

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on September 5th, 2023 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published in the August 30th, 2023 issue of the county paper.

Present: Commissioners Scott Olson, Tom Richard, Aaron Keiser, Clerk Miles Preston, Karen Baker, County Attorney Arlan Wine, Sye Tecker, County Treasurer Penny Denny, Jerry Fries, Idona Duncan, County Assessor Tish Burrell, Zoning Admin Pam Reichert, County Sheriff CJ Smith,

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Olson announced the location of the Open Meetings Act poster in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

Motion by Keiser to approve the agenda for this meeting, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Keiser to approve the August 21st, 2023 Commissioner Meeting minutes, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Commissioners discussed the potential fines to be levied upon the Sheriff. Brian Jackson spoke to the Board in reference to an upcoming PSAC meeting scheduled September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to discuss good cause to levy fines against the Sheriff's salary for failure to meet the requirements of certification.

Chairman Olson read Richard Dewester's letter of resignation.

Motion by Richard to accept the resignation letter submitted by Richard Dewester, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Commissioners reviewed the road worker application from Lorena Macarthur, contacted her regarding an interview. Will find a date that will work.

Reviewed cot quote for Dundy County Ambulance from Ferno for a total cost of \$47,588.80, \$43,322.00 of which to be reimbursed by an ARPA grant after expenditure.

Motion by Richard to accept the quote #19976 from Ferno, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous.

Motion by Keiser to surplus the two Dundy County Roads dodge pickups and the Extension Office minivan, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Discussed NIRMA and Dundy County policy on county Sheriff's office vehicle use for commute in and out of Dundy County. Policy and sample policy from NIRMA state that Sheriff's Vehicles

Reviewed the estimate from Paul Rooney Painting to paint the County Courtroom and Jury Room for a total amount of \$3,630.00

Motion by Richard to accept the estimate from Paul Rooney Painting to paint the County Courtroom and Jury Room, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Sheriff Smith delivered the County Sheriff's report, and final inventory of the Dundy County Sheriff's Office. Karen Baker confirmed that the Sheriff's Office had received forms to be completed for reimbursement for expenditures related to the housing of an inmate being held out of county as a committed individual. Keiser asked Sheriff Smith about delayed response times for calls of service. County Attorney's office requested a copy of the Sheriff's S.O.Ps in progress, as well as a copy of the employment contract for Deputy Buffington.

County Treasurer Penny Denny delivered the Distress Warrant Report.

County Assessor Tish Burrell delivered the Permissive Exemptions listing, as well as a revoked exemption application for the United Presbyterian Church Parsonage due to their decision to continue renting out the property.

Motion by Keiser to approve the Permissive Exemptions listing, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Richard to overturn the exemption application for the United Presbyterian Church Parsonage building, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Richard to enter executive session at 9:46 A.M. to discuss possible litigation regarding the Sheriff's wages, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Richard to exit executive session at 10:08 A.M. Seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Olson to approve all claims, except the wages for CJ Smith and employee deductions from his wages due to failure to obtain law enforcement certification as required by statute, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

**CLAIMS:**

FUND	NAME	INVDESC	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 348.26
100	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 7,065.37
100	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 309.62
100	CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES	GARNISHMENT CB	\$ -
100	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 9,516.21
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 20.00
100	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$ 34.30
100	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$ 50.94
100	NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENT	EMPE CHILD SUP	\$ 384.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,513.93
100	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 77.14
100	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 71.42
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 4,546.33
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 57.41
100	BADGEANDWALLET.COM	561237	\$ 423.95
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	63843684 66	\$ 254.14
100	BURRELL,TISH	MILEAGE REIMB	\$ 86.84
100	BWTELCOM	90	\$ 640.92
100	CHI HEALTH	450589730	\$ 459.20
100	CITY OF BENKELMAN	40	\$ 3,281.15
100	COMFORT INN	ACT 880926131	\$ 344.85
100	CONSTABLE DAVID BLACKERY	PERSONAL SOS	\$ 125.00
100	CONSTABLE JEFF CAUGHRON	PERONAL SOS	\$ 100.00
100	COOK,KIMBERLY	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 225.58
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	6422	\$ 46.50
100	DAS STATE ACCT - CENTRAL FINANCE	1387194	\$ 448.00
100	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	8750906-0	\$ 395.91
100	ELITE TRUCK	26612	\$ 2,325.21
100	FELL,GILLIAN	MILEAGE	\$ 157.20
100	GARRISONS - MCCOOK LETTERING	44735	\$ 175.00
100	GRACE MARKET	ACT 13	\$ 10.18
100	HAUXWELL,DANIELLE	WAGES	\$ 138.52
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	32795391	\$ 98.00
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES, INC.	403708	\$ 440.30
100	MIPS INC.	23080027	\$ 88.85
100	MOUSEL, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, MUSTION	7754	\$ 145.85
100	NELMS, SUE	AUGUST CLEAN	\$ 280.00
100	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$ 126.33
100	PETTY CASH (GENERAL)	POSTAGE	\$ 75.49
100	PURSLEY,BETTYE	RETIREMENT	\$ 12.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	171888795	\$ 868.96

100	REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	FY2023-24	\$ 7,016.07
100	SAYLER SCREENPRINTING	17404	\$ 66.00
100	SMITH, CLINTON	REIMB-PATCH	\$ 14.44
100	VANDERFORD, WENDI	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 18.00
100	WEST CENTRAL DIST. ASSESSOR'S ASSN	CLASS REGSTRTN	\$ 100.00
100	WIESE CARPENTRY	GRNDS CONTRACT	\$ 997.50
100	OFFICIALS, DEPUTIES, DISPATCH	WAGES	\$ 42,514.98
200	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 287.82
200	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 4,891.41
200	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 136.50
200	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 5,260.15
200	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$ 31.33
200	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$ 62.44
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 824.42
200	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 57.09
200	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 96.77
200	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 2,530.11
200	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 38.48
200	B'S ENTERPRISES INC.	223838	\$ 646.00
200	CITY OF BENKELMAN	1149	\$ 24.54
200	DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC.	22-260	\$ 436.13
200	DUNDY COUNTY HOSPITAL	52463	\$ 66.00
200	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	8776239-0	\$ 105.55
200	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 750.00
200	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$ 225.40
200	SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	10144000	\$ 159.80
200	ST. FRANCIS EQUITY	1601477	\$ 2,138.91
200	STAMM, DEE (STAMM PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 100.00
200	VALLEY FARM INDUSTRIES, LLC	3446	\$ 100.00
200	YOST FARM SUPPLY	30920	\$ 997.50
200	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$ 24,666.75
650	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 790.00
2430	SEWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	K-9 PURCHASE	\$ 20,000.00
5502	EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$ 24.10
5502	BOLIO,ROGER	EMS WAGES	\$ 103.05
5502	CROWNE PLAZA	INV 4279	\$ 418.00
5502	HEYNE,STAN	EMS WAGES	\$ 142.12
5502	REICHERT,PAM	EMS WAGES	\$ 236.45
5502	REICHERT,RICHARD	EMS WAGES	\$ 10.00
5502	STAMM,DEBORAH L	EMS WAGES	\$ 173.47
5502	STAMM,TERRY	EMS WAGES	\$ 25.00
5502	TURPIN,SHAUNA MICHELLE	EMS WAGES	\$ 260.00
5502	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS WAGES	\$ 100.00
5502	UNGER,KEISHA	EMS WAGES	\$ 50.00
5502	WIESE,HEATHER	EMS WAGES	\$ 73.47
5502	CLERICAL WORKER	WAGES	\$ 157.50

Arlan Wine submitted the County Attorney's report, discussed an estimate for cameras for the County Courthouse from BWTelcom for a total cost of \$4,563.14. Discussed a quote from MIPS for Time and Attendance software and time clocks.

County Zoning Administrator Pam Reichert discussed a potential emergency access road to bypass the southern BNSF railroad crossing in case of track closures or trains blocking the tracks. County Attorney and Zoning Administrator will attempt to contact landowners in potentially impacted areas. Reichert discussed the Communication Center renovation project. Reichert relayed that Larry Wiese stated that the project is not feasible to be split into a two year period due to upcoming retirement and material costs. County Attorney Arlan Wine stated that his understanding is that since the renovation is a Capital

Improvement project, bidding is not required for the project. Called Larry Wiese to request an itemized estimate for the project.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11:23 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Olson called the meeting back to order at 1:01 P.M.

Present: Scott Olson, Tom Richard, Aaron Keiser, Miles Preston, Penny Denny, Tish Burrell, Dan Miller, Richard Bartholomew, Pam Reichert, Karen Baker, Dan Miller

The Board of Commissioners continued the county budgeting process.

Set the County Budget Public Hearing for 9:00 A.M. MST September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Met with Lorena Macarthur regarding the road worker position available.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 4:27 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on September 18th, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

These minutes are not the official record and may be corrected. A copy of the approved minutes is available to The Public in the Dundy County Clerk's Office. Any resolutions contained herein are available for viewing at the Dundy County Clerk's Office.

/s/ Miles Preston

County Clerk

/s/ Scott Olson

Chairman