

The Regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on October 16th, 2023 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published in the October 11th, 2023 issue of the Benkelman Post.

Present: Commissioners Scott Olson, Tom Richard, Aaron Keiser, Clerk Miles Preston, Treasurer Penny Denny, Assessor Tish Burrell, Karen Baker, County Attorney Arlan Wine, Sheriff Clinton Smith, Sheriff Deputy Ryan King, Jason Frederick, Sabrina Birge, DCH Administrator Kris Mathews, EMS Captain Vince Turpin

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

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Keiser to approve the minutes from the October 2nd Regular Meeting, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Keiser to approve claims as submitted, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

CLAIMS:

FUND	NAME	INVDESC	TOTCLAIMS
100	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 348.23
100	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 6,521.76
100	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 295.80
100	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 10,095.88
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 113.50
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	\$ 1,659.66
100	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 77.14
100	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 70.42
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 5,230.00
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 57.39
100	BAKER,KAREN	MILEAGE/MEALS	\$ 250.25
100	BETH'S BAR & GRILL	CATERING-CERT	\$ 253.11
100	BUFFINGTON-DAMON,MICHAEL	FUEL REIMB	\$ 80.00
100	BURRELL,TISH	MEAL REIMB	\$ 22.23
100	BWTELCOM	319	\$ 4,420.57
100	CHRISTOFFERSON,MIKE	DODGE DECALS	\$ 700.00
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO.	225,997,225,947	\$ 214.25
100	COOK,KIMBERLY	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 300.31
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	7239	\$ 13.00
100	DAS STATE ACCT - CENTRAL FINANCE	1370363	\$ 735.84
100	DEVENY FORD	58450	\$ 278.58
100	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	8806179-0	\$ 276.69
100	FRECKS,NANCY	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 114.08
100	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105082	\$ 2,100.14
100	GUTH LABORATORIES, INC.	2368243-IN	\$ 189.47
100	HITCH & HAY PUBLIC TRANSPORT	MATCH 23-24	\$ 4,681.00
100	HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	97530	\$ 278.85
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	32795391	\$ 324.50
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	22127130	\$ 392.43
100	JONES,THOMAS	MEAL REIMB	\$ 75.28
100	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	1585158	\$ 35.16
100	MCCOOK HUMANE SOCIETY	1003	\$ 200.00
100	MCCOOK MECHANICAL SERVICES	FIN PMNT RENO	\$ 10,832.85
100	MOUSEL, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, MUSTION	7835	\$ 554.20

100	NACO	INV 20010950C	\$ 1,804.03
100	NORTHWEST FIRE EXTINGUISHER	82580	\$ 95.00
100	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$ 8.59
100	PARADISE LANDSCAPE/AMMO SHACK	103510	\$ 40.50
100	PETTY CASH (GENERAL)	POSTAGE-CLERK	\$ 283.10
100	PRISTINE CLEAN COMMERCIAL CLEANING	3879	\$ 806.61
100	QUILL CORPORATION	34944209	\$ 341.02
100	REGION 51 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	FOOD REIMB CER	\$ 216.29
100	REICHERT,PAM	PRINTER REIMB	\$ 152.00
100	RELX INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS	3094695317	\$ 325.00
100	RINNE,DELANA	LODGING REIMB	\$ 402.47
100	RIPLEY, KELLEN	DISPATCH HRS	\$ 377.10
100	SAFE LIFE DEFENSE	1028213	\$ 620.10
100	SMITH, CLINTON	MEAL REIMB	\$ 62.46
100	SUNDELL, SHELLY	FOOD REIMB	\$ 9.15
100	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	5361331-202309	\$ 150.00
100	U S POSTAL SERVICE (CLERK)	ELECTION PSTG	\$ 2,208.00
100	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN	DC105	\$ 281.90
100	VIAERO WIRELESS	13901	\$ 457.00
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY	3027	\$ 99.56
100	WIESE CARPENTRY	1339	\$ 392.99
100	4-D ELECTRIC, LLC	FIN INV 2861A	\$ 10,013.03
100	DEPUTIES, OFFICIALS, DISPATCH	WAGES	\$ 44,992.85
200	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 287.76
200	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 3,804.36
200	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 109.12
200	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 4,141.22
200	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$ 31.33
200	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$ 52.36
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 628.09
200	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 18.38
200	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 78.98
200	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 2,048.87
200	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 38.48
200	BORCHARD AUTOMOTIVE & REPAIR	J001367	\$ 359.40
200	BWTELCOM	280	\$ 584.11
200	FAMILY MARKET,THE	8744-19	\$ 80.49
200	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	OCT BUYDOWN	\$ 49.00
200	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105081	\$ 7,024.98
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	W33414,3616070	\$ 1,817.85
200	KERCHAL SUPPLY	BENK SHOP WORK	\$ 525.95
200	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	1585158	\$ 20.40
200	MCCOOK GAZETTE	2015258	\$ 78.00
200	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 800.00
200	NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC.	NPLIN353629	\$ 1,516.35
200	NMC, INC	CUI1265879	\$ 301.26
200	POWERPLAN	2099398	\$ 9,431.43
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER CO.	40363E,40382E	\$ 1,659.22
200	ST. FRANCIS EQUITY	1601477	\$ 1,968.89
200	WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.	1306933T046	\$ 150.98
200	YOST FARM SUPPLY	3,190,532,418	\$ 813.84
200	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$ 20,155.13
650	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 860.00
990	BWTELCOM	4539	\$ 97.31
2580	4-D ELECTRIC, LLC	FIN INV 2861A	\$ 7,523.97
2913	BWTELCOM	SPC CIRC. 5514	\$ 830.43
5502	EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$ 24.10

5502	BOLIO,ROGER	EMS WAGES	\$	95.65
5502	DUNDY COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE	FUEL OMAHA	\$	267.16
5502	REICHERT,PAM	EMS WAGES	\$	255.65
5502	REICHERT,RICHARD	EMS WAGES	\$	105.65
5502	STAMM,DEBORAH L	EMS WAGES	\$	59.38
5502	SWIGERT,EMILEE	EMS WAGES	\$	25.00
5502	TURPIN,SHAUNA MICHELLE	EMS WAGES	\$	210.00
5502	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS WAGES	\$	109.38
5502	UNGER,KEISHA	EMS WAGES	\$	84.38
5502	PART TIME CLERICAL	WAGES	\$	157.50

Public Comments: N/A

Commissioners reviewed the proposed County Surplus Property Form.

Motion by Olson to approve the County Surplus Property Form, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Olson stated he had received a call from (Unknown) Vrbas about interest in the County Road Worker position, but has not received an application from him.

Pam Reichert discussed 5 year hazard mitigation plan. Stated it is required to receive homeland security grants. Dundy County usually splits the cost with Chase and Perkins Counties. Discussed meeting with Jim Burgeson in which Communication Center renovation was discussed. Reichert stated she would like to discuss a situation she was unhappy with in which she recalled speaking with the Perkins County Sheriff at a meeting in which that individual relayed that Sheriff Smith had referenced the Communication Center renovation being for the purpose of building a new kitchen.

Miles Preston requested a written payroll policy be presented to the Clerk's office for Sheriff's Office employees. Sheriff Smith stated that he was working with a person named Linda from Nirma to develop a written payroll policy.

Sheriff Smith and Chief Deputy Ryan King discussed Sheriff's Office vehicles, and stated they were on the waiting list for a Dodge Durango for law enforcement vehicles. Cost would be approximately \$32,000.00 for a fully equipped vehicle. Also discussed purchasing a sheriff vehicle from Hays County in the ballpark of \$30,000-35,000.00. Commissioners said to move ahead with the Hays County vehicle purchase once a price is in writing, and to remain on the list for the other vehicle, but keep an eye out for a pickup.

Vince Turpin discussed EMS ride-alongs for a 16 year-old student. Commissioners attempted to reach Bryon Barnett with NIRMA to discuss work-comp and discuss any liability concerns. Turpin stated that the new cot for the ambulance was received, and that the state grant reimbursing a large portion of the cost should be coming in soon. Turpin stated that they still need to find a certified installer for the cot, and that he believes the closest is in Denver, but he's had trouble hearing back from them. Also stated that the new ambulance is in progress, and when it's delivered the old ambulance will need to be moved to surplus and sold. Discussed adding drivers for long hauls: Drivers are required to be 18 or older, possess a driver's license, and pass the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. Asked if the board would prefer the drivers to be First Responder certified, but added that it's difficult to find First Responder classes locally. Turpin stated he would like the drivers to be CPR certified at minimum. Turpin is a certified CPR instructor, and Tony Ham is a certified EVOC instructor.

Olson called Pinnacle Bank about the county credit card progress. Mary Deyle stated that her understanding was the credit card application process was put on hold.

Kris Mathews delivered the Dundy County Hospital report. Stated seeing the budget hearing recording and wanted to address public questions. Mathews stated that the public had questions about how profitable the hospital. Mathews stated the hospital is not profitable, and presented financials from the past 5 years. Mathews explained that the hospital was only profitable during the Covid pandemic due to government funding. Mathews also addressed the hospital EMR system crossover difficulties, and that that process was improving. Stated that Medicare patient care will never be profitable, and that 60% of the DCH patient base is Medicare. Stated that taxpayer dollars were approached as a means to get the hospital back into the black, and/or be used for capital. Mathews discussed a daycare solution for the Hospital. Stated that if the daycare was provided for only hospital employee daycare, its costs would be

reimbursable, but that he would prefer a community solution rather than a centralized hospital solution. Mathews said that on the other hand, the hospital could provide meals to a community daycare, and those would be reimbursable, but DCH would not be able to be associated with it. Mathews asked the board if they would be willing to create a community daycare and appoint a department head. The board stated they would consider the proposal.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:01 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on November 6th, 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