

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 14, 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. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Board of Equalization meeting. 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 – March 31, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for March 30, 2025 to April 12, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approve Noxious Weed Annual Report for 2024
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Heidi Borg with Congressman Adrian Smith office to give an update on what has been going on in DC.
 - b. Board to approve or not approve Interlocal Agreement for Use of Animal Services Facilities between the City of South Sioux City and Dakota County.
 - c. Bounna Pomephanh, Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc., requesting Board approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on May 25, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - d. Andrew Miller, Weed/Sign Road Department, requesting the Board review quotes, approve and award the purchase of a new Side by Side to be used for spraying and other job related responsibilities.
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: Homer Bus driver, Dianna Hauck, addressed the Board with some concerns regarding the condition of the roads around Homer. The Commissioner's thanked her, and the Road Department will address the concerns.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and accounts payable claims and everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 31, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for March 30 to April 12, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none; and (e) approval of Noxious Weed Annual Report for 2024. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$189,678.36; Net Pay-\$136,235.00; Total Retirement-\$13,705.33; Total FICA-\$14,038.62; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$212.30; 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-\$1,760.88; 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-\$1,420.00; 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-\$1,378.40; Samantha Mitchell-\$232.65; Rodney Soole-\$2,350.46; Todd Uhl-\$2,136.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,634.23; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,511.60; Shaun Bird-\$1,334.44; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$3,596.86; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$3,711.05; Brian Fernau-\$2,283.64; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,961.50; Jeremy Gilpin-\$3,091.59; Martin Guerrero-\$2,483.36; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,974.50; Jason James-\$3,127.36; Kimberly Johnson-\$905.85; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,036.99; Keaton Mueller-\$2,640.40; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,994.09; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,086.15; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Ryne Sell-\$540.18; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,503.35; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$1,816.85; Summer Adair-\$1,687.56; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,693.30; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,591.25; Ismael

Castro-\$1,838.46; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,806.00; Charlotte Coleman-\$811.60; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,784.40; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$808.10; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,754.76; Rebekah Epting-\$1,754.76; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,005.26; Jonathan Gray-\$2,079.81; Kara Groetken-\$1,886.92; McKenna Hammer-\$1,687.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,579.72; Adam Hough-\$2,010.00; Dustin Johnson-\$1,754.76; Terry Johnson-\$1,765.08; Carol Juarez-\$976.32; Brandon Long-\$2,207.98; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,712.86; Skyler Miner-\$1,985.10; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,978.90; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$803.60; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,874.44; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,446.48; Michele Rohde-\$1,704.80; Jeremy Russell-\$1,950.61; Jerry Santos-\$1,773.79; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,172.64; Kyle Urbanec-\$1,870.80; Armando Valerio-\$1,708.56; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,347.42; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,569.44; Theresa Grove-\$2,624.46; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,577.55; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,646.94; State Tax-\$6,145.59; Soc Sec-\$11,377.74; Medicare-\$2,660.88; Extra Fit-\$1,521.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$9,496.51; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$1,542.00; 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-\$132.95; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,592.61; Net Pay-\$16,908.17; Retirement-\$1,524.97; Total FICA-\$1,718.45; Health Plan-\$4,480.00; Dental Plan-\$160.00; Life Insurance-\$19.51; Tristin Eifert-\$945.46; Michael Fuchser-\$1,862.10; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Andrew Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,257.04; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$2,141.34; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,033.07; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,554.24; State Tax-\$772.92; FICA-\$1,392.72; Medicare-\$325.73; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,016.70; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Garnishments-\$243.96; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$60.09; Legal Shield-\$38.91; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$24.44; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,637.61; Net Pay-\$1,233.24; Retirement-\$110.54; Total FICA-\$121.45; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,637.61; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$103.27; State Tax-\$55.96; FICA-\$98.43; Medicare-\$23.02; Retirement-\$73.69; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,844.95; Net Pay-\$1,443.64; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$138.34; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$88.15; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$112.12; Medicare-\$26.22; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; 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-\$2,104.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$47,790.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,167.94; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$212.30; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1542.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,625.59; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,201.84; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,077.24; VSP, premium-\$524.82. **Road Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$243.96; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,599.24; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.91; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$772.92; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,541.67; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,436.90; VSP, premium-\$84.53; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits -medical claims \$24,723.23; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$103.27; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.96; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$184.23; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.90; **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; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$276.68; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Heidi Borg with Congressman Adrian Smith office gave an update on what has been going on in DC and the projects Congressman Smith has been involved in.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Use of Animal Services Facilities between the City of South Sioux City and Dakota County. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Bounna Pomephanh, Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc. Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on May 25, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Andrew Miller, Weed/Sign Road Department, requested the Board review quotes for the purchase of a new Side by Side to be used for spraying and other job related responsibilities. Quotes from: Sioux City Yamaha – Yamaha 2024 Kawasaki Ridge-\$25,584.50; Grossenburg – 2025 Polaris Ranger XP1000-\$26,850.00; Grossenburg – 2025 John Deere Gator XUV 845R-\$28,643.00; Taggart's Powersports – 2025 Polaris Ranger 1500 NSTAR-\$34,981.98. Purchase will be split between the Weed Fund and Road Fund. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the purchase of the Sioux City Yamaha – Yamaha 2024 Kawasaki Ridge-\$25,584.50 for the Weed/Sign department and Road department. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for March 30 to April 12, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 278.5 hours; overtime hours – 22.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 1 hour; culverts/Rd projects – 18 hours (110th Street and 220th); gravel hauling – 133 hours; total tons hauled – 1224.08 on roads. Road concerns-Grading: Blyburg, L Ave, Wigle Creek Rd, Nelson Rd, G Ave, Stable Dr, 120th St, 190th St and Gravel: Ireton Ave, 207th St, M Ave, 210th St, Elgin Ave, 260th St, H Ave; Potholes on Dixon Path. The new grader was delivered.

Commissioner Committee Reports: There were none.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Gordon Hansen letter – road concern.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 14, 2025, at 3:33 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary