

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 18, 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 Kim Watson, County Attorney and 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 – March 4, 2024.
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for March 3, 2024 to March 16, 2024.
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Board to approve or not approve Resolution 24C-008 Grievance Board and list of members as set forth in the Employee Handbook approved 1-22-2024.
 - b. Board to approve Settlement Agreement and Release between the County and Brent Byroad.
 - c. Board to approve or not approve Audit Proposal from Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP, CPAs out of Wichita KS for County audit services (3 year contract - 6/30/2024 – 6/30/2026).
 - d. Brian Pearson, SIMPCO Facility Director/Transit Director, requesting Board to approve funding the Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) busing in the amount of \$15,000 per year to assist with the expense of 1500 rides per year in rural Dakota County effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to renew in writing annually.
 - e. Board to award bids for North Bluff Road concrete panel repairs.
 - f. Al Roys, Envirotech Services, present information regarding the soil stabilization process for M Avenue going to Danish Alps/Kramper Lake - Hubbard.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Discuss and approve or deny project/s or purchases with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
 - Jail – Eakes – Rugs (permanent) for the jail
 - District Court – US Bank Card-Sam's Club – Commercial coffee maker for jurors
 - District Court – Staples – Podium for Courtroom
 - Building & Grounds – 24/7 Locksmith Service – Rekey locks
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair Hohenstein called for public comment. Walter Beermann gave the members a copy of a DGR feasibility study from 2016 to review.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Stated he had gone through payroll and accounts payable and all looked to be in order. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum, to approve the consent agenda items: a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 4, 2024; b) Approval of payroll claims for March 3, 2024 to March 16, 2024; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; and e) Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk & Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund: Gross Salaries-\$174,701.82; Net Pay-\$125,090.50; Total Retirement-\$12,608.44; Total FICA-\$12,842.30; 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-\$1,467.65;

Paola Ledesma-\$1,584.18; 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; Debra Benton-\$1,480.80; Christy Abts-\$2,487.80; Melissa Collins-\$1,705.60; 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; Samantha Mitchell-\$131.45; Rodney Soole-\$1,975.54; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,664.16; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$1,849.10; Shaun Bird-\$2,280.51; Timothy Decker-\$2,660.37; Brian Ellinger-\$2,581.36; Penny Epting-\$3,175.55; Brian Fernau-\$2,472.53; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,462.31; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,322.37; Martin Guerrero-\$2,295.74; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,464.02; Jason James-\$2,680.04; Kimberly Johnson-\$536.80; Jared Junge-\$2,476.17; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$2,100.84; Keaton Mueller-\$1,860.38; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,396.16; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,100.84; Mardi Schnee-\$1,347.84; Ryne Sell-\$180.40; Joshua Townsend-\$2,240.10; Sarah Hammond-\$2,311.54; Shantel Krull-\$1,120.00; Melinda Sandvick (Wicks)-\$1,846.15; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,760.38; Kimberly Watson-\$3,884.44; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,400.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,623.88; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,627.92; Rebecca Broer-\$2,005.08; Ismael Castro-\$1,606.92; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,627.92; Chassidy Compton-\$669.55; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,656.42; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,255.82; Jesse Doelle-\$1,726.36; Cody Epting-\$1,627.92; Rebekah Epting-\$1,627.92; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,669.44; Jonathan Gray-\$1,903.23; Kara Groetken-\$1,946.81; Todd Hammer-\$2,479.23; Adam Hough-\$1,830.40; Joellen John-\$1,395.36; Dustin Johnson-\$1,395.36; Terry Johnson-\$1,956.18; Brandon Long-\$2,032.15; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,651.94; Skyler Miner-\$1,814.40; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,883.13; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$785.33; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,836.17; Nathaniel Ramirez-\$1,606.92; Adrian Ramos-\$1,651.44; Michele Rohde-\$1,581.01; Angel Ruelas Hernandez-\$768.20; Jeremy Russell-\$1,606.92; Jerry Santos-\$1,651.44; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,567.44; Randall Walsh-\$2,560.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,143.20; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,079.80; Jana Adam-\$925.54; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,735.20; Theresa Grove-\$2,408.00; Johanna Marquez-\$1,152.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,493.76; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,000.22; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$10,234.36; State Tax-\$5,702.76; Soc Sec-\$10,408.14; Medicare-\$2,434.16; Extra Fit-\$1,256.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$8,730.64; 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-\$1,550.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$975.87; Flex Dependent Care-\$416.66; VSP Vision Prem-\$430.23; Legal Shield-\$109.14; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.07; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.97; VSP Vision Base-\$120.08; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$19,879.48; Net Pay-\$14,594.55; Retirement-\$1,341.87; Total FICA-\$1,459.29; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Chet Bottorff-\$1,736.00; Chad Cockburn-\$1,214.45; Emil Girard-\$1,833.03; 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-\$1,139.74; State Tax-\$649.54; FICA-\$1,182.71; Medicare-\$276.58; Retirement-\$894.58; Health Plan-\$550.00; Dental Plan-\$63.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$47.71; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$108.69; Road Union Dues-\$220.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$34.84; Legal Shield-\$40.38; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$32.43; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,525.88; Net Pay-\$1,161.03; Retirement-\$103.00; Total FICA-\$116.73; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$0.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,525.88; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$98.56; State Tax-\$55.90; FICA-\$94.60; Medicare-\$22.13; Extra Fit-\$20.00; Extra Sit-\$5.00; Retirement-\$68.66; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,790.09; Net Pay-\$1,406.91; Retirement-\$112.62; Total FICA-\$134.13; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$121.61; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,668.48; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$90.66; State Tax-\$46.65; FICA-\$108.71; Medicare-\$25.42; Retirement-\$75.08; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,651.00; Net Pay-\$1,335.45; Retirement-\$111.44; Total FICA-\$122.77; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,651.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$40.74; State Tax-\$31.49; FICA-\$99.50; Medicare-\$23.27; Retirement-\$74.30; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$25.25;

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-dependent care - \$416.66; FSA Medical - \$975.87; Health Plan, premium-\$49,920.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$450.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$11,490.36; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$109.14; Life Insurance, premium-\$216.76; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1550.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,182.76; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,339.08; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$25,684.60; VSP, premium-\$550.31. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$85.94; Dental Account, premium-\$263.00; FSA Medical - \$108.69; Health Plan, premium-\$6,150.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,139.745; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$40.38; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$649.54; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$220.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,236.45; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,918.58; VSP, premium-\$67.27; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-monthly admin - \$34,401.53; Mid-American Benefits - medical claims \$26,557.49; **Health 2502 Fund:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$118.56; Life Insurance, premium - \$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$60.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$171.66; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$233.46; **Health 2504 Fund:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$90.66; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.65; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.70; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$268.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$40.74; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue,

state taxes-\$31.49; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$185.74; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$245.54; VSP, premium-\$25.25.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: A Team, repairs-\$518.00; Aaron Voss, vehicle equip-\$22,627.20; Advanced Correctional Healthcare, doc fee -\$10,647.17; Ameri-Tech Industrial, repair -\$58.38; Angela Abts, reimb-\$424.78; AT&T, phone-\$811.80; AutoZone, supp, misc, oil-\$44.35; Availity, medical -\$125.00; Beatrice State, institution-\$273.00; Billion, vehicle repair-\$1,634.89; Bryce Anderson, witness fee-\$24.69; Charm-Tex, supp -\$1,202.50; City of Dakota City, utilies-\$2,729.57; City of So Sioux City, fuel, LEC cost shares, meeting-\$56,035.37; Comfort Inn, workshop-\$134.95; Consolidated Management, meals-\$423.25; Crary Huff, atty fees-\$66.50; Crowne Plaza, lodging-\$869.70; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$80.74; Dakota County Court, court fees-\$2,704.60; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,115.10; Dakota County Treasurer, petty cash-\$32.00; DAS State Acct, state printer/tech fees-\$627.57; Data Source, toner-\$966.95; Dawn Bousquet, reimb-\$32.16; Diamond Drug, imate rx-\$1,809.28; District Court, court costs-\$545.00; Thomas Wentz, physician fee-\$250.00; Eakes, supplies-\$231.18; Easkes, prisoner & janitorial supp, misc-\$4,684.85; Egley Fullner Montag Morland, atty fees-\$1,606.10; Electronic Engineering, monthly monitoring-\$29.95; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease pymt-\$1,557.30; Fibercomm, phones-\$767.36; Fitzgerald Vetter, Temple, atty fees-\$2,554.50; Fremont Tire, tire repair, oil-\$857.62; G&R Controls, temp change-\$150.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$590.30; GreatAmerica Fincanical, copier contract-\$349.32; GRP, disposal-\$53.00; Husker Auto, new vehicle-\$47,197.00; HyVee, supp-\$92.79; Irene Van Lent, PYS-\$16.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms, LE supp-\$2,178.90; Julie Boyle, reimb-\$282.20; K&S Auto, vehicle repair-\$8,712.53; Kathy Wiltgen, reimb-\$135.63; Kim Watson, reimb, misc-\$171.34; Kustom Signals, radar-\$2,742.62; Leaf, copier contract, copies-\$514.55; Lincoln Regional, institution-\$273.00; Linda Carson, PYS-\$11.00; Marco, copier contract-\$563.42; Marco Technologies, copier contract-\$206.22; Margie Rahn, PYS-\$12.00; McKesson, medical supp-\$233.96; Menards, supp-\$30.97; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$210.90; Microfilm Imaging Syst, scannings-\$177.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$2,501.11; Midwest Alarm, door maint-\$272.50; MIPS, monthly software, scannings-\$3,871.10; NACCHO, membership-\$270.00; NE Loess Hills, dues-\$350.00; NE Weed Management Area, dues-\$100.00; Nebraska.gov, records-\$33.00; Nicholas Nieman, reimb-\$302.17; Norm Waitt, membership-\$205.00; NPPD, utilites-\$3,803.72; One Office, copies-bw/color, supp-\$1,847.76; Overhead Door, door opener-\$2,397.00; Pender Times, public-\$3,648.50; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fee-\$318.75; Physicians Lab, drug test-\$2,100.00; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; Prodigy Solutions, earbuds-\$45.00; R.Rohan Electric, repair in health dept-\$123.53; Region 4 Behavioral Health, mental health qrt 4-\$11,059.50; Reyna Ortiz, witness fee-\$27.37; Richard Thramer, atty fees-\$95.00; Road Improv, mainelli wagner, veenstra, JE fix-\$17,242.37; Robert Giese, reimb-\$192.96; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$12,884.40; Robertson Implement, repairs-\$1,391.81; Ron Gill, mileage, workshop, misc-\$313.52; RTI, IT support-\$6,991.04; Sams Club, membership-\$50.00; Sandhills State Bank, lease pymt-\$18,197.49; Secretary of Sate, records-\$20.00; Siouxland Lock & Key, maint-\$250.00; St. Lukes Dept of Lab Serv, labs-\$302.92; Stanard Appraisal Serv, resid reval-\$27,096.00; Stuart B Mills, atty fees-\$1,268.75; Summit Food, food & bev-\$36,785.92; Team Trouble, vehicle repair-\$500.00; Thurston County, subpoena-\$82.91; TK Elevator, elevator maint-\$251.11; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, searches-\$123.40; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; Unity Point Health, ER visit-\$299.99; US Bank, conference, meals, supp, misc-\$2,836.76; US Postal, monthly postage-\$4,000.00; USIQ, LE equip-\$728.45; Verizon, phones-\$42.88; Wells Fargo, copier contract, page fees-\$501.12; Wilmes Hardware, supp-\$14.97; WIT, training-\$20.00; Woodhouse, vehicle repair-\$55.61; **Road Fund:** Bomgaars, shop supp, tools-\$1,228.55; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$4,930.48; Dakota County Treasurer, title-\$35.00; Emerson Heritage, fuel-\$52.00; Engel's Heating & Cooling, bldg repair-\$1,127.50; Gary Backhaus, gravel-\$17,163.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$130.89; H204U, water-\$40.00; Heavy Metal Repair, parts-\$1,265.30; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$47.60; K&K Hubbard, fuel-\$188.03; Kevin O'dell Electric, e stop emerson shop-\$686.16; LINDBLOM, bathroom-\$97.50; LP Gill Landfill, cleanup of state yard-\$4,442.99; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$138.95; Matteo Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$3,086.40; Medical Enterprises, drug test-\$245.00; Arnie Mellick, PYS -\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$184.23; Midwest SVC & Sales, blades-\$2,462.10; Midwest Wheel, parts-\$78.33; NPPD, utilites-\$111.92; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$133.12; Northeast Power, utilites-\$351.53; O'reilly Auto Parts, parts-\$530.87; Pender Times, public-\$110.54; Power Plan, shop supp-\$1,614.43; RMS, shop supp-\$451.05; SAPP BROS, fuel-\$1,298.95; Sioux City Truck, shop supp-\$554.79; Titan Machinery, parts, shop supp-\$445.73; Team Trouble Chaser, misc-\$60.00; Tri-State Comm, radio equip repair, new radio equip-\$1,175.34; US Bank, misc, parts-\$354.81; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$452.75; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$82.89; Village of Emerson, utilites-\$81.81; Warren Oil, diesel-\$9,586.20; Wilmes Hardware, shop supp, tools, parts-\$159.35; Ziegler's, parts, supp-\$550.96; **Road Improvement 0802:** Mainelli Wagner & Assoc, 190th st culvert-\$6,657.37; Veenstra & Kimm, N bluff rd patching-\$744.00; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$9,760.94; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scannings-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$611.86; **Health Grant 2502:** Chloe Coover, reimb-\$144.72; US Bank, conference, flights, uber-\$1,801.55; **Health Grant 2504:** US Bank, supp, misc-\$916.88; Verizon, phones-\$82.89; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$549.00; Language Line, interpreter fee-\$15.34; **DCHD Covid fund 2508:** Ford Motor, lease pymt-\$912.16; US Bank, phones-\$102.84; **ARPA Fund:** Ace Refrigeration, refrigeration syst for jail-\$18,710.48; R.Rohan Electric, replace emergency lights/exit signs-\$2,118.55; Sioux City Fence, replace old frencing for rd-\$35,784.00; US Bank, coffee maker-\$388.84; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$34,543.11

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Love to approve Resolution 24C-008 Grievance Board and list of members as set forth in the Employee Handbook approved 1-22-2024. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION 24C-008
2024 GRIEVANCE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Employee Handbook adopted on January 22, 2024 sets forth certain protocols for the formation of a Grievance Board; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is required to annually designate a list of potential Grievance Board members who may be called to serve in the event that a matter or matters arise prompting the need for a Grievance Board;

THEREFORE, the following designated list of potential Grievance Board Members for Dakota County shall serve for a one year term or until his or her replacement has been selected by the County Board:

Jasper Kriens	Don Prenger	Bill Rohde
Stephanie Gatzemeyer	Kathy Abby	Ron Hartnett
Dawn Hanson	Mike Elston	Mike Schmiedt
Rick Jenkins	Lou Franco	Randy Meyer
Mike Morton	Dan Caskey	Nate Vajgrt

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2024.

Chair Hohenstein stated that during the resignation of Mr. Byroad, NIRMA questioned some procedures that were done in the process and in conversations the Board came to a resolution with everyone involved. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release agreement between Brent Byroad and the County of Dakota. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Audit Proposal from Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP, CPAs out of Wichita, KS for County audit services (3 year contract - 6/30/2024 – 6/30/2026). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Brian Pearson, SIMPCO Facility Director/Transit Director, appeared before the Board and informed that the SRTS busing services in Dakota County has been increasing and the trend looks like approximately 1500 rides will be given in the next year. More rural residents are starting to use the services. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve funding the Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) busing in the amount of \$15,000 to assist with the expense of 1500 rides per year in rural Dakota County effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and is to renew in writing annually. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chad Kehrt, with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. presented the two bids received for the North Bluff Road concrete patching project for 2024: Gill Construction - \$78,605.54 and Concrete Plus - \$82,353.63. Mr. Kehrt stated he would recommend the low bid to Gill Construction and the completion date is June 15, 2024. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve and award the bid to Gill Construction for \$78,605.54. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Al Roys, Envirotech Services, presented a slide show and information regarding the soil stabilization process for M Avenue going to Danish Alps/Kramper Lake – Hubbard called BaseBind3X. Continued discussion with the Road Department regarding this process to determine the road width is accurate and obtain estimates from contractors to work this substance into the road.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for March 2, 2024 to March 16, 2024. Total Road Maintenance – 308 hours; Overtime - .5 hours, Culverts/Rd Projects – 6 hours Fiddler Creek, 11 hours Q Ave and 12 hours 230th Street; Gravel hauling – 128 hours, 103 tons hauled, sign repair – 3 hours. Road concern culvert on 270th.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the purchase on the District Court – US Bank Card-Sam’s Club – Commercial coffee maker for jurors and the District Court quote from Staples to purchase a Podium for Courtroom using the ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the request of Rodney Soole, Buildings and Grounds and the quote from 24/7 Locksmith Service to have the main doors rekeyed so that they all have one key to be paid for from the ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Giese-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Launsby and Commissioner Hohenstein attended the Joint City/County/School meeting and Commissioner Launsby attended the Northeast District meeting.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 18, 2024, at 3:47 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary