

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, August 04, 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 BOE meeting prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Kim Watson, County Attorney. Also present was Paola Ledesma, Deputy 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 – July 21, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for July 20, 2025 to August 2, 2025
 - c. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April to June, 2025
 - e. Approval of Chair to sign Annual Certification Form regarding the allocation and expenditure of the Highway Street (STP) and Bridge Buyback (HBP) Programs 2024-2025
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc., requesting Board approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on August 31, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Letters from residents regarding solar farm.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein opened the floor to public comment on anything that is not on the agenda. No public comment.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 21, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for July 20, 2025, to August 2, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims-none; d) Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April to June 2025. Approval of Chair to sign Annual Certification Form regarding the allocation and expenditure of the Highway Street (STP) and Bridge Buyback (HBP) Programs 2024-2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed – Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet- Yes, Rodriguez- Yes, Van Berkum – Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$195,448.62; Net Pay-\$139,376.15; Total Retirement-\$14,195.02; Total FICA-\$14,480.37; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$213.96; 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-\$1,705.44; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; 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-\$1,744.81; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$2,607.28; Shaun Bird-\$3,117.68; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$4,089.72; Brian Ellinger-\$2,916.90; Penny Epting-\$4,409.78; Brian Fernau-\$2,468.80; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,775.41; Jeremy Gilpin-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$3,246.32; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,209.34; Jason James-\$3,157.43; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,171.20; Jared Junge-\$2,689.83; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,569.60; Keaton Mueller-\$3,471.16; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,351.04; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,539.86; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,509.40; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$1,941.42; Summer Adair-\$1,962.16; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$0.00; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,075.00; Ismael Castro-\$2,047.82; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,186.52; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,870.55; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,679.20; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$2,203.34; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,896.66; Rebekah Epting-\$1,765.08; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,077.84; Jonathan Gray-\$2,475.03; Kara Groetken-\$2,004.12; McKenna Hammer-\$1,972.32; Todd Hammer-\$2,626.91; Dustin Johnson-\$1,751.76; Terry Johnson-\$2,257.62; Carol Juarez-\$1,464.48; Matthew

Kronick-\$1,528.59; Brandon Long-\$2,707.48; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,943.76; Skyler Miner-\$1,910.00; Lucas Moulton-\$488.16; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,943.76; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$806.10; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,891.74; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,420.90; Michele Rohde-\$1,755.42; Jeremy Russell-\$2,127.40; Jerry Santos-\$1,763.16; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,245.30; Armando Valerio-\$1,754.76; Regn Vater-\$1,046.64; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,453.73; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,246.20; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,569.44; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,314.56; Courtney Swick-\$1,583.62; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$13,051.05; State Tax-\$6,486.85; Soc Sec-\$11,735.75; Medicare-\$2,744.62; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$505.00; Retirement-\$9,819.94; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$800.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,585.42; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$407.30; Legal Shield-\$148.06; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$118.16; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$20,394.62; Net Pay-\$15,062.03; Retirement-\$1,376.61; Total FICA-\$1,532.64; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Tristin Eifert-\$1,844.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$2,551.71; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Brandon Miller-\$17.30; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,249.61; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,456.54; State Tax-\$695.26; FICA-\$1,242.13; Medicare-\$290.51; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$917.79; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$34.82; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,617.33; Net Pay-\$1,218.76; Retirement-\$109.17; Total FICA-\$119.90; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,617.33; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$100.94; State Tax-\$54.95; FICA-\$97.17; Medicare-\$22.73; Retirement-\$72.78; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,871.78; Net Pay-\$1,468.42; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$140.39; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$114.98; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$113.78; Medicare-\$26.61; 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-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$2,124.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,350.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,577.05; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$148.06; Emily McNaughton-reimburse garnishment returned - \$342.80; Life Insurance, premium-\$213.96; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,991.85; PointC – admin fees, \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, \$2,705.54; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$24,014.96; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,960.74; VSP, premium-\$525.46. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$221.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$5,800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,501.54; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$695.26; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,294.40; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,065.28; VSP, premium-\$54.34; **Insurance Fund 1275:** PointC FSA-Withdrawals, \$2,782.67; PointC – Auto Withdrawals, \$47,937.65; PointC Medical-admin fees, \$27,352.12; VSP-Cobra premium, \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$100.94; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$54.45; Principal Life – premiums, \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$181.95; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$239.80; **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-premiums, \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.78; 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; Principal Life-premiums, \$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Chair Hohenstein made a motion to approve Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc., request to the Board for a Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on August 31, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc.. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Reed-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein informed us that Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, has been in meetings all day and we will take a look at the Road Report at the next Board meeting.

Committee Reports. Commissioner Hohenstein informed the board about the oversight committee raising funds that twice a year go to veterans' homes and meet with them in Dakota County. They give \$50 to their accounts and stop and talk with all the veterans that are in nursing homes. Talked about how there are a lot of good people who serve on the oversight committee and how they are involved with our veterans in Dakota County.

Mail and/or Emergency Business- letters from residents regarding the solar farm. Commissioners read the 3 letters we received. Chair Hohenstein informed us that the Planning & Zoning meeting will be August 19th at 7:00p.m. at the Hubbard Community Center to provide a better location for residents to be present for the meeting. Commissioner Hohenstein mentioned that there was good information given to residents about the solar farms at the Cottonwood Convention Center on July 30, 2025, meeting.

Scott Davidson, Dakota City resident, spoke on behalf of residents that could not be present for the board of commissioners meeting. Scott questioned the process of who will be deciding if the solar farm will take place. Chair Hohenstein informed him of how the Board will get recommendations from the Planning and Zoning regarding the solar farm and that it will go before the Board. It will be well publicized so that residents are aware and can be present. Commissioner Bousquet did mention that the Chair can designate a special time/date to have a special meeting, especially with the solar farm being a big topic. Chair Hohenstein did take that into consideration. Scott spoke on his concerns regarding the solar farm. He mentioned how it would affect the lives of those residents who do live out in the country of Dakota County where the solar farm will be taking place. He mentioned expanding the one that is currently in So Sioux City instead of creating a new solar farm. Chair Hohenstein recommend that residents go to the Planning and Zoning meeting on August 19, 2025 and voice their thoughts.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 04, 2025, at 3:32 p.m.

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk/Board Secretary