

**South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
Board of Directors Board Meeting
Thursday, January 6, 2022
MINUTES**

The SDACC Board of Directors met on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Dean Karsky, President; Gary Drewes, 1st Vice President; Brenda Hanten, 2nd Vice President; Dan Klimisch, Treasurer; Duane Sutton, Brenda Bode, Jim Schmidt, Dean Wagner, Bill Floyd and Chad Preszler. Absent: Deb Russell, Past President; Casey Krogman, Ex Officio Board member: Randy Deibert, WIR Board Representative. Staff present: Kris Jacobsen, Executive Director; Eric Erickson, SDACC Lobbyist and Mary Jorgenson, Administrative Assistant. Quorum was established.

President Karsky called the meeting to order at 10:01 am CST.

Discussion ensued regarding the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners engaging in a Multi-Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) Program with Risty Benefits. The Board reviewed contractual documents for start-up. Following lengthy discussion within the Board, a **motion to Table SDACC engaging in a MEWA** was made by Bill Floyd, seconded by Dean Wagner. Discussion continued with a substitute motion being made. A **motion for SDACC to not pursue a MEWA** was made by Brenda Hanten, seconded by Jim Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote of 10 yeas, 0 nays.

Discussion began on upcoming legislative issues. The association will support county funding bill drafts presented by Representative Ernie Otten and Senator Wayne Steinhauer. Several Board members updated the group regarding conversations they had with key state individuals. Other options include setting up a grant funding program for counties or channeling more funding into the Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) program.

The SDACC Board of Directors will engage in weekly legislative phone calls during session.

Medicaid Expansion: The Board will review Senator Steinhauer's legislation. This is more favorable than a constitutional amendment.

Discretionary Formula: Eric Erickson updated the Board regarding his conversations with Senator Casey Crabtree's legislation. Senator Crabtree has been very good about hearing counties concerns. The working group consisting of Dan Klimisch, Gary Drewes and Jim Schmidt, will continue engaging on this topic.

Obligation Recovery Center: Representative Mike Weisgram drafted legislation to add counties to the state's Obligation Recovery Center program to help with collection of outstanding county debt.

Blue lights on county snowplows: Senator Mary Duvall is having legislation drafted to add blue lights on county snow plows for better visibility. Municipalities could be added.

Remove fingerprinting from sales tax: Brookings County resolution. Representative Tim Reed, from Brookings County is not interested in carrying this legislation. The association will need to revisit the issue.

2023 Convention update: Executive Director Kris Jacobsen met with the Denny Sanford Center in Sioux Falls for a 2023 Convention proposal.

Old Business: Following discussion, a new laptop will be purchased from Microfix in Pierre.

New Business: Executive Director Kris Jacobsen updated the Board regarding support provided to Buffalo and Walworth County.

A **motion to adjourn** was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Gary Drewes. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Jacobsen, Executive Director