

## Johnson County Board of Commissioners November 21, 2023

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The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday November 21, 2023, County Commissioners present were David Borrenpohl District 1, Ted Evans 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 Thursday November 17, 2023.

The meeting was called to order Chairman Evans at 8:15 A.M.

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

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

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

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Borrenpohl to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023, board meeting. Yeas: Borrenpohl, Agena, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND: Payroll: 43,650.82**

**Claims: \$ 79,652.81**

AFLAC – Insurance - 100.10, LES AGENA – Mileage - 169.65, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – Federal & FICA taxes - 15,373.20 AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 124.25, ARAMARK – Rugs - 61.16, AUBURN DENTAL CENTER – Inmate Dental Work - 1,047.00, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 14,862.86, CENTRAL STATES TELECOM – Technical Service - 274.68, CHARM-TEX – Inmate supplies - 148.90, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – Internet - 149.99, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – HD Converters - 8.75, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY – Meals @ Training - 10.75, DAS STATE ACCTING - CENTRAL FINANCE – Support & Statewide Radio Usage - 307.00, MIKE DAVISON – Mileage - 184.71, DOLLAR GENERAL-Jail Supplies - 218.70, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Supplies - 127.70, ERIN M. MCCARTNEY - 257.00, FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS,LTD – Plat Maps - 625.00, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Cafeteria Plan & Flex Spending - 57.50, GB AUTO SERVICE, INC – Oil Changes & Tires - 104.96, HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY – Lodging @ Training - 329.90, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Court house & Jail Utilities - 516.07, JORGENSEN SURVEYING – Mileage - 19.65, KERNER ACE HARDWARE – Building Supplies - 26.16, JO CO TREASURER REIMBURSEMENT – Employee Reimbursement - 168.34, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 75.74, MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURNACE CO. – Life Insurance - 95.90, MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS – Scanner Rental - 40.00, MORRISSEY,MORRISSEY,DALLUGE – Office Rent, 1/3 Utilities, ½ Phone & Internet, Secretary fee, Website Maintenance & Mortuary Reimbursement - 1,921.21, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC – Lease Agreement - 23,387.90, NACO- 2 Registrations - 300.00, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CNTR - 113.08, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes – 2,444.91, NESTOR & MERCURE ATTORNEYS – Attorney Fees - 408.50, PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, P.C. – Autopsies - 813.00 WAYDE PICKINPAUGH – Postage Reimbursement - 30.90, POSTMASTER – Stamps - 3,570.00, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 7,288.25, KIMBERLY SNYDER – Mileage, Meals & Inmate Supplies - 200.64, SOARIN GROUP,LLC IT & Support, Repairs - 2,049.50, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Miscellaneous Purchases - 347.52, U.S. CELLULAR Cell Tower Rent -

525.60, U.S. CELLULAR – Phones/Internet - 113.02, FIBER PLATFORM,LLC – Internet - 250.00, WHERRY BROTHERS MORTUARY – Transport - 335.00, WINDSTREAM – Elevator Phone - 68.16

**ROAD FUND: Payroll: 13,321.66**

**Claims: \$ 54,770.21**

A STREET AUTO PARTS, INC – Parts - 771.79, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – Federal & FICA Taxes - 4,066.41, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 50.66, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 10,146.41, CARD SERVICES Supplies - 232.86, CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC. - 183.65, FASTENAL COMPANY – Supplies - 305.49, FIELD FORD,INC. Parts - 110.59, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 63.46, GARTNER TRANSPORT, INC - Parts - 119.81, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICES, INC – Fuel - 19,908.77, H H AUTO PARTS – Parts - 29.99, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND Utilities - 131.71, KERNER ACE HARDWARE – Supplies - 250.45, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 87.78 MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 11,559.81, MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC- Consulting - 1,182.80, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 591.79, PICKRELL LUMBER COMPANY – Supplies - 204.00, POWERPLAN – Parts - 677.80, RAY J SANITATION – Trash Pickup - 65.00, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,266.97, TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES Parts - 426.15, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Supplies & Equipment - 1,233.85, VILLAGE OF STERLING – Utilities – 12.00, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 90.21

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

**Claims: \$ 42,530.97**

FANKHAUSER,NELSEN,WERTS, MERWIN & ZISKEY – Attorney Fees Ramos Trial - 40,810.00, GREAT PLAINS REPORTING – Transcripts - 302.84, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT. – Paper Service Ramos Trial - 177.30, LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF Paper Service Ramos Trial - 65.49, DYLAN D LITTLE ESTATE – Inheritance Tax Overpayment - 1,002.42, KATHLEEN M NIEVEEN Mileage Ramos Trial - 172.92

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

**Claims: \$ 2,457.91**

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 41.57, WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA INC – 911 Phones - 2,416.34

**AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND**

**Claims: \$ 2,802.84**

HMKB BILLING, LLC – Contract Billing - 2,082.59, JET STOP INC – Ambulance Fuel - 148.95, JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL Ambulance Supplies - 361.30, KENNETH MANDL – CPR Training - 60.00, TECUMSEH RESCUE – Non-Emergency Transfers 150.00

Megan Buckley Emergency Manager Updated the board on the Education workshops, the EMPG Grant that was awarded to Johnson County in the amount of \$32,232.79, and to discuss with the board a possible increase in hourly rate for her since she is now certified.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Borrenpohl to approve a \$2.00 per hour increase for Emergency Manager Megan Buckley effective November 19, 2023. Yeas: Borrenpohl, Agena, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

The fuel bid was opened at 8:30 a.m. and placed on file in the County Clerk's Office. Only one bid was received. A motion was made by Borrenpohl and was seconded by Agena to approve the fuel bid from Gottula Propane Service Inc. as follows:

Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$2.899, Diesel Low Sulfur #1 on Road \$4.099, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 on Road \$3.799

Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek, Sterling Shops Diesel Low Sulfur #1 off Road \$3.799, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 Off Road \$3.499.

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

A motion was made by Borrenpohl, and was seconded by Agena to approve to purchase a Ariens Deluxe 28" snow blower for the Courthouse from Ty's Outdoor Power & Service for the price of \$1450.00, Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

Matt Schaardt Highway Supt. Discussed with the board the revised MOU between the County and NioCorp. The board approved the revisions and will send the proposed MOU to NioCorp. for their approval.

The board discussed between 615 Road and 614 Road and cross road of 722 Avenue. The landowner would like to have the county consider rebuilding the road, but after much discussion it was decided not to build that road.

Jon Cannon Executive Director for NACO was present to give the board an update on what services they could offer, and an update on Legislation.

County Sheriff Josh Sterkel was present to discuss overtime pay for the Sheriff's Deputies. Currently under FLSA they are to work 86 hours per pay period before they can get overtime, they are requesting to lower the hours worked to 80 hours per pay period to be uniform with the rest of the County Employees

A motion was made by Borrenpohl and was seconded by Agena to approve Resolution 23-25 to pay for overtime for Sheriff's Deputies who work more than 80 hours per pay period. Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Borrenpohl and was seconded by Agena to approve the Certification for Maximus for the FY 2-22 cost allocation plan. Yeas: Borrenpohl, Agena, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

The Resolution to participate in NIRMA for Insurance was tabled until December 19, 2023

The quote from Renodry was discussed and the board wanted to wait with this for the next 6 to 12 months.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Monday December 4, 2023, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ted Evans Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk

