

## Johnson County Board of Commissioners September 28, 2021

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The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday September 28, 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 September 24, 2021.

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

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve the minutes of the September 14, 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: 33,485.77**

**Claims: \$ 53,575.82**

AFLAC – Insurance - 128.96, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 10,591.15, AMERITAS – Deferred Comp - 135.00, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. – Vision Insurance - 150.50, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 13,978.88, CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC. – Copiers - 1,119.46, CENTRAL STATES TELECOM – Repairs/Labor - 253.20, DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FIN. – Teletype & Point to Point - 638.78, MIKE DAVISON – Mileage - 146.16, DES MOINES STAMP MFG. CO. – Supplies - 68.55, DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS - Supplies - 90.25, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS - Supplies - 264.07, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Cafeteria Plan & Flex Spending - 178.46, GAGE COUNTY CLERK – Probation - 3,932.91, JOHNSON COUNTY COURT – Transcripts & Court Costs - 529.75, JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Inmate Visits - 59.64, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND Postage & Black Hills, Courthouse & Jail - 185.01, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF PETTY CASH – Car Wash - 5.00, KERNER TRUE VALUE – Supplies - 28.28, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 272.86, MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. – Life Insurance - 119.17, KENNETH MANDL – Mileage/Omaha - 72.80, NACO – Registrations - 20.00, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 1,585.00, NEMAHA COUNTY SHERIFF – Inmate Hold - 100.00, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM - Rugs 33.62, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 5,332.40, RICHARD R SMITH, ATTORNEY AT LAW – Mileage & October Rent - 173.73, SOUTHEAST NE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – Membership & Housing - 7,688.00, TECUMSEH CENTRAL MARKET – Inmate Meals - 2,866.58, TIME WARNER CABLE – Phones/Internet - 890.92, US BANK CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS EM Fuel - 176.21, U.S. CELLULAR – Tower Rent - 438.00, U.S. CELLULAR – Phone - 108.20, VERIZON WIRELESS – Phones/Tablets 568.26, MALISSA WALTON - Mileage - 113.85, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 532.21

**ROAD FUND: Payroll: 14,517.00**

**Claims: \$ 319,953.69**

AFLAC – Insurance - 30.16, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK – FICA & Federal Taxes - 4,320.72, AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. Vision Insurance - 26.60, BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHEILD OF NE – Insurance - 10,183.22,

CONCRETE INDUSTRIES, INC. – Concrete, Steel, Supplies - 2,136.65, FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP – Flex Spending - 120.00, JANE GOBBER – Land - 299.99, JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD Cook Barn & Black Hills Barn - 63.94, LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO – Insurance - 87.78, MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS – Rock - 14,064.99, NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE – State Taxes - 621.68, NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER – Crab Orchard - 33.87, NMC, INC – Motor grader - 280,450.00, PARAMOUNT LINEN & UNIFORM – Rugs - 29.19 RCR BALLABEG FARMS – Land - 1,320.71, RETIREMENT PLANS DIV OF AMERITAS – Retirement - 2,333.71, SMITH AUTO, INC Parts, Labor & Supplies - 1,568.52, TOPP'S SMALL ENGINES - Parts - 134.74, TURNBULL AG TIRES – Tires/Repairs - 1,765.00 , U.S. CELLULAR – Internet - 181.40, VERIZON WIRELESS – Tablet - 40.01, WINDSTREAM – Landline Phones - 140.81

**VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

**Claims: \$2095.07**

JOHNSON COUNTY NE HISTORICAL Society – Lodging Tax - 2,095.07

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND:**

**Claims: \$583.75**

LUTZ & COMPANY – Professional Services - 583.75

**911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:**

**Claims: \$42.47**

JOHNSON COUNTY PETTY CASH FUND – OPPD 911 Tower - 42.47

**AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND:**

**Claims: \$775.30**

JOHNSON COUNTY HOSPITAL – Supplies - 229.15, KENNETH MANDL – Tuition Reimbursement & Mileage - 74.80, MATHESON TRI-GAS INC – Supplies - 137.54, QUICK MED CLAIMS – Contract Billing - 223.41, CHRISTOPHER L VERMEER – Tuition Reimbursement - 30.00, LEE WARNSHOLZ - Tuition Reimbursement & Mileage - 80.40

Amanda Burki Emergency Manager gave a COVID Update report and did a report on the Crawford Fire.

At 8:30 A.M. the fuel bids were opened and placed on file in the County Clerk's office. One bid was received and it was from Gottula Propane Service Inc.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve the bid from Gottula Propane Services Inc. as follows:

Tecumseh Shop Unleaded with 10% Ethanol \$2.599, Diesel Low Sulfur #2 on Road \$2.799

Cook, Crab Orchard, Elk Creek, Sterling Diesel Low Sulfur #2 Off Road \$2.499.

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

County Treasurer Nadine Beethe was present at the meeting to discuss the Distress Warrant Report, and the Delinquent Tax Report

The Board acknowledges the Returned Distress Warrant Report.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Erickson to approve the Delinquent Tax Report and to enter an order directing the Johnson County Attorney to commence foreclosure upon each outstanding tax sale certificate held in the name of Johnson County within nine months after the expiration of three years from the date of such tax sale certificates.

A motion was made by Erickson and was seconded by Evans to approve Resolution 21-19 a Resolution for the Subdivision on the N ½ SE ¼ Section 6-5-9. Yeas; Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The board discussed ARPA funds. Received were applications from the City of Tecumseh, Village of Cook, Village of Elk Creek, and the Village of Sterling. The board gave the applications to the County Attorney for his review.

The board also discussed using ARPA fund for employee's and to consider if all employees would be eligible.

A motion was made by Erickson and seconded by Evans to declare that during the pandemic, due to the nature of their work, every county employee had either directly interacted with the public, with other employees, or with equipment shared by other employees, and all county employees should be treated as eligible, essential employees for the purpose of potential hazard bonus pay from ARPA funds. Yeas: Evans, Erickson, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Dan McAlexander and Josh Keithley with Midwest Engineering Inc. were present at the meeting to discuss Road projects.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 9:50 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday October 12, 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Scotty Gottula, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Kathleen M. Nieveen County Clerk