

The Regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on December 18th, 2023 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published in the December 13th, 2023 issue of the Benkelman Post.

Present: Commissioners Scott Olson, Tom Richard, Aaron Keiser, Clerk Miles Preston, Assessor Tish Burrell, Treasurer Penny Denny, County Attorney Arlan Wine, Karen Baker, Wendy Vanderford, Interim Sheriff Ryan King, Deputy Tom Jones, Amy Frederick, Mayor Tammy Buffington, City Superintendent Tim Smith, WCNDD Representative Sam, DCS Superintendent Jackie Anderson, Gary Clark, Bob Rhoades

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 Dundy County Commissioner's Meeting Room.

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

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Richard to approve the minutes of the 12-04-2023 and 12-12-2023 Commissioner Meetings, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Keiser to accept the 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	\$ 7,608.72
100	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 2,206.85
100	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 10,530.84
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 144.00
100	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$ 34.30
100	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$ 74.60
100	NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENT	EMPE CHILD SUP	\$ 384.00
100	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,740.67
100	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 88.28
100	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 74.97
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 5,371.19
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 67.01
100	BUFFINGTON-DAMON,MICHAEL	GLOCK SIGHTS	\$ 107.49
100	BWTELCOM	662	\$ 5,510.60
100	CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO.	226436	\$ 198.00
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	7870	\$ 56.00
100	DAS STATE ACCT - CENTRAL FINANCE	1400542	\$ 779.60
100	DUNDY COUNTY PROCESSORS, L.L.C.	ORDER 1484	\$ 1,750.00
100	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	8841552-0	\$ 190.21
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	CD2066013	\$ 102.81
100	FRECKS,NANCY	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 6.00
100	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105082	\$ 2,357.03
100	GOV DIRECT	INV0008051	\$ 5,797.52
100	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	29255-1	\$ 22.99
100	HAIGLER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	OPERT.FUNDS	\$ 2,600.00
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	32795725	\$ 92.35
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	22140230	\$ 130.81
100	J&D GRAPHICS	151	\$ 150.00
100	LEAGUE BUILDERS SUPPLY INC	9793	\$ 65.98
100	MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOCIATION	1711089	\$ 287.50
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES, INC.	406617	\$ 785.51
100	MIPS INC.	23110015	\$ 1,950.05
100	MOUSEL, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, MUSTION	8206	\$ 112.50
100	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$ 289.74
100	PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERV.	29966	\$ 2,198.36

100	PRISTINE CLEAN COMMERCIAL CLEANING	4011	\$	862.65
100	QUILL CORPORATION	108904296	\$	1,384.80
100	REICHERT,PAM	CPR TRAINING	\$	108.14
100	RELX INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS	3094797026	\$	325.00
100	SPAHN,ASHLEY,K, LAW OFFICE OF	27685	\$	1,560.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS	13901	\$	457.00
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY	3027	\$	20.89
100	WIESE CARPENTRY	1384	\$	525.29
100	OFFICIALS, DISPATCH, DEPUTIES	WAGES	\$	46,538.85
200	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$	287.76
200	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$	4,347.84
200	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$	2,006.53
200	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$	3,620.63
200	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$	84.15
200	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$	31.33
200	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$	76.66
200	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$	545.39
200	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$	22.77
200	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$	78.98
200	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$	1,892.35
200	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$	43.29
200	BWTELCOM	361	\$	409.60
200	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105081	\$	4,788.79
200	IMPERIAL NAPA	2790	\$	679.73
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	P30491	\$	602.30
200	MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOCIATION	1711089	\$	137.50
200	NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC.	NPLIN365488	\$	38.35
200	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$	201.81
200	POWERPLAN	2132951	\$	9,507.09
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER CO.	41165E	\$	999.85
200	SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	913546007	\$	195.77
200	ST. FRANCIS EQUITY	380851	\$	3,000.36
200	WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.	1323270T046	\$	150.98
200	WRAY GAZETTE	87,028,758	\$	98.00
200	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$	17,571.00
650	JT ROCKS	GRAVEL	\$	6,693.00
650	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$	1,370.00
990	BWTELCOM	4539	\$	49.42
2913	BWTELCOM	5514	\$	830.43
2913	PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERV.	29906	\$	206.00
5502	EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$	48.20
5502	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$	2.26
5502	BOLIO,ROGER	EMS RUN	\$	25.00
5502	BWTELCOM	4181	\$	95.01
5502	HEYNE,STAN	EMS RUNS	\$	60.00
5502	REICHERT,PAM	EMS RUNS	\$	210.00
5502	STAMM,DEBORAH L	EMS RUNS	\$	60.00
5502	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS RUNS	\$	131.38
5502	UNGER,KEISHA	EMS RUNS	\$	181.38
5502	PART TIME CLERICAL	WAGES	\$	315.00

Sam from West Central Nebraska Development District discussed some of the services offered by WCNDP such as grant writing assistance, community improvement projects, and planning and zoning administration. Membership cost is \$2,700.00 per year.

Commissioners reviewed Road Worker Applications. Discussed CDL cost and road worker contract to reimburse the county in the case that a road worker leaves the county after having their CDL paid for by the county.

Motion by Keiser to enter executive session at 8:59 A.M to contact road workers and schedule interviews, seconded by Richard.

Motion by Keiser to exit executive session at 9:14 A.M., seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Jackie Anderson, Dundy County Stratton School Superintendent, discussed daycare options for Dundy County. Discussed the County's interest in supporting daycare options. Dundy County Hospital, Dundy County Stratton Schools, and the City of Benkelman have already committed support to a plan to provide daycare within the community.

Motion by Keiser to approve Resolution 76-2023-22 Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, seconded by Richard

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Keiser to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between Dundy County, Nebraska and the City of Benkelman, Nebraska, seconded by Richard

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Keiser to approve the county holidays as approved in the previous year, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Board discussed a proposed emergency Road south of the railroad tracks in Benkelman. The emergency road would travel across Frenchman Valley Coop, Todd Burrell, and the City of Benkelman's properties. County Attorney's office will be working with involved parties to organize an easement agreement for emergency access only.

Discussed guard rail cost for a section of the Max-Wauneta Rd. Will take expenditure from the Highway Buyback Fund when due.

Amy Frederick discussed Dundy County's support for the Food Pantry. Also addressed potential improvements to the back portion of the Food Pantry.

Tish Burrell submitted Tax List Correction No. 791. Also discussed Bryan Hill Appraisal Firm being contracted to complete property valuations for Dundy County.

Motion by Keiser to approve Tax List Correction No. 791 for Property ID 290005507 – RE, Seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

County Attorney Arlan Wine delivered the County Attorney's report, discussed the County Personnel Handbook. Corrected a statement made by County Clerk Miles Preston, in which Preston stated that he believed there was a requirement for a Sheriff to live within their county within one year of taking office in that county. Statutorily there is not a one-year grace period, the Sheriff shall live in the County of which they hold office.

Interim Sheriff Ryan King delivered the County Sheriff's Report. Discussed a bid to paint the jail.

Commissioner Aaron Keiser discussed NACO Conference points of interest. Discussed proposed Consumption Tax initiative.

City Superintendent Tim Smith discussed the bulldozer being used at the city dump site. The city of Benkelman and Dundy County agreed to cost share a replacement for the equipment, in the price range of ~\$60,000.00.

Chairman Olson recessed the meeting at 11:09 A.M., will reconvene at 1:15 P.M.

Chairman Olson reconvened the meeting at 1:15 P.M.

Present: Scott Olson, Aaron Keiser, Tom Richard, Miles Preston, Penny Denny, Tish Burrell, Arlan Wine, Amy Frederick, DeMarie Ingraham, Karen Baker, Sean Preston, Ryan King, Brian Freehling, John Klentz

Commissioners began interviews for the appointment of County Sheriff.

Commissioners began applicant Ryan King's interview at 1:18 P.M. Discussed reason for wanting the position, short-term and long-term goals, administrative experience, supervisory experience, challenges, etc. The interview with Ryan King concluded at 1:42 P.M.

Commissioners began applicant Sean Preston's interview at 1:49 P.M. Preston was asked the same standard questions as applicant Ryan King. The interview with Preston concluded at 2:13 P.M.

Commissioners discussed the interviews of both applicants. Commissioners decided that additional questions for the applicants were necessary.

Commissioners asked Ryan King back to answer additional questions.

Commissioners asked Sean Preston back to answer additional questions.

Motion by Keiser to enter executive session at 3:09 P.M. to discuss sensitive issues pertaining to the applicants, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion to exit executive session at 3:17 P.M. seconded by Keiser

Exited executive session at 3:17 P.M.

Motion by Keiser to appoint Ryan King as Dundy County Sheriff conditional upon establishing residency within Dundy County by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, until which time he shall continue with the appointment and title of Interim Sheriff, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous.

Commissioners began interviews for County Road worker position.

Commissioners began Brian Freehling's interview at 3:23 P.M.

Commissioners began Jonathan Klentz's interview at 3:40 P.M.

Motion by Keiser to offer Brian Freehling a position for County Road worker at \$19.50 for a probationary period of 90 days, to increase to \$20.00 after the probationary period, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 4:04 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on January 2nd, 2024 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  
Clerk

/s/ Scott Olson  
Chairman