

# November 26, 2019

## Johnson County Board of Commissioners

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The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday November 26, 2019. 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 Gottula declared the meeting open at 8:15 A.M.

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

Visitors were 6 Senior and one sponsor from Sterling Public School they came to observe a county board meeting.

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

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes of the November 12th board meeting. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; None Motion Carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND:** Payroll: \$33,662.57

Claims: **\$ 48,653.20**

AFLAC - Insurance - 128.96, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 10,838.12, AMERITAS – Deferred Comp - 70.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 137.97, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE Insurance - 15,791.87, BRINKMAN BROTHERS INC. – Truck Repairs - 89.25, CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY – Meals at Training - 146.93, MIKE DAVISON – Mileage - 100.92, DISTRICT COURT JOHNSON COUNTY Claims - 1,008.00, DIXON COUNTY CLERK – Voting Booths - 180.00, DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF – Paper Service - 22.05, GC SERVICES LP - 13.96, AMANDA HATFIELD – Meals & Fuel - 60.64, JOHNSON COUNTY COURT – Claims - 365.26, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Utilities and Trash Pick-up - 1,840.94, CASSANDRA KAGY – Meals - 25.36, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 206.06, LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR – Subscription - 582.99 MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURNACE CO. – Insurance - 173.60, MIDWEST PROCESS SERVICES – Paper Service - 33.25, MORAN PLUMBING AND HEATING,LLC – Furnace Repairs - 595.45, NACO - Registrations - 500.00, NAVIENT CREDIT FINANCE CORPORATION - 305.25, NE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOC. – Dues - 50.00, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 1,572.64, NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION – Notary Stamp - 156.18, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – Training - 99.00, O'KEEFE ELEVATOR CO. – Maintenance - 306.60, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM – Rugs - 109.30, PHYSICIANS LABORATORY SERVICES – Autopsies - 2,050.00, QUILL CORP. – Office Supplies - 192.22, ZACHARY RASH – Fuel - 133.50, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS Retirement - 6,373.12, SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL – Pest control - 52.00, SCOTTY'S GROCERY – Inmate Meals - 774.50, SE DISTRICT ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION – Dues - 25.00, RICHARD R SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW – Mileage, Rent, Utilities - 255.08, TIME WARNER CABLE – Phones/Internet - 936.63, TIME WARNER CABLE – Internet - 109.99, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Tools, Office Supplies - 97.95, U.S. CELLULAR – Tower Rental - 438.00, U.S. CELLULAR- Internet & Tablets - 86.11, VERIZON CONNECT NWF,INC – GPS - 113.70, VERIZON WIRELESS Phones & Tablets - 595.41, WHERRY BROTHERS MORTUARY – Transport - 335.00, WINDSTREAM – Phones – 574.44

**ROAD FUND:** Payroll: \$14,118.99

Claims: **\$ 97,025.85**

ACE IRRIGATION & MANUFACTURING – Culverts - 11,548.64, AFLAC – Insurance - 30.16, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 4,229.32, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 31.92, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 9,629.64, G & G OIL – November Fuel - 17,449.57, HUSKER STEEL Sheet Pile - 7,810.00, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Utilities - 334.09, MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC. – Consulting, Aug & Sept - 28,030.08,

MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 14,328.46, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC – Supplies - 75.90, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 587.30, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT Utilities - 34.21, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM – Rugs - 27.44, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,257.57, SPEERS TRUCK REPAIR LLC – Labor - 134.00, TOPP'S MECHANICAL, INC. – Bottle Exchange – 51.48, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Tools, Postage, Parts - 170.90, U.S. CELLULAR – Internet - 78.03 VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablet - 40.01, WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS COMPANY – Insurance - 9.25, WINDSTREAM Landline Phone - 137.88

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:**

Claims: **\$18.03**

U.S. CELLULAR – Internet b/u - 18.03

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

Claims: **\$ 2,322.98**

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 41.12, WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA INC – 911 Phones 2,281.86

**AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:**

Claims: **\$789.89**

EMS Billing Services – Contract Billing – 789.89

Doug Goracke Economic Developer was present at the meeting to discuss with the board the possibility of applying for the EDA 2019 Disaster Grant through the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. This grant is an 80-20 match, Doug asked Highway Supt. Matt Schardt if he had a project that would fit the grant and he thought that he did have one that would meet the criteria on the one and six year plan.

A motion was made by Evans, and was seconded by Erickson to authorize Doug Goracke to apply for the EDA Funds in the amount of \$500,000.00. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Highway Supt. Matt Schardt discussed with the board the Bridge Match Program, FEMA updates and that Elk Creek west was done and opened. He also discussed with the board that because the Elk Creek Project was not done on time he wanted to know if he should have Mainelli Wagner check on applying penalties. The board told Matt to go ahead and contact Mainelli Wagner, and to go with the maximum penalties.

Matt informed the board that the road employees are cleaning out ditches, and hauling rock directly on to the county roads. Once the weather goes bad then Matt will have the guys haul rock into the shop.

The fuel bids were opened and placed on file in the County Clerk's office. One bid was received from G & G Oil Company. A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve the bid from G & G Oil Company

Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$2.199, Diesel Low Sulfur #1 on Road \$2.849, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 on Road \$2.549

Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek and Sterling Shops Diesel Low Sulfur #1 Off Road \$2.549, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 off Road \$2.249

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

Chris Stone Courthouse maintenance and Eric Moran with MPH Heating were present to discuss the heating and cooling system in the Courthouse. Eric presented a Quote for Service on all GEO units in the Courthouse basement and main floor. Eric did discuss with the board that there is a screen on the main system that needs to be cleaned out and that there should really be a shut off valve on there for easier cleaning. A motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Evans to approve the quote for one a year service \$1,250.00 and to add the valve on the system. Yeas; Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve Resolution 19-14 a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form 2019. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Evans to approve the NACO Section 125 Administrative Agreement. Yeas: Erickson, Evans, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Erickson, and was seconded by Evans to approve Resolution 19-15 a Resolution to adopt a Cash In Lieu of Program. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The board discussed 2 county burial applications. After review a motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Evans to deny the application of Phillip Dale Woodward, and to table the one for Cheryl Ann Turner. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

County Clerk Kathleen Nieveen reviewed the current internal audit for of Johnson County, Nebraska Retirement Systems. She indicated that there were 3 areas that needed to be corrected, 2 were already corrected and one will be done. The question with the one is that there is make up contributions to be made by the employee and the County. The employee wanted to complete here make up contributions within 6 months, but NPERS rules state that they need to be made up within 60 days. The board decided that the rules of the NPERS need to be followed and the employee will have to make it up in the required amount of time.

Sherry Stephens with the Christmas committee updated the board on the decorations so far. She expressed that the committee has had a lot of support and she has received a lot of donations for the project, also she was wondering if they could get more donations and once again try to fasten Christmas Lights on the building if they would consider it. The board indication that they would always listen.

Scotty brought up the idea of purchasing some of the white folding chairs for the board room. The other commissioners were ok with the purchasing of a dozen of the white folding chairs.

The board received a copy of the Johnson County Sheriff's Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2019.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 9:40 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday December 10, 2019 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.

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