

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on May 6th, 2024 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published in the April 24th, 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, Chief Deputy Tom Jones, Wendy Vanderford, Jerry Olson, Pam Reichert, Dean Settje,

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 15th Commissioner meeting minutes, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

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

Ayes: Unanimous

CLAIMS:			
100	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 348.26
100	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 7,631.53
100	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 323.27
100	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 12,373.01
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 60.00
100	FIRST CONCORD "HSA"	HSA COUNTY PMT	\$ 634.20
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	\$ 2,058.68
100	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 91.76
100	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 72.97
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 6,290.61
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 67.03
200	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 287.82
200	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 3,804.43
200	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 109.20
200	CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES	EMPE GARNISHME	\$ 201.37
200	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 6,097.64
200	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 12.50
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	\$ 1,044.81
200	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 30.83
200	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 115.69
200	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 2,956.40
200	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 43.29
5502	EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$ 41.32
5502	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$ 1.24
100	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	209890	\$ 2,343.20
100	BAKER, KAREN	MILEAGE/MEAL	\$ 533.91

100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	38929803 08	\$	683.78
100	BLINDS.COM	#13433077	\$	1,823.12
100	BWTELCOM	5583	\$	5,814.08
100	CHASE COUNTY SHERIFF	CS# JV24-2	\$	39.00
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	10012	\$	142.50
100	DAS STATE ACCT - CENTRAL FINANCE	1409356	\$	1,854.80
100	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	INV545110	\$	672.79
100	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	CD2088472	\$	2,849.64
100	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	32044-1	\$	592.37
100	GWORKS	2019-22375	\$	7,277.00
100	HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC	127146146	\$	896.00
100	HITCHCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.	CARD#W068-2024	\$	42.66
100	HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	CONF#63145588	\$	347.85
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	32799212	\$	225.96
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	22147772	\$	392.43
100	KING,RYAN	MILEAGE REIMB	\$	166.16
100	KRUTSINGER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	387	\$	5,875.00
100	LEAGUE,DEB	REIMB 11130713	\$	192.06
100	MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOCIATION	1806833	\$	287.50
100	MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	173800	\$	82.00
100	MIPS INC.	24040022	\$	316.23
100	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	1162399323	\$	5,371.40
100	NEBRASKA GENERATOR SERVICE	16294	\$	925.00
100	NELMS, SUE	CLEANING	\$	350.00
100	ORIGINAL SUPPLIES	261-1329	\$	438.00
100	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$	59.39
100	PURSLEY,BETTYE	RETIREMENT	\$	12.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	38119776	\$	30.99
100	RED WILLOW CHEMICAL	14860	\$	5,233.97
100	REGION 51 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	FY2023-3RD/QTR	\$	8,214.75
100	REICHERT,PAM	COMPUTER/CELL	\$	50.00
100	ROSENFELT, MIKE	CVSO DUES REIM	\$	365.66
100	SCHRADER,MICHAEL	MILEAGE REIMB	\$	72.36
100	SCOOP MEDIA LLC	4504	\$	2,758.93
100	SPAHN,ASHLEY,K, LAW OFFICE OF	2,794,127,947	\$	1,125.00
100	U S POSTAL SERVICE (CLERK)	STAMPS	\$	340.00
100	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	STAMPS	\$	340.00
100	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (ASSESSOR)	STAMPS	\$	456.00
100	VANDERFORD, WENDI	BOOK REIMB	\$	96.55
100	VIAERO WIRELESS	13901	\$	454.97
100	WIESE CARPENTRY	GROUNDNS CNTRCT	\$	997.50
100	WOLF AUTO	R/O 12717	\$	109.95
100	911 CUSTOM	5,647,956,479	\$	400.00
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	61934696 13	\$	250.07
200	BWTELCOM	280	\$	443.35
200	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	W35224	\$	909.45
200	MEDICAL AIR SERVICES ASSOCIATION	1806833	\$	150.00
200	NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC.	NPLCM738507	\$	722.87

200	NORTHWEST FIRE EXTINGUISHER	83642	\$	152.50
200	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$	214.51
200	POWERPLAN	2210791	\$	11,620.70
200	SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	913546001	\$	287.35
200	WELLSTONE SERVICES LLC	3231	\$	1,725.46
2913	PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERV.	30247	\$	200.00
5502	HEYNE,STAN	EMS WAGE	\$	25.00
5502	REICHERT,PAM	EMS WAGE	\$	117.35
5502	REICHERT,RICHARD	EMS WAGE	\$	32.35
5502	TURPIN,SHAUNA MICHELLE	EMS WAGE	\$	139.71
5502	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS WAGE	\$	85.00
100	DISPATCH, DEPUTIES, OFFICIALS	WAGES	\$	54,092.08
200	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$	27,029.00
5502	EMS CLERICAL PART TIME	WAGES	\$	270.00

Public Comments: Penny Denny submitted additional public tax sales receipts

Karen Baker discussed Interim Sheriff Ryan King applying for another position in Hitchcock county. Baker stated that King interviewed while on duty for Dundy County, but Chief Deputy Jones stated that there was no interview and King was at the Dundy County courthouse during the time the matter was addressed at the Hitchcock County Commissioner Meeting.

Received a bid from Sue Nelms to clean the bathrooms for the courthouse on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings, as well as emergency cleaning on a case to case basis.

Motion by Keiser to approve the bid received from Sue Nelms for cleaning the 5 Courthouse and 2 Annex building bathrooms for \$70.00 Per Week. Seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Jerry Olsen – VP for Haigler Senior Center, arrived to discuss the financial request for the Haigler Senior Center. Discussed Haigler Golden Inn services.

Motion by Olson to donate \$1,600.00 to the Haigler Golden Inn for financial support for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Discussed generator repairs. Keiser had spoken with Trevor Borchard about completing the repairs, county would purchase parts from Nebraska Generator Service LLC. Called Borchard to speak with him about the repairs.

Discussed RDO Truck Center charges for radio install in county semi.

Discussed medical transportation benefit offering: Currently full-time employees working 30+ hours a week are offered benefits, but 2 county employees receive the MASA benefit that work below the threshold. One of those individuals is in an appointed position so is likely eligible. Will consider and discuss further in the future.

Arlan Wine, Vince Turpin, and Pam Reichert were present for discussion regarding the Agreement for Emergency Services between the City of Wray, Colorado and Dundy County, Nebraska. A correction would be needed to clarify that the agreement is for Emergency Medical services, rather than general Emergency Services.

Discussed Motor Grader Schooling: Casey with NIRMA has agreed to put on a motor grader school at no cost to the county, and Keiser had spoken to other counties about attending the training. Training would be in Haigler towards the end of June.

Discussed ambulance and EMS solutions for the county. Addressed possibility of having Haigler Fire or an EMS entity formed to provide response for the western portion of the county, and the county providing the ambulance that is scheduled to be sold for surplus for that purpose. Dundy County EMS Captain Vince Turpin stated that the ambulance up for surplus is beyond threshold for being registered and licensed as an Ambulance unless it remains under the current Dundy County Ambulance licensing. Discussed that in the past Haigler had trouble providing enough EMTs to respond consistently to calls, and a new EMT course requires at least 8 participants. Will discuss further with leadership in Haigler.

Dean Settje and Nicole Berry discussed the progress of Blackshirt Feeders and NDEE application for a modified Construction and Operating Permit for SE1/4 Section 27 and S1/2 Section 26, and N1/2 and SE1/4 Section 35 Township 2N, Range 42W in Dundy County. Settje explained that the modification is a design alteration to the pond design of the original plan submitted with the Construction and Operating permit, does not need to come before planning and zoning, and is likely to be approved by NDEE. Settje explained the project is actually slightly ahead of construction schedule.

Dean Settje also discussed the grant available from the Nebraska Department of Transportation for up to \$500,000 for public roads, that must be applied for by the County. County would need to provide funding equivalent to 25% of the requested costs. Blackshirt Feeders would like the board to consider cost-sharing for the bypass turning lane for the upcoming construction on the highway at the entrance to the Blackshirt Feeders facilities. Total projected cost for the roadway construction would be in the ballpark of \$800,000.00. Grant application is due within the next couple weeks for eligibility. Blackshirt Feeders is requesting the board consider funding in the amount of \$200,000, that could optionally be provided to the county by Blackshirt Feeders to then be repaid over future budgets. Settje also asked if \$200,000 is not acceptable, what amount would Dundy County be willing to provide assistance funding for, and if no assistance is agreed upon, Blackshirt Feeders would at least like to provide the \$200,000.00 payment of the County's Portion to Dundy County, and have Dundy County agree to submit the grant application, then down the road the discussion could continue on what amount if any Dundy County would repay to Blackshirt Feeders.

Motion by Olson to apply for NDOT Economic Opportunity Grant, contingent upon Blackshirt Feeders providing Dundy County a legal Letter of Commitment for the required 25% payment, and authorizing Scott Olson to sign the completed application, Seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Received and reviewed the CRA Annual Report.

Discussed NACO benefits for Healthcare and Dental. Rates increased by 13.9%. Board would like to advertise bids for Medical and Dental Insurance for Dundy County Employees, submission date of June 3rd 2024.

Jordan Gardner, sales manager for Murphy Tractor and Equipment, introduced himself to the Board.

Signed County Credit Card Policy agreements received from department heads.

Brandon Myers provided the Region 51 Emergency Management quarterly report for Dundy County. Pam Reichert discussed State Wireless Funds eligible expenses regarding the discussion on 4/15/24 regarding payment of wages for communications' center. Explained that a large portion of the State Wireless Funds are "set aside" funds, that are lumped in with funds received since the change to the legacy system. The set aside funds cannot be used for wages, but the newly received funds can be.

Arlan Wine delivered the County Attorney's report. Child Support reimbursement is being received, as well as Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services. Discussed a new grant process for the 9 county Juvenile Services Program, awaiting approval. Open Meetings act update received.

Interim Sheriff Ryan King delivered the County Sheriff's Report. Provided a budget breakdown and projected expenditures for the remainder of the 2023-2024 FY. King showed that a large portion of his budget is projected to remain unspent for the year and requested permission to purchase a new patrol vehicle out of the current budget year to avoid having to purchase 2 next year. King stated he has two patrol units approaching 100k miles. If approved, estimated arrival would be 3 months to delivery, but payment would be accepted at any time, allowing it to be included in the current budget year. Discussed bids received for the vehicle purchase.

Motion by Keiser to approve the bid from Deveny Ford for a 2024 Dodge Ram for the Dundy County Sheriff's Office for \$43,053.00, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Olson asked King if he's moved into the residence in Dundy County. King stated that he has access to the second story of the residence and the other parties are currently in the process of moving out of the residence. The Board agreed to add finalizing the Sheriff Appointment on the May 20th 2024 Commissioner Meeting.

Motion by Scott Olson to enter executive session at 11:11AM to discuss County Roads employees to maintain personal reputations, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Olson to exit executive session at 11:24AM. Seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Richard discussed a pair of rims that he could get for a county vehicle.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:33 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on May 20th, 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