

Johnson County Board of Commissioners
May 26, 2020

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday May 26, 2020. 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 Erickson declared the meeting open at 8:15 A.M.

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

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Gottula to approve the minutes from the May 12th, meeting. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.
Emergency Amanda Burki gave hers Covid-19 update. Also discussed was the re-opening of the Courthouse.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Gottula beginning June 1, 2020 the North basement door to the Johnson County Courthouse will be open to the general public, there will be a table placed by the door with a phone and wipes so that the phone can be wiped down in between customers, phone numbers to each office, the purpose of the numbers is so that the public can call the office they wish to visit and make an appointment to come to their office, and to limit the amount of customers in each office to 1 at a time, and to have a sign in sheet by the phone and to ask anyone who comes in the Courthouse to please sign in , hand sanitizer, and to have additional cleaning of the restrooms, counter tops, and door knobs to 3 times a day, and to suggest that County employees wear mask, and the customers wear mask when they come into the courthouse, and to suggest each office have plexiglass shields for their counters.
Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

At 8:55 a.m. the fuel bids were opened and placed on file in the County Courthouse. One bid was received from G & G Oil Company. G & G did a bid for one month Bid was as follows: Unleaded \$1.499, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 On Road \$1.549, and Other satellite shops Diesel Low Sulfur #2 Off Road 1.249, the bid for 6 months was Unleaded \$1.699, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 on Road \$1.799, and other satellite shops Diesel Low Sulfur off Road #2 \$1.499. and then also did a bid for a 6 months price.

A motion was made by Evans, and was seconded by Erickson to approve the bid from G & G Oil Company for 6 months from June-November 2020 as follows:
Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$1.699, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 On Road \$1.799
Cook, Crab Orchard, Sterling, Elk Creek Diesel Low Sulfur #2 off Road \$1.499.
Yeas: Evans, Erikson, Nays; Gottula, Motion Carried.

At 9:00 A.M. Chairman Erickson declared the public hearing open.

The hearing is to allow all persons interested in said public road and truss bridge to be vacated and abandoned said road is described as "all that portion of the county road lying within the East 33.00 feet of the South 1475 feet of the Southwest One-Quarter; and the West 33.00 feet of the South 1475 feet of the Southeast One-Quarter of Section 26, Township 6, North range 9 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Johnson County, Nebraska, except the South 33.00 fee thereof.

Present for the hearing was John Bartels, and Spencer Pagel Water Supt. For Village of Sterling. John discussed with the board the proposal of the truss bridge being part that will be vacated, John was not interested in the bridge because of liability issues, Spencer visited with the board and John about the water line that runs in the

ROW for the Lagoon discharge. Spencer said that he usually does the discharge in the Spring and fall and need access to the Nemaha river to make sure that discharge water is going into the Nemaha.

After much discussion John Bartels withdrew his request to vacate the road because he did not want the liability of the bridge.

Chairman Erickson closed the public hearing at 9:30 A.M.

County Treasurer Nadine Beethe presented the board with 5 pledged securities from the American National Bank which they need to have released. A motion was made by Gottula, and was seconded by Evans, to authorize the release of the following pledged Securities as follows: CUSIP 256449BV0 in the amount of \$460,000.00, CUSIP 606402HDO in the amount of 270,000.00, CUSIP 3617HFBE5 in the amount of \$1,460,225.00, CUSIP 5724957X1 in the amount of 200,000.00, CUSIP 714369EP6 in the amount of \$655,000.00
Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.

At 9:35 a.m. the bids were opened for Project Elk Creek SE C49(292). One bid was received from Van Kirk Brothers. After discussion the board decided to table the bid until the June 9th meeting.

Matt also informed the board the Sign Audit with NIRMA has been scheduled for June 4th, and discussed the Excavator bids, FEMA meeting and summer help.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Gottula to go into closed session at 10:15 a.m. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, nays; none motion carried.

The purpose of the closed session was to evaluate the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and when such person has not requested a public meeting.

A motion was made by Evans, and was seconded by Gottula to come out of closed session at 10:50 a.m. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.

Dr. Dave Varner and Karly Black were present at the meeting to discuss the future for the Extension Office. Discussed was the hours, rate of pay and benefits that would be offered for the open office assistant position. A motion was made by Gottula and was seconded by Evans to set the hours at 6 months at 32 hours per week and 6 months at 40 hours per week, with the starting pay at \$14.00 per hour plus full-time benefits. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.

County Assessor Terry Keebler discussed with the board protest hearing dates. Dates for hearing are tentatively set for July 8th and July 9th.

The board signed the Proclamation for Southeast Nebraska Community Action declaring May 2020 as Community Action Month and acknowledged the 2019 Annual Report from SENCA

A motion was made by Evans, and was seconded by Gottula to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$200,000.00 from County General Fund to the County Road Fund. Yeas: Evans, Gottula Erickson, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Gottula and was seconded by Evans to approve the claims with the change of Carmichael Business System to be taken out of the County Sheriff's Budget and not 911 as submitted. Yeas: Evans, Gottula, Erickson. The following claims were paid on funds as follows:

GENERAL FUND: Payroll: 32,901.59

Claims: \$ 54,549.02

AFLAC – Insurance - 128.96, AMERICAN LEGION – Poll Rental - 50.00, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 10,265.37, AMERITAS – Deferred Comp - 105.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 132.65, TERESA L BESSEY – Election Work & Mileage - 157.25, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 14,864.02, AMANDA BURKI – Computer Supplies - 162.45, CARMICHAEL BUSINESS SYSTEMS - Red Box Recording – 3432.00, CITIZEN PRINTING CO – Case Jackets - 269.19, COLLECTION ASSOCIATES - 74.65, COOK COMMUNITY BUILDING – Poll Rental - 50.00, MIKE DAVISON – Mileage - 306.48, DES MOINES STAMP MFG. CO. – Supplies - 104.20, DISTRICT COURT JOHNSON COUNTY – Court Costs - 378.00, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Supplies - 125.86, ELK CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – Poll Rental - 50.00 FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 268.65, JEANENE FRENCH - Election Work - 146.25, GLORIA GUENTHER - Election Work - 146.25, CODY HAZEN – Election Work - 121.50, JOHNSON COUNTY AG & MECHANICAL 2 Poll Rentals - 100.00, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Postage & Trash Pickup - 276.00, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF PETTY CASH – Car Washes - 8.00, DANA JOHNSON – Election Work - 135.00, JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS Jamin Maintenance - 2,300.00, KERNER TRUE VALUE – Supplies - 243.89, JOANN KETTELHAKE – Election Work - 140.00, SARA KETTELHAKE – Election Work - 140.00, BARBARA KNOCHE – Election Work - 135.00, RUTH LANTZ Election Work - 135.00, CANDY LAUE – Election Work - 121.50, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance 206.06, PAT LITTLE – Election Work - 135.50, MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. – Insurance - 78.00, IMAGENE D MASON – Election Work - 130.50, MIDWEST CARD AND ID – Salamander Command - 500.00, MIPS INC. Laptop - 1,362.90, MORAN PLUMBING AND HEATING,LLC – Sheriff's Office repairs – 2,279.65, BRYAN A MURPHY Election Work - 130.50, SID'S AUTO PARTS – Supplies - 8.24, NAVIENT CREDIT FINANCE CORPORATION - 446.03, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 1,472.74, NESTOR & MERCURE ATTORNEYS – Attorney Fees - 225.00 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFO OFFICER – Teletype, Point to Point & Radio Usage - 744.72, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM – Rugs - 33.39, AUDRA PARRISH – Election Work - 121.50, PHYSICIANS LABORATORY SERVICES – Inmate Autopsy - 2,050.00, QUILL CORP. – Supplies - 71.96, DONNA RATHE – Election Work - 135.00, READY! LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS, INC – Maintenance - 84.00, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS - Retirement - 5,399.59, JOYCE ROESENER – Election Work & Mileage - 171.75, SCOTTY'S GROCERY – Inmate Meals - 578.50, TECUMSEH COMMUNITY BUILDING – Poll Rental - 50.00, TIME WARNER CABLE – Phones & Internet - 941.78, TERESA TRAUERNICHT – Election Work - 135.00, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Supplies - 165.99. U.S. CELLULAR – Tower Rent- 438.00, U.S. CELLULAR – Modem, Internet - 170.77, VERIZON WIRELESS – Phones & Tablets - 569.95, BRENDA WERMAN - Election Work & Mileage - 139.15, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 499.73

ROAD FUND: Payroll: 13,952.12

Claims: \$ 80,383.53

ACE IRRIGATION & MANUFACTURING – County Projects - 16,260.00, AFLAC – Insurance - 30.16, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Insurance - 4,178.08, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. Vision Insurance - 1.92, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 9,629.64, EGGERS BROTHERS INC. – Parts - 913.63, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 65.00, G & G OIL - 6,984.01, SCOTTY GOTTULA – Shop Towels 32.00, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD Cook Barn - 33.16, MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC. Feb. & March Consulting - 10,611.84, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 27,267.82, SID'S AUTO PARTS Parts - 234.97, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE - State Taxes - 587.68, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Crab Orchard 34.21, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM – Rugs - 28.14, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,241.46, SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB – Supplies & Maintenance - 66.36, SAPP BROTHERS PETROLEUM – DEF - 63.75 SENECA SANITATION – Trash Pickup - 60.00, SPEERS TRUCK REPAIR LLC – Parts & Labor - 652.43, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS – Postage & Supplies - 99.89, U.S. CELLULAR – Internet - 78.63, VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablet - 40.01, VILLAGE OF STERLING – Utilities - 12.00, WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS COMPANY – Insurance - 9.25, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 137.49

INHERITANCE TAX FUND:

Claims: \$18.63

U.S. CELLULAR – Internet Backup - 18.63

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:

Claims: \$ 40.78

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 40.78

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

Claims: **\$176.84**

TECUMSEH RESCUE – Supplies - 176.84

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday June 9, 2020 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.

_____ Jim Erickson, Chairman

_____ Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk