

Johnson County Board of Commissioners

April 26, 2022

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday April 26, 2022 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 April 22, 2022.

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 April 12, 2022 board meeting. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to pay the claims as presented: Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried. The following is a list of claims which were paid on funds as follows:

GENERAL FUND: Payroll: \$36,013.85

Claims: \$ 70,550.73

AFLAC – Insurance - 128.96, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - FICA & Federal Taxes - 11,677.42, AMERITAS - Deferred Comp - 205.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 132.70, BRIENNE BLESSING - Mileage - 57.33, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Health Insurance - 14,499.67, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS - Phones/Internet - 893.25, DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FIN. OCIO – March Radio Usage - 112.00, DAS STATE ACCTING - CENTRAL FINANCE – Support/Computer Lease - 73.64, DISTRICT COURT JOHNSON COUNTY – Court Fees - 284.00, DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526 – Supplies - 42.40, DONAHUE & FAESSER, P.C.,L.L.O. – Attorney Fees - 1,757.50, ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE – Ballots/Media - 3,133.38, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Cafeteria Plan/Flex Spending - 188.46, FIRST WIRELESS – Radio Repairs - 218.00, HARRIS DECALS – Decals for Explorer - 266.64, HAUG COMMUNICATIONS INC – DuBois & Burchard Tower Rent - 2,898.03, LEE ENTERPRISES - Dispatcher/Jailer Ad - 440.39, HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY – Room/Mandl - 293.85, JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL - 2 Inmate visits, Deputy Physical - 567.89, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Trash P/u, Black Hills -CH/Jail, Postage - 1,906.12, JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD DEPT. – S/O Fuel Jan-Mar - 6,470.27, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF PETTY CASH – Postage & Inmate Meals - 16.79, JORGENSEN SURVEYING – Mileage - 17.55, KANSAS COUNTY APPRAISERS ASSN – Education - 525.00, KERNER TRUE VALUE – Supplies - 69.94, KUDU LAWN CARE – Pre-Emergent - 245.00, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 276.38, MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURNACE – Insurance – 107.43, KENNETH MANDL – Mileage - 207.20, MIPS INC. – Receipts - 99.32, NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – EPC - 430.31, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 1,718.41, KATHLEEN M NIEVEEN - Election Supplies/Mileage - 61.77, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 5,854.26, RICHARDSON COUNTY JAIL – Inmate Housing & Meds - 2,025.99, SCHULZ AND ASSOCIATES – Audit - 7,500.00, SECRETARY OF STATE – Notary Fee - 122.18, RICHARD R SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW – May Rent - 150.00, STEHLIK LAW OFFICE - Attorney Fees - 225.00, TIME WARNER CABLE – Internet - 149.99, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Miscellaneous Purchases - 1,206.26, U.S. CELLULAR – Tower Rent - 438.00, U.S. CELLULAR – Phones/Internet - 111.10, VERIZON WIRELESS – Phones/Tablets - 530.77, MALISSA WALTON – Mileage - 28.08, WINDSTREAM - Landline & Elevator Phones - 561.13, 911 CUSTOM – V110 Docking Station - 985.87, CARLA ZARYBNICKY - Dispatcher Fee & Mileage - 640.10

ROAD FUND: Payroll: \$15,344.80

Claims: \$ 48,151.42

AFLAC – Insurance - 30.16, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – Federal & FICA Taxes - 4,648.42, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 26.60, BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS, INC – Posts - 809.12, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE -

Health Insurance - 10,711.33, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 41.67, HANCOCK LUMBER – Shop Tools - 12.77, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Black Hills OPPD Cook Barn 422.35, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO - Insurance - 87.78, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 26,781.97, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE - State Taxes - 676.83, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Sterling & Crab Orchard - 63.16, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,489.02, TURNBULL AG TIRES – Tires/Repairs - 1,040.00, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Miscellaneous Purchases - 42.87, U.S. CELLULAR – Internet - 91.95, VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablet - 40.01, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 135.41

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND:

Claims: \$ 68,092.42

IOWA PUMP WORKS INC – Pump Work/Elk Creek - 62,664.92, NITELIGHT ELECTRIC – Electrical Work/Elk Creek - 5,427.50

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Claims: \$41.80

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 41.80

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:

Claims: \$1,699.04

HMKB BILLING, LLC – Contract Billing - 1,073.54, JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Medical Supplies - 264.52, JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD DEPT. – Ambulance Fuel – Jan-March - 285.98, DIANE WILKEN – CPR Training - 75.00

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to go into closed session at 8:26 A.M. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to go out of closed session at 8:42 A.M. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Matt Schardt Highway Supt. Gave his report on the Job Fair held at Sterling Public School and then discussed the Sterling Bridge Repairs, Motor Grader Tires/ Reclassification of certain County Roads, Rock Hauling, and Loader Repairs.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to take possession of the 772D Motor Grader purchased from John Deere as soon as possible with the traded in grader being used as the down payment and the balance being paid after July 1, 2022. Yeas; Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Fuel bids were opened and placed on file in the County Clerk’s Office. Only one bid was received the Gottula Propane Service Inc. A motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Evans to approve the bid from Gottula Propane Service Inc. as follows:

Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$3.699 Diesel Low Sulfur #2 on Road \$4.599, Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek, and Sterling Diesel Low Sulfur #2 off Road \$4.299.

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

The board discussed the use of red fuel at the County Barn. The board decided to use only the red fuel from now on.

The board discussed the possibility of upgrading our fuel pumps at the County Shop. Matt will look into this for cost of replacement.

Sheriff Byron Klauenberg informed the board that the Job Fair held at Sterling Public School went well. Also discussed were Deputy Wages, a step program for retention pay, and vehicle upgrades.

Kevin Kuhlmann Tecumseh Rural Fire asked the board if they could refuel the Fire Trucks at the County Shop. They are finding it hard to refuel especially after Casey's close at 11:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to allow the Tecumseh Fire Department to get fuel through Johnson County Road Department. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Stan Karr addressed the board with concerns on the shortage of Sheriff Deputies, and the County Roads.

The board discussed the proposal for Assessment Conditions of the Courthouse as prepared by Jerry Berggren. The board decided to table that for proposal clarifications.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday May 10, 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