

Johnson County Board of Commissioners
January 21, 2020

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 21, 2020. County Commissioners present were Scotty Gottula District 1, Ted Evans District 2 and James Erickson District 3.

Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk is recording the minutes.

Chairman Erickson declared the meeting open at 8:15 A.M.

Chairman Erickson acknowledged that the open meetings act was posted on the wall by the entrance of the County Boardroom.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Gottula to approve the agenda. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.

The Board discussed the minutes from the January 7, 2020 meeting. There was a question on who made the motion to nominate Scotty Gottula as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. There was a motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 board meeting with Evans making the motion and Erickson seconding the motion to nominate Scotty Gottula as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Nays: Gottula, Motion Carried.

Fuel bids were opened at 8:15 A.M. and placed on file in the County Clerk's Office. One bid from G & G Oil was received. A motion was made by Gottula, and was seconded by Evans to approve the bid from G & G Oil Company as follows:

Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$2.129, Diesel Low Sulfur #1 on Road \$2.749, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 on Road \$2.449,

Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek and Sterling Shops Diesel Low Sulfur #1 off Road \$2.449, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 off Road \$2.149.

Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Evans, and was seconded by Gottula to approve the claims as submitted. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried. The following claims were paid on funds as follows:

COUNTY GENERAL

Payroll, \$34,032.61, Claims 49,705.97

Aflac Insurance 128.96, American National Bank FICA/Taxes 10,816.42, Ameritas Deferred Comp 70.00, Ameritas Life Vision Ins. 137.97, AR Solutions garnishment 194.63, Better Living Counseling Service 874.00, Blue Cross Blue Shield Ins. 15,791.87, Allison Caspers Prior Service 96.00, DAS State Accounting Support 99.64, Mike Davison Mileage 75.98, Eakes Office Solutions Supplies 353.85, First Concord Benefits Felx Spending 268.65, Gage County Clerk Bailiff Expense 1,918.64, GC Services Garnishment 74.65, Gottula propane Tank Rentals 40.00, Great Plains Uniform Tactical Pants 116.65, Hasselbalch Pharmacy Inmate Med 200.61, Jan Hershberger Prior Service 36.00, Jefferson County Sheriff Paper Service 44.62, Johnson County Hospital Inmate Med. 88.82, Johnson County Petty Cash Utilities 1,133.74, Johnson County Sheriff Paper Service 91.21, Kerner True Value Supplies 26.49, Virginia Laflin Prior Service 36.00, Latimer Reporting Depositions 382.00, Liberty Nat'l Life Ins. 206.06, Steven J. Mercure Prior Service 96.00, Marjorie E. Morrissey Prior Service 48.00, Ne. Dept. of Revenue State Tax 1,533.22, Kathleen Nieveen Mileage 87.40, William Ouren Medical 150.00, Paramount Linen Rugs 110.30, Margaret Parrish Prior Service 96.00, Postmaster Stamps 1,405.00, Quill Corp. Supplies 215.50, Region V. Systems Services 4251.75, Retirement Plan 5,603.77, Scotty's Grocery Inmate Meals 1,241.00, Richard R. Smith Utilities 115.94, Tecumseh Central Market Supplies 35.97, Tecumseh Chieftain Publication 66.00, Time Warner Cable Converters 8.76, time Warner Internet 109.99, US Bank Supplies 69.82, Us Cellular Tower Rent 438.00, US Cellular phone 85.74, Troy Walters Prior Service 72.00, Windstream Phone 562.35

ROAD

Payroll \$14,479.29, Claims 63,418.02

Aflac Ins. 30.16, American National Bank 4,356.23, Ameritas Life Vision Ins. 31.92, Beatrice Concrete 1,911.71
Blue Cross Blue Shield Ins. 9629.64 Cass County Treasurer CPR Training 350.00, Eakes Office Solutions Supplies
75.50, Eggers Brothers Parts 152.39, Jack L. Evans Prior Service 300.00, First Concord Flex Spending 65.00,
Frontier Coop Erosion Control 147.40, G & G Oil January Fuel 11,668.78, Johnson County Petty Cash Utilities
357.90, Kerner True value Supplies 14.45, Martin Marietta Rock 29,921.47, Randall Moss prior service 84.00,
Sid's Auto Parts 225.14, Nebraska Dept. of Rev State Tax 614.32, Paramount Linen rugs 27.44, John Rademacher
Prior Service 48.00, RDO Truck Center Parts 162.97, Retirement Plans Div. 2,321.29, Sapp Brothers Petro. DEF
331.25, Seneca Sanitation Trash Pickup 60.00, Orville Speckmann Prior Service 120.00, Village of Elk Creek
Utilities 263.76, Washington National Ins. 9.25, Windstream Phone 138.05

INHERITANCE TAX

US Cellular wireless connection 18.64

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Johnson County Petty Cash Utilities 42.48, Windstream Inc. phone 2,301.55

AMBULANCE

Mateson Tri-Gas Inc. Oxygen 82.67, Quick Med Claims Contract 811.81, Tecumseh Rescue Transfers 150.00

Highway Supt. Matt Schardt was present at the meeting for Road Discussions.

A motion was made by Gottula, and was seconded by Evans to approve Resolution 20-01 a Resolution to authorize Chair Jim Erickson to sign the LPA Program Agreement-Federal –Aid Funds between the County and the State of Nebraska for project BRO-7049(24) Sterling NW. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.

Matt informed the board that he met last week with Mainelli Wagner about the projects for the one and six year plan, the list of projects were reviewed by the Board and a list of the projects and locations are on file at the County Road Department.

The EDA 2019 Disaster Grant through the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration has not been submitted yet according to Doug Goracke Economic Developer.

The board discussed project No. 292 (Robison Bridge) the board has asked Matt to find out the difference in cost between a Box Culvert and a Bridge. If the board goes with the box culvert the State, who normally does the designs on culverts, will do all the design on this project which could take longer because of all of the state's other projects.

February 4, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. will be the bid letting for Materials for project C-49(293) Elk Creek NE.

Matt also informed the board that all of the County Road Employees are now CPR and safety certified, and that Amanda Burki EMA did the class.

Also discussed was the ice on the intersections. Matt will take scarifier and try to rough up the intersections that join the State Highway.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Erickson opened the public hearing on the continuation of electing the Johnson County Surveyor being on the election general ballot for 2020.

The purpose of the hearing was to hear comments on the Legislative change from April 2014 (LB 946) which requires the election of county surveyors in all counties under 150,000 unless certain actions are taken. The one action that the board has is to pass a resolution to continue to elect the County surveyor, if the board does not

adopt a resolution to continue to elect the county surveyor the question of electing a county surveyor must appear on the general election ballot in November 2020.

If a majority of the votes cast are against the election of the office of county surveyor then the offices ceases to exist and the board would then appoint a county surveyor.

If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the election of the office of county surveyor the office continues to be elected.

EMA Amanda Burki gave the board an update on the FEMA reimbursement. Amanda said that we should get around \$394,000.00 before the end of the FY from FEMA.

Courtney from Project Response gave the board an update on the program. Courtney explained to the board that they are Federal funded, and they do operate a thrift store in Auburn for anyone needing assistance. She also informed the board that they do go to Johnson County Central School and Sterling Public School to teach Safe dates and safe relationship classes.

County Surveyor Brent Jorgensen discussed with the board LB 946 and the benefits of having an elected County Surveyor.

After discussion the board decided to take no actions and to have the question on the election of the office of county surveyor on the November 2020 election.

The public hearing was closed at 9:43 A.M. by Chairman Erickson.

County Sheriff Scott Walton discussed with the board the bill that he received from Motorola. The bill was for the maintenance agreement for 2018 and 2019 which have not been paid because we just received the bill. Total bill totaling \$27,060.00. Sheriff Walton wanted to know if this should be taken out of his budget, because they never sent him a bill and he did not know that the bills existed and that it was not budgeted for. Chairman Erickson suggested that if there was a question on his budget that he should contact Motorola and see if they would accept a payment for the 2018 at this time, and then 2019 would be paid for after July 1,2020 so that this amount could be budgeted for in his next year budget.

Also discussed was the possibility of ordering a new SUV for the department. The proposed new SUV would be purchased on the State bid through Anderson. The board was ok with this.

The board acknowledges the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for December, 2019, and the Johnson County Treasurer's Semi-annual Statement from 7-1-2019 to 12-31-2019 in accordance with State Statute #77-1745.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Gottula to approve the 2020 mileage rates as follows: the new rate will be .575 cents per mile for County Employees who use their personal vehicle in conducting business for Johnson County, and the Johnson County Sheriff is allowed to charge .605 cents per mile on civil processing. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays: none motion carried.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday February 4, 2020 at 8:15 A.M. All board meetings are open to the public; the agenda is being kept current and available at the County Clerk's Office.

_____ Jim Erickson, Chairman

_____ Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk

