

The regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners was held on June 17th, 2024 in the Commissioner's meeting room. The notice of this meeting was published in the June 12th, 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, Sye Tecker, Sheriff Ryan King, Kurt Sellers, Anita Kitt, Brad Stromberger, Karen Whitehead, Zoning Admin. Pam Reichert, Julie Jones, Kathy Haas, Kylie Joyce, Kent Anderson

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

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Richard to approve the June 3rd Commissioner meeting minutes, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Motion by Keiser to approve the claims as submitted which had already been paid previously, seconded by Tom 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	\$ 11,147.01
100	FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP, LLC	EMPE PRETAX FL	\$ 2,192.00
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	\$ 1,804.31
100	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$ 91.76
100	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$ 72.97
100	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$ 5,936.96
100	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$ 67.01
100	ACME PRINTING COMPANY	3947	\$ 688.00
100	APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	QUOTE 015765V1	\$ 11,421.60
100	BADGEANDWALLET.COM	640345	\$ 460.00
100	BLINDS.COM	#13622674	\$ 2,162.92
100	BURRELL, TISH	MILEAGE REIMB	\$ 158.12
100	BWTELCOM	983	\$ 4,702.43
100	CITY OF BENKELMAN	C&D MAY	\$ 1,492.56
100	COOK, KIMBERLY	MILEAGE	\$ 170.82
100	COOPER, LAURIE	MILEAGE REIMB	\$ 67.00

100	DEVENY CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE	946594	\$	38,748.00
100	DUNDY COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	\$	99.00
100	DUNDY COUNTY HOSPITAL	INMATE MEALS	\$	9.00
100	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	8933415-0	\$	10.77
100	FRECKS,NANCY	MILEAGE	\$	92.88
100	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105082	\$	1,794.45
100	GARRISONS - MCCOOK LETTERING	45888	\$	264.00
100	HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC	127146541	\$	140.00
100	HERRMANN-JONES FUNERAL CHAPEL	2024-048 ROELK	\$	1,500.00
100	HOMETOWN LEASING	32795391	\$	341.09
100	IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	22159341	\$	279.98
100	KEITH COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	CR24-7	\$	10.00
100	MIPS INC.	24060870	\$	5,750.36
100	MOUSEL, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, MUSTION	8997	\$	3,098.31
100	NACO	20011100C	\$	1,336.10
100	NEBRASKA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	6662	\$	490.00
100	NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY	99240	\$	120.00
100	NIRMA	25-76	\$	50,439.50
100	PAUL ROONEY PAINTING	860154	\$	2,900.00
100	PINNACLE BANK	3900	\$	1,232.86
100	PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERV.	30573	\$	348.50
100	PRESTON,MILES	POSTAGE REIMB	\$	39.25
100	QUILL CORPORATION	38835936	\$	482.92
100	REGION 51 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	SAFETY HARDHAT	\$	732.10
100	RIPLEY, KELLEN	DISPATCH WAGES	\$	360.00
100	SCOOP MEDIA LLC	4668	\$	806.72
100	SPAHN,ASHLEY,K, LAW OFFICE OF	2,807,828,075	\$	500.00
100	VIAERO WIRELESS	13901	\$	447.53
100	DISPATCH, DEPUTIES, OFFICIALS	WAGES	\$	49,895.07
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	\$	4,583.81
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	\$	712.65
200	NATIONAL INSURANCE SERVICES (NIS)	NIS SUPPLEMENT	\$	30.83
200	PREMIUM PROCESSING - COLONIAL	COLONIAL COUNT	\$	115.69
200	RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$	2,085.97
200	VISION SERVICE PLAN (CT)	EMPE VISION IN	\$	43.29
200	B'S ENTERPRISES INC.	224528	\$	108.00

200	BWTELCOM	1164	\$	416.60
200	CHASE COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	10017265	\$	100.00
200	DEVENY FORD	J9463	\$	140.00
200	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105081	\$	10,327.34
200	HT REPAIR	8582	\$	289.73
200	IMPERIAL NAPA	MARCH ACT2760	\$	4,863.10
200	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$	300.00
200	NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC.	NPLIN405422	\$	837.96
200	NIRMA	25-75	\$	50,439.50
200	NMC, INC	INV644434	\$	16,097.39
200	PRAIRIE STATES COMMUNICATIONS SERV.	30620	\$	152.50
200	RDO TRUCK CENTER CO.	X24138	\$	454.27
200	SOUTHWEST PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	10144000	\$	149.87
200	ST. FRANCIS EQUITY	1601477	\$	639.43
200	WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.	1365618T046	\$	172.11
200	ROAD WORKERS	WAGES	\$	21,291.85
650	MILLS RANCH INC. (MILLS PIT)	GRAVEL	\$	300.00
990	BWTELCOM	4539	\$	48.75
2420	M & C BAKE SHOP	DARE CAKE	\$	117.00
2913	BWTELCOM	5514	\$	830.43
5502	BWTELCOM	1481	\$	94.68
5502	DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CO.	135894	\$	5,125.00
5502	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	105077	\$	323.10
5502	HEYNE,STAN	EMS WAGE	\$	35.00
5502	REICHERT,PAM	MILEAGE	\$	434.46
5502	REICHERT,RICHARD	EMS WAGE	\$	52.22
5502	SCOOP MEDIA LLC	4652	\$	60.00
5502	STAMM,DEBORAH L	EMS WAGE	\$	95.50
5502	SWIGERT,EMILEE	EMS WAGE	\$	25.00
5502	TURPIN,SHAUNA MICHELLE	EMS WAGE	\$	110.50
5502	TURPIN,VINCE	EMS WAGE	\$	110.50
5502	UNGER,KEISHA	EMS WAGE	\$	50.00
5502	WIESE,HEATHER	EMS WAGE	\$	60.50

No comments were offered from the public at this time.

Anita Kitt and Bart Stromberger were present to discuss a road near Rd 722 and Ave. 329. They explained that they believed the road was a County Road established in 1956. The road is mostly used by local landowners, but recently oil company crews working in the area have been using the road a large amount. Kitt and Stromberger are concerned with the safety of the road, as it is narrow and contains large blind curves, and the oil crews travel the road at high speeds. Kitt and Stromberger would like to see the road widened to two lanes, and have spoken to the oil company about the matter, who have stated they would be willing to do the work if Dundy County's liability would cover them. The

board and County Attorney discussed the matter and will research whether the road is in fact a County road. If so, NIRMA will be contacted to see if a sub-contract situation could cover the oil company widening the road.

Reviewed Dan Miller's letter of Engagement for budgeting for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Requested \$3,400.00 for compensation upon completion of budget.

Motion by Olson to engage Dan Miller to complete the budget for Dundy County for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Karen Whitehead with Prairie Plains CASA and Kim Wilson discussed the services provided by CASA for juvenile support for court proceedings. CASA is a McCook based program that uses volunteers to assist 45-50 children a year on average. Requested \$2,000.00 again in support for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Motion by Keiser to support Prairie Plains Court Appointed Special Advocate in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Reviewed the Conveyance Compliance Sheet from the Nebraska State Fire Marshal Elevator Division. Will reach out to surrounding counties and Dundy County Hospital to see who they use for maintenance repairs.

Pam Reichert discussed communication tower antenna damage and repair estimate, discussed recently adding leased towers, as well as repeaters and antennas, to the NIRMA insurance schedule for Dundy County. Discussed disaster declaration letter, early approximation of damage is roughly \$860,000.00 for residents of Dundy County.

Motion by Keiser to sign Disaster Declaration Letter for May-June 2024 storm damage, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Reviewed NIRMA Renewal letter. Annual premium contribution up 13.99% to \$100,879.00.

Motion by Keiser to approve the NIRMA renewal agreement for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Discussed Indoor Custodian contract. Will re-publish request for bids for a submission date of June 28<sup>th</sup>, to be opened at the July 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner meeting.

Tish Burrell discussed the pending T.E.R.C. hearings with Dundy County, County Attorney has been in contact with T.E.R.C. regarding withdrawal of one of the hearings due to the party having passed away. Also discussed upcoming Permissive Exemptions to be considered.

Julie Jones spoke on behalf of the Library regarding a sewer problem. The Library has been experiencing sewer backups and recently had it snaked: they were informed that the plumbing would need to be replaced. The library received a quote from Dustin McEvoy for roughly \$7,500.00 to replace the pipes and reroute new plumbing to avoid replacing the existing plumbing buried under the building and

street. Insurance stated they would not cover the cost as it is attributable to normal wear and tear and degradation. Julie will look into further options.

Kathy Haas with Family Resource Center out of McCook gave a report of their services provided as well as financial reports.

Motion by Richard to provide payment of \$4,000.00 to Family Resources Inc. for services to be provided for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, seconded by Keiser.

Ayes: Unanimous

Kylie Joyce with Region II Services discussed the services provided for developmental disabilities and aging, as well as the financials for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Spoke with Joyce Anderson and Laurie of McCook Humane Society regarding financial request of \$125.00 per month for a total of \$1,500.00 per year for covering Dundy County residents' animal surrenders, as well as the Dundy County Sheriff's Office bringing stray dogs to the McCook Humane Society. Dundy County would still keep strays for a period to confirm that they are not lost and need to be reclaimed by their owners.

Motion by Keiser to pay \$1,500 for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year to McCook Humane Society to provide services to Dundy County Sheriff's Office and the residents of Dundy County, seconded by Richard.

Ayes: Unanimous

Sheriff King spoke about the Sanborne Road and crossing on Highway 34 just east of Mile Marker 2, DOT 077687K. Discussion amongst board, County Attorney, and County Road Superintendent about crossing maintenance jurisdiction and whether the area in question falls within the Railroad's right of way or Dundy County's.

The board interviewed Kurt Sellers for the Road Superintendent position. Olson asked Kurt his plan for what processes he intends to do for the position, Kurt stated he plans to complete the administrative processes of the Road Superintendent, but also be able to do some of the physical tasks of the road employees as he available to assist in those ways. Keiser stated he would like the Commissioners to have hiring and firing capabilities, with input from the County Road Superintendent. For Interviews, Keiser suggested there would be a board of 4 individuals, to include the Board of Commissioners and Road Superintendent. Kurt stated that his concern with that process is in a situation where the firing would need to be immediate, to which Keiser said in those scenarios a special or emergency meeting could be called. Kurt requested a specific physical job description for the duties and expectations of the Road Superintendent, to which Keiser agreed. Further Keiser said duties would include fielding calls from the public regarding the maintenance of county roads. Kurt requested a county pickup to take home to cut down on drive time and response, as well as a county paid cell phone which would be passed on to another appropriate employee in the event that Kurt is on vacation or leave, to maintain lines of communication at all times. Kurt also asked about an office location for the Road Superintendent. The board stated that they had been discussing a location for an office. Kent Anderson stated that the County would benefit from additional funding if Kurt was hired as an Assistant Road Superintendent and Anderson stayed on through the rest of the calendar year. Kurt clarified that he applied for the Road Superintendent position, not an assistant position. The board clarified that the distinction would only be in title. Salary and compensation was discussed, Kurt stated he was requesting \$65,000.00 annual salary,

with PTO. Penny Denny and Tish Burrell stated that salary would be more compensation than elected officials. Arlan wine stated that market value for the position would need to be considered to fill the position, and that it differed from elected positions which are subject to the locked in 4 year amounts chosen by the board before the officials' terms.

Motion by Keiser to hire Kurt Sellers as Assistant Road Superintendent starting July 1, 2024, at a salary of \$65,000.00 a year, seconded by Olson.

Ayes: Unanimous

Reviewed the application for County Truck Driver from Chris Pankonin. Will interview at 11:00 A.M. on July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

With no further business, Chairman Olson adjourned the meeting at 12:10 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Dundy County Commissioners will be held on July 1st, 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