

Dakota County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, September 3, 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 – August 19, 2024
  - b. Approval of payroll claims for August 18, 2024 to August 31, 2024
  - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
  - d. Approval of any other accounts payable claims
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
  - a. Approve Resolution 24C-019 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota County Ag Society.
  - b. Approve Resolution 24C-020 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota County Historical Society.
  - c. Approve Resolution 24C-021 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Protection District.
  - d. Approve Resolution 24C-022 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Emerson Rural Fire Protection District and Homer Rural Fire Protection.
  - e. Treasurer, Dawn Bousquet, requesting approval to reimburse the Estate of Frances G. Munderloh for an over-payment of inheritance tax per the court order out of Dixon County Court PR23-19 in the amount of \$7,057.82.
  - f. Approve Chair to sign the renewal of the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement Enhanced (E911) Emergency Telephone Service for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2029.
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.
    - B&G – window repair bids for basement
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS (Who plans to attend December NACO conference)
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment on any item not on the agenda. None.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda—(a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – August 19, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for August 18 to August 31, 2024; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of monthly accounts payable claims; Chair Hohenstein informed that he had gone through all payroll and accounts payable claims. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – August 19, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for August 19 to August 31, 2024; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of monthly accounts payable claims. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**Payroll: General Fund:** Gross Salaries-\$192,866.06; Net Pay-\$137,603.65; Total Retirement-\$13,949.87; Total FICA-\$14,221.99; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$212.94; 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-\$1,619.72; Kathy Abbe-\$1,444.80; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,487.80; Maria Garcia-\$1,294.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,731.00; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,444.00; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,365.61; Emily McNaughton-\$1,294.40; Debera Benton-\$1,601.12; Christy Abts-\$2,487.80; Melissa Collins-\$1,705.60; 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-\$87.01; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-

\$1,489.60; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,680.75; Shaun Bird-\$3,238.09; Timothy Decker-\$3,533.27; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$3,832.60; Brian Fernau-\$3,548.91; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,895.36; Martin Guerrero-\$3,014.44; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,084.09; Jason James-\$3,337.87; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,152.80; Jared Junge-\$2,532.53; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$3,083.48; Keaton Mueller-\$2,596.21; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,249.51; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,110.52; Mardi Schnee-\$1,331.20; Ryne Sell-\$999.03; Sarah Hammond-\$2,311.54; Shantel Krull-\$1,382.50; Melinda Sandvick (Wicks)-\$1,846.15; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,760.38; Kimberly Watson-\$3,884.44; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$3,500.00; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,340.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,717.49; Summer Adair-\$1,652.92; Shaelee Barreras-\$260.13; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,627.92; Rebecca Broer-\$2,057.23; Ismael Castro-\$1,629.61; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,651.44; Charlotte Coleman-\$768.20; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,699.15; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$772.45; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,255.82; Cody Epting-\$1,660.68; Rebekah Epting-\$1,663.68; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,918.46; Jonathan Gray-\$1,978.31; Kara Groetken-\$1,798.87; Todd Hammer-\$2,489.15; Adam Hough-\$1,836.25; Dustin Johnson-\$1,162.80; Terry Johnson-\$2,353.61; Brandon Long-\$1,862.82; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,234.57; Skyler Miner-\$2,201.48; Gerardo Navarro-\$267.82; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,966.53; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$776.33; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,877.40; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,606.92; Nathaniel Ramirez-\$2,051.69; Michele Rohde-\$1,561.70; Jeremy Russell-\$1,760.17; Jerry Santos-\$1,707.39; Alejandra Segura-\$1,016.96; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,681.52; Armando Valerio-\$1,627.92; Randall Walsh-\$2,560.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,179.20; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,151.73; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,725.27; Theresa Grove-\$2,408.00; Johanna Marquez-\$1,280.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,557.95; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,000.22; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,592.30; State Tax-\$6,642.28; Soc Sec-\$11,526.32; Medicare-\$2,695.67; Extra Fit-\$1,576.00; Extra Sit-\$430.00; Retirement-\$9,686.39; Health Plan-\$4,100.00; Dental Plan-\$567.00; 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-\$420.38; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$137.68; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$21,462.00; Net Pay-\$15,282.51; Retirement-\$1,448.65; Total FICA-\$1,537.41; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Chet Bottorff-\$1,914.80; 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; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; Jeffrey Stanwick-\$1,924.80; Scott Stolze-\$1,844.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,307.42; State Tax-\$696.20; FICA-\$1,246.00; Medicare-\$291.41; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$965.83; 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-\$1,589.26; Net Pay-\$1,230.85; Retirement-\$107.28; Total FICA-\$121.57; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,589.26; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$105.82; State Tax-\$59.50; FICA-\$98.53; Medicare-\$23.04; Retirement-\$71.52; Health Program Grant Employer 2504.; Gross Salaries-\$1,741.69; Net Pay-\$1,359.95; Retirement-\$113.34; Total FICA-\$130.43; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$62.65; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,679.04; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$91.86; State Tax-\$47.23; FICA-\$105.71; Medicare-\$24.72; Retirement-\$75.56; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,612.00; Net Pay-\$1,306.77; Retirement-\$108.81; Total FICA-\$119.78; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,612.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$37.01; State Tax-\$29.66; FICA-\$97.08; Medicare-\$22.70; Retirement-\$72.54; 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-\$2,187.00; FSA Dep Care - \$416.66; FSA Medical - \$975.87; Health Plan, premium-\$49,460.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$510.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,168.30; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$212.94; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,090.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,072.28; Point C Health FSA-deductions - \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance, premiums-\$2,722.23; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,636.26; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,443.98; VSP, premium-\$558.06. **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-\$1,332.42; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$696.20; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,414.48; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,074.82; VSP, premium-\$80.77; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits, Inc – administrative fees - \$35,531.90; Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$30,553.52; Point C FSA Withdrawals ACH/Check - \$3,094.57; **Health Fund 2502:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$105.82; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$59.50; Principal Life Insurance, premium-\$22.98; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$178.80; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$243.14; **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-\$37.01; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$29.66; Principal Life Insurance, premium-\$22.10; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$239.56; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$239.56; VSP, premium-\$25.24.

**Accounts Payable: General Fund:** 990 transfer to 0802 Fund - \$291,860.25; **Road & Bridge Improvement:** Norfolk Contracting – 80% Bridge-Dorcey, \$291,860.25.

Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve Resolution 24C-019 Levy Allocation for Dakota County Ag Society (0.006453). ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION  
RESOLUTION 24C019

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
Dakota Co Ag Society			
General	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	0.004425
Capital Improvement	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>0.002028</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$175,000.00</u>	<u>\$175,000.00</u>	<u>0.006453</u>

\*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve Resolution 23C-021 Levy Allocation for Dakota County Historical Society (0.001807). ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION  
RESOLUTION 24C-020

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
Dakota County Historical Society			
Total	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00	0.001807

\*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve Resolution 24C-021 Levy Allocation for Dakota Covington Rural Fire Department (0.021962). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION  
RESOLUTION 24C-021

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Protection District			
General Fund	\$ 75,486.85	\$ 75,486.85	0.011395
Sinking Fund	<u>\$ 70,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 70,000.00</u>	<u>0.010567</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$145,486.85</u>	<u>\$145,486.85</u>	<u>0.021962</u>

\*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve Resolution 24C-022 Levy Allocation for MFO Rural Fire Departments Emerson (0.041305) and Homer (0.028986). ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION  
RESOLUTION 24C-022

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the Fire Districts in a Mutual Finance Organization (MFO) for a least one out of every three fiscal years covered by the MFO Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, agrees to a common property tax levy of three cents (\$0.03) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, and

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
Emerson Rural Fire Protection District			
General Fund	\$145,230.00	\$145,230.00	0.030000
Bond Fund	<u>\$ 54,725.00</u>	<u>\$ 54,725.00</u>	<u>0.011305</u>
TOTAL	\$199,955.00	\$199,955.00	0.041305
Homer Rural Fire Protection District			
General Fund	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	0.027090
Sinking Fund	<u>\$ 6,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,300.00</u>	<u>0.001896</u>
TOTAL	\$ 96,300.00	\$ 96,300.00	0.028986

\*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the request from the County Treasurer, Dawn Bousquet, for approval to reimburse the Estate of Frances G. Munderloh for overpayment of inheritance tax in the amount of \$7057.82. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the renewal of the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement Enhanced (E911) Emergency Telephone Service for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2029. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for August 19 -31, 2024. Total road maintenance-196 hours; Overtime-18.5 hour; mowing-14 hours; gravel hauling-80 hours; total tons hauled-689.19; sign repair/barricading-10 hours and weed spraying-10 hours. Grading concerns- Fiddler Creek, Q Ave, N Ave, 220<sup>th</sup> St, 250<sup>th</sup> St, Ridge Rd and gravel concern on Hall Ave. Ms. Gubbels reported the road employees completed training on road maintenance, Oban Construction plans to start working on S Avenue soon, will be meeting with engineers regarding 260<sup>th</sup> street and M Avenue projects and hope to bid out the end of October and currently working on easements on Likuwanta Drive.

ARPA projects: Building and Grounds submitted two quotes to have the basement windows replaced: Universal Window Direct-\$2,203.36 and Window World-\$3,480.00 Commissioner Launsby moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Universal Window Direct's quote of \$2,203.36. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports. Commissioner Giese informed there would be an LEC meeting on 9-10-2024 and asked if anyone had anything they would like discussed at the meeting to let him know. Commissioner Launsby reported P&Z has been informed there may be a large solar energy project coming into the county.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of September 3, 2024 at 3:19 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair

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Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary