

Johnson County Board of Commissioners April 25, 2023

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday April 25, 2023, County Commissioners present were David Borrenpohl District 1, Ted Evans District 2, and 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 April 21, 2023.

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

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 Agenda and was seconded by Borrenpohl to approve the minutes of the April 11, 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:

Claims: \$ 104,060.61

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 11,394.04, AMERITAS – Deferred Comp - 175.00, ANDERSON AUTO GROUP 2022 Ford – 39,701.00, NADINE BEETHE – Mileage - 66.10, BRITE – 4 Car Cameras, Table Mount - 36,069.00, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC. – Copiers - 1,238.03, CAPITAL CITY ELECTRIC – Upgrade & Support - 240.00, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – Internet & Phones - 894.88, DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FIN. OCIO – Teletype & Point to Point - 638.78, MIKE DAVISON – Registration Reimbursement - 165.00, DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – Inmate Housing - 1,897.35, DES MOINES STAMP MFG. CO. – Stamp - 28.70, DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526 – Jail Supplies - 218.45, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Supplies - 183.75, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 178.46, FANKHAUSER, NELSEN, WERTS, Zisky & Merwin – Attorney Fees - 468.00, JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Inmate Visits - 90.14, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Postage - 15.11, JORGENSEN SURVEYING – Mileage - 119.93, KERNER TRUE VALUE – Supplies - 132.71, LAFFMAN HOT ROD GARAGE – Tire Repair 18.00, LAW ENFORCEMENT RISK MGMT GROUP, INC – User Fees - 264.00, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance 225.32, MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. – Insurance - 113.77, KENNETH MANDL – Mileage - 66.08, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 1,702.72, PLS POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES – Dispatcher Training x 4 - 480.00, POSTMASTER - Stamps 179.00, QUILL CORP. – Supplies - 119.37, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 5,755.74, SIRCHIE – Supplies 267.57, RICHARD R SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW – April Rent - 150.00, U.S. CELLULAR – Phones/Internet - 111.20, VERIZON WIRELESS – Phones/Tablets - 530.79, WUSK ELECTRIC – Repairs - 162.62

ROAD FUND: Payroll:

Claims: \$ 57,001.45

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 5,403.35, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Supplies & Labor - 6,445.16, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 41.67, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD Cook Barn - 95.83, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 87.78, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 38,514.05, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 823.49, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Sterling & Crab Orchard Utilities – 75.78, NMC,INC Parts & Labor - 2,125.69, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,573.41, SAPP BROTHERS, INC – DEF/Oil - 683.28 U.S. CELLULAR – Internet - 91.95, VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablet - 40.01

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 43.16

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:

Claims: \$6,733.25

COMMUNITY INSURANCE GROUP INC – Workers Comp Insurance - 5,542.00, HMKB BILLING, LLC – Contract Billing - 1,168.85 TECUMSEH RESCUE – Circuit Breakers - 22.40

Highway Supt. Matt Schaaridt presented the board with a resolution for the Preliminary Plans, Specification and Estimates for Project No. BRO-7049(24) Sterling Northwest.

A motion was made by Borrenpohl and was seconded by Agena to approve Resolution 2023-6 for the Preliminary Plans, Specification and Estimates for Project No. BRO-7049(24) Sterling Northwest. Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

Also discussed was the possibility of hiring 2 additional road employees, Borrenpohl, and Agena agreed to allow the hiring of 2 additional employees.

The fuel bid was opened and placed on file in the County Clerk’s Office. Only one bid from Gottula Propane Service Inc. was received.

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

Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$3.099, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 on Road \$3.649

Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek, and Sterling Shop Diesel Low Sulfur #2 off Road \$3.349

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

County Sheriff Byron Klauenberg informed the board that he will be doing interviews for 1 additional Dispatcher, and 1 Bookkeeper yet this week, and that he attended a jail standards conference.

A motion was made by Agena and was second by Borrenpohl to go into closed session at 9:03 A.M. Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss potential litigation.

A motion was made by Borrenpohl, and was seconded by Agena to come out of closed session at 9:23 A.M. Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

Debbie Green, Amanda Palmerton, Danielle Lewis, and Susan Keholm. Did a presentation of SENCA Annual Report and each Representative gave the board a report on what each of their roles are in SENCA.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Borrenpohl, to approve SENCA Proclamation for Community Action Month May of 2023 Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

Jerad Reimers with Adrian Smith’s Office gave the board an update of the happenings in Washington.

Ebony Coksey with Nextlink did a phone conference call with the board on the coverages in the area.

A motion was made by Borrenpohl, and was seconded by Agena to approve Mark Wusk to do the electrical for the Courtroom IT Upgrades. Yeas: Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Borrenpohl to approve the Bid of \$790.00 for the five-year inspection of the Fire Sprinkler System. Yeas; Agena, Borrenpohl, Evans, Nays; none motion carried.

This Fire Sprinkler System inspection is a five-year inspection which is due every 5 years, where they drain the system and open a couple of pipes to inspect the internal condition of the pipe to ensure blockage is not building up, they also change all gauges on the system and open the fire department connection check value to ensure it operates properly.

The board discussed the repairs needed on the 2010 Chevy pickup at the Courthouse, the repairs will add up to approximately \$3,000 to \$3,500. The board decided not to do the repairs but to use the 2010 Chevy for a trade and then use the extra 2013 Chevrolet, that is an extra vehicle at the Sheriff’s Dept. at the Courthouse.

The board discussed with Jerry Berggren the progress of the Courthouse Roof replacement. Jerry is looking at a later date in May for the bidding.

The approval of the Employee Handbook was tabled.

The position of Emergency Manager was discussed and decided to advertise for the position.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday May 9, 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

