

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 1, 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, Van Berkum, Giese, Launsby. Absent: Love. Also present was 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 18, 2024
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for March 17 – March 30, 2024
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension office, requesting Board approval of Elizabeth Nelson as Extension Board Member for Dakota County.
 - b. Dawn Bousquet, County Treasurer – Tax Sale report
 - c. Board discussion and approval / denial of the Weed Supt/Road Sign position job description.
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 (Elisabet Deroin) – Eakes – Rugs (permanent) for the jail
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair Hohenstein called for public comment. Omar Samaniego with Unity in Action informed the Board there will be a Candidate Forum for the Primary Election Commissioner candidates and District 17 Senatorial candidates on April 25th, at 5:30 pm at El Ranchito in South Sioux City.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby, to approve the consent agenda items: a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 18, 2024; b) Approval of payroll claims for March 17 to March 30, 2024; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$174,214.23; Net Pay-\$124,640.13; Total Retirement-\$12,563.67; Total FICA-\$12,805.47; Health Plan-\$46,480.00; Dental Plan-\$1,660.00; Life Insurance-\$219.31; 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-\$1,609.57; Kathy Abbe-\$1,444.80; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,487.80; Maria Garcia-\$1,294.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,911.94; 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; Samantha Mitchell-\$119.50; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,489.60; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$1,849.10; Shaun Bird-\$2,376.46; Timothy Decker-\$2,660.37; Brian Ellinger-\$2,518.40; Penny Epting-\$2,604.97; Brian Fernau-\$2,427.57; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,409.60; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,387.08; Martin Guerrero-\$2,411.98; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,433.60; Jason James-\$2,409.83; Kimberly Johnson-\$545.60; Jared Junge-\$2,476.17; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$2,244.67; Keaton Mueller-\$1,849.10; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,580.46; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,082.08; Mardi Schnee-\$1,356.16; Joshua Townsend-\$2,273.24; Sarah Hammond-\$2,311.54; Shantel Krull-\$1,120.00; Melinda Sandvick-\$1,846.15; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,760.38; Kimberly Watson-\$3,884.44; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,400.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,689.68; Shaelee Barreras-\$22.62; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,627.92; Rebecca Broer-\$1,968.12; Ismael Castro-\$1,616.62; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,684.71; Chassidy Compton-\$918.24; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,423.44; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,255.82; Jesse Doelle-\$1,748.45; Cody Epting-\$1,627.92;

Rebekah Epting-\$1,627.92; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,687.19; Jonathan Gray-\$2,166.78; Kara Groetken-\$1,916.10; Todd Hammer-\$2,502.05; Adam Hough-\$1,830.40; Joellen John-\$1,627.92; Dustin Johnson-\$1,632.70; Terry Johnson-\$1,780.98; Brandon Long-\$1,922.71; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,626.87; Skyler Miner-\$1,812.28; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,080.25; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$766.20; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,764.70; Nathaniel Ramirez-\$918.24; Adrian Ramos-\$1,651.44; Michele Rohde-\$1,549.63; Angel Ruelas Hernandez-\$768.20; Jeremy Russell-\$1,606.92; Jerry Santos-\$1,651.44; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,275.20; Randall Walsh-\$2,560.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,143.20; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,111.77; Jana Adam-\$697.16; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,735.20; Theresa Grove-\$2,408.00; Johanna Marquez-\$1,292.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,575.45; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,000.22;

General Fund Employee: Federal Tax-\$10,081.06; State Tax-\$5,690.69; Soc Sec-\$10,378.30; Medicare-\$2,427.17; Extra Fit-\$1,511.00; Extra Sit-\$430.00; Retirement-\$8,696.85; 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-\$424.20; 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-\$19,374.40; Net Pay-\$14,272.56; Retirement-\$1,307.77; Total FICA-\$1,420.65; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Chet Bottorff-\$1,736.00; Chad Cockburn-\$1,634.40; Emil Girard-\$908.00; 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-\$1,076.65; State Tax-\$618.49; FICA-\$1,151.39; Medicare-\$269.26; Retirement-\$871.85; 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-\$192.50; 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-\$1,550.25; Net Pay-\$1,178.25; Retirement-\$104.64; Total FICA-\$118.60; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,550.25; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.35; State Tax-\$57.29; FICA-\$96.12; Medicare-\$22.48; Extra Fit-\$20.00; Extra Sit-\$5.00; Retirement-\$69.76; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,689.60; Net Pay-\$1,309.57; Retirement-\$114.05; Total FICA-\$126.45; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,689.60; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$93.08; State Tax-\$47.81; FICA-\$102.48; Medicare-\$23.97; Retirement-\$76.03; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,599.00; Net Pay-\$1,297.19; Retirement-\$107.93; Total FICA-\$118.79; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,599.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$35.77; State Tax-\$29.05; FICA-\$96.27; Medicare-\$22.52; Retirement-\$71.96; 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-\$2,206.00; FSA Dep Care - \$416.66; FSA Medical - \$975.87; Health Plan, premium-\$50,480.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$450.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$11,592.06; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Legalshield, premium-\$109.11; Life Insurance, premium-\$219.31; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,550.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,120.69; Point C Health FSA – administration, \$506.50; Principal Life Insurance, premiums - \$3,133.08; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,260.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$25,610.94; VSP, premium-\$544.14. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$85.94; Dental Account, premium-\$283.00; FSA Medical - \$108.69; Health Plan, premium-\$6,710.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,076.65; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$40.37; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$618.49; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$192.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,179.62; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,841.30; VSP, premium-\$67.20; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-America Benefits-Admin fees \$35,473.56; Mid-America Benefits-medical claims \$86,090.90; **Health 2502 Fund:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$121.35; Life Insurance, premium - \$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$62.29; Principal Life Ins, premiums-\$22.98; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$174.40; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$237.20; **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-\$252.90; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$35.77; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$29.05; Principal Life, premium - \$22.10; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$179.89; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$237.58; VSP, premium-\$25.24.

Accounts Payable: Inheritance Tax Fund: Brent Byroad, settlement-\$25,000.

Chair Hohenstein read a letter to the Board that he had received giving high praise to Veteran Service Officer Nick Nieman for his help and dedication to the Veterans.

Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension office, named Elizabeth Nelson as the new Extension Board Member for Dakota County and requested Board approval. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Elizabeth Nelson as an Extension Board Member for Dakota County. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Dawn Bousquet, County Treasurer, presented the Board with the Tax Sale report from March 4, 2024. Amount of taxes advertised (304 parcels) for \$2,211,069.08; Amount of taxes sold (147 parcels) for \$231,264.09; Taxes remaining (53 parcels) for \$1,800,189.52. 100 parcels were paid up to date prior to new certificates being created and there were 60 investors present. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the Tax Sale report as presented by Dawn Bousquet, County Treasurer. Amount of taxes advertised (304 parcels) for \$2,211,069.08; Amount of taxes sold (147 parcels) for \$231,264.09; Taxes remaining (53 parcels) for \$1,800,189.52. 100 parcels were paid up to date prior to new certificates being created and there were 60 investors present. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein advised that the Weed Supt/Road Sign position / job description was still under review at the Local 251 Union, and therefore, under the advisement of the County Attorney's office, recommended the approval of the Weed Supt/Road Sign job description be moved to the next agenda.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for March 17, to March 30, 2024. Total Road Maintenance – 305 hours, Tree/Debris removal – 2 hours, Bridge maintenance – 11.5 hours (cleaning Jackson/Homer), gravel hauling – 120 hours, 596.55 tons hauled, sign repair – 11 hours. Road concerns: 230th, M Ave, Wigle Creek, Fiddler Creek. She reported the engineers working on Jackson Bridge, suggested closing the bridge instead of leaving one lane open for safety reasons and starting a week later. It will not change the completion date. She will be posting in the paper the Mowing notice, ROW notice and Fencing notice to landowners. Regarding M Avenue project – she will be advertising for 3 bids to complete the construction portion of the road before the product can be applied. Likuwanta drive project – waiting for engineers report. Road Forman, Lance Jacobsen, advised he has 6 culvert projects they are working on.

Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the quote from Eakes for purchase of permanent durable rugs in the lobby area and master control area of the jail entrance using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports. Commissioner Giese informed having conversations with Pat Somsy, Grant Writer, and believes there are grant opportunities available for the county and she suggested the County get an energy audit. Commissioner Launsby attended a Northstar meeting in O'Neill.

Mail and/or Emergency Business – None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 1, 2024, at 3:22 p.m.

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary