

## Johnson County Board of Commissioners December 4, 2023

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The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday December 4, 2023, County Commissioners present were, 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 30, 2023.

The meeting was called to order Chairman Evans at 9:00 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 Agena and was seconded by Evans to approve the agenda. Yeas: Agena, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Evans to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023, board meeting. Yeas: Agena, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

David Borrenpohl District 1 arrived at the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

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: 42,886.84**

**Claims: \$ 48,511.99**

AFLAC – Insurance - 100.10, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – Federal & FICA Taxes - 14,705.97, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP.Vision Insurance - 124.25, ARAMARK – Rugs - 61.16, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 13,566.52, BRINKMAN BROTHERS INC. – Repairs - 82.38, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC. – Copiers - 1,211.48, CHARM-TEX – Inmate Supplies – 79.80 CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – Phones/Internet - 828.67, DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FIN. OCIO – Teletype & Point to Point - 729.35, DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – Ramos Housing - 2,800.85, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Supplies - 193.57, ERIN M. MCCARTNEY - 257.00, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 50.00, HASSELBALCH PHARMACY Inmate Meds - 30.00, JO CO TREASURER REIMBURSEMENT - 168.34, JOHNSON COUNTY COURT – Court Fees -672.00 JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT. – Paper Service - 184.94, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 75.74 MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES – Inspection & Maintenance - 785.04, NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CNTR - 113.08 NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 2,371.09, NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER – 80.00 PERMAR SECURITY SYSTEMS – 6 month agreement - 600.00, POSTMASTER – Stamps – 211.80, RAMADA BY WYNDHAM KEARNEY Motel room at Conference - 154.00, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 7,157.44, RR DONNELLEY – Gun Certificates & Applications - 217.88, SECRETARY OF STATE – 2 Notary Applications - 60.00, SMPC LLC – Emails & Support – 64.80 TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION – Maintenance - 253.90, VERIZON WIRELESS – Phones/Tablets - 490.84, VETERANS INFORMATION SERVICE – Registration - 30.00

**ROAD FUND: Payroll: 14,505.36**

**Claims: \$ 51,875.10**

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – Federal & FICA Taxes – 4,444.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. - Vision Insurance - 50.66 BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 8,899.33, DIVERSIFIED DRUG TESTING, LLC – Random & New Hire Testing – 540.00 FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 63.46, GARTNER TRANSPORT, INC - Parts & Labor - 2,044.31, GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICES,INC – Fuel - 18,421.47, JOEL GOTTULA – Insurance Reimbursement - 393.60, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 87.78, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 12,998.73, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 664.23, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Crab Orchard - 31.58, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,266.97 SPEERS TRUCK REPAIR LLC – Parts & Labor - 267.00, TURNBULL AG TIRES – Tires/Repairs - 540.00, U.S. CELLULAR – Internet – 81.96, VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablets - 80.02

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

**Claims: \$13,458.47**

BEN BEETHE – Mileage - 383.19, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT. – Paper Service for Ramos Trial - 123.72, Jurors for Ramos Trial in Saline County - \$12,951.56

Megan Buckley Emergency Manager Updated the board on what she is working on and to remind them of the meeting on Wednesday at the fire hall.

Jill Hahn was present at the meeting to discuss the Juvenile Justice Grant. A motion was made by Borrenpohl and was seconded by Agena to approve the Nebraska Crime Commission 2025 Community based Juvenile Service Aid Grant, Four County Juvenile Diversion Program. Yeas: Borrenpohl, Agena, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

Matt Schaardt Highway Supt. did an update on county roads.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Borrenpohl to approve Resolution No. 23-28 for the Year-End certification of County Highway Superintendent 2023. Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans nays; none motion carried.

The board signed the contract between Johnson County and Vogtsapes Inc. for Project STWD-CBMP (6), C-67(172), C49(272), C-49(287), & C-64(322), Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Borrenpohl to approve Resolution No. 23-26 & No. 23-27 for BRO-7049(24), Sterling Northwest, to allow the Chairman to sign the preliminary engineering services supplemental Agreement No. 3 between Johnson County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates. Inc. Sterling Northwest. Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

Matt discussed with the board the possibility of reimbursement of CDL classes for the employees. No action was taken.

Matt informed the board that NioCorp is still reviewing the proposed contract and would like to have it e-mailed to them in word for their proposed revisions. Matt will talk to Jennifer Stehlik-Ladman about getting that to them.

Also discussed were rock prices, and tubes.

Randy Christo Discussed the possibility of improving 722 Ave. between 614 & 615 Rd. He indicated that he would put his own funds into the upgrade, the board was concerned about the tube and the cost. The board directed Matt to contact our engineers and to get quotes from them and get the price of a new tube.

County Sheriff Josh Sterkel was present to inform the board that they met with Central Square concerning the new equipment and everything is going well.

The inventory for the County Sheriff's Office and Jail was turned in and accepted.

Tate Bredenkamp, Vansessa Castro, and Mary Brown with SENDD were present at the meeting to discuss the Broadband Grant that is available. Tate indicated that the first step would be to set up a task force Board. Suggestions were made on who needs to set on the board, this will be addressed soon.

The board discussed the bills sent to the county for Ambulance calls from the Jail. Dave indicated that the Ambulance board agreed to charge Medicare rates when transporting and inmate from the Jail to the hospital.

The board did a quarterly jail inspection.

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 19, 2023, at 8:15 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