

Johnson County Board of Commissioners December 21, 2021

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday December 21, 2021 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.

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 December 17, 2021.

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Evans to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 board meeting. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; 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 is a list of the claims which were paid on Functions as follows:

GENERAL FUND: Payroll: \$32,100.37

Claims: \$ 55,711.60

AFLAC – Insurance - 128.96, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 10,158.28, AMERITAS – Deferred Comp 135.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 133.62, NADINE BEETHE – Mileage - 201.60, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 15,227.54, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS – Copier Contract - 68.00, CHIEF DRUG – Inmate Meds 80.80, CITY OF TECUMSEH - Handi-Bus - 3,000.00, COLLECTION ASSOCIATES - 163.76, CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC. 75.74, DAS STATE ACCTING - CENTRAL FINANCE – Support, Computer Lease, Radio Usage - 185.64, MIKE DAVISON - Mileage 291.16, DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF – Paper Service - 20.59, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Office Supplies - 90.45, THEODORE EVANS JR – Mileage - 451.08, FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES – Motel/Convention - 229.90, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Cafeteria Plan & Flex Spending - 178.46, BRITTANY FREEMAN – Mileage - 18.06, GRAHAM TIRE – Tires - 2,250.60, HASSELBALCH PHARMACY – Inmate Meds - 158.74, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES – 5 Motel rooms/Convention - 1,494.35, JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Inmate visits - 223.71, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Utilities & Trash P/U, 943.38, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT. – Paper Service - 24.15, KERNER TRUE VALUE – Supplies - 102.49, KUDU LAWN CARE – Spray & Fertilizer 650.00, LAFFMAN HOT ROD GARAGE – Tire Mount/Balance - 100.00, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 272.86, MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURNACE CO. – Insurance - 121.87, KENNETH MANDL – Mileage - 210.00, MIPS INC. Tax Statements & Data Conversion - 563.86, MARY MOSER – Mileage - 18.06, NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSN – Dues 50.00, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 1,467.04, KATHLEEN M NIEVEEN – Mileage - 188.16, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM – Rugs - 81.96, PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, P.C. – Autopsy Fees - 2,050.00, POSTMASTER – Veterans PO Box Rent 84.00, QUILL CORP. – Supplies - 181.01, ZACHARY RASH – Training Reimbursement - 73.00, REGION V SYSTEMS – 2 EPC - 642.00 RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 5,183.33, RICHARD R SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW – Phone/Internet, Utilities, ½ Dues - 373.56, JOSH STERKEL – Firearms Qual (6)- 270.00, TECUMSEH CENTRAL MARKET – Inmate Meals - 4,492.78, TIME WARNER CABLE – HD Converters - 8.76, TIME WARNER CABLE – Internet - 134.99, TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION – Elevator

Maintenance - 237.54, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Miscellaneous Purchases - 754.64, U.S. CELLULAR Tower Rent - 438.00, U.S. CELLULAR – Phone/Internet - 108.00, ULINE – Shelving - 344.82, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones 575.30

ROAD FUND: Payroll: \$14,760.28

Claims: \$ 64,023.97

A STREET AUTO NORTH – Parts - 265.14, AFLAC – Insurance - 30.16, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 4,416.68, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 26.60, BEATRICE CONCRETE – Gravel - 417.00, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 10,183.22, COMFORT INN (NE139) – Room/Convention - 143.96, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 40.00, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICES,INC – October Fuel - 22,657.04, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Utilities - 254.38, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 87.78, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 12,467.23, MELLAGE TRUCK & TRACTOR – Parts - 101.59, MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO – Blades, Signs 3,879.16, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 635.24, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Crab Orchard - 31.49, RDO TRUCK CENTER COMPANY – Parts - 1,670.57, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,395.07, SAPP BROTHERS, INC DEF - 735.28, SENECA SANITATION – Trash P/U - 60.00, SPEERS TRUCK REPAIR LLC – Parts & Labor - 1,525.88, T. O. HAAS TIRE Tires/Repairs - 18.00, TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES – Parts - 796.86, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Safety Equip, Shop Tools, Fuel - 1,032.37, VILLAGE OF STERLING – Utilities - 12.00, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 141.27

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND:

Claims: \$1,280.00

LUTZ & COMPANY – Professional Services - 1,280.00

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Claims: \$ 3,279.85

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 42.06, NEMAHA COUNTY SHERIFF – SE 911 Region - 835.29, WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA INC – 911 Phones - 2,402.50

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:

Claims: \$ 747.25

JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Medical Supplies - 30.88, QUICK MED CLAIMS – Contract Billing - 716.37

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve Resolution 21-23 a Resolution for the Subdivision of part of the W ½ NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 1 Township 4 North Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Erickson, and was seconded by Evans to approve Resolution 21-24 a resolution for the subdivision of a part of land being in the SW ¼ SE ¼ and Part of the SE ¼ SE ¼ Section 16 Township 5 North Range 12 east of the 6th P.M. Yeas; Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Amanda Burki Emergency Manager gave a report on the wind damage done during last Wednesday’s storm.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to go into closed session at 8:25 A.M. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The reason for the closed session was for the discussion of real estate.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to go out of closed session at 8:38 A.M. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

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 Evans, and was seconded by Erickson to approve the bid from Gottula Propane Service Inc. as follows:

Tecumseh Shop: Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$2.649, Diesel Low Sulfur #1 On Road \$3.099, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 On Road \$2.849

Other satellite Shops (Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek, Sterling)

Diesel Low Sulfur #1 Off Road \$2.849, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 Off Road \$2.599

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

Matt Schaardt Highway Supt. was present to give his road report, and he talked about the repairs needed for the Cat Motor grader located at the Sterling shop also, the new CDL Laws which take effect February 7, 2022.

Laura Osborn Coordinator Four-County Collaborative give the board an update on the expanded endeavors.

Scott Walton, Lynn Lyon, Byron Klauenberg, Randy Muhm. Scott informed the board that he will be resigning his position as County Sheriff in the near future.

The board discussed the salaries for the next term of office. Nadine Beethe County Treasurer, and Terry Keebler County Assessor was present for the discussion.

The board came up with the following for the next term of office 2023-2026, for the Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer \$55,000.00 starting wage with a 3% increase the next 3 years, Sheriff \$65,000.00 starting wage with a 3% increase each year for the next 3 years, County Attorney \$60,000.00 starting wage with a 3% increase each year for the next 3 years, County Commissioners \$22,000.00 starting wage with a 3% increase each year for the next 3 years, County Surveyor \$4,504.00 starting wage with a 3% increase a year for the next 3 years.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday January 4, 2022 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.

_____ Scotty Gottula, Chairman

_____ Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk