

Dakota County Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting  
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 recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. 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 – February 3, 2025
  - b. Approval of payroll claims for February 2 - 15, 2025
  - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
  - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
  - e. Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
  - a. Dakota County Extension and 4-H Ambassadors to present 4-H Month Proclamation and request Board acknowledgement and approval.
  - b. Property/Space Utilization Committee to report and discuss drainage issues around different areas of the jail and courthouse and possible concrete removal/replacement. Board to decide how to proceed if necessary.
  - c. Board to go into Closed Session to discuss employee health information and possibly early return to work from FMLA leave.
  - d. Board to come out of Closed Session from discussing employee health information and possible early return to work from FMLA leave.
  - e. Board to decide and vote on whether or not employee may return to work early from FMLA leave.
  - f. Discuss possible change orders for M Avenue ARPA project and Board to approve or not approve any changes.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
  - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he and Commissioner Reed had gone through the claims and payroll. Everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – February 3, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for February 2 - 15, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; and d) Approval of accounts payable claims; Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodrigues-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**Payroll: General Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$182,374.07; Net Pay-\$132,232.26; Total Retirement-\$13,093.24; Total FICA-\$13,475.53; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$217.40; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,668.48; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.01; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.41; Rodney Soole-\$2,436.98; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,611.77; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,060.80; Shaun Bird-\$2,579.12; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$2,690.03; Brian Fernau-\$2,098.48; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,443.65; Martin Guerrero-\$2,887.28; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,567.42; Jason James-\$2,405.60; Kimberly Johnson-\$878.40; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,190.28; Keaton Mueller-\$2,060.80; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,596.77; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,362.32; Mardi Schnee-\$1,393.46; Ryne Sell-\$232.30; Sarah Hammond-

\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,173.90; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,380.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,821.10; Summer Adair-\$1,707.90; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$488.16; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,457.50; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,988.22; Ismael Castro-\$1,765.10; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,770.57; Charlotte Coleman-\$806.60; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,779.09; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$809.85; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,754.76; Rebekah Epting-\$1,754.76; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,011.04; Jonathan Gray-\$2,308.18; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,206.65; Todd Hammer-\$2,567.42; Adam Hough-\$2,040.00; Dustin Johnson-\$1,764.71; Terry Johnson-\$1,780.56; Brandon Long-\$2,118.69; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,707.02; Skyler Miner-\$1,943.82; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,987.69; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$1,220.40; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,949.42; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,723.16; Michele Rohde-\$1,704.80; Jeremy Russell-\$1,754.65; Jerry Santos-\$1,763.16; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,650.79; Armando Valerio-\$1,779.63; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,263.59; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,557.90; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,547.21; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$10,460.85; State Tax-\$5,841.32; Soc Sec-\$10,921.38; Medicare-\$2,554.15; Extra Fit-\$1,506.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$9,048.74; 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-\$391.87; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.07; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.97; VSP Vision Base-\$147.62; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$16,083.85; Net Pay-\$12,077.61; Retirement-\$1,085.65; Total FICA-\$1,224.40; Health Plan-\$4,480.00; Dental Plan-\$160.00; Life Insurance-\$19.51; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$2,131.50; Kimon Litras-\$2,319.78; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,948.57; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,194.84; State Tax-\$555.71; FICA-\$992.33; Medicare-\$232.07; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$723.80; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$19.18; Legal Shield-\$38.91; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$14.67; **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-\$1,868.46; Net Pay-\$1,467.65; Retirement-\$117.84; Total FICA-\$140.13; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$122.64; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,745.82; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$97.42; State Tax-\$48.04; FICA-\$113.57; Medicare-\$26.56; Retirement-\$78.56; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,755.00; Net Pay-\$1,454.82; Retirement-\$118.46; Total FICA-\$131.46; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,755.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$53.08; FICA-\$106.54; Medicare-\$24.92; Retirement-\$78.98; 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 - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$11,966.85; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$217.40; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,331.32; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,141.98; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$26,951.06; VSP, premium-\$549.49. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,219.84; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.91; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$555.71; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$1,809.45; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,448.80; VSP, premium-\$33.85; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$76,874.19; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$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; 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-\$97.42; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.04; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$196.40; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$53.08; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.44; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$246.92; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

**Accounts Payable: General Fund:** Dakota County Star, publications-\$750.79; Rick Bousquet, mileage-\$310.10; Comfort Inn, lodging-\$330.00; Martin Hohenstein, Mileage-\$308.00; NACO, county board handbook-\$100.00; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos, mileage-\$393.40; US Bank, meal-\$23.84; Crown Plaza, lodging-\$249.90; Dakota County Star, publications-\$90.24; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$267.59; NACREC, dues-\$50.00; NACO, workshop-\$30.00; One Office, office supplies-\$39.55; US Bank, office supplies-\$39.98; Dakota County Star, publications-\$288.00; DAS State Acct, state printers-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$68.82; MIPS, state printings-\$9,751.67; One Office, office supplies-\$1,204.80; One Office, misc supplies-\$24.64; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$308.29; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval-\$18,766.00; US Bank, postal service-\$68; Dakota County Treasurer, postage-\$7.07; Dakota County Star, publications-\$79.00; Joe O'Neill, Mileage-\$137.49; US Bank, workshop-\$235.00; Brite Upstate, 8 vehicle computers, office computer-\$16,292.00; RTI, IT support-\$8,687.20; Leaf, copier contract-\$94.03; MIPS, scanning-\$68.00; One Office, copier contract-\$35.88; AJ Phillips Publishing, tinted window envelopes-\$1,230.00; DAS State Acct, office depot-\$361.80; Data Source, toner-\$966.95; Marco, copier contract-\$359.87; Microfilm

Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$722.68; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$487.50; Leaf, copier contract-\$369.64; One Office, office supplies-\$234.25; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$2,206.94; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,248.82; District Court, court fees-\$942.00; Egley Fullner Montag Morland & Easland, atty fees-\$1,435.10; Kate M Jorgensen, atty fees-\$7,843.34; Sophia LeMoines, hearing-\$450.00; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$1,026.25; Runge Law Office, atty fees-\$1,000.00; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$10,675.59; Woodbury Sheriff, sheriff fees-\$10.00; Bekins Fire & Safety, extinguisher services-\$165.70; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$210.09; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$346.89; G&R Control, building service-\$811.31; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; Glover Painting, painting clerks office-\$1,438.00; Menards, building supplies-\$44.95; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,095.38; Midwest Alarm Service, fire alarm system inspection-\$691.68; NPPD, utilities-\$1,582.77; Robertson, tractor repairs-\$341.58; Royal Seamless Gutters, gutters-\$300.00; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$15.40; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel, building supplies-\$112.28; Wilmes, building supplies-\$120.85; Angela Abts, mileage-\$135.36; Dakota County Star, publications-\$13.62; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copier contract-\$98.02; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; US Bank, parking-\$80.00; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; Billion, vehicle repair-\$1,282.20; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,579.93; E-470 Public Hwy Authority, tolls-\$22.25; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-\$17,365.22; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$356.17; Groves Emergency Lighting, reprograming controller-\$2,513.80; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$684.25; NE Public Health Enviromental Lab, labs-\$105.00; Sandhills Sate Bank, 1st lease payment on 2024 tahoe-\$21,896.49; TransUnion Risk, searches-\$120.00; US Bank, LE supplies, fuel, uniforms, misc-\$1,559.03; Woodhouse, oil change-\$84.60; Chestermans Co, misc-\$44.00; Marco, copier contract-\$215.16; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$68.00; SSM Health, toxicology-\$209.75; US Bank, phones, office supplies, misc-\$691.09; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.36; Brite Upstate, in car camera-\$7,000.00; Jack's Uniforms, vets-\$1,787.21; Associated Fire Protection, quarterly inspection-\$534.00; AT&T, phones-\$47.04; Bunkers Feed & Supply, softener salt-\$187.20; Charm-Tex, prisoner supplies-\$1,583.88; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,747.08; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$442.92; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$1,869.23; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, mics-\$1,312.24; Farmers Pride DBA Battle Creek, diesel-\$395.76; Fremont Tire, oil change-\$129.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Hot Water, plumbing parts-\$4,726.97; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,299.69; Menards, building supplies-\$124.50; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,974.03; NPPD, utilities-\$2,170.21; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab, inmate labs-\$163.37; St. Lukes Regional Medical, prisoners medical-\$11,325.99; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$28,673.73; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$2,966.87; Visual Edge IT, copier lease-\$78.02; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$30.16; US Bank, oil change, tv for office-\$310.92; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copier contract-\$15.45; Verizon, phones-\$42.94; Verizon, phones-\$43.03; Availity, medical billing-\$123.96; Marco Tech, copier contract-\$343.56; Nurse Serivce, nursing insurance-\$2,512.00; US Bank, copier contract, EPI pens, needles, renewal, misc-\$1,096.80; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$383.60; US Bank, supplies-\$175.98; US Bank, online legal research-\$393.00; Brite Upstate, vehicle computers sheriff dept-\$64,530.00; DCVSO, veterans aid fund-\$4,500.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Eakes, copy paper-\$849.80; Electronic Engineering, monitoring panic buttons-\$174.95; Im On, phones-\$802.16; Justice Benefits, scaap collection fee-\$3,097.16; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, checks, W2s-\$670.71; Norm Waitt, membership-\$102.50; One Office, chairmat in ROD, disasemble&install furniture-\$269.90; Quadient Leasing, lease payment-\$1,088.49; Triview Comm, phone systems-\$55.00; US Bank, postage ink, AED superstore-\$1,651.90; General Fund Transfer, inter fund transfers-\$67,863.81; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$317.40; Blackhill Energy, utilities-\$216.13; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$4,620.36; Cornhusker International, parts-\$23.18; Dakota County Treasurer, title, tire-\$52.99; Engel's Heating & Cooling, building repair-\$220.00; Frame Aligners, labor-\$329.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; H204U, water-\$8.50; Bob Hacker, reimbursement-\$32.09; Heartland Tire, tires-\$775.00; Hydraulic Sales, parts-\$180.73; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$88.03; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$207.05; Knife River, gravel-\$574.64; Lowes, lumber-\$97.62; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$141.01; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$326.92; MEI, bridge inspection-\$4,595.00; Midwest Wheel, parts, supplies-\$551.10; NITZ Equipment, D7 flat bed-\$7,020.00; NPPD, utilities-\$114.98; North American Truck & Trailer, parts, supplies-\$4,576.31; Northeast NE Telephone, phone-\$120.54; Northeast Power, utilities-\$473.75; Northside Glass, parts, labor-\$625.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$221.53; Power Plan, parts-\$565.01; Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, fire extinguishers, inspection-\$701.00; Sapp Bros, supplies, misc-\$822.79; Sioux City Truck Sales, supplies-\$1,783.00; Siouxland Hydraulics, oil change-\$68.00; Team Trouble Chaser, door decals installed-\$60.00; Titan Machinery, parts-\$124.15; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$42.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$42.92; Warren Oil, diesel-\$4,479.25; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-\$355.18; Ziegler's, supplies, parts, labor-\$1,113.91; **0302 Hard Surface:** Steven Harris Construction, Likuwanta paving-\$69,889.70; **Road & Bridge Improvement:** MEI, S ave & Hwy 35-\$12,204.75; Steven Harris Construction, S bluff culvert ext- Homer-\$55,659.06; **Visitor Promo:** -, SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$16,481.03; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **2502 Health Grant:** US Bank, conferences, supplies-\$634.35; **2503 Health Grant:** US Bank, office supplies-\$147.59; **2504 Health Grant:** US Bank, supplies, website-\$839.69; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$793.00; **2508 Health Grant:** Ford Motor Credit Company, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, phones, fuel-\$172.59; **ARPA Fund:** American Underground Supply, metal culverts road dept-\$17,350.20; Brite Upstate, sheriff dept body cameras-\$66,282.00; Dakota Comfort Heating, DMV heater repairs-\$5,375.00; Knife River, gravel road dept-\$56,204.06; One Office, county clerk office furniture-\$451.00; RTI, microsoft surface pro 10 tablets-\$3,592.92; Walthill Service, new tractor-\$26,558.00; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$43,516.48

Angela Abts, Dakota County Extension, Lisa Bousquet, 4-H Leader, and Alexis Jessen, 4-H Ambassador, presented the Nebraska 4-H Month Proclamation declaring February as the 4-H month. The National 4-H Theme is "Beyond Ready"- 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and equipping young people with skills for the future. New members of the Dakota County Extension Board are Donna Habernick, Edward Finck and Leah Russell.

Commissioner Bousquet on behalf of the Property/Space Utilization Committee reported that there is concrete on the north side of the jail that is sloping down towards the jail walls causing water to drain into the elevator shaft. He suggested getting estimates to repair this issue. Possibly having the concrete pump jacked and caulked or replaced. The Board agreed to get quotes before moving forward. Commissioner Bousquet will work on getting quotes and bring this issue back to the Board.

Chair Hohenstein announced that the employee that was out on FMLA leave has been released back to work with no restrictions.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, asked the Board if they wanted Josh with MEI to move forward with getting change order quotes to have M Avenue Road at 30 feet vs 28 feet. The Board wished to move forward with getting the change order quotes. Ms. Gubbels asked the Board if they would be interested in getting quotes to have Cooney Fertilizer Inc. disk, roll and pack the concrete base before putting gravel on top to help with stabilization of the road. The Board agreed and requested estimates.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for February 2 to February 15, 2025. Total Road Maintenance - 52 hours; Overtime hours – 42.5 hours; culverts/RD projects – 16 hours S Bluff; snow removal – 165 hours. Road concerns: Grading – L Ave, Nodaway Rd, Elgin Ave. Gravel Bids and Bridge Inspection Bids will be opened on February 27<sup>th</sup> and presented at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Chair Hohenstein informed that interviews for the Road Foreman will take place next week and brought before the Board on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Road Operator and Weed/Sign interviews will take place after the Road Foreman is appointed.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed reported that he attended the Emergency Manager training/exercise session and learned a lot. He believes the County should work on a mutual aid agreement with Emergency Managers from Union County, SD and Woodbury County, IA. Commissioner Hohenstein reported that he attended the Board Chair workshop in Kearney and the new budget reforms are going to make it hard for counties to budget. Commissioner Rodriguez reported he attended the Health Board meeting, and the department will be helping the fire departments obtain PPE with the grant they recently received.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Commissioner Hohenstein read a letter he received from a local veteran regarding the stellar work of Nick Nieman and how thankful he was.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 18, 2025, at 3:32 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein Chair

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Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary