

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 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 2:45 p.m. 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 – August 5, 2024
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for August 4, 2024 to August 17, 2024
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Chair Hohenstein to give update on the LEC Agreement changes and the 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.
 - b. Board to approve Chair to sign the NIRMA Agreement and Release on the insurance claim occurring on November 7, 2023 involving the deputy vehicle that was totaled due to fire.
 - c. Board Chair to appoint Committee to review applicants for the appointment of the County Treasurer which will become vacant effective October 11, 2024.
 - d. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requesting Board approval of the MEI Professional services for S Avenue (construction engineering).
 - e. Approving Plans, Specification, and the Engineers Estimate for the Likuwanta Drive Improvement Project and authorizing Civil Engineers & Constructors, LLC to solicit bids for construction on behalf of Dakota County, Nebraska.
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.
 - Road Department requesting using ARPA funds to purchase semi load of motor grader blades and to award the bid for said purchase
 - Approve paying engineering costs for cleaning ditches of 260th Street and M Avenue using ARPA funds.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for public comment.

Kent Broyhill of Dakota City requested the County replace the Nebraska Flag out front of the Courthouse.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Chair informed he was pulling a claim to Norfolk Contracting for the Dorcey bridge until the approaches to the bridge are fixed. Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Love to approve the consent agenda items: a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – August 5, 2024; b) Approval of payroll claims for August 4 to August 17, 2024; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims, except Norfolk Contracting; e) Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$188,448.08; Net Pay-\$134,968.15; Total Retirement-\$13,402.75; Total FICA-\$13,894.86; 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-\$1,624.80; 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-\$1,536.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,713.04; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,258.06; Shaun Bird-\$2,560.48; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,934.71; Brian Ellinger-\$3,273.46; Penny Epting-\$2,848.05; Brian Fernau-\$2,561.38; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,085.55; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,599.16; Martin Guerrero-\$2,692.80; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,240.63; Jason James-\$2,555.97; Kimberly Johnson-\$770.00; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Jaime Keatts-\$464.60; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$2,529.64; Keaton Mueller-\$2,294.28; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,561.30; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,453.64; Mardi Schnee-\$1,339.52; 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; Alexandra Wolf-\$402.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,758.19; Summer Adair-\$1,348.67; Shaelee Barreras-\$161.17; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,686.88; Rebecca Broer-\$2,103.59; Ismael Castro-\$1,932.18; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,912.36; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,975.23; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,720.14; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$721.38; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,255.82; Cody Epting-\$1,954.93; Rebekah Epting-\$1,954.93; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,090.89; Jonathan Gray-\$2,060.15; Kara Groetken-\$1,831.88; Todd Hammer-\$2,520.46; Adam Hough-\$1,836.12; Dustin Johnson-\$1,832.85; Terry Johnson-\$2,870.36; Brandon Long-\$2,135.51; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,679.16; Skyler Miner-\$1,824.43; Gerardo Navarro-\$1,660.53; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,698.04; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$769.98; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,808.68; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,607.92; Nathaniel Ramirez-\$1,645.43; Michele Rohde-\$1,581.01; Angel Ruelas Hernandez-\$765.20; Jeremy Russell-\$1,918.83; Jerry Santos-\$1,963.85; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,435.59; Armando Valerio-\$1,995.23; Randall Walsh-\$2,560.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,179.20; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,079.80; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,758.56; Theresa Grove-\$2,408.00; Johanna Marquez-\$1,280.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,627.97; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,000.22;

General Fund Employee: Federal Tax-\$11,893.75; State Tax-\$6,433.09; Soc Sec-\$11,261.19; Medicare-\$2,633.67; Extra Fit-\$1,576.00; Extra Sit-\$430.00; Retirement-\$9,279.53; 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-\$1,090.00; 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-\$132.95; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$19,547.20; Net Pay-\$13,819.45; Retirement-\$1,319.40; Total FICA-\$1,390.93; 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 Kneifl-\$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-\$1,165.62; State Tax-\$618.82; FICA-\$1,127.28; Medicare-\$263.65; 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-\$40.59; 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-\$1,210.15; 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-\$102.47; State Tax-\$57.84; FICA-\$96.72; Medicare-\$22.62; 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-\$1,924.00; Net Pay-\$1,536.42; Retirement-\$129.87; Total FICA-\$143.65; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,924.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$66.81; State Tax-\$44.29; FICA-\$116.42; Medicare-\$27.23; Retirement-\$86.58; 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-\$2,146.00; 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-\$13,469.75; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$210.77; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,090.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,863.09; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,682.28; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,789.72; VSP, premium-\$538.25. **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-\$1,190.62; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$618.82; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,199.06; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,781.86; VSP, premium-\$80.84; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$105,376.14; US Treasury-PCORI fee - \$98.46; **Health Fund 2502:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$102.47; 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-\$66.81; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$44.29; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$216.45; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$287.30; VSP, premium-\$25.25.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$566.75; Leaf, copier contract-\$252.52; NACO, workshop-\$30.00; One Office, supplies-\$30.98; Dakota County Star, publications-\$293.25; DAS State Acct, state printer/tech fees-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$73.80; MIPS, software, real estate receipts-\$1,391.04; One Office, supplies-\$823.81; US Bank, supplies-\$79.36; Loffler, copier contract-\$37.34; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Cardinal Assessment Group, reval work-\$18,850.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$558.00; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval-\$18,766.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$25.22; US Bank, postage-\$26.19; RTI, IT support-\$4,794.90; Leaf, copier contract-\$94.03; MIPS, monthly software, scanning-\$68.00; One Office, copier usage-\$39.62; Data Source Media, toner-\$69.94; Marco, copier contract-\$354.55; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$57.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, office water, supplies-\$264.86; Leaf, copier contract-\$65.00; One Office, colored copies-\$62.92; Brittney Adams, witness fee, mileage-\$46.80; Maggie Cook, court reporter, mileage-\$121.90; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,780.60; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,642.60; District Court, court fees-\$542.00; Egley, Fullner, Montag Morland, & Easland, PC, atty fees-\$1,449.05; Angela Espinoza, witness fee, mileage-\$53.40; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, atty fees-\$762.70; Randy S Hisey, atty fees-\$1,434.50; Kate M Jorgensen, atty fees-\$3,575.41; Linda Kastning, hearing, mileage-\$108.50; Stuart B Mills, atty fees-\$1,767.50; Robyn Newbrey, hearing, mileage-\$108.50; Richard Thrammer, atty fees-\$5,533.75; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$16,711.32; A Team, building repair-\$318.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$246.32; Drain Specialists, repairs-\$150.00; Eakes, supplies-\$565.82; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; Glover Painting, building repair-\$954.05; Groundworks, building repair-\$7,334.24; Jeff's Tree Service, tree removal-\$4,500.00; Menards, tools-\$149.16; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$603.89; Midwest Alarm Services, service call-\$680.00; NPPD, utilities-\$1,855.32; Phoenix Plumbing, building repair-\$472.92; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel, benches-\$521.47; Angela Abts, reimbursement-\$304.18; Julie Boyle, reimbursement-\$57.02; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copies-bw/color, paper-\$168.76; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; UNL-Print & Copy Services, letterheads-\$22.31; Walmart/Sams Club, supplies-\$44.88; AT&T, phones-\$607.73; Billion, vehicle repair-\$1,932.90; Boatch, srt equipment-\$19,715.84; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$6,183.72; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$137.96; Dakota County Star, publications-\$133.12; DAS State Acct, annual fee-\$132.00; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-\$26,029.06; Fremont Tire, tire repair-\$81.00; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$1,570.14; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$507.55; Doug Johnson, sheriff's training-\$600.00; Knoepfler Chevrolet, vehicle repair-\$918.36; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, searches-\$137.00; US Bank, LE supplies, training, fuel, office supplies-\$3,528.85; Woodhouse, vehicle repair-\$132.05; Lancaster County Sheriff, subpoena fees-\$9.50; Marco, copier contract-\$208.87; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$41.50; Thurston County Sheriff, subpoena fees-\$63.54; US Bank, phones, supplies, misc-\$207.20; Woodbury County Sheriff, subpoena fees-\$48.00; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost share-\$50,011.25; A Team, building repair-\$159.00; Advanced Correctional Healthcare, doc fee & prescriptions-\$10,741.08; Associated Fire Protection, sprinkler quarterly inspection-\$747.00; AT&T, phones-\$51.06; Autonomy, annual fee-\$9,500.00; Bob Barker, prisoners supplies-\$1,930.91; Becky Broer, reimbursement-\$130.00; Bunkers Feed & Supply, softener salt-\$427.17; Charm-Tex, prisoners supplies-\$1,685.55; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$3,193.45; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$292.63; CNOS, medical-\$384.00; Dakota County Jail, reimbursement-\$500.00; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$2,805.17; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, misc-\$3,705.28; Fremont Tire, alignment-\$92.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; Hobart Sales & Service, supplies-\$122.00; Idemia Identity & Security, service agreement-\$3,257.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,365.00; J.P. Cooke, notary stamp-\$37.85; Drs Kincaid, Fett & Kincaid, prisoners medical-\$585.00; McKesson, medical supplies-\$521.42; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$83.81; NPPD, utilities-\$4,236.51; Phoenix Plumbing, building repair-\$1,402.62; R Rohan Electric, building repair-\$300.90; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, office supplies-\$354.09; Sirchies Acquisition, building repair-\$39.50; Siouxland Urology Assoc, prisoner medical-\$150.00; St. Lukes Dept of Lab Serv, inmate labs-\$212.67; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, prisoner medical-\$321.60; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$28,375.04; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$1,746.92; Visual Edge It, copier contract, supplies-\$71.44; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-\$57.85; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$46.82; Mark Albenesious Inc, sand-flooding-\$704.30; US Bank, meals-\$67.80; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copier contract, supplies-\$37.77; Verizon, phones-\$42.90; Holiday Inn- Kearney, lodging-\$404.85; J&M Auto Repair, pickup repairs-\$755.93; Scott Stolze, reimbursement-\$292.12; Availity, medical billing-\$128.75; Marco Technologies, copier contract- front area-\$257.40; Nebraska Cancer Coalition, membership-\$125.00; US Bank, language line, misc, supplies-\$226.37; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting physician fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, reimbursement-\$322.94; US Bank, online legal research-\$393.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, monthly monitoring-\$29.95; Fibercomm, phones-\$754.10; Groves Emergency Lighting Installation, installing equipment-\$7,551.28; Helvig Agricultural Service, BOE data collection & analysis, protest hearings-\$705.00; Innovative Appraisal Service, BOE data collection & analysis, protest hearings-\$3,180.15; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MercyOne Siouxland Occupational Health, wellness screenings-\$955.00; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, checks-\$670.61; Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home, cremation-\$1,800.00; Norm Waitt, membership-\$184.50; One Office, toner-\$275.88; Quadiant Leasing, lease payment-\$782.61; Security Shredding, shredding-\$760.00; Stanard Appraisal, protest hearings-\$2,185.00; Team Trouble Chaser, decal vehicle-\$850.00; Triview Communications, phones-\$95.00; US Postal, monthly postage-\$4,000.00; 0802 Road Improvement, general fund inter fund transfers-\$18,340.11; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$18,939.25; Bomgaars, supplies, parts-\$59.91; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$9,441.06; Dakota County-Petty Cash, title-\$10.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$114.69; DSG-Dakota Supply Group, culverts-\$1,396.80; Eakes, cleaning supplies-\$41.92; Emerson Manufacturing, supplies-\$39.00; Frame Aligners, parts, supplies-\$408.29; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$21,455.39; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; Graham Tire

Sioux City, tires-\$557.40; Grossenburg Implement, tractor rental-\$800.00; Gworks, simple sign maintenance-\$519.00; H204U, water-\$52.00; Hansen Electric, building repair-\$300.00; Heavy Metal Repair, parts-\$167.71; Interstate All Battery, parts-\$437.50; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$239.25; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, parts-\$40.81; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$426.49; Knife River, supplies-\$32.20; Lamp Construction, bathroom installment-\$4,384.50; Marx Distribution, dust control-\$1,800.00; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$167.80; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; Menards, erosion control-\$209.97; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$15.81; Midwest Fence, guardrail m ave, g ave-\$13,500.00; Midwest Svc & Sales, traffic signs-\$2,522.75; Midwest Wheel, supplies-\$249.44; Miller Tire, tires-\$542.00; NPPD, utilities-\$113.91; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$122.43; Northeast Power, utilities-\$327.45; Northside Glass, parts-\$155.00; Power Plan, parts, labor-\$1,292.55; Robertson, parts-\$241.51; SAPP BROS, propane-\$7,346.73; Sioux City Truck Sales, shop supplies-\$691.00; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$625.00; Titan Machinery, parts-\$52.65; US Bank, supplies, parts, misc-\$488.03; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$82.91; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$38.96; Warren Oil, diesel-\$8,751.00; Wilmes Hardware, supplies, tools-\$222.96; Ziegler's, parts-\$70.75; **Road & Bridge Improvement:** Veenstra & Kimm, S bluff rd culvert extension-\$18,340.11; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$30,010.11; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scannings-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **Health Grant 2502:** US Bank, training-\$600.00; **Health Grant 2504:** US Bank, misc, supplies-\$341.26; Verizon, phones-\$82.91; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$793.00; Language Line, interpretation services-\$1.77; **DCHD Covid fund 2508:** Ford Motor Credit Company, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, phones-\$102.86; **ARPA Fund:** Eclipse Pro Painting, painting fire hall and courthouse-\$23,500.00; 24/7 Locksmith Service, rekey locks on doors-\$540.00; Marx Dust Control, mag water homer bluff road-\$17,229.99; Mullin Awning & Siding, shades- county court\$240.00; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$32,653.94

Chair Hohenstein called for discussion on the LEC agreement. Again he informed that he had 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. It was suggested to form a committee between the City LEC and the County to start reviewing and amending the current contract in about 60 days (October/November). Commissioner Launsby questioned if notification isn't sent, then operate another year under same contract. Commissioner Love suggested Sheriff also be included in the discussions. Commissioner Giese asked County Attorney, Kim Watson, if it was okay to not send a letter notifying the City of our intentions to negotiate was okay. After further discussion regarding some of the specifics such as space and what the county is responsible to pay partial wages for, County Attorney, Kim Watson, did advise that case law states we can renegotiate the current agreement without the need to terminate. Lue Franco, So Sioux City, questioned the terms of the agreement and felt the county should send a letter due to the termination clause. She questioned whether there was a conflict of interest for the Board Members – Chair Hohenstein informed he had checked with attorneys, and they told him there was no conflict. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to not send a letter to the Law Enforcement Center terminating the current contract as it has been agreed that each party is willing to renegotiate the current contract before budgets are due next year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes. Giese-No, Launsby-No, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Chair to sign the NIRMA Agreement and Release on the insurance claim occurring on November 7, 2023 involving the deputy vehicle that was totaled due to a fire. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein informed he would be appointing a committee to review applicants for the upcoming vacancy of County Treasurer. Commissioner Love stated he felt it would be appropriate to have Commissioners Hohenstein and Van Berkum on the committee as the other commissioners will term out in January. Lue Franco, So Sioux City, passed out a printout of statute 32-563 Vacancies; pending appointment or election; possession and control of office; persons authorized; and she expressed her interpretation as she felt no committee was necessary and that the deputy should be appointed. There was further discussion regarding previous vacancies. Chair Hohenstein informed that NIRMA recommended this process be followed. Chair Hohenstein appointed Commissioner Van Berkum, himself and Chief Deputy County Attorney, Deb Fergen to be on the committee to appoint a County Treasurer; the position will be advertised for two weeks and hope to have someone appointed by October 11, 2024.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented an agreement from Midwest Engineering Inc. for construction services on the grading of S Avenue North of Nebrasja Highway 35 requesting Board approval. This project requires the help of engineers to get the project done correctly. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the Midwest Engineering Inc. agreement for construction engineering services for the grading on S Avenue North of NE Highway 35 project #24053. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jeff Dooley and Brett Langley, CEC, presented the Advertisement for Bid for the Likuwanta Drive Improvement project and requested Board approval to proceed with bid letting with bids being received until Tuesday, September 10th at 1:30 pm. They reported that Cray Huff Law Firm is working on the easements and 8 lots have been sold and homes started. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Advertisement for Bids for the Likuwanta Drive Improvement project with bid opening on Tuesday, September 10th at 1:30 pm. ROLL CALL

VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-No. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for August 4 to August 17, 2024. Total Road Maintenance – 195.5 hours, Overtime – 9 hours, Tree/Debris removal – 35.5 hours; Culverts – 73.5 hours (197th, 225th and Moody), Mowing – 2 hours, Gravel hauling – 117 hours, 865.67 tons hauled, Sign repair – 12.5 hours. Road concerns: Grading – 225th, S Bluff, Perry Ave, O Ave, 250th, Golf Rd, H Ave and Fiddler Creek, Gravel-152nd and 207th and Culverts-Moody Rd and Fiddler Creek. Ms. Gubbels informed that the department was in training this week sponsored by NIRMA. Norfolk Contracting has been contacted regarding the rough approaches on Dorcey bridge and will be out to look at it and make repairs.

ARPA – Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented a request for purchase a semi-load of motor grader blades vs partial loads and the savings. Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the request to purchase a semi-load of motor grader blades from Ziegler Cat for \$28,110.40 using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Launsby requested Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, evaluate the road/ditches most in need of repair. Ms. Gubbels presented a proposal from Midwest Engineering, Inc. for engineering the road maintenance bidding for M Avenue, Hubbard to 270th and 260th and M Avenue to NE Highway 35, approximately 12.5 miles at a cost of not more than \$54,250. This process will help the road department know where dirt needs to be moved, culverts put in and long-term road conditions. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the Midwest Engineering, Inc. 2024 Road Maintenance engineering and bidding agreement for M Avenue, Hubbard to 270th and 260th and M Avenue to NE Highway 35, approximately 12.5 miles at a cost of not more than \$54,250. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-No, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Committee Reports – None.
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 19, 2024, at 4:04 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary