

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on June 3rd, 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, Extension Officer Wendy Vanderford, Steven Melnick, Sye Tecker, Curtis Graham, Chief Deputy Tom Jones, Interim Sheriff Ryan King, Ray Stute, Kurt Sellers, Linda Seabolt

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 20th 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	INVDISC	TOTCLAIMS
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	\$ 10,490.72
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	\$ 1,669.66
100	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 660.78
100	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 72.97
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 5,501.97
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 67.03
100	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	210355	\$ 510.00
100	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	63958194 50	\$ 409.63
100	CHASE COUNTY SHERIFF	#CP 24-115	\$ 36.80
100	CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	1427276	\$ 375.30
100	CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	10369	\$ 85.50
100	DAS STATE ACCT - CENTRAL FINANCE	1426241	\$ 150.00
100	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	8941154-0	\$ 49.00
100	GALLS, LLC	26585795	\$ 2,227.66
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	32798058	\$ 60.15
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	22157885	\$ 139.99
100	JONES,THOMAS	MEAL REIMB	\$ 29.51
100	JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	24553	\$ 2,400.00
100	NELMS, SUE	CLEAN RESTROOM	\$ 210.00
100	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$ 373.48
100	PURSLEY,BETTYE	RETIREMENT	\$ 12.00
100	QUILL CORPORATION	38619117	\$ 796.54
100	REICHERT,PAM	PHONE/COMPUTER	\$ 50.00
100	RIPLEY, KELLEN	DISPATCH WAGE	\$ 360.00
100	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (AG EXT.)	POSTAGE STAMPS	\$ 388.00
100	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (ASSESSOR)	POSTAGE STAMPS	\$ 340.00
100	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (COUNTY COURT)	POSTAGE	\$ 378.00
100	VANDERFORD, WENDI	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 18.00
100	WIESE CARPENTRY	GROUNDS CONTRT	\$ 997.50

100	DISPATCH, DEPUTIES, OFFICIALS	WAGES	\$ 46,922.96
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	EMPE FICA	\$ 3,954.29
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	\$ 584.67
200	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 311.09
200	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 115.69
200	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 2,083.73
200	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 43.29
200	ANDERSON,KENT,H	MILEAGE	\$ 195.64
200	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	61934696 13	\$ 143.81
200	HT REPAIR	5879	\$ 3,381.64
200	OWENS IMPLEMENT & SUPPLY	4011	\$ 176.84
200	SAPP BROS., INC.	IN4448743	\$ 23,440.00
200	SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	913546003	\$ 117.42
200	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$ 19,272.00
5502	EFTPS	EMPE FICA	\$ 27.54
5502	BOLIO,ROGER	EMS WAGE	\$ 102.07
5502	BRUNSWIG,NICK	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	HEYNE,STAN	EMS WAGE	\$ 100.00
5502	KNIGHT,MIKE	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	REICHERT,PAM	EMS WAGE	\$ 237.07
5502	REICHERT,RICHARD	EMS WAGE	\$ 187.07
5502	STAMM,DEBORAH L	EMS WAGE	\$ 75.00
5502	TURPIN,BOONE	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	TURPIN,SHAUNA MICHELLE	EMS WAGE	\$ 200.00
5502	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS WAGE	\$ 127.07
5502	UNGER,KEISHA	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	WARNING,BRANDY	EMS WAGE	\$ 25.00
5502	WIESE,HEATHER	EMS WAGE	\$ 67.25
5502	EMS CLERICAL WORKER	WAGES	\$ 180.00

Curtis Graham discussed avenue 327: Road is not a through road, would like the county to do something to address the traffic and equipment that attempts to go through and gets stuck. There is already "Dead end" signage and a private drive sign.

Aaron Keiser expressed his gratitude to Benkelman EMS, Dundy

Linda Seabolt with the Benkelman Senior Center discussed fiscal request for 2023-2024. Requested \$4,600.00 as received in previous budget year.

Motion by Keiser to approve Fiscal Request of \$4,600.00 for the Dundy County Senior Center for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Olson to appoint Arlene Stute to the Benkelman Senior Center board, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Called Nebraska Generator Service LLC to discuss repairs for courthouse generator. Dusty was unavailable but will reach out when he can.

Discussed MASA medical air transport currently offered to Mike Rosenfelt as County Veteran Officer, and Shauna Turpin as EMS Clerical worker. Will continue to offer to those individuals, but moving forward only offer that benefit to full time employees and elected offices.

Discussed the appointment of Ryan King as Sheriff. Keiser stated that he thinks the board should carry forward with removing the interim label as King has registered a vehicle at a property in Dundy County and says he has been staying there, and claims it as his place of residence.

Motion by Keiser to remove the interim tag from Ryan King and appoint him as Sheriff, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Dickinson Land Surveyors met to discuss a survey of Avenue 345.

Discussed Bridge of Hope fiscal support request.

Motion by Olson to provide support for Bridge of Hope in the amount of \$500.00 for FY2024-2025, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Discussed Road Superintendent Application process. Closed the application period, will interview applicant Kurt Sellers on the June 17th 2024 Meeting date.

Pam Reichert discussed subscriptions for employees to the Benkelman Weight Buffet. Will survey employees to see how much interest there may be in participation.

Dusty from Nebraska Generator Services called, will refresh quote for generator repair and send to Clerk. Board decided to use Nebraska Generator Services for parts and installation of repairs needed.

Pam Reichert resumed discussions of FEMA inquiry for damages and potential reimbursement from the recent wind storms that have impacted the Parks and Haigler areas. Needs an estimate of damage costs to citizens to report to FEMA to progress. Discussed PSAP E911 set-aside funds: had to account for expenditures since June 30th 2022. Pam believes we have approximately \$110,000 of set-aside funds that must be spent prior to 2025, or those funds will be lost. Set-aside funds cannot be spent on salaries for communications center employees. Pam stated that as of March 2024, the Wireless Fund had approximately \$193,000, and those funds may be spent on salaries for communications center workers. The Wireless funds do not expire and will continue to receive disbursements of roughly \$37,000 per year. Pam discussed an issue with Haigler radio issues: North tower (Ambrosek tower) is still standing, but the antenna is laying on the ground. Will cost approximately \$4,000-5,000 to repair. Commissioners agreed the repair is necessary, Pam will reach out to Prairie State Communications to see what needs to be done.

County Attorney Arlan Wine delivered the County Attorney's report. Still working on policy handbooks, believe it will be done by Friday June 7th, 2024. Keiser requested a specific policy addressing who may purchase on behalf of the county. Stated Juvenile services program is moving forward. Keiser asked about providing emergency dispatch for other counties.

Ryan King delivered the Sheriff's Report.

Assessor Tish Burrell delivered the Assessor's 3 Year Plan and discussed 2024 Valuation.

Sandy Noffsinger, Interim Administrator for Dundy County Hospital, arrived with Rod Damrow to meet with the board and discuss the recent changes with the hospital's leadership. Sandy stated that as of the last hospital board meeting, an agreement was made that she will remain as Interim Administrator for 90 days while the board attempts to find a permanent replacement. Rod Damrow stated that he would like to find the permanent replacement before the end of his term on the hospital board, which will conclude on March 1st, 2025. Final applicants will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Ray Stute expressed concerns with the ditch on the road adjoining his property. He stated that he was unhappy with the motor grader operator removing dirt from the ditch, he stated that he now has areas that are now 16 inches deep that a pickup can't get up to access his field. Olson stated that he believes the road needs to be elevated a foot to prevent washing out on the roadway.

Ann Post was not available during the time period to discuss the application for NDOT Economic Opportunity Program relating to the highway construction for Blackshirt Feeders LP.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 11:06 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on June 17th, 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