

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, September 16, 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, 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 – September 3, 2024
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for September 1 to September 14, 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. Board to approve or not approve an increase in the base restricted funds of the 2024-25 County Budget by an additional 1% of \$66,976.33 for a total increase in restricted funds in the amount of \$255,849.57.
 - b. Board to approve or disapprove Resolution 24C-023 for the adoption and appropriations of the proposed 2024-25 county budget.
 - c. **3:05 p.m.** Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.
 - d. Board to approve or disapprove Resolution 24C-024 setting the County Property Tax Request at \$8,241,966.08. (10.53% increase).
 - e. Board to review and award bid for the Likuwanta Drive road project and approve Chair to sign contracts.
 - f. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, requesting approval of Resolution 24C-025, permitting additional pledged securities.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, to present report on distress warrants to the county board and make an itemized report covering the amount uncollected. §77-1719.02
 - b. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, to present report on the remaining parcels from County tax sale—delinquent and unsold parcels. §77-1918
 - c. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, to report the list of parcels eligible for foreclosure through the County Attorney’s Office.
 - It shall be the duty of the county board, at its first meeting held after the making of such report, to carefully examine the same, and while it may direct the issuance of tax sale certificates to the county upon any real property upon which there are any delinquent taxes, it shall, as to all real property upon which taxes are delinquent for three or more years, either enter an order directing the foreclosure of the lien of such taxes as provided in section 77-1901 or enter an order for the county treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon such real property, to be foreclosed upon in the manner and at the time provided in sections 77-1901 to 77-1918.
 - d. Board to review and approve each officer’s notarized inventory statement of all County personal property in the possession of that officer as valid and file them in the County Clerk’s Office. §23-347
 - e. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - f. Approve or deny free flu shots for employees at the Dakota County Health Department.
 - g. Discuss and approve or deny project/s with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
 - Approve or not approve engineering claim to Midwest Engineering Inc. for \$16,350.00 to be paid using ARPA funds for the Homer/Jackson Bridge Deck repairs.
 - Sheriff/Jail – Discuss and approve or not approve purchase of a Body Scanning unit
 - Sheriff/Jail – Discuss and approve or not approve bid for repairs to jail refrigeration unit
 - Sheriff/Jail – Discuss and approve or not approve bid for repairs to the Smoke Evac System and BMS system upgrade

- B&G – Discuss and approve or not approve the bids for electrical work to be done in the County Attorney’s office, the bathrooms, and the DMV/Old Board Room
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
 6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
 - Reminder Joint Public Hearing – Monday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm, SSC Memorial Hall
 7. ADJOURNMENT

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 – September 3, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for September 1 to September 14, 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. Chair Hohenstein pulled the claim for M.E. Collins Contracting to discuss further. He informed that he had gone through all payroll and accounts payable claims, and all were in order. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 3, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for September 1 to September 14, 2024; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of monthly accounts payable claims except the M.E. Collins Contracting claim; and (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: Gross Salaries-\$185,183.19; Net Pay-\$132,332.61; Total Retirement-\$13,289.89; Total FICA-\$13,636.20; 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-\$1,662.89; 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-\$1,748.24; 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-\$1,728.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,489.60; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,294.30; Shaun Bird-\$2,681.90; Timothy Decker-\$2,660.37; Brian Ellinger-\$3,079.00; Penny Epting-\$2,884.50; Brian Fernau-\$2,530.52; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,573.84; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,902.76; Martin Guerrero-\$2,692.80; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,005.78; Jason James-\$2,495.81; Kimberly Johnson-\$968.00; Jared Junge-\$2,658.37; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$2,318.40; Keaton Mueller-\$2,366.76; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,554.20; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,434.32; Mardi Schnee-\$1,339.52; Sarah Hammond-\$2,311.54; Shantel Krull-\$1,146.25; Melinda Sandvick (Wicks)-\$1,846.15; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,760.38; Kimberly Watson-\$3,884.44; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,122.25; Jacob Acero-\$1,727.70; Summer Adair-\$1,606.92; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,274.64; Rebecca Broer-\$1,958.71; Ismael Castro-\$2,066.95; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,899.36; Charlotte Coleman-\$771.20; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,559.28; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$925.74; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,255.82; Cody Epting-\$1,986.67; Rebekah Epting-\$2,125.38; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,180.92; Jonathan Gray-\$1,969.59; Kara Groetken-\$1,787.20; Todd Hammer-\$2,770.96; Adam Hough-\$1,830.40; Dustin Johnson-\$1,854.48; Terry Johnson-\$2,363.54; Brandon Long-\$2,508.18; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,061.78; Skyler Miner-\$1,753.89; Gerardo Navarro-\$459.12; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,497.75; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$784.58; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,836.17; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,721.95; Nathaniel Ramirez-\$2,025.73; Michele Rohde-\$1,631.70; Jeremy Russell-\$1,971.01; Jerry Santos-\$2,069.97; Alejandra Segura-\$1,395.36; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,435.55; Armando Valerio-\$1,627.92; Randall Walsh-\$2,560.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,179.20; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,079.80; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,769.66; Theresa Grove-\$2,408.00; Johanna Marquez-\$1,280.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,487.93; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,000.22; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,571.58; State Tax-\$6,305.78; Soc Sec-\$11,051.58; Medicare-\$2,584.62; Extra Fit-\$1,626.00; Extra Sit-\$425.00; Retirement-\$9,197.09; 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-\$950.87; Flex Dependent Care-\$416.66; VSP Vision Prem-\$420.64; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.07; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.97; VSP Vision Base-\$137.84; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$21,573.44; Net Pay-\$15,362.22; Retirement-\$1,456.17; Total FICA-\$1,545.70; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Chet Bottorff-\$1,924.80; 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-\$2,130.24; 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-\$1,319.63; State Tax-\$702.33; FICA-\$1,252.72; Medicare-\$292.98; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$970.84; 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-\$1,550.25; Net Pay-\$1,203.25; Retirement-\$104.64; Total FICA-\$118.60; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,550.25; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.35; State Tax-\$57.29; FICA-\$96.12; Medicare-\$22.48; Extra Fit-\$0.00; Exrta Sit-\$0.00; Retirement-\$69.76; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,786.40; Net Pay-\$1,403.50; Retirement-\$112.62; Total FICA-\$133.85; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$117.92; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,668.48; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$90.66; State Tax-\$46.65; FICA-\$108.48; Medicare-\$25.37; Retirement-\$75.08; Dental Plan-

\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,560.00; Net Pay-\$1,268.48; Retirement-\$105.30; Total FICA-\$115.80; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,560.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$32.05; State Tax-\$27.22; FICA-\$93.85; Medicare-\$21.95; Retirement-\$70.20; 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-\$2,187.00; FSA Dep Care - \$416.66; FSA Medical - \$950.87; Health Plan, premium-\$49,460.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$510.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,197.58; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$212.94; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,090.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,730.78; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,486.98; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,272.40; VSP, premium-\$558.48. **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-\$1,344.63; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$702.33; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,427.01; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,091.40; VSP, premium-\$80.84; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$26,210.95; **Health Fund 2502:** Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$105.35; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$57.29; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$174.40; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$237.20; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$90.66; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.65; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.70; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$267.70; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$32.05; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$27.22; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$175.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$231.60; VSP, premium-\$25.25.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$1,399.82; Cherie Conley, reimbursement-\$80.40; Leaf, copier contract-\$160.67; NACO, conference-\$35.00; One Office, supplies-\$27.55; DAS State Acct, state printer/tech fees-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$73.77; MIPS, software, real estate receipts-\$1,036.68; One Office, supplies-\$468.10; US Bank, supplies-\$50.89; One Office, supplies-\$12.99; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Christy Abts, reimbursement-\$400.69; Melissa Collins, reimbursement-\$51.76; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$279.00; Innovative Appraisal, re-assmnt hrs-\$2,064.50; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval-\$18,766.00; US Bank, workshop, lodging-\$929.70; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copies-\$15.70; US Bank, postage-\$48.40; Fund 2750-Sinking RTI, moving money to IT fund-\$25,000.00; RTI, IT support-\$7,294.90; Leaf, copier contract-\$94.03; MIPS, monthly software, scanning-\$68.00; One Office, copier usage, supplies-\$71.00; DAS State Acct, Office Depot-\$278.82; Marco, copier contract-\$354.55; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$177.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$120.00; US Bank, office water, supplies-\$403.44; Leaf, copier contract-\$264.33; One Office, colored copies-\$96.27; Crary Huff, atty fees-\$294.50; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$2,112.25; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,504.22; District Court, court fees-\$800.00; Egley, Fullner, Montag Morland, & Easland, PC, atty fees-\$1,506.35; Maria Garza Magana, witness fee, mileage-\$28.04; Randy S Hisey, atty fees-\$1,529.50; Stuart B Mills, atty fees-\$1,493.75; Richard Thrammer, atty fees-\$1,923.75; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$5,643.39; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$226.22; Eakes, supplies-\$734.09; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; Menards, tools-\$244.90; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$443.02; NPPD, utilities-\$2,166.23; Robertson, sharpen blades-\$18.00; TK Elevator, elevator maintenance-\$251.11; TR Harris Construction, replaced sidewalk-\$6,352.00; US Bank, building supplies, flag, fuel-\$566.33; Wilmes Hardware, supplies, tools-\$118.04; Angela Abts, reimbursement-\$133.33; Julie Boyle, reimbursement-\$444.81; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; Nutrition Action, newsletter-\$49.99; One Office, copier contract-\$198.76; PMRNRD, rent-\$750.00; Tammy Peterson, reimbursement-\$52.26; US Bank, supplies-\$149.00; Arthur J Gallapher, notary bond-\$45.00; AutoZone, materials-\$18.28; Axon Enterprises, cartridges-\$533.72; Billion, vehicle repair-\$78.73; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$7,735.30; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$25.40; Dakota Food & Fuel, fuel-\$16.89; Fremont Tire, tire repair-\$210.13; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$485.04; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$137.40; Leads Online, leads online services-\$3,016.00; Physicians Lab, autopsy-\$3,050.00; Sandhill State Bank, lease payment-\$18,197.49; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, payment-\$2.29; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, searches-\$123.00; US Bank, LE supplies, training, fuel, office supplies-\$2,218.13; WIT, training, first aid-\$468.00; Woodhouse, vehicle repair-\$938.42; Marco, copier contract-\$215.16; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$66.00; US Bank, phones, supplies, mics-\$178.20; A Team, building repair-\$3,066.71; Ace/Refrigeration, walk-in condenser coil repair-\$133.50; Advanced Correctional Healthcare, doc fee & prescriptions-\$10,647.17; Bekins Fire & Safety, extinguisher annual maintenance-\$173.90; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,794.80; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$380.94; Com-Tech, building repair-\$3,919.84; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$2,285.30; Drain Specialists, building repair-\$1,875.00; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, mics-\$2,836.09; Farmer's Pride DBA Battle Creek, diesel-\$493.11; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$44.50; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$1,566.16; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,520.80; Major Refrigeration Co, walk-in door gasket/sweep-\$1,039.20; Menards, building supplies-\$857.82; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$361.57; NPPD, utilities-\$3,760.17; Phoenix Plumbing, building repair-\$3,533.54; Siouxland Hospitalists, prisoner medical-\$1,836.00; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, prisoner medical-\$822.40; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$28,836.54; Team Trouble Chasers, supplies-\$50.00; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; UnityPoint at Home, prisoner medical-\$9.00; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$2,850.79; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; WIT, training, first aid-\$650.00; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-\$425.16; US Bank, workshop-\$30.00; Verizon, phones-\$42.93; US Bank, meals, workshop, supplies-\$197.22;

Van Diest Supply, chemicals-\$736.15; Availity, medical billing-\$128.75; Marco Technologies, copier contract- front area-\$257.40; US Bank, supplies, mics-\$1,014.61; Dr Thomas Wenthe, consulting physician fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, reimbursement-\$556.65; US Bank, online legal research-\$393.00; Becky Broer, reimbursemnet-\$9.84; Dakota County ROD, reimbursement-\$10.00; Dakota County Veterans Service, veterans aid fund-\$4,500.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, monitoring-\$29.95; Fibercomm, phones-\$744.47; MercyOne, EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, checks-\$670.71; Beatrice State Development Center, institution-\$276.00; Lincoln Regional Center, institution-\$855.00; Norm Waitt, membership-\$184.50; Region 4 Behavioral Health, Qrt 2 FY25 mental health-\$10,822.75; 0802 Road Improvement, general fund inter fund transfers-\$4,139.28; **Road Fund:** American Underground Supply, culverts-\$488.46; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$3,062.23; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$5,660.13; DSG-Dakota Supply Group, culverts-\$1,755.00; Frame Aligners, parts, supplies-\$346.19; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$21,010.31; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; Graham Tire Sioux City, tires-\$2,211.56; Grossenburg Implement, tractor rental-\$236.13; H204U, water-\$52.00; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$242.03; Jackson's Heavy Equip., training-\$7,505.34; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$369.52; Lamp Construction, bathroom installment-\$4,384.50; L.G. Everist Inc, gravel-\$8,934.81; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$167.80; Matteo Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$3,827.60; Medical Enterprise, drug testing-\$185.00; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$15.83; Midwest Svc & Sales, traffic signs-\$3,508.00; NPPD, utilities-\$100.37; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$129.52; Northeast Power, utilities-\$322.57; Northside Glass, parts-\$280.00; O'Reilly, supplies-\$47.91; Petersen Metal Products, parts, labor-\$1,282.85; Power Plan, parts, labor-\$4,955.78; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$461.34; Strivens Sewer Pumping, shop work-\$210.00; Titan Machinery, shop supplies-\$207.80; UnityPoint Clinic, drug testing-\$32.00; US Bank, supplies, parts, mics-\$97.35; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$82.91; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$43.73; Warren Oil, diesel-\$4,565.70; Wilmes Hardware, supplies, tools-\$60.28; Ziegler, parts-\$4,364.50; **0802 Road & Bridge Improvement:** Veenstra & Kimm, S bluff Road culvert extension-\$4,139.28; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$30,792.57; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **Health Grant 2502:** US Bank, seminars, misc-\$140.76; **Health Grant 2504:** NE Public Health, water testing-\$35.00; US Bank, seminars, misc-\$269.17; Verizon, phones-\$82.94; **DCHD Covid fund 2508:** Ford Motor Credit, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, phones-\$179.80; **ARPA Fund:** Civil Engineers, 60% plans/engineering-\$23,811.00; Dakota County Treasurer, FortiERD Licenses-\$4,800.00; FarrWest, drug detector drive-\$32,432.40; One Office, public defender furniture-\$619.00; Universal Windows, basement widows-\$1,101.68; Ziegler, semi-trailer of motor grader blades-\$28,110.40.

Chair Hohenstein explained that in the Jackson/Homer Bridge decking projects M.E. Collins had originally submitted Change Order #1 reducing the total bid by \$6,400.00 as it was believed they wouldn't need as much concrete. Upon completion of both projects additional concrete was needed and they submitted Change Order #2 for \$12,403.45. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the M.E. Collins Contracting Change Order #2 for \$12,403.45 for overrun of concrete due to the full depth repairs required for the Jackson/Homer Bridge deck repairs. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Love to approve the accounts payable claim to M.E. Collins Contracting for final payment of the Jackson/Homer Bridge deck repairs in the amount of \$116,338.05 from the ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein asked for the approval or non-approval of an increase in the base restricted funds of the 2024-25 County Budget by an additional 1% of \$66,976.33 for a total increase in restricted funds in the amount of \$255,849.57. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein, to approve increasing the base restricted funds of the 2024-25 budget by an additional 1% in the amount of \$66,976.33. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve Resolution 24C-023 for the Adoption and Appropriations of the Proposed 2024-2025 County Budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 24C-023 OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 3rd day of September, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Dakota County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Chair Hohenstein opened the public hearing at 3:06 p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Cherie Conley, County Clerk, provided information stating that the tax request is \$8,241,966.08 - a 10.53% increase from last year's tax request. The valuation increased 12.39% and the tax request causes the levy to be set at \$0.303889 a 0.93% increase. There were no taxpayer comments. Chair Hohenstein closed the hearing at 3:08 p.m.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum, to approve Resolution 24C-024 setting the County Property Tax Request at \$8,241,966.08. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 24C-024

SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of the Dakota County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Dakota County, resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 General Fund property tax request be set at \$8,241,966.08.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 12.39%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.267901 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Dakota County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.303889 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Dakota County will increase last year's budget by 10.53 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution to be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2024.

Chair Hohenstein called for the Board to review and award bid for the Likuwanta Drive road project and approve Chair to sign contracts. Brett Langley with CEC LLC advised that he had reviewed the four bids that were received: T.R. Harris Construction-\$1,391,704.65; Sioux City Engineering Company-\$1,259,995.00; Mark Albenesius Inc.-\$1,542,398.91; and Steve Harris Construction Inc.-\$1,273,127.87. Mr. Langley's recommendation to the Board was to accept the lowest bid and award the project to Sioux City Engineering. Commissioner Love asked how much time CEC figured in for overseeing the project – answer was 30 hours per week and this project is estimated to last approximately 8 weeks. Commissioner Love stated that Steve Harris Construction has done a lot of work with the County in the past, and his quality of work and timeliness has always been good. Love believes the County could save on engineering oversight costs close to the difference between the lowest from Sioux City Engineering and Steve Harris Construction. Commissioner Love moved to award the bid for the Likuwanta Drive road project to Steve Harris Construction Inc. for \$1,273,127.87 because of previous time frames, and staking costs and the money saved on engineering costs. Commissioner Giese questioned M. Langley asking him about the engineering costs. Mr. Langley informed that the engineering costs would change if less oversight was needed. Commissioner Hohenstein seconded the motion. Commissioner Launsby asked when this project would start and be completed. Mr. Langley stated this project is on track to be completed this year but could be carried into next year. They are allotted 60 working days. Mr. Langley informed the entirety of the project should be buildable from the plans they have. The construction, surface work and GPS should be ready to go in a couple of weeks. Commissioner Giese asked if there has been any issues with Steve Harris Construction – none noted. Secretary Conley: Motion by Love, seconded by Hohenstein: ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-No, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Langley asked about the signing of the contracts. Chair Hohenstein noted the agenda item and asked Commissioner Love to amend his motion. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to award the bid for the Likuwanta Drive road project to Steve Harris Construction Inc. for \$1,273,127.87 because of previous work done, staking costs, and the money saved on engineering costs, and approve Chair to sign the contracts when prepared. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-No, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 23C-025 permitting additional pledged securities. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 24C-025
APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that **BANK FIRST** be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip #66286VAC1
Amount Pledged: \$3,000,000.00
Maturity: 9/25/2061

Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip #78442GKW5
Amount Pledged: \$950,000.00
Maturity: 7/25/2039

Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip #78442GPH3
Amount Pledged: \$750,000.00
Maturity: 7/25/2040

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2024.

Treasurer Dawn Bousquet presented to the Board an itemized report on Distress Warrants: Total collected was \$114,684.21 and total uncollected was \$214.15. No action taken by the Board.

Treasurer Dawn Bousquet presented a report on the remaining parcels from the County Tax Sale that are delinquent and unsold: 220068518, 220056697, 220072558, 220042977, 220027358, 220085269, 220059225, 220274604, 220198748, 220172021, 220150036, 220177562, 220156263, 220008051, 220038120, 220072744, 220063060, 220043507, 220042527, 220058253, 220274080, 220075042, 220004471, 220038791, 220065543, 220073007, 220073716, 220043779, 220024405, 220069050, 220274079, 220008582, 220002290, 220061491, 220001103, 220003165, 220001561, 220003698, 220042799, 220003874 for a total of \$2,211,202.25. No action taken by the Board.

Treasurer Dawn Bousquet presented a report on the parcels eligible for foreclosure through the County Attorney's office per statute 77-1901-77-1918: Parcels 220068518 and 220027358. No action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby, to approve each officer's notarized inventory statement of all county personal property as of June 30, 2024 and to file them in the Office of County Clerk. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love - Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese - Yes, Launsby-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love read the Road Report for September 1 to September 14, 2024. Total road maintenance-217.5 hours; Overtime-6 hour; culverts/road projects-121 hours (M Ave/260th culvert), mowing-10 hours; asphalt-44 hours; Road drag-19 hours; gravel hauling-73 hours; total tons hauled-600.2; sign repair/barricading-21 hours. Grading concerns- I Ave and 190th St, potholes-Dixon Path.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the Dakota County Health Department to offer free flu shots to county employees. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

ARPA projects: Chair Hohenstein presented accounts payable claim for an invoice from Midwest Engineering Inc. for engineering of the Jackson/Homer Bridge decking projects requesting be paid using ARPA funds. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the accounts payable claim to Midwest Engineering Inc. for engineering cost of the Jackson/Homer Bridge decking projects for a total of \$16,350.00 to be paid using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Elizabet DeRoin, Jail Captain and Jack Carlson with Albireo Energy, presented documentation regarding repairing and updating the existing smoke evacuation system in the jail facility. Mr. Carlson stated the current system is outdated and finding parts would be nearly impossible. They have been providing support since 2006. When the new HVAC system was installed the smoke detection system couldn't be properly connected due to outdated software and programming and the system isn't working to the full capability. Commissioner's feel this is a safety issue. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the quote from Albireo Energy for \$43,070 to install an updated Smoke Evacuation System and Building Automation System to be paid from ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Elizabet DeRoin, Jail Captain and Todd Uhl, Jail Maintenance informed that the door will no longer seal properly, and the door is falling apart. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Love to approve the quote from Major Refrigeration to replace the jail walk-in refrigerator door for \$4,634.55 and be paid from ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Elizabet DeRoin, Jail Captain, came before the Board requesting purchasing a body scanner to be installed in the jail booking area. Two quotes: Tek84-\$181,500 and Command Sourcing-\$219,900.00. Captain DeRoin advised this device will be used to scan all inmates upon entry to the jail for any internal objects digested or on their person. This will help save on medical expenses. The Board asked that a report be gathered from other agencies that have a body scanner to see how beneficial this device would be. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

Rodney Soole and Todd Uhl, Building and Grounds, presented requests for electrical upgrades due to safety concerns and new remodels. County Attorney's office has exposed wires and need updated lighting – R. Rohan Electric quote \$1,857.72; Bathrooms in courthouse – add motion switches and LED fixtures – R. Rohan Electric quote \$1,123.09; and DMV office – moving to “old board room” will require additional outlets for computers and cameras and new lighting – R. Rohan Electric quote \$4,456.37. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the R. Rohan Electric quotes to repair and update the electrical and lighting in the County Attorney's office-\$1,857.72, courthouse bathrooms-\$1,123.09, and the worked needed done on the area for the DMV for \$4,456.37 to be paid from ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports. Commissioner Love and Commissioner Giese attended an LEC meeting where their budget was discussed and VOCA position was discussed. Commissioner Love reminded the Board that we need to continue with the LEC contract discussions and not let it get put on the back burner.

Mail/Emergency business: County Clerk Conley gave the Board a notice of a Legislative Candidate Forum on October 7th in Norfolk and reminded the Board of the Joint Public Hearing regarding the budget on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall in So Sioux City.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of September 16, 2024 at 4:06 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary