

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, November 25 at 9:00 a.m.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Van Berkum, Giese, Launsby. Absent: Love. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – November 12, 2024
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for November 10 to November 23, 2024
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Nathan Smith, Ameritrack Rail, to discuss railroad crossing on F Avenue looking to either have the road closed or add an additional railroad crossing directly adjacent to the existing crossing. BNSF has requested that the road be closed, though this is not a requirement. Meet at site after meeting.
 - b. Board to approve or not approve agreement with Midwest Alarm Services to monitor the fire alarm system in the courthouse.
 - c. Board to review and approve one of the agreement options for maintenance of the elevator in the courthouse.
 - d. Todd Uhl, Jail Maintenance and Jack Carlson, Albireo Energy, discuss findings found with the Jail smoke panel and present proposals to get system upgraded and working. Board to approve or deny proposal and determine funding source. (This would be in addition to the already approved ARPA funds quote of \$43,070.00)
 - e. Todd Uhl, Jail Maintenance – update Board on Jail HVAC issues.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Commissioner Launsby – Olson Farms Invoices for trees and dirt work discussion
 - c. Discuss and approve or deny project/s or purchases with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
 - Approve Accounts Payable Claim -Dakota County Star for M Avenue Bidders Legal Notice
 - B & G – DMV safety door – Builders First Source bid.
 - Board to review and award bid for the M Avenue road projects.
 - Board to review and approve quotes for road projects – culverts
 - Board to review and approve quotes for road projects – gravel
 - Board to review and approve quotes for road projects – seeding
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment on any item not on the agenda.

Walter Beermann-Likuwanta Drive, So Sioux City, explained to the Board that he feels the new ditches along Likuwanta Drive are sloped to steep for a zero turn mower and is requesting the ditches and slopes be redone so they can be mowed. Bill Haffke-Likuwanta Drive, So Sioux City, believes the drainage at Likuwanta is overkill and the ditches are too steep.

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

Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and accounts payable claims and everything was in order. Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – November 12, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for November 10 to November 23, 2024 subject to final review after meeting; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of monthly accounts payable claims; and (e) Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of

District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund: Gross Salaries-\$209,435.59; Net Pay-\$154,041.54; Total Retirement-\$15,014.30; Total FICA-\$16,022.07; Robert Giese-\$1,000.60; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,046.75; Troy Launsby-\$1,000.60; Scott Love-\$1,000.60; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,000.60; Cherie Conley-\$2,487.80; Robin Hansen-\$1,526.32; Paola Ledesma-\$1,899.03; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,487.80; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,616.80; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,487.80; Melissa Collins-\$1,796.21; Joseph O'Neil-\$ 636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,677.60; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,487.80; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,527.63; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,226.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,548.80; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,294.30; Shaun Bird-\$3,087.76; Timothy Decker-\$2,660.37; Brian Ellinger-\$3,451.73; Penny Epting-\$2,714.34; Brian Fernau-\$2,484.23; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,946.00; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,828.71; Martin Guerrero-\$2,632.96; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,786.59; Jason James-\$2,586.03; Kimberly Johnson-\$ 983.63; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,108.08; Jose Magana-\$2,645.56; Keaton Mueller-\$2,294.30; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,143.09; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,498.72; Mardi Schnee-\$1,391.29; Sarah Hammond-\$2,311.54; Shantel Krull-\$1,346.80; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,760.38; Kimberly Watson-\$3,884.44; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,380.00; Jacob Acero-\$2,752.86; Summer Adair-\$2,253.45; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,808.75; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$2,792.64; Rebecca Broer-\$2,942.30; Ismael Castro-\$2,867.23; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,942.62; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,453.34; Ruby De La Torre-\$2,617.18; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$ 896.78; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$2,952.00; Rebekah Epting-\$3,044.82; Jennifer Fuentes-\$3,172.65; Jonathan Gray-\$2,995.12; Kara Groetken-\$2,810.12; McKenna Hammer-\$1,270.92; Todd Hammer-\$2,426.53; Adam Hough-\$2,785.32; Dustin Johnson-\$2,880.49; Terry Johnson-\$2,871.03; Brandon Long-\$3,240.20; Jennifer Marquez-\$3,050.76; Skyler Miner-\$2,812.05; Kelsey O'Neill-\$3,402.87; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$2,136.60; Kimberly Peterson-\$2,690.84; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,622.20; Michele Rohde-\$1,720.78; Jeremy Russell-\$3,086.10; Jerry Santos-\$2,923.34; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,931.69; Armando Valerio-\$2,497.68; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,185.36; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,811.78; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,064.96; Courtney Swick-\$1,571.49; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$15,477.86; State Tax-\$8,052.17; Soc Sec-\$12,985.20; Medicare-\$3,036.87; Extra Fit-\$1,481.00; Extra Sit-\$ 425.00; Retirement-\$10,354.89; Deferred Comp-\$2,250.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$18,019.61; Net Pay-\$13,822.74; Retirement-\$1,216.29; Total FICA-\$1,379.68; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Lance Jacobsen-\$2,246.40; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,912.77; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Tanya Orr-\$ 368.96; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,798.68; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; Scott Stolze-\$1,844.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,324.10; State Tax-\$ 657.19; FICA-\$1,118.17; Medicare-\$ 261.51; Extra Fit-\$ 25.00; Retirement-\$ 810.90; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,254.28; Retirement-\$ 109.51; Total FICA-\$ 124.11; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$ 109.62; State Tax-\$ 61.38; FICA-\$ 100.59; Medicare-\$ 23.52; Retirement-\$ 73.01; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,910.10; Net Pay-\$1,526.12; Retirement-\$ 118.58; Total FICA-\$ 146.11; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$ 153.30; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$ 105.18; State Tax-\$ 53.63; FICA-\$ 118.42; Medicare-\$ 27.69; Retirement-\$ 79.06; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,348.46; Retirement-\$ 109.35; Total FICA-\$ 123.93; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$ 42.40; State Tax-\$ 32.31; FICA-\$ 100.44; Medicare-\$ 23.49; Retirement-\$ 72.90;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$16,958.86; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$2,250.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$8,477.17; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25369.19; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$32,044.14. **Road Fund:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,349.10; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$657.19; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,027.19; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,759.36; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits, medical claims-\$69,365.32; **Health Fund 2502:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$109.62; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$61.38; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$248.22; **Health Fund 2504:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$105.18; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$53.63; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$292.22; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$42.40; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$32.31; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$247.86.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$102.14; NACO, conference-\$320.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$16.14; DAS State Acct, state printer/tech fees-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$68.62; MIPS, software, real estate receipts-\$1,036.68; NACO, conference-\$160.00; One Office, supplies-\$42.10; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; One Office, supplies-\$9.84; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$279.00; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; One Office, supplies-\$82.24; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval-\$18,766.00; Delmer Adam, election night worker-\$40.08; Jana Adam, election night worker-\$74.76; Barb Black, manual audit election worker-\$61.63; Marion Cain, manual audit, election night worker-\$278.06; Joe Conley, election night worker-\$30.03; Dakota County Star, publications-\$1,869.81; Election Day Workers, election day workers, mileage-\$12,178.05; Emerson Fire Hall, polling place rental-\$100.00; First Lutheran Church, polling place rental-\$100.00; Joli Gehring, manual audit election worker-\$60.29; Jolene Heinemann, manual audit election worker-\$58.68; Hubbard Comm Center, polling place rental-\$100.00; Homer Legion Post, polling place rental-\$100.00; Jackson Legion Hall, polling place

rental-\$100.00; Terri Johnson, election night worker-\$121.68; Knights of Columbus, polling place rental-\$125.00; Rita Langhorst, manual audit election worker-\$72.08; Leaf, copier contract-\$218.68; Marx Leasing, trailer rental-\$240.00; Mundo Latino, publications-\$1,057.50; One Office, supplies-\$361.97; US Bank, election night worker supplies-\$31.96; Riverhills Church, polling place rental-\$100.00; Salem Lutheran Church, polling place rental-\$100.00; Connie Schoenberner, election night worker-\$234.15; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; SSC Memorial Hall, polling place rental-\$100.00; SSC Legion Hall, polling place rental-\$100.00; Joan Spencer, election night worker-\$382.30; Kathy Wiltgen, election night worker-\$56.64; Dakota County Star, publications-\$32.28; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copies-\$25.76; RTI, IT support-\$5,611.20; Leaf, copier contract-\$94.03; MIPS, monthly software, scanning-\$68.00; One Office, copier usage, supplies-\$86.56; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, conference-\$160.00; Des Moines Stamp, supplies-\$195.00; Marco, copier contract-\$354.55; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$160.00; US Bank, office water, supplies, misc-\$127.63; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fee-\$281.25; Leaf, copier contract-\$184.82; One Office, colored copies-\$177.44; US Bank, meals, conference-\$605.64; Jane Andersen, mental health hearing-\$108.50; Maggie Cook, mental health hearing-\$121.90; Cray Huff, atty fees-\$95.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,518.12; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$2,196.40; District Court, court fees-\$548.00; Randy S Hisey, atty fees-\$541.50; Stuart B Mills, atty fees-\$1,720.00; Robyn Newbrey, mental health hearing-\$108.50; Bobbie Richards, witness fee, mileage-\$44.12; Daniel Scott, witness fee, mileage-\$30.05; Richard Thrammer, atty fees-\$3,111.25; Stratton, DeLay, Doe, Carlson, PC, atty fees-\$3,938.25; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$7,003.59; Jailynn Whitebear, witness fee, mileage-\$66.90; A Team, building repair-\$1,662.31; Bekins, extinguisher services-\$321.60; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$219.52; Eakes, supplies-\$820.50; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; Jeff's Tree Service, tree work-\$750.00; Menards, tools, shop supplies-\$94.17; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$472.84; Midwest Alarm Fire & Security System, building repair-\$450.00; Midwest Alarm Services, building repair-\$141.00; NPPD, utilities-\$1,597.03; NE State Fire Marshal, annual inspection-\$120.00; R Rohan Electric, building repair-\$558.50; Robertson Implement, tractor repairs-\$432.28; TK Elevator, elevator maintenance-\$1,496.67; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, bldg supplies, misc-\$287.35; Wilmes Hardware, supplies, tools-\$74.69; Angela Abts, reimbursement-\$339.20; Julie Boyle, reimbursement-\$454.93; Dakota County Star, subscription-\$79.00; One Office, copier contract maintenance-\$413.92; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, supplies-\$42.27; Billion, vehicle repair-\$1,065.65; Bort Auto Body, vehicle repair-\$2,878.00; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,799.21; Cystral Oil, fuel-\$21.67; Farmers Bank, lease payment-\$26,029.06; Fremont Tire, tire repair-\$177.50; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$94.10; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$352.74; Meyer Brothers, coroner-\$121.25; NSA, dues-\$790.00; Physicians Lab, autopsy-\$2,750.00; Shane's Towing, commercial transport-\$100.00; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, office supplies, misc-\$223.25; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, searches-\$120.00; US Bank, LE supplies, training, fuel, office supplies-\$4,318.87; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-\$30.45; Wrap Technologies, LE supplies-\$1,456.80; Marco, copier contract-\$241.16; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$17.00; US Bank, phones, conference, misc-\$1,153.17; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.56; A-1 Preferred Air Duct, kitchen hood cleaning-\$500.00; A-Team, building repair-\$500.88; AT&T, phones-\$47.04; Bekins, extinguisher services-\$269.25; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$1,484.10; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,660.80; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$300.18; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$2,142.42; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, mics-\$3,373.61; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; Hot Water Products, plumping parts-\$1,042.62; Imperial Privacy Systems, building repair-\$290.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$370.00; Major Refrigeration, building repair-\$262.24; Menards, building supplies-\$11.43; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$433.84; NPPD, utilities-\$2,618.43; Overhead Door, garage door opener-\$2,200.00; R Rohan Electric, building repair-\$575.23; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Siouxland Lock & Key, remove a lock-\$85.00; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Services, inmate labs-\$364.70; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$29,682.35; Swick's Duct Cleaning, dryer vent cleaning-\$250.00; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$1,857.56; Visual Edge IT, copier lease-\$212.29; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-\$58.92; City of So Sioux City, meals, monitor, cords-\$278.47; Crowne Plaza, lodging-\$247.90; US Bank, meals, dues-\$73.22; Verizon, phones-\$42.94; NE Weed Control Assoc, weed dues-\$235.00; Nutrien Ag Solutions, chemicals-\$304.00; US Bank, parts-\$49.20; Verizon, phones-\$43.03; Availity, medical billing-\$128.75; Marco Technologies, copier contract-\$245.62; Sanofi Pasteur Inc, medical supplies-\$642.38; US Bank, supplies-\$37.00; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; CVSOAN, dues-\$100.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$316.24; US Bank, online legal research-\$393.00; BOKF NA, 2019 flood bond-\$14,738.75; DC ROD, easement-\$128.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, monthly monitoring-\$29.95; Im On/Fibercomm, phones-\$751.55; LINDBLOM, bathroom-\$375.00; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, checks-\$670.71; Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home, cremation-\$1,800.00; NE Assoc of Co Officials, dues-\$2,156.12; NACo, counties dues-\$450.00; Wally Nelsen, hale cementery maintenance-\$1,000.00; Norm Waitt, membership-\$143.50; Quadiant, lease payment-\$782.61; Triview Communications, phones-\$1,167.00; Joan Spencer, budget consult-\$255.00; US Bank, health dept supplies-\$29.95; General Fund Transfer, inter fund transfers-\$57,933.86; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$14,765.16; Bomgaars, shop supplies-\$255.69; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$8,247.40; DSG-Dakota Supply Group, culverts-\$1,600.00; Dundee Bank, payment-\$44,260.10; Engel's Heating & Cooling, building repair-\$190.00; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$21,643.20; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; H204U, water-\$8.50; HNH Auto Repair, parts-\$764.12; Heartland Tire, tires-\$782.20; Interstate All Battery, parts-\$433.90; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$53.51; Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, parts-\$92.24; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$579.52; LG Everist, gravel-\$3,524.14; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$167.80; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$60.00; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$21.28; Midwest Svc & Sales, traffic signs-\$3,033.75; Miller Tire, tires-\$1,004.00; NPPD, utilities-\$100.64;

NITZ EQUIP, trailer down payment-\$1,000.00; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$131.66; Northeast Power, utilities-\$261.93; North American Truck & Trailer, parts-\$175.60; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$453.48; Dean Pallas, reimbursement-\$100.00; Power Plan, parts, labor-\$11,962.13; RMS, shop supplies-\$4,523.81; Robertson, parts-\$2,269.40; Security First Bank, payment-\$45,919.56; Stephan Welding, steel products-\$40.00; Titan Machinery, parts-\$47.14; Tri-State Comm, radio equip-\$45.00; US Bank, shop supplies-\$329.03; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$82.95; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$38.34; Warren Oil, diesel-\$7,304.65; Wilmes Hardware, supplies, tools-\$206.66; **0302 Hard Surface:** Steve Harris Construction, Likuwanta Paving-\$234,785.62; **Road & Bridge Improvement:** Certified Testing Services, M ave project-\$3,362.00; MEI, S ave & Hwy 35-\$10,959.75; Veenstra & Kimm, S bluff Road culvert extension-\$1,994.56; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$25,740.11; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **Health Grant 2502:** Chloe Coover, reimbursement-\$181.57; US Bank, meals, conferences-\$166.20; **Health Grant 2504:** Chloe Coover, reimbursement-\$210.38; NE Public Health Lab, water test-\$19.00; Yesica Saldana, reimbursement-\$359.49; US Bank, workshop, supplies, trainings-\$410.82; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; **DCHD Covid fund 2508:** Ford Motor Credit Company, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, phones-\$102.94; **ARPA Fund:** Civil Engineers, construction oversight-\$21,960.00; Dakota County Star, legal notice-\$79.21; FarrWest, training on-site-\$2,850.00; Major Refrigeration, jail cooler repair-\$4,634.55; MEI, construction engineering-\$29,171.50; Tek84, whole body scanner-\$181,500.00; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$41,343.08

Nathan Smith, Ameritrack Rail, explained to the Board that New York Grain is expanding, and train traffic will be increasing. They proposed either closing F Avenue or adding an additional railroad crossing approximately 25 feet from the other to accommodate the trains. Commissioner Hohenstein expressed that he is not in favor of closing the road leaving only one access. Gene Mari-So Sioux City-resident stated he is not in favor. Mr. Smith informed that there is an on-site meeting scheduled for 12:30 pm, BNSF railroad would be there as well to look over the location and invited Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Midwest Alarm Services agreement to monitor the fire alarm system in the courthouse. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Schumacher Elevator Company Maintenance Agreement for the courthouse elevator. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Todd Uhl, Jail Maintenance and Jack Carlson, Albireo Energy, explained that when working on installing the upgraded smoke evacuation system and found that there are several relays and actuators that need replaced. These components are located on the ceiling that is not accessible by the jails lift so one will need to be rented. The proposed quote will move these components to an area that is easily accessible and fully functional. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the Albireo Energy change order quote for all scopes of work to repair the smoke evacuation system in the Dakota County Jail for \$19,762.00 using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Todd Uhl, Jail Maintenance, informed the Board that the Jail HVAC systems are experiencing some issues. One of the units is down. He had the power company check into power surges and there were none reported over the threshold. He has obtained 3 quotes and will bring them to the next meeting for approval.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for November 10, 2024 to November 23, 2024. Total road maintenance-151.5 hours; Culvers/Rd projects-7 hours 260th & M Ave; Gravel hauling-140 hours; total tons hauled-442.52 into yard and 1413.71 hauled; Sign repair/barricading-9 hours and weed spraying-1 hour. Gravel-192nd St, O Ave, S Ave and T Ave. Not in favor of closing F Avenue.

Commissioner Launsby noted that he believes the issues with Olson Farm invoices have been resolved. After further discussion regarding property lines and salt brine runoff, this item will come back to the Board at the next meeting.

Discuss and approve or deny projects or purchases with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding. Remaining ARPA funds is \$492,353.97.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the Accounts Payable Claim to Dakota County Star for M Avenue Bidders Legal Notice for \$79.21 using ARPA Funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the quote and purchase of solid fire rated door for the DMV for safety reasons from Builders First Source \$1207.25 using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

The bids for the M Avenue road projects - 4 sections came in at: Cooney Fertilizer Inc. \$163,608.98, Oban Construction Inc. \$244,142.10, and Steve Harris Construction Inc. \$289,559.50. The County will provide the culverts and do the seeding and gravel to help keep costs down. Some discussion on type of rock to purchase and the number of culverts was discussed along with pricing. M Avenue is one of the busiest roads in Dakota County, a lot of truck traffic. The width of the road will be 28 feet – some areas are as wide as 40 feet. County working within ROW and engineered at road standards. Jolene also mentioned that Norfolk Contracting will begin work this week on the repairs for Dorcey bridge and shut down for a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to award the bid for the M Avenue – 4 section road projects to Cooney Fertilizer Inc. for \$163,608.98 using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

The Commissioners asked that quotes for more culverts and different gravel types be brought back before the Board for review and approval.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve purchasing grass seed from Home Depot and grass blankets from DSG using ARPA funds for road projects. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Love-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Giese informed that he talked with the State regarding the M Avenue paving and was informed that since M Avenue is a county road, they will not help with that. Commissioner Giese suggested that the next Board consider possibly building into the budget for an employee appreciation recognition since the pop fund has gone away. Commissioner Launsby attended a NorthStar meeting and P&Z meeting and informed that the solar farm project is getting close to having public hearings.

Mail/Emergency business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of November 25, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary