

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, January 6, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said at the prior BOE meeting. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Love, Giese, Launsby. Absent: Van Berkum. 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 – December 23, 2024
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for December 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims (if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Pat Wojcik, Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking, requesting the Board adopt a Proclamation making the month of January Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.
 - b. Board to approve providing a letter of support to SIMPCO/SRTS in their efforts to apply for a RAISE grant to expand their facility in Sioux City, IA and build a satellite location in Le Mars, IA to benefit the Tri-State area and approve Chair to sign.
 - c. Board to review and approve/not approve snow removal contracts for 2025.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. M Avenue Project (ARPA) – Discussion regarding width concerns. Board to take action if any changes are to be made.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Swearing in of New Commissioners is Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment on any item not on the agenda. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein advised that he went through the payroll claims. The jail claims were turned in late and he will review those after the meeting. If any discrepancies he will report at next meeting. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – December 23, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for December 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims (if any). ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund: Gross Salaries-\$206,890.04; Net Pay-\$148,533.59; Total Retirement-\$14,980.36; Total FICA-\$15,350.46; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$215.49; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.48; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.73; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.48; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.48; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.48; Cherie Conley-\$2,550.04; Robin Hansen-\$1,538.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,700.16; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,550.04; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,550.04; Melissa Collins-\$1,806.86; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,550.04; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.78; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,548.80; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$3,059.00; Shaun Bird-\$3,693.64; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,922.42; Brian Ellinger-\$3,808.30; Penny Epting-\$3,330.20; Brian Fernau-\$833.22; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,643.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$3,124.91; Martin Guerrero-\$3,351.04; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,663.31; Jason James-\$3,653.64; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,011.08; Jared Junge-\$2,563.99; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.71; Jose Magana-\$3,255.45; Keaton Mueller-\$3,149.17; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,830.91; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,611.87; Mardi Schnee-\$1,393.46; Ryne Sell-\$696.90; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,096.55; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.60; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,380.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,816.35; Summer Adair-\$1,567.08; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,546.25; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$2,489.16; Rebecca Broer-\$2,308.50; Ismael Castro-\$2,414.88; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,541.30; Charlotte Coleman-\$803.60; Ruby De La Torre-

\$2,373.42; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$807.60; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$2,559.72; Rebekah Epting-\$2,556.72; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,849.76; Jonathan Gray-\$1,951.20; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,689.12; Todd Hammer-\$2,536.11; Adam Hough-\$2,898.00; Dustin Johnson-\$2,523.60; Terry Johnson-\$2,559.72; Brandon Long-\$2,820.63; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,878.42; Skyler Miner-\$2,201.82; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,910.61; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$1,567.08; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,845.60; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,868.46; Michele Rohde-\$1,704.80; Jeremy Russell-\$2,770.92; Jerry Santos-\$2,566.08; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,764.86; Armando Valerio-\$1,829.16; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,174.18; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,881.02; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,620.03; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$14,253.53; State Tax-\$7,033.90; Soc Sec-\$12,440.93; Medicare-\$2,909.53; Extra Fit-\$1,531.00; Extra Sit-\$475.00; Retirement-\$10,384.08; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$546.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$690.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$401.22; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$147.44; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,005.25; Net Pay-\$16,486.86; Retirement-\$1,485.33; Total FICA-\$1,676.17; Health Plan-\$5,040.00; Dental Plan-\$180.00; Life Insurance-\$22.06; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Lance Jacobsen-\$5,461.56; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,429.72; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; Scott Stolze-\$1,496.37; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,668.05; State Tax-\$788.07; FICA-\$1,358.46; Medicare-\$317.71; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$990.27; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$35.10; Flex Plan Medical-\$0.00; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$19.16; Legal Shield-\$58.34; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$27.50; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$106.65; Medicare-\$24.94; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,647.00; Net Pay-\$1,365.18; Retirement-\$111.17; Total FICA-\$123.19; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,647.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$47.85; FICA-\$99.84; Medicare-\$23.35; Retirement-\$74.12; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,186.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$15,784.53; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$215.49; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,508.90; Principal Life – premiums - \$2,964.70; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25,364.44; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$30,700.92; VSP, premium-\$548.66. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$201.00; Health Plan, premium-\$5,040.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,693.05; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-\$22.06; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$788.07; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,475.60; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,352.34; VSP, premium-\$44.66; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits, admin fees - \$33,209.30; Mid-American Benefits, medical claims-\$36,719.04; Point C FSA – withdrawals - \$1,540.45; VSP- COBRA pymt - \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA Acct, deduction - \$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life, premium - \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life, premium - \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.85; Principal Life, premium-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$185.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$246.38; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the request from Pat Wojcik, Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking to adopt the Proclamation making the month of January Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Giese-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month

Whereas, the United States was founded under the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal;

Whereas slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of forced labor and sex trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence and organized crime, and debases our humanity;

Whereas this problem is found even within our community;

Whereas every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problems of internet sex trafficking and pornography; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions;

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, acknowledge January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month, and encourage our citizens to become more familiar with the problem and to work toward solutions.

Proclaimed this 6th day of January, 2025.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve providing a letter of support to SIMPCO/SRTS in their efforts to apply for a RAISE grant to expand their facility in Sioux City, IA and build a satellite location in Le Mars, IA to benefit the Tri-State area and approve Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the snow removal contracts for 2025 from Oban Construction, Steve Harris Construction Inc. and Lux Bros should their services be needed. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for December 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025. Total road maintenance-90.75 hours; Salt and Sand Hauling-4 hours; Snow Removal-22 hours; Garbage pickup-4 hours; Gravel Hauling-18 hours; total tons hauled-73.9; Sign repair/barricading-12 hours. Grading concerns- 270th St.

M Avenue width discussion - Josh Keithley with MEI explained to the Board that the width is currently contracted at 28 feet wide. Minimum width per State standards is 24 feet. This road could be pushed to 30 feet wide, and the ditches would be reduced from 8 feet to 6 feet. The road study showed approximately 150 cars on average travel this road per day. The Board requested that MEI contact the contractor and see what the change order would be to make the adjustments to 30 feet and report back.

Chair Hohenstein advised the Board that the Road Foreman had resigned, and the Weed/Sign Employee was no longer with the County. Both positions will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Chair Hohenstein thanked the outgoing Board Members for their dedication and service to Dakota County.

Mail/Emergency business: None.

Commissioner Love moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 6, 2025 at 3:24 p.m. All in favor.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary