

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on May 20th, 2024 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published in the May 15th, 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, Benkelman Mayor Tammy Buffington, Kurt Sellers

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 May 6th 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	AFLAC	EMPE AM/FM PRE	\$ 348.23
100	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH-102791	\$ 7,631.44
100	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	DENTAL-102791	\$ 323.08
100	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 10,524.26
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 2,423.88
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	\$ 1,670.84
100	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 91.76
100	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 72.97
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 5,664.13
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 67.01
100	AMBROSEK,YOLANDA	ELECTION WORK	\$ 261.05
100	AMERICAN LEGION	VOTING POLL	\$ 75.00
100	BAKER,KAREN	REIM MILE/MEAL	\$ 290.12
100	BANEY, LORA	ELECTION WORK	\$ 232.37
100	BEALL,TINA,M	ELECTION WORK	\$ 211.34
100	BLAIR,JOYCE,M	ELECTION WORK	\$ 210.00
100	BROWN,DARRELL	ELECTION WORK	\$ 217.50
100	BWTELCOM	1023	\$ 122.22
100	CITY OF BENKELMAN	C&D APRIL	\$ 2,330.30
100	COOK,KIMBERLY	MILEAGE	\$ 152.51
100	DEVENY CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE	CONTRT 946594	\$ 4,305.30
100	DEVENY FORD	S8143	\$ 4,196.97
100	DOLPH,SHAUNA,F.	ELECTION WORK	\$ 44.60
100	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	INV552435	\$ 223.67
100	FEDERAL LICENSING INC	RADIO LICENSE	\$ 195.00
100	FRECKS,NANCY	MILEAGE	\$ 79.70
100	FREELAND,KRISTIAN,K	ELECTION WORK	\$ 37.50
100	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105075	\$ 1,706.00
100	HAIGLER AMERICAN LEGION	VOTING POLL	\$ 75.00
100	HAIGLER GOLDEN INN SENIOR CENTER	DONATION	\$ 1,600.00
100	HARFORD, KAREN	ELECTION WORK	\$ 238.27
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	32795725	\$ 218.09
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	22156448	\$ 130.81
100	LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES KEARNEY	CODE 043024NEL	\$ 734.70
100	LATTA, SHAILA	ELECTION WORK	\$ 52.50
100	MARLIN,SANDY	ELECTION WORK	\$ 225.54
100	MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES, INC.	410804	\$ 469.50
100	MARGARET MOORE	ELECTION WORK	\$ 218.51
100	MORRIS,RICK	ELECTION WORK	\$ 217.50
100	MOUSEL, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, MUSTION	8895	\$ 173.10
100	PARKER,MARY	ELECTION WORK	\$ 244.43

100	PARMAN,WANDA,S	ELECTION WORK	\$ 220.05
100	PETERSON,CAROL	ELECTION WORK	\$ 224.20
100	PINNACLE BANK	ACT3900	\$ 70.00
100	PRISTINE CLEAN COMMERCIAL CLEANING	4328	\$ 800.49
100	QUILL CORPORATION	37945449	\$ 527.90
100	RAILE,LORETTA,M	ELECTION WORK	\$ 225.00
100	RAINBOW FOUNTAIN PARK	VOTING POLLS	\$ 75.00
100	REINICK,NINA,A	ELECTION WORK	\$ 223.53
100	SCOOP MEDIA LLC	PAPER RENEWAL	\$ 38.00
100	LINDA SEABOLT	ELECTIONWORK	\$ 217.50
100	SELLERS,JENNY	ELECTION WORK	\$ 184.50
100	SUNDELL, SHELLY	REIMB OFF SUPP	\$ 15.94
100	SWARTZ KATHERINE	ELECTION WORK	\$ 136.50
100	VIAERO WIRELESS	13901	\$ 447.53
100	VRBAS DENNY	ELECTION WORK	\$ 214.69
100	WARNING,RITA	ELECTION WORK	\$ 237.73
100	WESTFIELD PHARMACY	3027	\$ 12.89
100	WIESE CARPENTRY	1445	\$ 795.42
100	WINE, ARLAN	REIM MILE/MEAL	\$ 290.12
100	DEPUTIES, OFFICIALS, DISPATCH	WAGES	\$ 47,223.37
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	CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES	EMPE GARNISHME	\$ 201.37
200	EFTPS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 3,836.32
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	\$ 574.96
200	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 30.83
200	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 115.69
200	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 2,005.20
200	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 43.29
200	BUSH TIRE & SERVICE	ACCT 7	\$ 2,327.10
200	DEVENY FORD	J9420	\$ 50.00
200	FAMILY MARKET,THE	621275	\$ 43.12
200	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105071	\$ 8,411.77
200	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 200.00
200	ST. FRANCIS EQUITY	1601477	\$ 7,955.36
200	WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.	1362130T046	\$ 172.11
200	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$ 18,574.00
650	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$ 760.00
990	BWTELCOM	4539	\$ 48.75
2913	BWTELCOM	5514	\$ 830.43
2913	KASEWARE INC.	1912	\$ 21,360.00
5502	EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$ 27.54
5502	BOLIO,ROGER	EMS WAGE	\$ 50.00
5502	BOUND TREE	2615769-E	\$ 466.48
5502	DUNDY COUNTY HOSPITAL	39999	\$ 27.86
5502	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105077	\$ 244.70
5502	HAYSMED	0128411-IN	\$ 1,228.69
5502	HEYNE,STAN	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERV.	30440	\$ 1,391.72
5502	REICHERT,PAM	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	REICHERT,RICHARD	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR SOLUTIONS	30480805-IN	\$ 399.86
5502	STAMM,DEBORAH L	EMS WAGE	\$ 31.30
5502	TURPIN,SHAUNA MICHELLE	EMS WAGE	\$ 106.30
5502	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	WIESE,HEATHER	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	EMS CLERICAL	PART TIME WAGES	\$ 180.00

Tammy Buffington was present to discuss the C&D Dump Site. Explained that even after increasing rates, the project is still several thousand dollars in the hole. Tammy has spoken to LaNeta Carlock of the Haigler Foundation about the buildings being disposed of at the dump site. Tish Burrell asked if everyone gets an exemption, to which Buffington stated that it's on a building by building basis when people are demolishing and disposing of entire buildings at the C&D site. Individuals need to request an exemption if they need help with the disposal costs.

Discussed RDO Truck Center charges for radio installation in county roads semi. Keiser has not gotten to speak to anyone about the matter, will address after he does.

Discussed the Agreement between the City of Wray, Colorado and Dundy County, Nebraska. Reviewed the changes made by County Attorney Arlan Wine.

Motion by Keiser to approve the Agreement between the City of Wray, Colorado and Dundy County, Nebraska for Emergency Medical Services, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Discussed Nebraska Generator Services declination of sales for parts for county generator repairs. Nebraska Generator Services did not want to provide parts if they would not be installing them as well. Called Trevor Borchard and asked if he could obtain the parts as well as install: Borchard will see if he can obtain the parts from his vendors and will get back in touch with Keiser.

Jon Cannon, NACO Executive Director arrived to meet with the Board and County Officials. Discussed the NACO Directory, as well as Educational Opportunities for County Officials. Discussed upcoming Budget Workshop and county employee salary study, as well as Governor Pillen speaking at the workshop. Discussed County Board Workshop June 12<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>, upcoming County Treasurer and Clerk workshops, and October 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative Conference at the new NACO building in Ogallala. Discussed Cyber-Security; Partnered with NIRMA and vendors to provide services to Counties with a standard of best practices. Explained there are grant funds available to assist with costs of implementing and supporting cyber-security programs. Discussed the National Association of County Officials, its advocacy and importance to local officials throughout the state. Discussed legislative changes including LB-388 regarding spending caps of county political subdivisions and property taxes, as well as the Inheritance Tax bill, and LB938 addressing the County Purchasing Act.

Stephen Melnick from Colonial Life addressed the Board and discussed a new offering for Group Accident and Disability Insurance for Dundy County. Needs 10 enrolled for each group plan. Will implement in June.

Received presentation from Lauren Garth with TextMyGov about a public outreach program for two way automated communication with citizens of Dundy County. County would receive a list of numbers within Dundy County that would be built into the system and after a preliminary outreach, individuals could opt out of receiving communications in the future. Total cost \$1,500.00 set up, plus \$3,000.00 annually for unlimited department participation. Will see what County currently has provided by Region51 Emergency Management and its costs/applicability and readdress at a later date

Alison from ClearGov Budgeting Solutions presented information on local government budgeting solutions program. Can create digital budget book for public ease of access and transparency. Total cost \$1,800.00 one-time setup cost and \$5,500.00 annually. Keiser stated that it appears cost prohibitive and the county would pass at this time.

The board reviewed the Healthcare options provided by NACO from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medica, and United Healthcare. Discussed offering only the high deductible HSA plan, but the board does not want to discontinue offering the \$2,600.00

Motion by Keiser to keep the health insurance offerings the same: Blue Cross Blue Shield \$2,600.00 w/ Co-pay plan, and High Deductible HSA plan for the plan year 2024-2025, Seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Interim Sheriff Ryan King was not present at the meeting and the board decided to readdress the Sheriff appointment discussion at the next meeting.

Reviewed the letter of support from the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvement Project.

Motion by Keiser to sign the Letter of Support for the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvement Project for Funding, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

County Attorney Arlan Wine delivered the County Attorney's Report. Discussed the meeting with Blackshirt Feeders and the grant opportunity that was discussed at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Have not received correspondence or payment from Blackshirt Feeders. Discussed Juvenile Services. Discussed K-9 Fund expenditure requests and the applicability of use of the Drug Fund for K-9 Expenditures with Chief Deputy Jones. The board decided that expenditures for K-9 costs shall be taken from the K-9 Fund for the time being. Wine explained that there is an expected cost on the horizon for a burial cost that the county will need to cover. Also stated that the Forensic Pathologist in Scottsbluff is retiring July 31<sup>st</sup>, so another option for autopsies will need to be procured.

Chief Deputy Tom Jones delivered the Sheriff's Report. The first DARE graduation was recently completed. DCSO is still managing ongoing fuel theft cases. Discussed expenditure for transporting inmate with Midwest Transport Solutions: Individual was convicted and sentenced to the Department of Corrections in Lincoln, NE. Tom Richard asked who to contact if pivot is watering a roadway: Jones stated that would be brought to the Sheriff's Office.

Nancy Frecks with the Ag. Extension Office delivered the Ag Extension Board Annual Report. Sye Tecker is a new board member. Nancy announced she intends to retire May 31<sup>st</sup> of 2025. Also informed the board that a scheduled replacement for the Office Manager's Computer, which will cost approximately \$3,000.00.

Keiser explained that the Panic Button in the Treasurer's Office was tested as part of the safety board meeting and came through the Communication Center as "Rural Fire". Will need to check and make sure that the panic buttons route assistance to the correct offices.

Discussed Benkelman Senior Center funding request for 2023-2024: determination never made, will need to have them come back to the next meeting.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:53 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on June 3rd, 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