

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS KINGSBURY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

unapproved draft minutes

De Smet, South Dakota
August 18, 2026

The Kingsbury County Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse. Commissioners Roger Walls, Corey Lundquist, Steve Spilde, and Troy Nelson were present. Vice Chairman Lundquist presided.

Also in attendance was Jessica Bingham, Human Resources Consultant.

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

Vice Chairman Lundquist called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

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

Commissioner Spilde requested a discussion on Data Centers under Open Discussion.

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

MINUTES

Vice Chairman Lundquist asked whether there were any changes to the August 4, 2026, minutes. There were none.

Motion by Walls, second by Nelson to approve the minutes of August 4, 2026. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Vice Chairman Lundquist asked whether any Board member had a conflict of interest. There was none.

APPROVE CLAIMS

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

1ST DIST ASSC OF LOCAL GOVT. 3799.95 DUES, ANDERSON LUMBER, LLC 38.29 REPAIRS, ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 13251.96 FIRE DISTRICT MONEY, BADGER FIRE DEPARTMENT 5380.52 FIRE DISTRICT MONEY, BRYANT FIRE DEPARTMENT 1642.20 FIRE DISTRICT MONEY, BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY 580.50 REPAIR, CARTHAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT 656.92 FIRE DISTRICT MONEY, CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 115.02 PROF SERV, CENTURLINK 988.00 UTILITIES, BRIAN CHRISTENSEN 60.00 MEETING, CITY OF DESMET 215.96 UTILITIES, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 65.19 UTILITIES, COOK'S WASTEPAPER & RECYCLING 79.91 UTILITIES, DE SMET FIRE DEPARTMENT 22109.98 FIRE DISTRICT MONEY, ADAM DEAN 450.00 MOWING, KATHY DEDEYNE 25.00 ELECTION WORK, GREG DUFFY 60.00 MEETING, STERLING ESCHENBAUM 70.00 SUPPLIES, INTERLAKES COMMUNITY ACTION 602.92 PROF SERV, INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER 79.44 EQUIP, IROQUOIS FIRE DEPARTMENT 9120.76 FIRE DISTRICT MONEY, JEBRO, INCORPORATED 285741.23 SUPPLIES, KINGBROOK RURAL WATER 50.90 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY ELECTRIC COOP 465.80 UTILITIES, KINGSBURY JOURNAL 1336.69 PUBLISHING, LAKE PRESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 12059.27 FIRE DISTRICT MONEY, MICHELLE LONGVILLE 25.00 ELECTION WORK, CURT LUNDQUIST 92.20 TRAVEL, MULTI BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC 3250.00 PROF SERV, EASTLINE SUPPLY 597.59 SUPPLIES, NAPA CENTRAL OF HURON TRUCK 598.53 SUPPLIES, NIMBLE WASH, LLC 301.40 MAINT, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 15.82 UTILITIES, NORTHWESTERN ENERGY 47.24 UTILITIES, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 439.64 REPAIR, O'KEEFE IMPLEMENT 197.70 SUPPLIES, OFFICE PEEPS INC 661.64 SUPPLIES, OLDHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT 5579.85 FIRE DISTRICT MONEY, RYAN OLSON 60.00 MEETING, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 2465.17 UTILITIES, OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY 230.78 UTILITIES, MAGGIE PURINTUN 25.00 ELECTION WORKER, PAUL ROBY 120.00 MOWING, SDACC 1500.00 CONVENTION, STINGLEYSCAPES 1200.00 MOWERS, MICHELE STRANDE 25.00 ELECTION WORKER, THOMSON REUTERS 339.57 PROF SERV, TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE 180.62 SUPPLIES, USPS POSTAGE BY PHONE 750.00 SUPPLIES, VALLEY FIBERCOM 169.69 UTILITIES, VERIZON 535.68 UTILITIES, VISA - PUR 135.31 SUPPLIES, ROGER WALLS 60.00 MEETING, ERLAND WEERTS 60.00 MEETING, DYLAN DEKNIKKER 218.71 ADV TAX, BRANDON KARBAN 13.08 ADV TAX, CAMERON MARLOW 551.19 ADV TAX, SD DEPT OF REVENUE 182445.64 STATE REMITTANCE, SDACO 192.00 FEES, HAMLIN COUNTY AUDITOR 70.00 TRAVEL, AMERICAN BANK & TRUST 6344.13 BOND COSTS

TRAVEL

Motion by Spilde, second by Walls to approve the following travel requests: Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Auditor and Deputy Auditor - Fall Convention in Sioux Falls - September; Emergency Manager - Homeland Security Emergency Planning Training- Protocol (January 2027; Mass Care training - Rapid City - October 2026; Sheriff- Training -The I Love U Guys Foundation's Standard Response Protocol(SRP)/Standard Reunification Method (SRM) Train-the-Trainer Workshop - Pierre - September 2026; Sheriff & Office Administrator - Sheriff's Conference - Watertown - October. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

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

Sorenson presented an Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Kingsbury Electric on CR 14. All to be bored.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde, to approve the Application for Occupancy on the Right of Way of County Highways from Kingsbury Electric on CR 14. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Sorenson requested to move into executive session for personnel.

Motion by Spilde, second by Walls to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel at 9:10 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

SONS OF UNION VETERANS

Cliff Hadley, member of Sons of Union Veterans, met with the Board to advise them of a ceremony scheduled for October 6, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. to recognize the last Union soldier survivor of the Civil War from Kingsbury County, James K. Perkins, Lake Preston.

EPIC SKY DISPLAY, LLC

The Board considered an application from Epic Sky Display, LLC requesting a permit to operate a display of fireworks at the Kingsbury County Country Club on September 5, 2026.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde to approve the application and for the Vice Chairman to sign said application.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Motion by Spilde, second by Nelson, to adjourn from regular session and move into Planning and Zoning at 9:53 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Lundquist declared the Board out of Planning and Zoning and back into regular session at 10:01 A.M.

RESOLUTION 2026-15

Steffensen read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 2026-15

WHEREAS, The Kingsbury County Planning & Zoning Board met to review the Plat of Rhoades Addition Located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4SW1/4) of Section 1, T112N, R54W of the 5th P.M., 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 Rhoades Addition Located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4SW1/4) of Section 1, T112N, R54W of the 5th P.M., Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Motion by Spilde, second by Nelson, to accept and adopt Resolution 2026-15 and authorize Chairman Lee to sign the same.

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

AUDITOR

Echo Steffensen, Auditor, requested the following inventory policy be adopted and approved.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY LIMITS

All county departments are required to file a personal property list, to be used for tracking items with an original cost of more than \$500.00. In addition, all computers will be inventoried for purposes of theft and/or disaster recovery and insurance coverage.

Motion by Nelson, second by Spilde, to adopt and approve said inventory policy. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Longville met with the Board to discuss office matters.

Longville presented for signature a Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements, a condition of the Emergency Management Performance Grant, informing the Board the County complies with all requirements.

Motion by Nelson, second by Walls for the Vice Chairman to sign the same. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed Data Centers and the need to establish a policy on whether they are allowed. The Board agreed that there is currently no ordinance allowing them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steffensen requested to move into executive session for personnel and Jessica Bingham, HR Consultant for contract negotiations.

Motion by Walls, second by Nelson to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session for personnel and contract negotiations at 10:20 A.M. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Lundquist declared the Board out of executive session at 11:06 A.M.

The Board adjourned until Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 8:30 A.M.

SIGNED _____
Corey Lundquist, Vice Chairman

ATTEST _____
Echo Steffensen, County Auditor

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