

## Johnson County Board of Commissioners

### August 31, 2021

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The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday August 31, 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 August 27, 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 August 17, 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: 32,216.61**

**Claims: \$ 40,560.74**

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 9,856.54, AMERITAS – Deferred Comp - 135.00, CASEY BOHLING – Inspection and Pictures - 100.00, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC. – Copiers - 1,179.35, CULLIGAN OF PERCIVAL – Water - 44.00, DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FIN. OCIO – Teletype & Point to Point - 638.78, MIKE DAVISON – Mileage - 239.68, DOLLAR GENERAL- Supplies - 58.20, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS – Supplies - 37.15, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 168.46, SCOTTY GOTTULA – Mileage - 565.04, GUARDIAN RFID – Renewal - 2,449.00, HOLIDAY INN OF KEARNEY - Lodging- 179.00, JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Inmate Visit - 90.14, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – Stamps - 550.00, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF PETTY CASH - Postage - 11.95, KERNER TRUE VALUE – Supplies - 120.27, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 272.86, MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. – Insurance - 121.42, NACO - Registration - 60.00, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 1,425.89, NSA/POAN - Registration - 200.00, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM – Rugs - 33.62, PAWNEE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – CPR Classes - 200.00, PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, P.C. – Autopsies - 8,714.00, RADDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES P.C. – Inmate Medical - 147.00, RAMADA MIDTOWN CONFERENCE CENTER – Lodging - 288.00, REGION V SYSTEMS Mental Health & Substance Abuse - 4,337.00, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS - 4,918.73, SMITH AUTO, INC - Repairs – 527.67, RICHARD R SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW – Sept Rent - 150.00, T. O. HAAS TIRE – Tire Mount & Balance - 63.90, TECUMSEH CENTRAL MARKET – Supplies - 12.79, TECUMSEH CHIEFTAIN – Publications - 600.33, TIME WARNER CABLE – Phone/Internet - 895.96, TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION – Maintenance - 237.54, VERIZON WIRELESS – Phones/Tablets - 568.47, VETERANS INFORMATION SERVICE – Annual Book - 28.00, WHERRY BROTHERS MORTUARY – Transport - 335.00

**ROAD FUND: Payroll: 15,575.27**

**Claims: \$ 25,207.71**

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - FICA & Federal Taxes - 4,808.46, BEATRICE CONCRETE – Concrete - 1,687.50, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD Cook Barn - 33.18, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock -

12,547.32, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE State Taxes - 718.01, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Sterling Utilities - 31.58, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM – Rugs - 29.19, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS - 2,301.45, SAPP BROTHERS, INC – Antifreeze - 480.00, SMITH AUTO, INC – Repairs - 70.00 TECUMSEH CHIEFTAIN – Publications - 29.71, TURNBULL AG TIRES - Tires/Repairs - 120.00, U.S. CELLULAR – Internet - 90.70, VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONTRACTING – Project C 49(292) - 2,220.60, VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablet - 40.01

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND:**

**Claims: \$483,149.27**

VAN KIRK BROTHERS CONTRACTING – Project C 49(292) - 483,149.27

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

**Claims: \$41.28**

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 41.28

**AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:**

**Claims: \$ 2,009.00**

TERRI BUCK – Reimbursement - 98.00, COMMUNITY INSURANCE GROUP INC – Life Insurance - 1,911.00

A motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Gottula to approve Resolution 21-15 to increase the Lid Levy for 2021-2022 budget year by an additional 1% from 2.5% to 3.5%. Yeas: Erickson, Gottula, Nays; Evans, Motion failed because 100% was needed to pass.

A motion was made by Erickson, and was seconded by Evans to approve Resolution 21-17 a Resolution for the Subdivision of the E½ of the SE ¼ Section 34 Township 6 Range 10, Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays: none motion carried.

A motion was made by Evans, and was seconded by Erickson to approve Resolution 21-18 a resolution for the subdivision of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ Section 32 Township 5 Range 10. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson, to approve the engagement letter from Lutz & Company LLC to preform consulting services for the ARPA Funds. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Evans, and was second by Erickson to approve the following Inventories, Assessor, Attorney, Board, Child Support, Clerk, County Court, Court Room, District Court, Emergency Manager, Extension Board, Maintenance, Roads, Treasurer, Veterans Service. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The board received a bid from Mannschreck Masonry for Tuckpointing Mortar Joints, Wing wall on steps of the Courthouse. A motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Evans to approve the bid from Mannschreck Masonry to do only the north side of the Courthouse, Wing walls on steps, bid of \$2,200.00. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The board discussed the Downspout replacement on the Courthouse, the Board received a proposal from Weathercraft Co. A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve the bid from Weathercraft Co. for the replacement of the 8 downspouts on the Courthouse bid of \$16,486.00 and Option #1 which replaces the downspout's that run from the roof down to the exposed point of the masonry walls with solid copper pipe this option adds an additional \$8,997.00 Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion Carried.

Amanda Burki gave a covid update and discussed ARPA funds.

Highway Supt Matt Schardt gave his update report on Roads, and projects, and answered budget questions.

At 9:18 A.M. Chairman Gottula opened the hearing on the issuance of a class Y Liquor License application for Front Porch Vineyards LLC. Present was applicant Bradley Barker. Mr. Barker answered questions and explained his operation, and what his plans are.

Chairman Gottula closed the public hearing at 9:29 A.M.

A motion was made by Erickson, and was seconded by Evans to approve the Application for Front Porch Vineyards LLC for a Class Y liquor license. Yeas; Erickson, Evans, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The board discussed the MFO and Ag Society Tax Rates for 2021-22.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve Resolution 21-16 a Resolution setting the tax rates for the Fire Protection Districts, and the Johnson County Ag Society. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The Rates are as follows:

Johnson County Ag Society General Fund .007981, Sinking Fund .001236

Tecumseh Fire District 1 .012951, Elk Creek Fire District #3 .012951, Cook Fire District 4 .012951, Sterling Fire District #5 .012951.

Chairman Gottula opened the budget hearing at 9:30 A.M.

Sheriff Walton was present and discussed with the board LB 51, and answered budget questions.

Chairman Gottula closed the hearing at 10:30 A.M.

A motion was made by Erickson, and was seconded by Evans to buy down the tax rate by \$100,000.00 to be transferred from Inheritance Tax to County General fund. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Erickson, and was seconded by Evans to approve the 2021-22 Johnson County Budget. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Chairman Gottula opened the public hearing to set the tax rate at 10:39 A.M.

The board heard no public comments,

Chairman Gottula closed the hearing at 10:42 a.m.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to set the 2021-2022 Johnson County Tax Rate at .274610. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Erickson, and was seconded by Evans to approve Inventory from the County Sheriff's Office. Yeas; Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:45 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday September 14, 2021 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.

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Scotty Gottula, Chairman

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Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk