OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

De Smet, South Dakota
July 21, 2026

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioner Room of the County Courthouse. Commissioners Kyle Lee, Roger Walls, Corey Lundquist, Steve Spilde, and Troy Nelson were present. Chairman Lee presided.

Also in attendance was Jessica Bingham, Human Resources Consultant and Doug Kazmerzak, De Smet.

Attending by Zoom were Amy Halverson of the Kingsbury Journal; Erin Rusher, Deputy Treasurer; Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization; Kristen Longville, Emergency Manager; Jennifer Krueger, Deputy Auditor; and Steve Strande, Sheriff.

Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA
Chairman Lee asked whether there were any additions or changes to the agenda.

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, requested adding the following items for the highway department: BIG grant application and resolution; ROW application from Valley Fibercom; Air conditioning estimate from C&R Mechanical and to remove the personal policy manual update for Human Resources.

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

MINUTES
Chairman Lee asked whether there were any changes to the July 7, 2026, minutes.

There were none.

Motion by Spilde, second by Lundquist to approve the minutes of July 7, 2026. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Chairman Lee called for public comment.

Commissioner Spilde commented that the Board needed to discuss Data Centers further as there had been some public interest. The Board agreed it would be discussed with Todd Kays, First District, during the continued review of the County zoning ordinance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Chairman Lee asked whether any Board member had a conflict of interest. There was none.

APPROVE CLAIMS
Motion by Walls, second by Nelson, to approve the following claims and direct the County Auditor to issue warrant checks for payment. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

APPEARA 82.01 REPAIRS, ASPHALT PAVING & MATERIALS 597877.70 REPAIRS, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 145.66 PRO SERV, CENTURYLINK 983.59 UTILITIES, CITY OF DESMET 203.42 UTILITIES, CIVIL DESIGN INC. 26142.50 PRO SERV, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 79.91 UTILITIES, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 630.65 UTILITIES, BRENT COON 45.00 SUPPLIES, COWBOY COUNTRY STORE-DESMET 64.84 SUPPLIES, KEVIN CURD 43.00 SUPPLIES, AVERA DE SMET HOSPITAL 168.00 PRO SERV, KATHY DEDEYNE 315.00 TRAVEL, TIM HARTY 43.00 SUPPLIES, GREG HESBY 43.00 SUPPLIES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 440.20 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 492.07 PUBLISHING, KYLE LEE 126.00 TRAVEL, CURT LUNDQUIST 92.20 TRAVEL, TOM MARTENS 45.00 SUPPLIES, MAYNARD'S FOOD CENTER 48.38 SUPPLIES, MIDSTATE AGRONOMY 62.83 REPAIRS, JEAN MORRISON 49.55 JUDGING, TROY NELSON 127.40 TRAVEL, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 15.26 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 18.52 UTILITIES, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 782.31 SUPPLIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 335.56 SUPPLIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 1892.56 UTILITIES, LYNN POPHAM 225.80 JUDGING, MIKE SHEA 45.00 SUPPLIES, DAVID SORENSON 45.00 SUPPLIES, STEVEN L. SPILDE 252.00 TRAVEL, DEAN STEFFENSEN 45.00 SUPPLIES, TK ELEVATOR CORP 234.00 PRO SERV, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 26.99 SUPPLIES, VALLEY FIBERCOM 171.42 UTILITIES, VERIZON 534.75 UTILITIES, VISA - PUR 215.52 SUPPLIES, ROGER WALLS 134.40 TRAVEL, DCI 50.00 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 179693.91 STATE REMITTANCE, SDACO 258.00 FEES, AMERICAN BANK & TRUST 4295.32 BOND COSTS, SD DEPT OF REV 44.87 SALES TAX

TRAVEL
Motion by Spilde, second by Nelson to approve the following travel requests: VSO and VSO Assistant, SD Dept of Veteran’s Affairs Annual Benefits School, Sioux Falls, August; DOE and DOE Deputy, District

meeting, Coleman, July; Emergency Manager, 2026 Conference, Spearfish, September. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION

Tammy Anderson, Director of Equalization, met with the Board to discuss her budget request for 2027.

HIGHWAY

Dave Sorenson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss his budget request for 2027 and highway matters.

Sorenson presented an estimate from CR Mechanical for a furnace and air conditioning update in the amount of $12,863.33 and informed the Board he would be checking on another estimate.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to approve the update of the furnace and air conditioner at an amount up to $13,000.00. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Josh Schmidt, Riverview LLC, joined the meeting to discuss the condition of township roads being used by the dairies owned by Riverview. Schmidt advised the Board the townships could contact him concerning any repairs that may be needed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairman Lee advised the Board there would be a meeting Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. with the township and citizens of Osceola to discuss the maintenance of roads in the area.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Motion by Lundquist, second by Nelson, to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning at 9:45 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of Planning and Zoning and back into regular session at 9:52 A.M.

RESOLUTION 2026-14

Steffensen read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 2026-14

WHEREAS, The Kingsbury County Planning & Zoning Board met to review the Plat of Jensen's Pheasant Outback Addition located in the SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 111 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M. in Kingsbury County, South Dakota

WHEREAS the Kingsbury County Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the same to the Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners, and

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, the Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners accepts and approves the Plat of Jensen's Pheasant Outback Addition located in the SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 111 North, Range 53 West of the 5th P.M. in Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Motion by Lundquist, second by Nelson, to accept and adopt Resolution 2026-14 and authorize Chairman Lee to sign the same.

All present voted by roll call: Lee – aye, Nelson – aye, Spilde – aye, Walls – aye, Lundquist – aye. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Motion by Spilde, second by Nelson, to adjourn from regular session and move into Board of Adjustment at 10:00 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of Board of Adjustment and back into regular session at 10:31 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Todd Wilkinson, Deputy States Attorney, requested to move into executive session for possible litigation.

Motion by Spilde, second by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for possible litigation at 10:32 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of executive session at 10:46 A.M.

BUDGET MEETINGS
Ryan Olson, Weed Board and Tanya Flegel, Weed Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss their 2027 budget request. Flegel also discussed the budget request for Soil Conservation.

Kristen Longville, Emergency Manager, met with the Board to discuss her 2027 budget request.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Longville met with the Board to discuss office matters.

Longville informed the Board the County had been awarded a $500.00 grant to purchase an AED.

Longville requested approval to attend training for the I Love You Guys Foundation- School and Community Safety in Pierre/Ft Pierre in September as she had been invited by the Lake Preston School to do their safety walk through.

Motion by Nelson, second by Lundquist to approve travel for Longville to attend training for the I Love You Guys Foundation- School and Community Safety in Pierre/Ft Pierre in September. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Longville presented her Quarter 3 Emergency Management for approval and the Chairman to sign.

Motion by Lundquist, second by Spilde to approve the report and for the Chairman to sign the same. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET MEETING
Caryn Hojer, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to discuss her 2027 budget requests for Register of Deeds, MP & R and Information Technology.

REGISTER OF DEEDS
Hojer requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Nelson, second by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 12:02 P.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of executive session at 12:18 P.M.

MILLS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Chad Ebsen, Mills Property Management, met with the Board to discuss property matters. Matters discussed included the heating/cooling control in the Clerk of Court's office, parking lot stripping, repainting memorial statues, holes in the lawn, replacing hardware on the dome flag, options to improve the Treasurer's office windows to ease opening and closing them and repairs to the outbuildings.

BUDGET MEETINGS
Steffensen discussed the Auditor and Election 2027 budget requests with the Board.

Corey Lundquist, Planning and Zoning Officer, discussed his 2027 budget request with the Board.

HUMAN RESOURCES
Jessica Bingham, Human Resource Consultant, requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Spilde, second by Lundquist to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 1:55 P.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Lee declared the Board out of executive session at 2:37 P.M. Bingham requested approval to hire Jodi Whitley as Deputy Auditor at $21.53 per hour with a start date of August 10, 2026.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to approve hiring Jodi Whitley as Deputy Auditor at $21.53 per hour with a start date of August 10, 2026. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET DISCUSSION
The Board discussed other budgetary needs.

AUDITOR
Steffensen requested approval of overtime for Kathy De Dyne, 4-H Program Coordinator, during the upcoming 4-H Achievement Days.

Motion by Lundquist, second by Nelson to approve overtime for Kathy De Dyne, 4-H Program Coordinator, during the upcoming 4-H Achievement Days. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Steffensen presented Draw #5 for the Tax Incremental Revenue Bond, Series 2026, 425th Ave project from Civil Design Inc. in the amount of $26,142.50 and Asphalt Paving Materials in the amount of $597,877.70 totaling $624,202.20.

Motion by Lundquist, second by Spilde, to approve Draw #5 for the Tax Incremental Revenue Bond, Series 2026, 425th Ave project from Civil Design Inc. in the amount of $26,142.50 and Asphalt Paving Materials in the amount of $597,877.70 totaling $624,202.20. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY ITEMS
Chairman Lee presented the Bridge Improvement Grant application for structure 39-077-190 for approval.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to approve and move forward with the Bridge Improvement Grant application for structure 39-077-190. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lee presented and Steffensen read Resolution 2026-15 to add the replacement of structure 39-077-190 to the County Highway 5-year plan.

RESOLUTION 2026-15
BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 5 YEAR COUNTY PLAN AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, Kingsbury County withes to amenD their previously approved 5 Year County Plan for the Bridge Improvement Grant Program:

ADDITION/REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE NUMBER (S) AND LOCATION(S):

Add Structure No. 39-077-190 over Redstone Creek, 3.7 miles east of Esmond on 215th Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the Amended 5 Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan, previously approved on October 7, 2025.

Motion by Spilde, second by Nelson, to accept and adopt Resolution 2026-14 and authorize Chairman Lee to sign the same.

All present voted by roll call: Lee – aye, Nelson – aye, Spilde – aye, Walls – aye, Lundquist – aye. Motion carried.

Lee presented an Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Valley Fibercom for fiber optic cable on 425th Ave. All cable to be bored.

Motion by Nelson, second by Lundquist, to approve the Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Valley Fibercom for fiber optic cable on 425th Ave. All cable to be bored. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned until Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED ________________________
Kyle Lee, Chairman

ATTEST ________________________
Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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