

**South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
Board of Directors Board Meeting
Thursday, June 24, 2021
MINUTES-AMENDED**

The SDACC Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at the Ramkota Hotel, Lake Sharpe meeting room, Pierre, SD. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Deb Russell, President; Rachel Kippley, 1st Vice President Dean Karsky, 2nd Vice President; Brenda Hanten, Treasurer; Duane Sutton, Bill Floyd, Brenda Bode, Casey Krogman, Jim Schmidt, Dean Wagner. Staff present: Bob Wilcox, Executive Director and Kris Jacobsen, Deputy Director. Absent: Cindy Heiberger, Past President, Lee Gabel, and Gary Drewes. Guests: Tonya Tanner and Sandra Hagney, Potter County Commissioners. Quorum was established.

President Russell called the meeting to order at 10:01 am CDT.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Bill Floyd, seconded by Brenda Hanten. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the March 16, 2021, and May 4, 2021 Minutes was made by Dean Wagner, seconded by Duane Sutton. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report was given by Treasurer Brenda Hanten. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Bill Floyd, seconded by Jim Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Kris Jacobsen, Deputy Director updated the Board on the Risty Benefits request for county interest in the Multiple Employer Welfare Assistance (MEWA) Insurance. To date, Risty Benefits reported that 33 counties showed interest in participating in the program. In May, a virtual meeting was held with Darin Seeley, SD Bureau of Human Resources Commissioner and SD health insurance plan consultant and actuary, Sarah Delaney, vice-president Marsh and McLennan Agency regarding the option of counties joining the South Dakota State Employee Health Plan. According to Seeley, for the proposal to work, it would be mandatory that all counties join. No further discussion.

Eric Erickson, SDACC Lobbyist began his Legislative Review. Action items included: Road Funding (HB1259), County Jail funding, Workforce Housing, Medical and Recreational Marijuana, Fall Legislative Special session, Bond Elections, County Alcohol licenses, county drainage. (Copy attached in Minutes book). Board discussion with a question and answer time were included with each topic.

Lynne Valenti, SD Dept of Health Deputy Secretary and Justin Williams, DOH Legal Counsel joined the meeting via teleconference. They provided a detailed overview of three sections of the SD Dept of Health Draft Administrative Rules on Medical Marijuana. Questions of the proposed rules were addressed.

President Russell declared recess at 11:25 am CDT for lunch. The Board reconvened at 11:45 am CDT

Jim Schmidt, NACo Board Representative presented the NACo Overview of the US Treasury Guidance for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA). (copy attached in Minutes book). Most Counties have already applied and received the first half of the ARPA funds. Most are holding the monies until further information is received for eligible expenses. Due to the complexity of the program, was discussed that the association find a local resource for counties to access for help with the ARPA process.

Biden's 30x30 Conservation Plan was reviewed. This topic is a land owner's rights situation and will be monitored for any future action.

Information was distributed regarding the Medicaid expansion ballot effort. The "South Dakotans Decide Healthcare" organization has launched a ballot measure campaign and soliciting organizations to join their efforts.

Notification of the Unified Judicial System (UJS) sponsored Summit on Building a Crisis Response Continuum in our Communities was dispersed to the Board.

New Business: Deputy Director Jacobsen informed the Board of various county constituent phone calls the office has received. An Association informational meeting with the county commission board is set for July 7.

1st Vice President Kippley brought before the board that changes to the Supplemental Retirement Program should be distributed to the membership. Also mentioned was a possible presentation to counties during convention regarding the amount counties are required to pay hospitals for indigent health care. As required by state statute, counties are the payers of last resort and at the lowest medicare rate.

Unfinished Business: Brief discussion was held regarding Sanctuary County Resolutions. Some have passed the statement, while others feel their oath of office covers the support of the constitutional amendments.

Well wishes and a sincere "Thank You" was expressed to Executive Director Bob Wilcox on his retirement. He received a standing ovation in recognition of his years of service to the association.

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Rachel Kippley, seconded by Duane Sutton. Motion carried unanimously.

Declared out of Executive session at 1:40 pm CDT with a motion to appoint Kristie Jacobsen as SDACC Executive Director beginning on July 1st, 2021 and approve severance package for Bob Wilcox. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brenda Hanten, seconded by Dean Wagner. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Jacobsen, Deputy Director