

**Johnson County Board of Commissioners**  
**September 4, 2018**

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The Johnson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday September 4, 2018. County Commissioners present were Scotty Gottula District 1, Ted Evans District 2 and Les Agena 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.

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

MINUTES: A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Agena to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018. Yeas: Agena, Evans, Gottula, Nays; None

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Agena to approve the claims. Yeas: Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried. The following is a list of the claims that were paid on funds as follows:

**County General**

Payroll - \$40,971.82

FICA Match – 2,946.57

Ameritas Retirement - \$2,765.40

Blue Cross Blue Shield Ins. 12,352.11

Principal Ins. Dental Ins. 294.72

Bear Graphics Paper 262.50, Brinkman Brothers Inc. Repairs 34.16, Capital Business Systems Inc. Copiers 994.47, Culligan Water 44.00, DAS State Accounting Teletype, Point to Point 632.72, Mike Davison Mileage 213.64, Dell Marketing Computer 980.00, Dept. of Correctional Services Inmate keeping 329.17, Eakes Office Solutions Supplies 39.27, Ted Evans Mileage 138.43, Fankhauser Nelsen Werts Public Defender 3,166.67, Cindy L. Field Mileage 168.95, Galls LLC Supplies 205.85, Graham Tire Tires 612.00, Guardian RFID Payment 3,964.38, Johnson County Court Fees 402.00, Johnson County Petty Cash Utilities 2,656.88, Kerner True Value Supplies 52.40, Lincoln Police Department Aircards September-January 2018 \$900.24, M&M Supply mount/balance 47.50, Midwest Card and ID Salamander 500.00, Midwest Process Services 37.05, Moran Plumbing & Heating GEO's 840.00, NE. County Assessors Dues 50.00, O'Keefe Elevator Maintenance 296.06, Paramount Linen Rugs 97.61, Schendel Pest Control Termite Control 275.00, Scotty's Grocery Inmate Meals 1,974.50, Richard R. Smith Utilities 238.65, Tecumseh Central Market Supplies 11.59, Tecumseh Chieftain Publications 381.76, Tecumseh Fire Protection Rent/Utilities 600.00, Melody Teten Review of Inmate Menu 45.00, Time Warner Cable 8.76, US Bank Supplies 568.49, Verizon Wireless phone 389.21, Veterans Information Services Annual Book 28.00.

**ROAD**

Payroll – \$19,084.96

FICA Match – 1,361.34

Ameritas Retirement – 1,288.28

Blue Cross Blue Shield Ins. 7,543.32

Principal Dental Ins. 171.92

Brinkman Brothers Inc. Parts 103.08, Card Services Supplies 690.47, Concrete Industries Concrete 1,210.13, G & G Oil August Fuel 17,830.67, Johnson County Petty Cash Utilities 268.14, M & M Supplies tires 40.00, Martin Marietta Rock 32,520.04, Matheson Tri-Gas Oxygen 156.57, Midwest Services & Sales Grader Blades, Flag Material 1,318.30, Nebraska Public Power Utilities 34.21, Stutheit Implement Parts 89.36, Topp's Small Engines Parts 8.94

## **INHERITANCE TAX FUND**

Adkins Signs 80.63, Hamilton County Sheriff Paper Service 18.58, Johnson County Clerk Witness Fees 154.07, Koenig Investigative Agency 4,500.01, Richard R. Smith Mileage 62.10

Highway Supt. Matt Schardt and Kelly Kuhl were present at the meeting to discuss the following

- If to take bids on a new motor grader or go just go with the State Bid as of this time Cat has the State Bid, Matt will look into the State bid as of what type of machine and if it has everything that they need on it. Matt will report back at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Matt reported on the additional reports which NEMA and FEMA are requiring. Matt and Amanda will continue working with these Departments.
- The Rail Road crossings located at the east end of Sterling are in the process of getting the environment review done.
- The Rock Trailer repairs are being done.
- The culvert on old Highway 50 north of Tecumseh is now unplugged and they discovered some fiber optic problems which will be repaired.
- The board gave Highway Supt. Matt Schardt the authority to sell the 1999 GMC Sierra K3500 Pickup and the clerk to remove this vehicle from the County Insurance.

The board discussed the public road one half of mile section of 733 Road that runs approx. one half mile east from the intersection with 619 Ave.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Evans to approve Resolution No. 18-13 a Resolution directing the County Highway Superintendent do a study of the use being made of a public road in Johnson County, Nebraska, described as follows: One Half of Mile Section of 733 Road that runs approximately one Half mile East from the Intersection with 619 Avenue and requesting the recommendation of the County Highway Superintendent as to the abandonment thereof. Yeas: Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

Chairman Gottula reported that he met with Mayor Montz and the County Sheriff on the contract between the City and the County for police protection. The Current contract is coming up for renewal in May of 2019. The suggestion of going up 5% the first year and then 4% for the next 3 years. The board was ok with this and Mayor Montz will present it to the City Council for their thoughts.

The board acknowledges the following inventories of county offices.

Johnson County Sheriff, Veterans Service Office, Child Support Enforcement, Johnson County Attorney, State Probation Office, Johnson County Extension Office, Johnson County Court, Johnson County Road Department, Johnson County Board of Commissioners, Johnson County Assessor, Johnson County Treasurer, Johnson County Emergency Manager, Johnson County Maintenance Johnson County Clerk.

Bob Curry Rural Water District and County Attorney Rick Smith were present to discuss County Resolution No. 03-21. This resolution gives permission to Rural Water District #1 to construct water transmission lines under county road and upon various portions of County Road Right of Way. Discussion was held on whether this Resolution should have more specifics in it for future clarifications. County Attorney Rick Smith will have something for the next meeting.

Bob Curry also informed the board on the 3 places where the Rural Water District will be in the right of way. The board had no problems with this. The 3 places are located in Vesta, St. Mary, and adjacent from Hartman's.

Tom Bliss SNEDD was present at the meeting to discuss current projects and to inform the board on their services.

Arline Beeth Elk Creek Fire and County Attorney Rick Smith were present at the meeting to discuss the MFO for Johnson County Rural Fire Districts. In prior years Rural Fire Districts turned in the request for property tax

dollars and they included the money received through the MFO. Information was received from the State Auditor's Office that they should only be requesting the dollars received from property tax without any of the MFO money received through the State. For the 18-19 FY Tecumseh, Sterling, and Cook turned in request that did not include the MFO funds, but Elk Creek did. Therefore the board thought it should be corrected so that everyone turned in the budget with no MFO funds included Elk Creek will amend their budget.

Discussion was held on how to divide the MFO money and a suggestion was to divide according to the percentage of each district Value against the total value of the MFO district. Commissioner Evans thought it should be divided by population and there was no time to look into this as budgets are due to the State by September 20<sup>th</sup>. The board decided that valuation way would be the fairest way to split the money.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Agena to approve the corrected MFO Tax Rate at .012085 and to distribute the \$46,119.90 received from the State minus the Attorney fees of \$330.72 leaving \$45,789.18 to distribute to the Rural Fire Districts by valuation. Yeas: Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Agena to go into closed session at 10:00 A.M. to discuss pending litigations. Yeas: Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Evans to come out of closed session at 10:08 A.M. Yeas: Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Evans to go into closed session at 10:09 A.M. to discuss personnel. Yeas: Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Agena, and was seconded by Evans to go out of closed session at 10:58 A.M. Yeas; Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The board reviewed the County Budget, and set the date for the hearing September 18, 2018 at 9:15 and the setting of the Tax Rate for 9:30 A.M.

The board discussed hourly increases for all Deputies and county employees it was decided to approve the allotted increase as shown in their proposed budgets. A list of all employees and current rates of pay are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

The board discussed the Salary of the Highway Superintendent. His current rate of pay since January 1, 2018 has been equivalent to \$50,000.00 for the calendar year 2018, due to a \$2,500.00 bonus for obtaining his Class A License. Therefore a motion was made by Agena and was seconded by Evans to make his total 2018 salary \$50,000.00, said change being noted to be retroactive to January 1, 2018 to maintain his existing rate of pay. Yeas: Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

A motion was made by Evans and was seconded by Agena to make the Salary of the Highway Superintendent for 2019 the same as the Clerk/Assessor/Treasurer at \$45,166.00 plus and additional \$7,000.00 of the Incentive payment of the \$9,000.00 received from the State for having his class A license making his 2019 salary \$52,166.00. Yeas: Evans, Agena, Gottula, Nays; none motion carried.

The Johnson County Board of Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M. The board will meet again in regular session on Tuesday September 18, 2018 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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Chairman

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County Clerk