

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota
November 19, 2024

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 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.

Also attending via Zoom were Amy Halverson- Kingsbury Journal, Michelle Longville - Treasurer, Tammy Anderson - Director of Equalization and Abbi Steeke - 4-H Advisor.

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. There was none.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Walls and seconded by Spilde to approve the minutes of November 7, 2024. 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 Nelson and seconded by Spilde 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.

TAMMY ANDERSON 28.00 DOE TRAVEL, ARROWWOOD RESORT & CONFERENCE 924.28 TRAVEL, CINDY BAU 14.00 EM MGT TRAVEL, CONNIE BICKETT 361.38 ELECTION WORKER, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 42.05 PRO SERV & SUPPLIES, CENTURYLINK 237.99 UTILITIES, CENTURYLINK 227.19 PHONE UTILITY, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 67.75 UTILITIES, BRAD FOLSLAND 318.50 ELECTION WORKER, CITY OF HURON 12722.22 FEES, KINGSBURY CONSERVATION DIST 5000.00 CONSERVATION DIST FEES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 376.80 UTILITIES, LEWIS & CLARK BEHAVIORAL 213.00 BMI, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 37.82 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 106.58 UTILITIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 31.46 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 112.51 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 991.06 UTILITIES, PRAIRIE AG PARTNERS 2705.00 WEED BOARD SUPPLIES, MAGGIE PURINTUN 89.28 ELECTION WORKER, QUILL 204.20 SUPPLIES, RFD NEWS GROUP 2743.90 PUBLISHINGS, MARILOU SCHEAFER 277.50 ELECTION WORKER, ABBIGALE STEEKE 90.00 ELECTION WORKER, ECHO STEFFENSEN 195.64 ELECTION, DEAN STEFFENSEN 109.32 ELECTION, DAVID WHEELER 1280.16 CAA FEES, SPINK COUNTY AUDITOR 56.00 TRAVEL, KINGSBURY COUNTY TREASURER 360.00 ADVANCE TAX, BYRON NOGELMEIER 146.00 CAM FEES, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 155462.44 STATE REMITTANCE

OFFICE REPORTS

The Register of Deeds, Sheriff's and Director of Equalization's Reports of Fees Collected during the month of October 2024 were reviewed by the Board. Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson that the Auditor's report with the Treasurer as of the close of business October 31, 2024 be accepted as follows. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cash on Hand	\$ 3,123.93
Checks in Treas. Possession less than 3 days	743,928.76
Credit Card	8,512.03
Demand Deposits	711,834.84
Savings Account	6,699,016.78
Revolving Loan Fund	208,351.97
Big Ditch MM	358,448.39
Time Deposits	1,657,523.80
TOTAL	\$10,390,740.50

BREAKDOWN OF MONEY BY FUNDS

County General Fund	\$3,713,271.78
Special Revenue Funds (Road & Bridge, E911 Fund CH Bldg, Revolving Loan, Emergency Management, Domestic Abuse Funds 24/7 & M&P Fund	

American Rescue, Rural Infrastructure)	2,225,921.33
Drainage Ditch #4	164,713.64
Drainage Ditch Debt Service Cash	12,396.67
Amount held for School Dist.	3,173,831.22
Amount held for Townships	327,435.72
Amount held for Cities	536,905.37
Amount held for East Dakota Water Dist.	11,179.74
State Remittance	150,787.60
Amount held for others	74,297.43
TOTAL	\$10,390,740.50

AUDITOR

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, presented the 2025 Memorandum of Understanding agreement with SDSU Extension for approval and signature. The Board tabled the matter and requested Steffensen to forward it to Gary Schumacher, State's Attorney, for review.

Steffensen presented the 2024 contract for Provision of Community Health Services from the South Dakota Department of Health. The contract was forwarded at this time as no contract had been in place for prior years' services. Steffensen stated the contract had been forwarded to the State's Attorney for review. Steffensen requested authorization to DocuSign said contract for Chairman Lee.

Steffensen requested to move into executive session for contract negotiations.

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Spilde to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for contract negotiations at 8:43 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Lundquist declared the Board back into regular session at 8:59 A.M.

HIGHWAY

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

Sorenson presented a Right-of-Way permit for Valley Fibercom for approval and signature.

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Spilde to approve the right-of-way permit for Valley Fibercom and for Vice Chairman Lundquist to sign said permit. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson requested approval to purchase a used road broom for \$38,000.00.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Spilde to allow Sorenson to purchase a used road broom for \$38,000.00. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson presented an estimate from Highway Improvements, Inc to repair cracks on 218th with mastic for \$83,280.00.

Motion by Spilde and seconded by Nelson to authorize Sorenson to hire Highway Improvements, Inc to repair 218th with mastic for \$83,280.00. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson and the Board discussed options for purchasing trucks for the Highway Department.

RISTY BENEFITS

Dan Johnson and Sonja Nordbye, Risty Benefits met with the Board to discuss 2025 insurance rates.

The County rate for health insurance with Wellmark increased by 9.13%. Risty Benefits provided 2 options on increases to the MERP funding the County uses to provide low deductible insurance for employees. Option A increased funding by 9.12% and Option B by 7.12%. Johnson recommended going with Option B, which would still provide the County savings.

Johnson stated that the vision and dental insurance with Reliance Standard had increased by 4% for vision and 5% for dental.

Other options for dental insurance were discussed however, Johnson informed the Board if they changed the dental insurance to another carrier the vision would increase more since the County is receiving a bundled rate with Reliance Standard.

Erica Keyser, Medicare Advocate with Risty Benefits, joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss Medicare options for employees that qualify for Medicare and the possibility of offering stipends for employees who chose not to take the County offered insurance and move to Medicare. Keyser informed the Board since Kingsbury County has 20 plus employees this would most likely be considered enticement and is not allowed.

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Spilde to renew with Wellmark at the funded rate increase of 7.12%, renew with Reliance Standard for vision and dental, offer supplemental life insurance at the employee cost and allow Erica Keyser, Medicare Advocate with Risty Benefits, to contact Medicare eligible employees to offer her assistance. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 71- Second reading.
Steffensen read Ordinance 71:

Ordinance 71

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: Lot One (1) Johnson Seed's Addition in the North Half (N ½) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section Twenty Four (24), Township One Hundred Nine (109), Range Fifty Three (53) West of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

To "CI" Commercial from "AG" Agricultural

Motion by Walls and seconded by Nelson to accept and adopt Ordinance 71 and for Vice Chairman Lundquist to sign the same.

All present voting via roll call. Nelson - aye, Spilde - aye, Walls - aye and Lundquist - aye. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to discuss office needs.

Anderson requested approval to purchase new tires for the Dodge pickup from Palmlund Auto for \$1,299.96.

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Spilde to approve the purchase of tires for the Dodge pickup from Palmlund Auto for \$1,299.96.

Anderson requested approval to purchase a new laptop for \$1,299.99.

Motion by Walls and seconded by Nelson to approve the purchase of a laptop for \$1,299.99. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anderson presented an abatement request for interest on Record #5693 in the amount of \$99.20. The property owner claims to not have received the notice.

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Spilde to approve the abatement of \$99.20 in interest on Record #5693. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Anderson discussed the possibility of needing to abate taxes on a property in Erwin. The law only allows abatement of 4 years plus the current year. This property has delinquent taxes back to 2016. No action was taken at this time.

TREASURER

Michelle Longville, Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss her 2024 budget and office needs.

FIRST DISTRICT

Luke Muller met with the Board to update them on the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Muller gave an overview of the plan and asked for any recommendations from the Board. Muller stated the plan would be submitted after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Board adjourned to Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED

Corey Lundquist, Vice Chairman

ATTEST

Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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