

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 4, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Love, Van Berkum, Launsby. Absent: Giese. Also present was Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – February 20, 2024.
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for February 18 to March 2, 2024.
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, requesting approval of Resolutions 24C-007 releasing pledged securities.
 - b. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requesting Board approval of a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with NE RNG Interconnect LLC.
 - c. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requesting Board approval of the MEI Agreement for Professional Services for the 2024 Homer and Jackson Deck Repairs Project #24024 (C002221710 & M123023015)
 - d. Board to discuss and approve or not approve the creation of a Sign/Weed position within the Road Department.
 - e. Board to discuss and adopt a predesignated potential Grievance Board List.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Theresa Grove, Health Department Director – Quarterly Report
 - c. Discuss and approve or deny project/s or purchases with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
 - Jail - Albireo Energy – Smoke System Wiring-final project for HVAC system
 - Jail – Eakes – Rugs (permanent) for the jail
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Reminder - Joint City-County-School meeting at the So Sioux City Memorial Hall at 5:30 p.m.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the absence of Commissioner Giese from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for public comment. Glen Meyer, Republican Candidate for Legislative District 17, introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his intended campaign.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby, to approve the consent agenda items: a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – February 20, 2024; b) Approval of payroll claims for February 19 to March 2, 2024; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$182,366.10; Net Pay-\$131,526.69; Total Retirement-\$13,199.90; Total FICA-\$13,428.72; Health Plan-\$45,920.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$216.76; Robert Giese-\$1,200.60; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,246.75; Troy Launsby-\$1,000.60; Scott Love-\$1,200.60; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,200.60; Cherie Conley-\$2,487.80; Robin Hansen-\$1,460.80; Paola Ledesma-\$1,632.42; Kathy Abbe-\$1,444.80; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,487.80; Maria Garcia-\$1,294.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,725.60; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,444.00; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,365.60; Emily McNaughton-\$1,294.40; Debera Benton-\$1,480.80; Christy Abts-\$2,487.80; Melissa Collins-\$1,748.24; Joseph O'Neil-\$611.54; Karen Becerra-\$1,665.60; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,487.80; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,527.63; Debra Jensen-\$1,712.80; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,325.60; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,503.57; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,226.87; Shaun Bird-\$2,691.71; Timothy Decker-\$2,660.37; Brian Ellinger-\$2,990.60; Penny Epting-\$2,927.64; Brian Fernau-\$2,457.54; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,530.08; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,710.63; Martin Guerrero-\$2,644.46; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,768.22; Jason James-\$2,804.22; Kimberly Johnson-\$589.60; Jared Junge-\$2,514.38; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$2,519.82; Keaton Mueller-\$2,052.05; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,660.95; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-

\$2,400.96; Mardi Schnee-\$1,331.20; Joshua Townsend-\$2,631.18; Sarah Hammond-\$2,311.54; Shantel Krull-\$1,093.75; Melinda Sandvick (Wicks)-\$1,846.15; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,760.38; Kimberly Watson-\$3,884.44; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,400.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,740.39; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,742.76; Rebecca Broer-\$2,010.87; Ismael Castro-\$1,458.66; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,946.16; Chassidy Compton-\$1,123.89; Ruby De La Torre-\$2,094.17; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,006.07; Jesse Doelle-\$1,748.33; Cody Epting-\$1,742.76; Rebekah Epting-\$1,819.28; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,887.36; Jonathan Gray-\$2,369.29; Kara Groetken-\$1,949.61; Todd Hammer-\$2,555.28; Adam Hough-\$1,830.40; Joellen John-\$1,234.79; Dustin Johnson-\$1,234.54; Terry Johnson-\$2,415.63; Brandon Long-\$2,233.27; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,066.95; Skyler Miner-\$1,919.04; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,379.04; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$771.73; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,863.65; Nathaniel Ramirez-\$1,695.60; Adrian Ramos-\$1,651.44; Michele Rohde-\$1,554.46; Angel Ruelas Hernandez-\$771.23; Jeremy Russell-\$1,975.40; Jerry Santos-\$2,020.26; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,620.90; Randall Walsh-\$2,560.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,143.20; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,101.11; Jana Adam-\$727.21; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,735.21; Theresa Grove-\$2,408.00; Johanna Marquez-\$896.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,499.60; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,000.22; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,009.67; State Tax-\$6,175.92; Soc Sec-\$10,883.42; Medicare-\$2,545.30; Extra Fit-\$1,216.00; Extra Sit-\$455.00; Retirement-\$9,149.31; Health Plan-\$4,000.00; Dental Plan-\$546.00; Colonial Health-\$228.18; Sheriff Union Dues-\$450.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$590.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$975.87; Flex Dependent Care-\$416.66; VSP Vision Prem-\$429.96; Legal Shield-\$109.11; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$119.94; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$19,960.25; Net Pay-\$14,707.41; Retirement-\$1,347.32; Total FICA-\$1,466.51; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Chet Bottorff-\$1,584.10; Chad Cockburn-\$1,452.80; Emil Girard-\$1,827.35; Robert Hacker-\$1,852.00; Lance Jacobsen-\$2,160.00; David Kneifl-\$1,840.00; Daniel Konrad Lisenbee-\$1,816.00; Kimon Litras-\$1,876.00; Dean Pallas-\$1,920.00; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,816.00; Jeffrey Stanwick-\$1,816.00; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,148.96; State Tax-\$652.46; FICA-\$1,188.55; Medicare-\$277.96; Retirement-\$898.21; Health Plan-\$550.00; Dental Plan-\$63.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$47.71; Flex Plan Medical-\$108.69; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$34.82; Legal Shield-\$40.37; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$32.38; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,447.88; Net Pay-\$1,105.76; Retirement-\$97.73; Total FICA-\$110.76; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,447.88; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$89.62; State Tax-\$51.59; FICA-\$89.77; Medicare-\$20.99; Extra Fit-\$20.00; Exrta Sit-\$5.00; Retirement-\$65.15; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,796.47; Net Pay-\$1,408.26; Retirement-\$114.05; Total FICA-\$134.63; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$106.87; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,689.60; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$93.08; State Tax-\$47.81; FICA-\$109.11; Medicare-\$25.52; Retirement-\$76.03; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,560.00; Net Pay-\$1,268.49; Retirement-\$105.30; Total FICA-\$115.80; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,560.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$32.05; State Tax-\$27.22; FICA-\$93.85; Medicare-\$21.95; Retirement-\$70.20; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$25.24;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$282.18; Dental Account, premium-\$2,186.00; FSA Medical - \$975.87; FSA Dental - \$416.66; Health Plan, premium-\$49,920.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$450.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,225.67; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Legalshield, premium-\$109.11; Life Insurance, premium-\$216.76; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$590.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,630.92; Principal Life Insurance, premiums - \$2,509.76; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,349.21; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$26,857.44; VSP, premium-\$549.90. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$85.94; Dental Account, premium-\$263.00; FSA Medical - \$108.69; Health Plan, premium-\$6,1500.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,148.96; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$40.37; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$652.46; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,245.53; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,933.02; VSP, premium-\$67.20; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-Americian Benefits-claims \$70,550.43; **Health 2502 Fund:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$109.62; Life Insurance, premium - \$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$56.59; Principal Life Ins, premiums-\$22.98; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$162.88; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$221.52; **Health 2504 Fund:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$93.08; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.81; Principal Life, premium-\$24.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$190.08; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$269.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$62.05; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$27.22; Principal Life, premium - \$22.10; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$175.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$231.60; VSP, premium-\$25.24.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, request for approval of Resolutions 24C-007 releasing pledged securities. ROLL CALL VOTE:, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION 24C-007

APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES RELEASE

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that **BANK FIRST** be permitted to Release the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip # 78443HAF0
Amount \$2,500,000.00
Maturity Date 01/25/2041

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2024.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the NE RNG Interconnect LLC Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with Dakota County as presented by Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the MEI Agreement for Professional Services for the 2024 Homer and Jackson Deck Repairs Project #24024 (C002221710 & M123023015). ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein explained the County is required to have a Weed Superintendent and the difficulty in filling this position. In discussions with the Road Department Foreman, Lance Jacobsen, and Highway Superintendent, Jolene Gubbels, there is a need for a designated Road Sign position. Chair Hohenstein asked for discussion regarding the creation of a Road Sign/Weed Superintendent position. This person would need to have a CDL and an applicator license (6 months to obtain). This person would also help with road department jobs when needed. Commissioner Love asked who is currently doing signs. Ms. Gubbels advised that the person in the shop works on signs, but they are way behind in the signs area. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the new position of Road Sign/Weed Superintendent within the Road Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein explained that in the Employee Handbook it states the Board shall determine by random selection a predesignate list of 15 people to serve on the Grievance Board. Each Commissioner was asked to obtain 3 people who would be willing to serve on this Board and they were given to Board Secretary, Cherie Conley. A Resolution approving the list will be approved at the next meeting.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for February 18 to March 2, 2024. Total Road Maintenance – 262.5 hours, Tree/Debris removal – 21 hours, culverts/road projects – 7 hours (180th St), gravel hauling – 98 hours, 41.14 tons hauled, sign repair – 14 hours. Road concern Likuwanta Drive.

Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, presented a Quarterly Report – Immunization Clinic continues to offer Covid vaccine on Wednesdays. Appointments down to 3-5 people per week. Continue to offer Thursday night clinic every other week and last quarter gave roughly 266 vaccines to children. There are currently 15 grants they are working with and recently received a new one for \$25,000 for Diabetes Prevention. Hired a new Emergency Response Coordinator – Chloe Coover.

Chair Hohenstein advised that So Sioux City Grant Writer, Pat Somsky, has agreed to help the County with finding, applying and maintaining grants. She will be contracted on a grant by grant basis. If anyone has any needs they are encouraged to reach out to Ms. Somsky with the details and she will do some grant research.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the quote from Albireo Energy submitted by Sheriff Kleinberg to finish the installation of the Smoke System with the HVAC system as required by code and jail standards to be paid for using ARPA Funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

There were no Committee Reports. Mail and/or Emergency Business-the 2023 Annual Nebraska Loess Hills report was shared.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 4, 2024, at 3:31 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary