel at 11:06 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Lundquist declared the Board out of executive session at 11:47 A.M.

The Board adjourned to Monday, February 3, 2026, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED _____
Kyle Lee, Chairman

ATTEST _____
Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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