

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, August 5, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was said at the BOE meeting prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Love, Van Berkum, Giese, Launsby. Absent: None. 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 22, 2024
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for July 21, 2024 to August 3, 2024
 - c. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any)
 - d. Approval of Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April to June, 2024
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Board to Review and Award bid for the South Bluff Road Culvert Extension (Homer) project.
 - b. Sheriff's Office to present Distress Warrants Report showing the total amount collected on current distress warrants and the amount remaining uncollected \$77-1719.01. Board approve report and authorize the Assessor to remove from the property tax rolls, and said properties recommended on Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report to be stricken and deleted by correction.
 - c. Board to accept the resignation of County Treasurer, Dawn Bousquet, and Chair to designate an Interview Committee for the Treasurer position.
 - d. Board to discuss Empirical /Crystal Lake water project and discuss whether to proceed or not.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Discuss and approve or deny project/s with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
 - Building and Grounds – Discuss options to create an exit door for the DMV (safety issues) and paying for with ARPA funds.
 - Chief Deputy Decker – Request to purchase RIGAKU CQL NARC ID device for officer safety.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the consent agenda items: a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 22, 2024; b) Approval of payroll claims for July 21, to August 3, 2024; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love – Yes, Van Berkum – Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$180,660.78; Net Pay-\$129,563.26; Total Retirement-\$12,845.70; Total FICA-\$13,299.17; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$210.77; 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-\$1,624.81; 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-\$1,785.55; 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; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$384.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$2,369.40; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,058.80; Shaun Bird-\$2,264.04; Timothy Decker-\$2,660.37; Brian Ellinger-\$2,625.21; Penny Epting-\$3,297.78; Brian Fernau-\$2,468.80; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,535.07; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,414.03; Martin Guerrero-\$2,483.36; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,504.80; Jason James-\$2,405.60; Kimberly Johnson-\$589.60; Jared Junge-\$2,626.91; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$2,252.72; Keaton Mueller-\$1,932.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,653.53; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,176.72; Mardi Schnee-\$1,352.00; Ryne Sell-\$569.14; Sarah Hammond-\$2,311.54; Shantel Krull-\$1,260.00; Melinda Sandvick (Wicks)-\$1,846.15; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,760.38; Kimberly Watson-\$3,884.44; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,400.01; Jacob Acero-\$1,724.31; Shaelee Barreras-\$22.62; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,627.92; Rebecca Broer-\$2,039.84; Ismael Castro-\$2,000.64;

Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,860.71; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,606.92; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,679.16; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$617.91; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,255.82; Cody Epting-\$1,627.92; Rebekah Epting-\$1,627.92; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,748.62; Jonathan Gray-\$2,211.41; Kara Groetken-\$1,798.37; Todd Hammer-\$2,504.80; Adam Hough-\$1,830.40; Dustin Johnson-\$1,627.92; Terry Johnson-\$2,275.07; Brandon Long-\$2,403.67; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,449.41; Skyler Miner-\$2,042.03; Gerardo Navarro-\$1,627.92; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,396.31; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$766.70; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,786.69; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,352.46; Nathaniel Ramirez-\$2,050.73; Michele Rohde-\$1,544.80; Angel Ruelas Hernandez-\$792.11; Jeremy Russell-\$1,670.40; Jerry Santos-\$1,651.44; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,820.48; Armando Valerio-\$1,627.92; Randall Walsh-\$2,560.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,179.20; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,351.56; Jana Adam-\$48.08; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,747.46; Theresa Grove-\$2,408.00; Johanna Marquez-\$1,088.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,528.77; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,000.23; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$10,908.03; State Tax-\$6,067.57; Soc Sec-\$10,778.40; Medicare-\$2,520.77; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$440.00; Retirement-\$8,884.52; 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-\$1,090.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$975.87; Flex Dependent Care-\$416.66; VSP Vision Prem-\$405.04; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$132.80; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$19,547.20; Net Pay-\$13,820.31; Retirement-\$1,319.40; Total FICA-\$1,390.69; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Chet Bottorff-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Lance Jacobsen-\$2,160.00; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; Jeffrey Stanwick-\$1,924.80; Scott Stolze-\$1,844.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,165.26; State Tax-\$618.65; FICA-\$1,127.09; Medicare-\$263.60; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$879.66; Health Plan-\$1,050.00; Dental Plan-\$105.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$35.10; Flex Plan Medical-\$108.69; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$40.58; Legal Shield-\$58.34; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$40.19; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,540.50; Net Pay-\$1,124.84; Retirement-\$103.98; Total FICA-\$117.85; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,540.50; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$166.76; State Tax-\$56.73; FICA-\$95.51; Medicare-\$22.34; Extra Fit-\$5.00; Extra Sit-\$0.00; Retirement-\$69.32; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,679.04; Net Pay-\$1,302.09; Retirement-\$113.34; Total FICA-\$125.64; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,679.04; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$91.86; State Tax-\$47.23; FICA-\$101.83; Medicare-\$23.81; Retirement-\$75.56; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,664.00; Net Pay-\$1,345.04; 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-\$25.24;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$282.18; Dental Account, premium-\$2,146.00; FSA Dep Care - \$416.66; FSA Medical - \$975.87; Health Plan, premium-\$48,800.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$510.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,434.03; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$210.77; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,090.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,507.57; Principal Life Insurance, premiums-\$2,680.77; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,730.22; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$26,598.34; VSP, premium-\$537.84. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$305.00; FSA Medical - \$108.69; Health Plan, premium-\$6,650.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,190.26; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$618.65; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,199.06; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,781.38; VSP, premium-\$80.77; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits, Inc – administrative fees - \$34,658.66; Mid-American – admin fees - \$34,658.66; Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$39,316.12; Point C FSA Withdrawals ACH/Check - \$23,562.74; **Health Fund 2502:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$171.76; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$56.73; Principal Life Insurance, premium-\$22.98; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$173.30; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$235.70; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$91.86; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.23; Principal Life Insurance, premium-\$24.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.90; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$251.28; 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; Principal Life Insurance, premium-\$22.10; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.20; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$247.52; VSP, premium-\$25.24.

Chad Kehrt, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc, presented 4 bids that were received for the South Bluff Road Culvert Extension (Homer) project: Steve Harris Construction - \$55,659.06; M.E. Collins Contracting - \$73,361.74; TR Harris Construction - \$89,866.90 and Gill Construction - \$90,315.00. Mr. Kehrt stated he reviewed all bids and recommends the Board accept the Steve Harris Construction bid. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to award the bid for the South Bluff Road Culvert Extension (Homer) project to Steve Harris Construction for \$55,659.06. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum – Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love – Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Captain Randy Walsh with the Sheriff's Office presented the Distress Warrants Report showing there were a total of 130 Distress Warrants printed with a total amount due of \$111,416.77 were satisfied and collected, 3 were paid to the Dakota County Treasurer after the Distress Warrants were issued, 3 are to be stricken, and 2 were sold at Sheriff's sale on July 31st. Total amount collected on the 2022 Distress Warrants was \$111,199.36, additional interest collected \$1,821.76, and paid to Treasurer \$1,663.09 for a total collected \$114,684.21. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report as submitted. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to authorize the Assessor to remove from the property tax rolls said properties recommended on Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report and be stricken and deleted by correction. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

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August 1st, 2024

Chris Kleinberg
Sheriff



Dakota County Commissioners

On October 31st, 2023 the Dakota County Sheriff's Office received the 2022 year Personal Property Tax Distress Warrants from the Dakota County Treasurer's Office.

There were 130 Distress Warrants printed, with a total amount due of \$111,416.77.

Effective November 1st of each year by virtue of Nebraska State Statute 77-1719 it is the responsibility of the Sheriff of each county to collect all distress warrants issued by the treasurer of his / her county.

Of the 130 Distress Warrants issued and delivered to the Dakota County Sheriff's Office they are satisfied / unsatisfied as follows:

122 were satisfied and collected by the Sheriff's Office
003 was paid to the Dakota County Treasurers office after the Distress Warrants were issued.
003 are to be stricken
000 was deleted by correction
002 were sold at Sheriff's Sale on July 31, 2024 (need to have taxes prior to sale stricken)

Below is a list of those properties sold at Sheriff's Sale on July 31, 2024

DW#	Property ID#	Property Description	Reason	Owed	Sold For
20	0220193266	1973 Homette Mobile Home	Abandoned	\$ 61.09	\$ 1.00
35	0220163030	1990 Skyline Mobile Home	Abandoned	\$ 186.17	\$ 5.00
TOTAL:				\$ 247.26	\$ 6.00

Below is a list of those properties that the Sheriff's Office is recommending to be stricken and deleted from tax rolls.

DW#	Property ID#	Property Description	Reason	Amount
31	0220274180	1992 Chief Mobile Home	Not Same Trlr as on Lot	\$ 104.55
61	0220274424	1973 Star Mobile Home	Vacant Lot	\$ 56.14
62	0220274425	1971 Shangrila Mobile Home	Vacant Lot	\$ 53.46
TOTAL:				\$ 214.15

The following were sold at Sheriff's Sale and need to have the taxes from the date of Sale (7-31-2024) backwards deleted due to giving the new owners a clear title.

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20	0220193266	1973 Homette Mobile Home	Abandoned	\$ 61.09
35	0220163030	1990 Skyline Mobile Home	Abandoned	\$ 186.17
TOTAL:				\$ 247.26

Below is a list of the properties paid to the County Treasurer's Office before / after November 1st that Distress Warrant were issued for:

DW#	Property ID#	Due	Collected	Date
18	0220274641	\$ 383.18	\$ 383.18	11/02/2023
87	0220219209	\$ 520.15	\$ 554.51	04/30/2024
88	0220186308	\$ 680.42	\$ 725.40	04/30/2024
TOTAL:		\$1,583.75	\$ 1,663.09	

Total Amount Collected on the 2022 Distress Warrants:

Collected by Sheriff's Office:	\$ 111,199.36
Additional Interest Collected:	\$ 1,821.76
Paid to County Treasurer:	\$ 1,663.09
TOTAL COLLECTED:	\$ 114,684.21

Respectfully submitted for the Sheriff's Office:

Randall J. Walsh
Captain Randall J. Walsh #9704

Dawn Bousquet, County Treasurer, presented her letter of resignation to the Board effective October 11, 2024 and recommended the Board appoint the current Deputy, Stephanie Gatzemeyer to the position. County Attorney, Kim Watson, advised the Board they have 45 days to appoint someone to the position starting October 11th. Chair Hohenstein stated he would appoint a committee at the next meeting. Deputy Stephanie Gatzemeyer addressed the Board and informed that she would be applying for the position and that she has been in the office for 13 years and has trained all the current staff.

Chair Hohenstein called for discussion regarding the Empirical/Crystal Lake water project and whether to proceed or not. Walter Beerman advised he has been sending letters to the Attorney General regarding the ownership of the lakebed and that he has met with Empirical and John Winkler regarding the aquifer. Commissioner Giese advised he has met with Empirical, NRD, engineers and there are legal issues regarding the ownership of the lakebed. The Commissioner expressed that the County is not in a place where they could financially support this type of project. Suggested Mr. Beerman look into grants, or perhaps the commercial properties would be willing to contribute. Commissioner Love stated there are too many unknowns.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for July 21 to August 3, 2024. Total Road Maintenance – 294.5 hours, Tree/Debris removal – 56 hours; Bridge Maintenance – 28 hours (N Bluff), Culverts – 4 hours (S Bluff), Gravel hauling – 95 hours, 187.39 tons hauled, Sign repair – 22 hours, and Weed Spraying – 20 hours. Road concerns: Grading – W Sarpy and 140th St. Dorcey bridge is now open. Commissioner Launsby and Love reported some trees that needed to be trimmed. Ms. Gubbels advised that Crary Huff Law firm is available to help with easement access on Likuwanta Drive for \$2500 and asked the Board if that was ok. Board agreed. CEC is working on getting bid letting ready.

ARPA projects: Rodney Soole, Building and Grounds, reported that the DMV has requested a door be installed for an exit for safety reasons. Mr. Soole advised that the concrete walls are filled with a substance that cannot be disturbed. Mr. Soole recommended moving the DMV to the “Old Commissioner” meeting room as there is a back door, bathroom, and ample space. The Board agreed this is a good idea and to get some bids put together.

Chief Deputy Decker requested permission to purchase a Handheld Raman narcotic detection device from Farrwest using the ARPA funds. This device will detect narcotics through the packaging eliminating officers from having to handle the drugs. This device is for safety issues. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the purchase of the RIGAKU CQL NARC Handheld Raman narcotic detection device for \$35,282.40 using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports. Commissioner Hohenstein informed that the jail maintenance employee has been hired and will have an office in the jail but will answer to the Board. Commissioner Hohenstein advised he had attended a VOS meeting and Nick Nieman is doing a great job.

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 August 5, 2024, at 4:15 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary