

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on April 15th, 2024 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published in the April 10th, 2024 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, Interim Sheriff Ryan King, Chief Deputy Tom Jones, Sye Tecker, Monica Peterson, Stan Jones, Communication Center Admin Pam Reichert, Amy Frederick

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 Keiser to approve the April 1st Commissioner meeting minutes, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

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

Ayes: Unanimous

CLAIMS:

FUND	NAME	INVDESC	TOTCLAIMS
\$ 100.00	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 348.23
\$ 100.00	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 7,631.44
\$ 100.00	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 323.08
\$ 100.00	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 11,061.53
\$ 100.00	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 188.00
\$ 100.00	FIRST CONCORD "HSA"	HSA COUNTY PMT	\$ 634.20
\$ 100.00	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$ 34.30
\$ 100.00	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$ 74.60
\$ 100.00	NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENT	EMPE CHILD SUP	\$ 384.00
\$ 100.00	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,772.91
\$ 100.00	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 95.51
\$ 100.00	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 72.97
\$ 100.00	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 5,807.96
\$ 100.00	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 67.01
\$ 200.00	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 287.76
\$ 200.00	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 4,347.84
\$ 200.00	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 122.76
\$ 200.00	CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES	EMPE GARNISHME	\$ 201.37
\$ 200.00	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 4,453.17
\$ 200.00	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 71.00
\$ 200.00	LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	EMPE LIFE INSU	\$ 31.33
\$ 200.00	NORTH AMERICA BENEFITS CO	#NIS0003 UNIT#	\$ 76.66
\$ 200.00	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 687.98
\$ 200.00	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 30.83
\$ 200.00	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 116.69
\$ 200.00	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 2,264.53
\$ 200.00	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 48.10
\$ 5,502.00	EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$ 55.08
\$ 5,502.00	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 2.59
\$ 100.00	BOETTCHER, CHARLES J. DDS	CHART-LI0121	\$ 461.00
\$ 100.00	BWTELCOM	302, 4095	\$ 5,210.27
\$ 100.00	CITY OF BENKELMAN	C&D MARCH FEE	\$ 1,030.73
\$ 100.00	COOK, KIMBERLY	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 67.64
\$ 100.00	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$ 94,449,717.00	\$ 52.00
\$ 100.00	DENNY, PENNY	MILEAGE REIMB	\$ 100.50
\$ 100.00	DETECTACHEM, INC.	INV14431	\$ 523.43
\$ 100.00	DEVENY FORD	S8218	\$ 109.31

\$ 100.00	DUNDY COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	\$ 350.69
\$ 100.00	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	8907424-0	\$ 901.09
\$ 100.00	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	CD2082488	\$ 1,095.61
\$ 100.00	FRECKS,NANCY	MILEAGE	\$ 127.05
\$ 100.00	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	\$ 105,082.00	\$ 2,091.43
\$ 100.00	HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$ 127,145,827.00	\$ 100.06
\$ 100.00	HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	\$ 101,206.00	\$ 134.95
\$ 100.00	HOMETOWN LEASING	\$ 32,795,725.00	\$ 316.09
\$ 100.00	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	\$ 22,152,046.00	\$ 130.81
\$ 100.00	IMPERIAL NAPA	ACCT2845	\$ 4.59
\$ 100.00	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES, INC.	\$ 409,587.00	\$ 318.20
\$ 100.00	MOUSEL, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, MUSTION	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 539.75
\$ 100.00	NACO	N2959	\$ 50.00
\$ 100.00	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	\$ 4,011.00	\$ 2.39
\$ 100.00	PRISTINE CLEAN COMMERCIAL CLEANING	\$ 4,263.00	\$ 919.13
\$ 100.00	RED WILLOW COUNTY SHERIFF	#20248828	\$ 18.70
\$ 100.00	RELX INC. DBA LEXISNEXIS	\$ 3,095,009,990.00	\$ 349.38
\$ 100.00	SCHRADER,MICHAEL	MILEAGE REIMB	\$ 104.52
\$ 100.00	SCOOP MEDIA LLC	\$ 4,446.00	\$ 528.84
\$ 100.00	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	\$ 1,000,589,072.00	\$ 829.68
\$ 100.00	WESTFIELD PHARMACY	\$ 3,027.00	\$ 114.45
\$ 100.00	WIESE CARPENTRY	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 80.90
\$ 100.00	WILCOX,RYAN,R	CR24-8	\$ 1,250.00
\$ 200.00	BUSH TIRE & SERVICE	ACCT 7	\$ 767.88
\$ 200.00	BWTELCOM	\$ 361.00	\$ 422.50
\$ 200.00	DUNDY COUNTY HOSPITAL	\$ 10,008,038.00	\$ 224.00
\$ 200.00	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	\$ 105,081.00	\$ 10,287.85
\$ 200.00	HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC	\$ 127,145,728.00	\$ 70.78
\$ 200.00	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 470.00
\$ 200.00	NMC, INC	CUI1309528	\$ 11,481.78
\$ 200.00	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	\$ 4,011.00	\$ 85.93
\$ 200.00	RDO TRUCK CENTER CO.	12541EE	\$ 8,178.37
\$ 200.00	SAPP BROS., INC.	IN4422175	\$ 1,835.00
\$ 200.00	SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$ 10,144,000.00	\$ 188.91
\$ 200.00	ST. FRANCIS EQUITY	\$ 1,601,477.00	\$ 2,323.26
\$ 200.00	STAMM, DEE (STAMM PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 40.00
\$ 200.00	WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.	1349610T046	\$ 172.11
\$ 650.00	JT ROCKS	GRAVEL	\$ 1,474.00
\$ 650.00	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 670.00
\$ 990.00	BWTELCOM	\$ 4,539.00	\$ 48.75
\$ 2,420.00	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING, INC.	\$ 157,621.00	\$ 923.06
\$ 2,913.00	BWTELCOM	\$ 5,514.00	\$ 830.43
\$ 5,502.00	BWTELCOM	\$ 4,181.00	\$ 284.89
\$ 5,502.00	DUNDY COUNTY HOSPITAL	#10018147	\$ 27.86
\$ 5,502.00	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC.	\$ 2,615,769.00	\$ 466.48
\$ 5,502.00	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	\$ 105,077.00	\$ 598.63
\$ 5,502.00	GARCIA, JOSE	MILEAGE REIMB	\$ 206.36
\$ 5,502.00	HAYSMED	0128411-IN	\$ 1,228.69
\$ 5,502.00	HEYNE,STAN	EMS WAGE	\$ 140.45
\$ 5,502.00	LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES KEARNEY	\$ 2,922.00	\$ 158.00
\$ 5,502.00	REICHERT,PAM	EMS WAGE	\$ 252.95
\$ 5,502.00	REICHERT,RICHARD	EMS WAGE	\$ 192.95
\$ 5,502.00	ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SOLUTIONS	\$ 30,481,792.00	\$ 580.60
\$ 5,502.00	STAMM,DEBORAH L	EMS WAGE	\$ 270.00
\$ 5,502.00	SWIGERT,EMILEE	EMS WAGES	\$ 107.50
\$ 5,502.00	TURPIN,SHAUNA MICHELLE	EMS WAGE	\$ 297.73
\$ 5,502.00	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS WAGE	\$ 268.88

\$ 5,502.00	UNGER, KEISHA	EMS WAGE	\$ 210.00
\$ 5,502.00	WIESE, HEATHER	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
\$ 100.00	DEPUTIES, DISPATCH, OFFICIALS	WAGES	\$ 49,554.45
\$ 200.00	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$ 20,879.25
\$ 5,502.00	EMS CLERICAL WORKER	WAGES	\$ 360.00

The Board discussed Generator maintenance, tabled for later in the meeting.

Stan Jones arrived to discuss the most recent delinquent tax sales. Jones stated that he had attempted to register for the previous tax sale and felt that the County Treasurer should have notified him of the status of the tax sale before selling it privately, since he had registered. Jones admitted that he had not attended the tax sale after conversations with the Treasurer, while he was waiting to hear back from his attorney on recent changes to the pertinent laws. Keiser read the notice of the tax sale, as well as the statute pertaining to private sale of properties that remain unsold after the public sale. Jones stated that he felt as a taxpayer of the county he should have been notified of the private sale interest. Penny stated that she had received a message from Stacy (Duvell) that she and Stan would not be present at the public sale, prior to the sale occurring.

The Board called Nebraska Generator Services and spoke with Dusty about the recommended generator repairs and maintenance. Confirmed that the county could use another party to make the generator repairs if the county decided to do so. Dusty stated he would contact his technician to discuss options and give the board a call back.

Pam Reichert discussed the 911 PSAP Center, as well as the 911 State Fund provided by state grant funds: Pam proposed that the 911 State Fund could be used to pay salary costs for emergency Dispatchers, and the savings from offsetting those costs could then be spent out of the standard Communication Center budget to cover costs of the previously discussed remodeling and security updates. The Board agreed that that would be an acceptable approach to cover costs for any remodeling changes agreed to.

Kelly Brown from Dundy County Senior Services discussed funding for 2023-2024 fiscal year. Money is available through the Inheritance Tax fund where those expenses have been paid historically. The Board agreed to discuss funding for Dundy County Senior Services as well as the Haigler Golden Inn at the May 6th meeting.

Discussed the Visitor's Committee phone. The phone number currently on file went to the building that was previously used by the County Attorney's office, owned by the Hospital Foundation. Currently that phone number does not ring into anywhere. Board advised Sye Tecker, Chairman of the Visitor's Committee, that the County Conference room would be available to be used for the Visitor's Committee phone line and meetings.

Interim Sheriff Ryan King delivered the Sheriff's Report. Keiser asked the progress on the question of the Sheriff's residency: King stated that the individuals were moved out and the property is being cleared out, and he hopes to be moving in this week.

County Attorney Arlan Wine delivered the County Attorney's report. Discussed progress with forming the Dundy County Safety Committee.

Keiser explained that there may be an opportunity in the future to accept millings from the State of Nebraska, as they are looking to resurface a portion of highway 34 West, and discussed possible locations for storing the millings.

Amy Frederick from the Chamber of Commerce discussed ongoing projects to improve downtown Benkelman. A mural artist is going to paint a mural on the old Grocery Store beside the Ward Bond Memorial Park. Discussed grant funds received for storefront facades on main street. Proposed an improvement project for the trees on the street level of the Courthouse Property, where there are 2 trees. The Chamber of Commerce would provide labor for creating a block perimeter around the two trees on the street level on the South side of the Courthouse property. Total cost to the county would be \$2,638.00 for materials, and the Chamber would provide for the labor.

Motion by Olson to approve the proposed landscaping project on the south side of the courthouse parking lot, and to reimburse for the material costs in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, Seconded by Richard. Ayes: Unanimous

EMS Captain Vince Turpin discussed the installation of the new ambulance cot received through ARPA grant funds. Turpin previously discussed assistance from the Hester Foundation, which agreed to cover up to \$2,500.00 of the cost that is estimated to be \$4,500.00. Turpin also discussed selling the old ambulance. Turpin asked about the progress on getting fuel cards replaced from Frenchman Valley. The Clerk's office had attempted to reach Frenchman, but received their voicemail each time, and the mailbox was full. Turpin asked for the status on Insurance for the new ambulance: the Clerk has received confirmation that the ambulance was added to the county's coverage. Asked about the mutual aid agreement with Wray EMS, county Attorney stated he was still in the process of updating the agreement.

There were no applicants to interview for the County Truck Driver position.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 10:51 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on April 15th, 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