

Johnson County Board of Commissioners January 28, 2025

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday January 28, 2025, County Commissioners present were David Borrenpohl District 1, Tim Weber District 2, Les Agena District 3.

Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk is recording the minutes.

Notice of the Johnson County Commissioner's meeting was sent to each post office in Johnson County, it was posted on the Johnson County Website at johnsoncounty.ne.gov and was sent to the Tecumseh Chieftain on Friday January 24, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borrenpohl at 9:00 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in the room.

Chairman Borrenpohl acknowledged that the open meetings act was posted by the entrance of the Johnson County Board Room.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the agenda. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl. Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025 board meeting. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the claims as submitted. Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Payroll: 51,710.83

Claims: \$ 161,164.01

AFLAC – Insurance - 254.03, LES AGENA – Mileage - 286.76, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA& Federal Taxes - 16,055.36 AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. - Vision Insurance - 130.84, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Health Insurance - 17,255.10 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS – Gold Fax monthly fee - 68.00, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC. – Copiers & Installation Fee - 1,302.57, CHARM-TEX – Jail Supplies - 343.90, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – Internet & HD Converters - 907.88, DAS STATE ACCTING - CENTRAL FINANCE – Statewide Radio Usage - 112.00, MIKE DAVISON – Mileage - 159.60, DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526 – Jail Supplies - 26.70, ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE – Special Election Costs - 1,372.47, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS Courthouse & Office Supplies – 334.19 – Erin M McCartney – 264.00 - FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Cafeteria Plan & Flex Spending - 62.69, FANKHAUSER,NELSEN,WERTS,ZISKEY & MERWIN – Public Defender Fees - 4,000.00, HEARTLAND PRECISION RIFLE,LLC - Sniper Rifle - 3,157.50, HIDDEN GEM BISTRO – Inmate Meals 1/5-1/18 No Sundays - 456.00, MICHELLE HUTT Jail Supplies Reimbursement - 331.83, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Black Hills Courthouse & Jail - 1,252.33 JOHNSON COUNTY TREASURER – Road Transfer - 86,780.04, KERNER ACE HARDWARE – Courthouse Supplies - 39.99, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 88.52, MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURNACE CO.- Insurance - 114.39, MSU VDL Lab Testing for Crime Scene - 200.00, MID-STATES ORGANIZED INFO CENTER – Membership - 100.00, MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES Courthouse Inspections 2/1-4/30 - 290.35, NACT – Dues - 75.00, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CNTR - 113.08, NEBRASKA UC FUND – Unemployment - 2,945.29, NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – EPC - 93.00, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 2,349.20, NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSN – Registration & Dues

- 275.00, NESTOR & MERCURE ATTORNEYS – Attorney Fees - 465.50, PEPPERHILL VETERINARY SERVICES – Mako Meds & Exams - 488.69, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS - Retirement - 8,303.76, SE DISTRICT ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION – Dues - 75.00, SMPC LLC – Emails & Support - 28.80, TECUMSEH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – EM Rent & Utilities - 600.00, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Miscellaneous Purchases 1,442.71, U.S. CELLULAR – Tower Rent - 525.60, U.S. CELLULAR – Internet & Phones - 118.40, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones 462.94, WOODS & AITKEN – Attorney Fees - 7,055.00

ROAD FUND: Payroll: 16,294.20

Claims: \$ 59,304.85

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 5,032.30, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 52.85 BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Health Insurance - 6,343.13, CARD SERVICES – TSC Purchases - 10.99, SURNALI LLC – Random Testing - 250.00, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICES,INC – Fuel - 6,967.68, H & H AUTO PARTS – Parts - 442.63, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Black Hills Barn & OPPD Cook Barn - 588.03, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 87.78 MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 24,449.60, MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO – Signs - 2,690.30, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 716.16, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Sterling Barn - 55.87, NMC,INC – Parts & Labor - 5,865.82 PROFESSIONAL CHOICE RECOVERY, INC - 223.52, RAY J SANITATION – Trash Pickup - 65.00, RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY Parts - 514.16, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,510.78, JOSH SCHMIDT – CDL Training - 1,200.00 US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Miscellaneous Purchases - 628.37, U.S. CELLULAR – Internet - 82.26, VILLAGE OF ELK CREEK – Annual Utilities for Barn - 331.98, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 90.64, YANT TESTING,SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT,INC – Filters - 105.00

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

JOHNSON COUNTY NE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – September-November Lodging Tax - 1,238.80

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Claims: \$684,439.20

MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT – Motor grader - 321,534.00, BOCKMANN INC – Lead Sample Testing - 1,360.00, JOHNSON COUNTY TREASURER – Transfer - 125,000.00, KINGERY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY – HVAC & Courthouse Repairs, Application #10 - 236,545.20

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 42.52

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

LUMEN – 911 Phones - 3,203.24

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

Claims: \$1,116.52

JET STOP INC – Ambulance Fuel - 105.63, JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD DEPT. – Fuel Oct-Dec - 603.40, TECUMSEH RESCUE Equipment Reimbursement & Testing - 407.49

Barry Weber Extension Beef Educator was present to introduce himself to the board.

Emergency Manager Megan Buckley was present at the meeting to update the board on the upcoming training events and that all is good.

Fuel bids were opened and placed on file in the County Clerk's Office. One bid was received from Gottula Propane Service Inc.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the bid from Gottula Propane Service Inc. as follows:

Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$2.699, Diesel Low Sulfur #1 on Road \$3.399, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 On Road \$2.999

Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek and Sterling Shops Diesel Low Sulfur #1 off Road \$3.099, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 Off Road \$2.699.

Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

Highway Supt. Matt Schardt was present at the meeting to discuss current employees and to report that he is now down 3 guys and is going to advertise for help. Discussion was held on Part-time, Full time and contract labor.

Also discussed were repairs on equipment, the meeting with MEI on construction projects for the upcoming year will be on Friday February 7th and invited any of the board members to attend, and Matt will get a quote for top coat for the counties portion of the black top on old highway 50 north out of Tecumseh.

County Sheriff Josh Sterkel was present to discuss the new Durango and the trade in of the Pickup.

Austin Partridge with Northland was present to discuss the Bond issue for the Johnson County Courthouse Phase 1 restoration project. The board informed Austin to go ahead with getting the paperwork in order to bond 2 million dollars.

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Agena to approve Resolution 25-2 a Resolution for the subdivision of a tract of land being part of the West 60 Acres in the Northeast Quarter of section One (1)Township Five (5) Range Nine (9). Yeas: Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the Interlocal Agreement to create the Southeast Weed management Association, Yeas; Agena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Weber to approve the Johnson County Board appointments for 2025 as follows:

NIRMA Kathleen M. Nieveen

Region V: Les Agena

SENDDS: Les Agena

SENCA Tim Weber

Economic Developer Doug Goracke

Highway Supt. Matt Schardt

EMA Megan Buckley

Ambulance Board David Borrenpohl

Weed Superintendent/Zoning Mike Davison

SE District Health, Tim Weber, Gina Kerner, Stacey Goodrich

Johnson County Planning Comm. Larry Kuhl, Wade Caspers, Gary Pietzyk, Bill Baum, Greg Krueger, Ed Ehmen

Board of Zoning Adjustments, Arlin Beethe, Lavon Beethe, Mike Weber, Joel Dunekacke-Alternate, Vernon

Kettelhake, Gary Pietzyk

Blue Rivers Area on Aging David Borrenpohl

Extension Board, Lisa Schuster, Judi Borrenpohl, Matt Weber, Linda Kuhlmann

Visitors Committee, Vernon Kettelhake, Melissa Campbell, Judy Brinkman, Denise Wolff

Veterans Service Board, Charlie Pierce, Mike Carman, Mike Wolken, Lavon Othmer, Shannon Nielsen
Johnson County Hospital Board Dr. Stacey Goodrich, Dr. Vicky Boone, Jill Hahn, Randy Baucke, Richard Roesener,
Michael Wendt, and Paula Straube.

Yeas: Avena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

Chairman Borrenpohl signed the Certificate of substantial completion, Certificate No. 002 of the Johnson County Courthouse Phase 1 Restoration.

A motion was made by Borrenpohl and was seconded by Avena to go into closed session at 11:02 A.M. Yeas: Avena, Weber, Borrenpohl, nays; none motion carried.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss a personnel matter for the protection of the public's interest

A motion was made by Weber and was seconded by Avena to come out of closed session at 11:09 A.M. Yeas: Avena, Weber, Borrenpohl, Nays; none motion carried.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:37 A.M.

The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday February 11, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. All board meetings are open to the public; the agenda is kept current and available at the County Clerk's Office.

David Borrenpohl, Chairman

Kathleen M. Nieveen, County Clerk

