

**South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
Board of Directors Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 8
MINUTES**

The SDACC Board of Directors met on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the SD County Conference Room, Pierre, SD. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Dean Karsky, President; Gary Drewes, 1st Vice President; Deb Russell, Past President; Dan Klimisch, Treasurer; Brenda Bode, Casey Krogman, Bill Floyd, Brenda Hanten, Duane Sutton, Jim Schmidt, Dean Wagner, and Chad Preszler. Ex Officio Board member: Randy Deibert, WIR Board Representative. Staff present: Kris Jacobsen, Executive Director; Eric Erickson, SDACC Lobbyist and Barb Jorgenson, Administrative Assistant. Quorum was established. Due to the resignation of convention elected President, Rachel Kippley and the advancement of officers, the 2nd Vice President seat established a vacancy.

President Karsky called the meeting to order at 10:56 am CST.

Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Motion to amend the agenda by adding the Workforce Housing discussion with Senator Casey Crabtree at 2:30 pm CST was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Brenda Hanten. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Dean Wagner, seconded by Jim Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve September 13, 2021 Minutes was made by Gary Drewes, seconded by Brenda Hanten. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve November 17, 2021 Teleconference Minutes was made by Bill Floyd, seconded by Duane Sutton. Motion carried unanimously.

President Karsky gave a brief report, updating the Board that he will be attending the upcoming NCCAE President's and Executive Directors event in Washington DC in early January.

Senator Wayne Steinhauer presented Medicaid Expansion information. His detailed presentation estimates savings for the state. Questions from the Board were addressed. (copy of presentation included in Minutes book)

The Financial Report was given by Treasurer Dan Klimisch. **Motion to approve the financial report** was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Casey Krogman. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2022 Budget was given by Executive Director Kris Jacobsen. Follow discussion, **Motion to approve the 2022 Budget** was made by Jim Schmidt, seconded by Brenda Hanten. Motion carried unanimously.

Board recessed from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm for lunch.

Executive Director Kris Jacobsen's report included an update on the 2021 County convention, travel to various meetings, and plans for the upcoming legislative session.

Greg Sattizahn, Unified Judicial System (UJS) State Court Administrator and Scott Sheldon, UJS Security Coordinator updated the Board on a courthouse security program that has been developed over the past 2 years. Counties will be encouraged to develop a security committee and participate in a security assessment. A pilot program has been developed to include 7 counties. The Governor's Budget address included \$5 Million dollars to enhance the current courthouse security grant program. The application process could include a 75/25 percent county match. Questions were responded to. Mr. Sattizahn also briefed the board on the proposed legislative clean up of SDCL 16-6-7 – *proposal concerning courtroom facilities outside of the county seat*.

The SDACC By-laws were worked on through the summer by a committee consisting of Rachel Kippley, Duane Sutton and Kris Jacobsen. Suggested changes were submitted to the Board for review. Final action will be taken during the March Board meeting.

Following discussion, a **motion to recommend to the SDACC Executive Board for Brenda Hanten to serve in the vacant 2nd Vice President position** was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Jim Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

Darin Seeley, Bureau of Human Resources Commissioner visited with the Board regarding counties joining the state employee's health insurance plan through Wellmark Blue Cross / Blue Shield. Work will continue on this idea as statistical data will need to be collected and analyzed for cost efficiencies.

Senator Casey Crabtree joined the board meeting via teleconference. He participated as Vice Chair on the Workforce Housing Needs in SD Interim Study Committee. Various pieces of legislation were developed through the work accomplished. Draft legislation included changes to building codes, contractors excise tax, TIF changes, tax deed changes and the discretionary formula. A small group was consisting of Gary Drewes, Jim Schmidt and Dan Klimisch was appointed to work with Senator Crabtree regarding the discretionary formula draft.

Throughout the board meeting, legislative discussion was held. Three county revenue source bills were reviewed.

Resolution 2021-1 passed through the SDACC resolution process provides counties the opportunity for ½ cent sales tax for the purpose of renovating or replacing county buildings with the approval from a mandatory public vote. Representative Nancy York will prime sponsor.

Draft 121 proposed by Senator Wayne Steinhauer provides 1% sales tax on Bed, Board, Booze and Cannabis. The funding would be directed towards county operational costs such as law enforcement, substance abuse intervention, mental health costs, emergency medical services.

Draft 210 proposed by Representative Ernie Otten proposes a 1 cent voter approved sales tax to use for courthouse repair, renovation or construction of courthouses and county buildings, jails, also county roads and bridges.

In depth discussion regarding this funding opportunities was held. Mandated expenses are rising higher and therefore the counties limited portion of property taxes are no longer supporting county government expenses, another funding resource must be pursued. An idea suggested was creating a

grant program similar to the “BIG program” where state dollars could be applied for county building repair and or construction. Each of the revenue bills have merit and great appreciation is due to the legislators and their hard work. The legislative plan will be to support Draft 210 early in the legislative session, if not successful, follow up with Resolution 2021-1. Draft 121 could benefit some counties but possibly not provide enough income for others.

Other legislative topics discussed from the resolution process and conversations with Legislators:

2021-2 – Requiring the state to work with counties to ensure delinquent taxes are paid before ownership is transferred or the state taking possession.

2021-3 – Excluding fingerprinting from sales tax

2021-4 – Clarifying the referendum timeline process

2021-5 – Lower local costs associated with expanding water and wastewater infrastructure

2021-6 – Prohibit juvenile detention centers to be used for involuntary commitments

Medical and recreational marijuana

Bond election process

Public Comment: NONE

New Business: Randy Deibert, WIR Representative updated the Board on topics discussed at a recent WIR meeting. These topics included pre-employment testing, taxes on stock growers and most importantly is promoting healthy forest use. Work is being done with key Wyoming, South Dakota and Forest Service personnel. Other information shared pertained to the BIG grant program and the formula to entice contractors. Building materials are rising in cost and DOT is encouraging counties to engage in construction management. Cities are continuing to annex but are not taking roads and that should be changed.

A motion to move into Executive Session for personnel matter at 3:30 pm CST was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Gary Drewes. Motion carried unanimously.

President Karsky declared out of executive session at 3:47 pm CST.

A Motion to confirm the appointment of Kris Jacobsen as executive director for 2022 was made by Casey Krogman, seconded by Dean Wagner. Motion carried unanimously.

The SDACC Executive Board per recommendation appointed Brenda Hanten to serve as 2nd Vice President.

A motion to present Executive Director Kris Jacobsen a Christmas bonus in the amount of \$3,000 was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Jim Schmidt. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm CST was made by Duane Sutton, seconded by Casey Krogman. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Jacobsen, Executive Director