

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, July 22, 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. Pledge was recited at the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:00 a.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 – July 8, 2024 and road tour minutes – July 16, 2024
 - b. Approval of payroll for July 7, 2024 to July 20, 2024
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk & Clerk of District Court
 - f. Approval of Sheriff and Jail Quarterly Reports for April to June, 2024.
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Board to Review and Award bid for the Emerson Northeast - S Avenue road project.
 - b. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, requesting Chair to sign the Semi-annual Statement for January 1 to June 30, 2024, showing amount and source of money collected since last settlement, vouchers, amount of taxes due and unpaid and money on hand. \$23-1605, \$77-1745
 - c. CEC, Jeff Dooley, and Brett Langley, to give update on the Likuwanta project.
 - d. Board to discuss and approve or not approve sending 360-day written notice of termination of the current South Sioux City-Dakota County Law Enforcement Co-Location Agreement to South Sioux City effective August 31, 2025 and negotiate terms for a new agreement.
 - e. Board to discuss and approve or not approve dust control on South Bluff Road due to the Homer Bridge is closed for repairs
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Big Iron sale report
 - c. Sheriff Kleinberg / Elisabet Deroin – Jail Quarterly Report (April, May, June 2024)
 - d. Discuss and approve or deny project/s or purchases with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
 - Discuss and approve or not approve paying for engineering costs (CEC) for the Likuwanta road project using ARPA funds (1 claim listed below) and any going forward.
 - 1) Approve or not approve Accounts Payable Claim to CEC for engineering and design for Likuwanta for \$39,685.00
 - Approve or not approve Accounts Payable Claim to Oban Construction for the Jail Parking lot asphalt project – stabilization work that was done in June for \$25,000
 - Public Defender – Quote for additional panels for front office desk – One Office
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, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for public comment.

Doug Tondreau, So Sioux City, asked why 152nd Street wasn't being mowed. The Road Department has a new employee and he will be shown where to mow.

Walter Beermann had Commissioner Giese read a portion of a letter from empirical wherein it says they are in favor of the proposed Crystal Lake project with stipulations.

Dawn Bousquet, County Treasurer, informed her office has been cleaning out the basement of old records no longer needed and requests the additional shredding bins be paid for from ARPA funds.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the consent agenda items: a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 8, 2024 and July 16, 2024; b) Approval of payroll claims for July

7 to July 20, 2024; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$176,234.98; Net Pay-\$126,186.33; Total Retirement-\$12,500.72; Total FICA-\$12,961.84; Health Plan-\$43,680.00; Dental Plan-\$1,560.00; Life Insurance-\$205.67; 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-\$1,556.67; Paola Ledesma-\$1,784.78; Kathy Abbe-\$1,444.80; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,487.80; Maria Garcia-\$1,294.41; 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-\$2,025.40; Joseph O'Neil-\$611.54; Karen Becerra-\$1,677.60; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,487.80; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,527.63; Debra Jensen-\$1,712.80; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,325.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$49.72; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,510.55; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$1,932.00; Shaun Bird-\$2,264.04; Timothy Decker-\$2,660.37; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$2,746.75; Brian Fernau-\$2,407.08; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,473.27; Martin Guerrero-\$2,618.00; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,504.80; Jason James-\$2,450.71; Kimberly Johnson-\$594.00; Jared Junge-\$2,516.80; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$2,368.64; Keaton Mueller-\$1,932.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,305.88; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,163.84; Mardi Schnee-\$1,335.36; Sarah Hammond-\$2,311.54; Shantel Krull-\$1,400.00; Melinda Sandvick (Wicks)-\$1,846.15; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,760.38; Kimberly Watson-\$3,884.44; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,400.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,742.85; Shaelee Barreras-\$104.62; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,582.16; Rebecca Broer-\$1,958.71; Ismael Castro-\$1,606.92; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,711.76; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,639.05; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,679.16; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$770.20; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,255.82; Cody Epting-\$1,618.92; Rebekah Epting-\$1,680.53; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,733.90; Jonathan Gray-\$2,005.80; Kara Groetken-\$1,787.33; Todd Hammer-\$2,520.46; Adam Hough-\$1,841.84; Dustin Johnson-\$1,627.92; Terry Johnson-\$1,800.23; Brandon Long-\$1,951.47; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,699.28; Skyler Miner-\$1,857.26; Gerardo Navarro-\$1,761.48; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,897.22; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$769.98; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,759.20; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,611.76; Nathaniel Ramirez-\$1,724.30; Michele Rohde-\$1,588.26; Angel Ruelas Hernandez-\$765.20; Jeremy Russell-\$1,611.76; Jerry Santos-\$1,656.42; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,474.77; Armando Valerio-\$1,627.92; Randall Walsh-\$2,560.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,179.20; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,295.60; Jana Adam-\$1,244.07; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,786.30; Theresa Grove-\$2,408.00; Johanna Marquez-\$776.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,563.78; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,000.22; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$10,270.59; State Tax-\$5,790.75; Soc Sec-\$10,505.04; Medicare-\$2,456.80; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$440.00; Retirement-\$8,644.53; Health Plan-\$4,000.00; Dental Plan-\$546.00; Colonial Health-\$228.18; Sheriff Union Dues-\$510.00; 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-\$405.30; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.07; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.97; VSP Vision Base-\$115.19; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,506.59; Net Pay-\$16,285.97; Retirement-\$1,519.16; Total FICA-\$1,642.59; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Chet Bottorff-\$1,844.80; Emil Girard-\$1,924.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Lance Jacobsen-\$2,160.00; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,942.85; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Daniel Konrad Lisenbee-\$962.40; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,978.94; Jeffrey Stanwick-\$1,924.80; Scott Stolze-\$1,844.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,393.76; State Tax-\$747.52; FICA-\$1,331.24; Medicare-\$311.35; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$1,012.83; Health Plan-\$800.00; Dental Plan-\$84.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$47.71; Flex Plan Medical-\$108.69; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.18; Legal Shield-\$58.36; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$40.25; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,560.00; Net Pay-\$1,136.77; Retirement-\$105.30; Total FICA-\$119.34; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,560.00; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$170.85; State Tax-\$57.84; FICA-\$96.72; Medicare-\$22.62; Extra Fit-\$5.00; Exrta Sit-\$0.00; Retirement-\$70.20; **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-\$1,664.00; Net Pay-\$1,345.03; Retirement-\$112.32; Total FICA-\$123.76; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,664.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$41.98; State Tax-\$32.10; FICA-\$100.30; Medicare-\$23.46; Retirement-\$74.88; 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-\$2,106.00; FSA Dep Care - \$416.66; FSA Medical - \$975.87; Health Plan, premium-\$47,680.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$510.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$11,796.59; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$205.67; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,550.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,230.75; Point C Health FSA-admin fees-\$82.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,145.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$25,923.68; VSP, premium-\$520.49. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$85.94; Dental Account, premium-\$304.00; FSA Medical - \$108.69; Health Plan, premium-\$6,960.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,418.76; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$747.52; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,531.99; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,285.18; VSP, premium-\$90.43; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-medical

claims \$15,093.26; **Health Fund 2502:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$175.85; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$57.84; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$175.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$238.68; **Health Fund 2504:** 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; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$190.08; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$252.90; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$41.98; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$32.10; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.20; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$247.52; VSP, premium-\$25.25.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$487.68; Leaf, copier contract-\$139.06; One Office, toner-\$275.88; DAS State Acct, state printer/tech fees-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$68.09; MIPS, software-\$1,036.68; One Office, supplies-\$1,029.10; Ramada by Wyndham, lodging-\$214.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$279.00; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval-\$22,936.00; Marion Cain, election worker-\$13.34; Cherie Conley, reimbursement-\$67.79; Dakota County Star, publications-\$212.87; First Lutheran Church, polling place rental-\$100.00; Terri Johnston, election worker-\$20.68; Election Workers, special election workers-\$3,956.77; Mundo Latino, publications-\$525.00; River Hills Assembly, polling place rental-\$100.00; Connie Schoenberner, election worker-\$34.08; SSC Legion Hall, polling place rental-\$100.00; Scott Bousquet, mileage, meeting-\$51.03; Ron Collins, mileage, meeting-\$52.04; Tim Decker, mileage, meeting-\$83.59; Ron Gill, mileage, meeting-\$61.88; Jolene Gubbels, mileage, meeting-\$150.00; Gordon Hegge, mileage, meeting-\$71.13; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; Steven Lieber, mileage, meeting-\$54.12; Dick McCabe, mileage, meeting-\$98.47; Harold Moes, mileage, meeting-\$73.14; One Office, copies-\$28.81; Martin Rohde, mileage, meeting-\$77.16; US Bank, postage, conference-\$98.95; RTI, IT support-\$4,794.90; Leaf, copier contract-\$94.03; MIPS, monthly software, scanning-\$68.00; One Office, copier usage-\$38.93; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, lodging, meals, parking-\$293.27; DAS State Acct, supplies-\$153.82; Marco, copier contract-\$354.55; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$177.00; US Bank, supplies-\$122.09; Leaf, copier contract-\$65.00; One Office, colored copies-\$99.61; Thomas Reuters West, book-\$89.95; Maggie Cook, court reporter, mileage-\$121.90; Crary Huff, atty fees-\$494.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,557.40; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$2,132.00; District Court, court fees, deposit slips-\$1,265.00; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, atty fees-\$874.00; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC, LLO, atty fees-\$841.74; Linda Kastning, hearing, mileage-\$108.50; Jessica Mendoza, witness fee, mileage-\$26.70; Robyn Newbrey, hearing, mileage-\$108.50; Runge Law Office, atty fees-\$912.00; Richard Thrammer, atty fees-\$997.50; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$16,776.12; A Team, building repair-\$793.00; Berkins Fire & Safety, semi annual inspections-\$207.65; City of Dakota City, utilites-\$216.17; Drain Specialists, roof repair-\$240.00; Eakes, supplies, floor machine-\$1,116.04; G&R Controls, building temp controls-\$440.86; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$600.71; Midwest Alarm Services, service call-\$425.00; NPPD, utilites-\$1,366.42; Robertson, repairs-\$150.49; TK Elevator, elevator maintenance-\$251.11; Trembyl, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel-\$38.50; Julie Boyle, reimbursement-\$51.19; Dakota County Star, publications-\$12.10; Leaf, copier contract-\$189.40; One Office, copies-bw/color, paper-\$369.97; PMNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; US Bank, postage, memberships-\$240.44; Assoc of Psychological & Therapy, state required tests-\$230.00; AT&T, phones-\$720.72; AutoZone, supplies, vehicle repairs-\$707.51; Ben Fish, vehicle repair-\$1,656.00; Billion, vehicle repair-\$104.81; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$6,302.33; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$15.22; Fremont Tire, tire repair-\$27.00; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$60.16; Holiday Inn Express, lodging-\$321.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$125.95; Pepperball Technologies, LE supplies-\$178.00; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, office supplies-\$132.10; Spike's Tactical, LE supplies-\$120.00; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, searches-\$120.00; US Bank, LE supplies, training, fuel, office supplies-\$4,772.07; Wilmes Hardware, LE supplies-\$35.94; WIT, trainings-\$58.00; Marco, copier contract-\$131.25; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$49.00; US Bank, phones, supplies-\$134.38; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares for July-\$64,411.25; Walnut Radio, radios-\$4,760.00; Wayne Radio Works, radios-\$4,992.00; A Team, a/c repair-\$159.00; Advanced Correctional Healthcare, doc fee & prescriptions-\$10,647.17; Associated Fire Protection, FA quarterly inspection-\$1,459.00; AT&T, phones-\$93.90; Charm-Tex, prisoners supplies-\$533.50; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$5,409.55; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$398.25; Diamond Drug, inmate RX-\$3,428.71; Drain Specialists, building repair-\$150.00; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, misc-\$2,565.50; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$468.03; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$678.40; NPPD, utilities-\$3,476.39; Phoenix Plumbing, building repair-\$3,826.15; R Rohan Electric, building repair-\$125.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; St. Lukes Dept of Lab Serv, inmate labs-\$190.07; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$28,736.61; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate boarding-\$1,920.00; Trembyl, pest control-\$100.00; Unity Point Health, prisoners medical-\$3,609.13; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$4,496.66; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes, key, hardware-\$296.74; Dodge County Clerk, quarterly billings-\$14,019.51; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$118.70; US Bank, supplies-\$121.72; Verizon, phones-\$42.90; Bomgaars, misc, chemicals, oils-\$547.66; US Bank, parts, postage-\$1,642.68; Availity, medical billing-\$128.75; Marco, copier contract-\$268.30; US Bank, language line, misc, supplies-\$245.44; Dr Thomas Wenthe, consulting physician fee-\$250.00; CVSOAN, training-\$60.00; John Gunia, grave markers-\$550.00; Nicholas Nieman, reimbursement-\$272.02; US Bank, online legal research-\$393.00; Cherie Conley, reimbursement-\$28.68; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; DHHS, general assistance cases-\$6,840.38; Electronic Engineering, monthly monitoring-\$29.95; F&M Bank, service fees-\$59.14; Fibercomm, phones-\$767.33; Innovative Appraisal Service, BOE data collection & analysis, protest hearings-\$4,017.50; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, checks-\$670.81; Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home,

cremation-\$1,800.00; NE Neb Area Agency on Aging, county dues-\$9,115.00; Norm Waitt, membership-\$102.50; One Office, paper-\$2,156.00; Quadiant Leasing, ink-\$140.60; Region IV, county dues-\$5,320.25; Siouxland Regional Transit System, bus services-\$15,000.00; Stanard Appraisal, protest hearings-\$920.00; Team Trouble Chaser, decal vehicle-\$350.00; US Postal, monthly postage-\$4,000.00; Waterbury Funeral Service, cremation-\$1,800.00; 0802 Road Improvement, fund transfers-\$634.80; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$14,745.28; Bomgaars, shop supplies-\$65.60; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$6,536.30; Certified Laboratories, oil, grease-\$593.45; Daum Tree Service, tree removal-\$2,500.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$117.60; Emerson Heritage, fuel-\$73.15; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; Grossenburg Implement, tractor rental, misc-\$1,600.00; H204U, water-\$52.00; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$144.31; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, parts-\$29.84; K&K Hubbard, fuel-\$481.20; LINDBLOM, bathroom-\$56.81; Lux Bros Trucking, culverts-\$85.39; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$292.59; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; Menards, lumber, misc-\$130.36; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$14.66; Midwest Svc & Sales, traffic signs-\$2,248.75; Miller Tire, tires-\$1,052.00; NPPD, utilities-\$114.60; Northeast NE Tire & Trailer, supplies-\$29.16; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$111.02; Northeast Power, utilities-\$358.15; Northside Glass, parts-\$400.00; O'reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$7.93; Power Plan, parts, labor-\$6,509.88; Robertson, parts, labor-\$121.15; SAPP BROS, shop supplies, misc fuel-\$2,088.10; Sioux City Truck Sales, shop supplies-\$489.47; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$27.76; Steffen Truck, parts, labor-\$4,279.59; US Bank, shop supplies-\$186.35; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$82.91; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$68.24; Warren Oil, diesel-\$7,807.80; Wilmes, supplies, tools-\$160.52; Ziegler's, parts, labor-\$2,613.43; **Road & Bridge Improvement:** Veenstra & Kimm, S bluff rd culvert extension-\$634.80; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$25,046.53; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scannings-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **Health Grant 2502:** Consolidated Electrical Distributor, generator-\$740.15; US Bank, workshop, meals, misc-\$160.81; **Health Grant 2504:** US Bank, supplies, website-\$410.38; Verizon, phones-\$82.91; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$732.00; Language Line, interpretation-\$26.75; **DCHD Covid fund 2508:** Ford Motor Credit, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, phones-\$252.91; **ARPA Fund:** Barkley Asphalt, front parking asphalt-\$131,775.00; Civil Engineers, Lik U Wanta project-\$39,685.00; Eclipse Pro Painting, painting fire hall and courthouse-\$23,500.00; EV Contracting, ADA compliant, vestibule area-\$29,989.00; Menards, remodel areas for jail-\$8,689.45; Oban Construction, stabilization work-\$25,000.00; **E911:** City of So Sioux City, 911 monies-\$6,098.99; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$37,732.60

Chair Hohenstein called for discussion regarding bids on S Avenue road project Northeast of Emerson. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, advised that Midwest Engineering Inc. reviewed the bids received 1) Oban Construction Inc. for \$205,761.62 and 2) Steve Harris Construction Inc. for \$248,971.34 and they suggested going with the low bid. Chair Hohenstein asked if signage diverting traffic from using that road was an option. Gubbels stated it is a busy road. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the bid from Oban Construction Inc. for \$205,761.62 for the Emerson Northeast S Avenue Road project. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Dawn Bousquet, County Treasurer, presented the Semi-annual Statement for January 1 to June 30, 2024, showing amount and source of money collected since last settlement, vouchers, amount of taxes due and unpaid and money on hand.

CEC, Brett Langley, appeared to give an update on the Likuwanta road project. He informed that they are approximately 60% done with the plans and have been meeting with Mr. Mari regarding future projects so the plans can somewhat align. He presented the T intersection plan with 50 foot turn radius which costs more, but for public safety would be the best option. Board agreed. He asked for guidance on where the concrete should stop on the dead-end road as it runs into other property owners land. Board suggested ending at Mari property. He described where the 2 different storm water outlets would be and the flow of water going in each direction. The next step is to acquire easements and they are checking with Crary Huff Law firm to help with this process. Cost estimates initially were thought to be around 1.1 million but are coming in a bit higher at around 1.37 million due to higher prices. Still plan on being ready to bid the end of August to first part of September. Board will have to approve the final plans.

Commissioner Hohenstein reported on the LEC agreement. He met with Lance Hedquist, Nanci Walsh, Mayor Koch and advised that the City is willing to sit down and look at the original agreement from 1996 without the need to sign and send a formal letter. He suggests forming a committee to meet and discuss the budgets, positions and other aspects of the current agreement that may need changed/updated. He believes in good faith things can be changed. The Board would like this placed on the next agenda for an update.

Homer Bridge closed for repairs is forcing all Homer traffic to detour on county roads and the dust makes visibility bad. Discussion on the maintenance and type of dust control to use. Commissioner Launsby moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve using ARPA funds to pay for dust control being placed on county roads going north and south out of Homer while the bridge is closed for safety reasons. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for July 7 to July 20, 2024. Total Road Maintenance – 278 hours, Overtime – 8.5 hours, Tree/Debris removal – 25.5 hours; Bridge Maintenance – 22 hours, Culverts – 170 hours (197th and 160th), Road drag – 10 hours, Gravel hauling – 132 hours, 686.15 tons hauled, Sign repair – 42 hours, and Weed Spraying – 13.5 hours. Road concerns: Grading – Rowan Ave and 170th. A summary of activity of the weed department was shared with the Board. The Dorsey bridge project is scheduled to be opened in 2 weeks. Currently working the approaches.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Big Iron Surplus Sale report with the road department bringing in \$144.75 and the building and grounds bringing in \$222.00 for a total of \$366.75.

Captain DeRoin presented the quarterly jail report for March/April/May.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve using ARPA funds to pay for the CEC engineering costs of the Likuwanta street project. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-No, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein explained that the jail parking lot project was underway with Barkley Asphalt preparing the ground and found that there needed to be additional stabilization work done prior to asphalt being applied. Due to time constraints and rain, Oban Construction was hired to help with this project and the claim has been submitted for payment. Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the accounts payable claim to Oban Construction Inc. for \$25,000 for the stabilization work done on the jail parking lot area to be paid for using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the Public Defender's request for additional panels for the front desk from One Office for approximately \$619.00 using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-No, Giese-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports. Commissioner Launsby attended a P & Z meeting where solar panel farm regulations were being discussed. Commissioner Giese attended a NE Area Aging meeting in Norfolk.

Mail and/or Emergency Business – None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of July 22, 2024, at 4:03 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary