

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
January 2, 2024

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Public comment, none.

Re-organizational Meeting for January 2, 2024

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The first order of business was the election of a chairperson. The County Clerk was instructed to accept a motion for the 2024 Chairperson. It was moved by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, that Steven Fischer be elected to serve as the 2024 Chairperson of the Board. Fischer, abstain, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, the mileage rate to be reimbursed to Deuel County Employees will be set at \$.67 cents a mile. *(Per Commissioner Minutes March 5, 2001, the rate will be the same as the one recommended by NE Department of Administrative Services; the rate has been set by DAS to .67cents, effective 01/01/24.)

Motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to set the 2024 per diem rate for Nebraska reimbursement rates for meals and incidentals, per US General Services Administration at \$13 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch, \$26 for dinner and \$5 for incidentals. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, that the Chappell Register and the Sidney Sun be designated as the Official Papers in and for Deuel County, and the Deuel County Website (www.co.deuel.ne.us), when available, shall also be used for notifying the public of upcoming events and the minutes of record in and for Deuel County, Nebraska for the year 2024. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Anthony Krajewski will be appointed as Deuel County Highway Supt. for fiscal year 2024, upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

The motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer, to approve contracted building and grounds maintenance with Jim Reichman in the amount of \$850.00 per month. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Fischer, to approve contracted janitorial services with Anna Collins with a base rate of \$550.00 per month. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Fischer, aye.

It was moved by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer, that the following persons be reappointed to the Deuel County Fair Board for 2024 Haley Magee and Leslie Snell. All persons are Deuel County residents and will be appointed members of the board for three years. Other members are Jeff Ortgies and Clint Koenen, Amanda Mathis, Amanda Alexander 2025, Zada Sauers, Jim Motzkus, and Teri Doty 2026, Paul Payton, Cori Koehler, and Kegan Brott for 2027, filling the 12-member board. Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, the Deuel County Lodging tax committee members Randy Shaw, Rod Hanson, and Cindy Williams will be reappointed for 2024. Other members of the board are Shaunna Mashek of Chappell and Kathy Peterson of Big Springs whose terms expire in 2026. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Klingman, the following holidays were approved. Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye.

WHEREAS, certain holidays are designated by statute as legal holidays and are usually observed by County Officials, and it is deemed advisable that the dates of such holidays be a matter of public record of Deuel County, Nebraska. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the date and description of such legal holidays to be observed by the Deuel County Courthouse employees for 2024 and shall be:

Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 15, 2024
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2024
Arbor Day	Friday	April 26, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday	May 27, 2024
Juneteenth Day	Wednesday	June 19, 2024

Independence Day	Wednesday	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2024
Columbus Day	Monday	October 14, 2024
Veteran's Day	Monday	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2024
Day After Thanksgiving Day	Friday	November 29, 2024
Christmas Eve	Tuesday	December 24, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday	December 25, 2024
New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2025

*And all days declared by law or proclamation of the Governor to be a holiday According to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1001 (3), "For purposes of this Section, paid holidays shall include all of the days enumerated in Section 25-2221 and all days declared by law or proclamation of the President or Governor to be holidays." Exceptions may include law enforcement, security, military, and employees engaged in other essential functions, such as 24-hour facilities. *If such holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be a holiday and such day will be declared a holiday. If such holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be a holiday as designated in the Deuel County Personnel Policy.

The Elected Officials will receive the following salaried amounts for the year 2024 as per Resolution 2022-2 approve January 4, 2022, per Nebraska statute. County Commissioner \$20,500.00; Chairperson \$21,000.00; County Assessor \$53,000.00; County Clerk \$53,000.00; County Treasurer \$53,000.00; County Sheriff \$60,650.00.

A motion by Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Fischer, Jason Cheleen is reappointed to the County Planning Committee to serve a 3-year term, to meet as required. All building permits will be approved by the committee and advanced to the County Board for formal approval. Other members of the planning committee are Dwight Smith 2025, Justin Julius 2026, Larry McCroden, and Gary Freeman for 2027. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, Fauneil Johnson is appointed to the Advisory Council of Aging Office. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Timm, that the Deuel County Board of Commissioners be appointed to the following boards: aye Fischer, aye, Klingman, Timm, aye.

- Region 1 Office of Human Development District – Jean Timm with alternate – William Klingman
- Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority – William Klingman
- Panhandle Developmental Disability Service – William Klingman (meets annually)
- Aging Office of Western Nebraska - -William Klingman
- Panhandle Resources Council (RC&D) – Jean Timm
- Panhandle Area Development District (P.A.D.D.) – Jean Timm
- Panhandle Health Department - Steve Fischer
- Region 21 Emergency Management Representative – William Klingman
- South Platte NRD – Steve Fischer
- Lodging Tax Committee – Steve Fischer
- Extension Board Representative – William Klingman
- Fair Board Liaison- Jean Timm

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, to appoint to the Non-Commissioner Panhandle Public Health District- Alternate Member William Gray, as "spirited citizen." Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, Phil Pierce is appointed to serve as deputy county attorney. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second Commissioner Timm, Bill Hughes and Ron Bayne are re-appointed to the Veterans' Service Board. Other members of the Veterans' Service Board are Ted Peeks 2025, Larry McCroden, and Jim Peterman 2026. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Commissioner Klingman made motion, second of Commissioner Fischer, to appoint Patricia Nelson as the Veteran's Service Officer for Deuel County, 2024 with a salary of \$800.00 per month. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, that the following individuals are appointed to the Deuel County Safety Committee for 2024, which meets every quarter, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

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| Leslie Snell - Chair | Kelly Kopetzky |
| Scott DeCoste | Alicia Adams |
| Jean Timm | Jonathon Stellar |

A motion by Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman, that the Deuel County Treasurer be given authority to invest surplus County funds and the following Resolution 2024 - 1 be adopted: Klingman aye, Fischer abstain, Timm aye.

Resolution 2024-1: WHEREAS the application for designation as County Depository by Points West Community Bank be approved and the following securities be approved.

POINTS WEST COMMUNITY BANK

PLEDGES—12/31/2023

CUSIP	ORIGINAL FACE VALUE	MARKET VALUE 12/31/2021	SAFEKEEPING LOCATION
3128MDEX7	\$1,450,000.00	\$36,375.92	Bankers Bank of the West
3138E2L94	\$2,450,000.00	\$98,493.27	Bankers Bank of the West
487571HH7	\$290,000.00	\$275,966.90	Bankers Bank of the West
486800DV4	\$200,000.00	\$200,222.00	Bankers Bank of the West
486800DW2	\$330,000.00	\$330,260.70	Bankers Bank of the West
487571JA0	\$200,000.00	\$176,112.00	Bankers Bank of the West
3128MMTA1	\$1,100,000.00	\$137,207.66	Bankers Bank of the West
3138EQPF3	\$1,275,000.00	\$199,122.66	Bankers Bank of the West
96254LLH5	\$190,000.00	\$171,068.40	Bankers Bank of the West
3140J8GD9	\$425,000.00	\$90,493.15	Bankers Bank of the West
688226AQ2	\$535,000.00	\$485,394.80	Bankers Bank of the West
3140J9DN8	\$700,000.00	\$179,597.83	Bankers Bank of the West
38379WXJ6	\$1,000,000.00	\$96,076.82	Bankers Bank of the West
36225EZA3	\$600,000.00	\$22,332.06	Bankers Bank of the West
3137FQMZ3	\$1,000,000.00	\$428,207.73	Bankers Bank of the West
Totals	\$11,210,000.00	\$2,441,537.10	

AND ALSO, WHEREAS the application for designation as County Depository by Community First Bank be approved.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Deuel County will continue the Inter-Local Agreement with the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust as per contract of September 3, 1996.

There being no further business, the 2024 Re-organizational meeting of Deuel County adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

ATTEST: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to enter the Board Equalization at 8:45 a.m. Fischer aye, Klingman aye, Timm aye.

The Deuel County Court fee report for December was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$8,170.04. The Deuel County Clerk’s office monthly report for December was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$2,405.43.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to revise the 911 Communications Center contribution of \$23,542.80 that was approved on February 21, 2023, to \$24,102.06 from the Covid funds, an additional \$559.26. Fischer, aye, Timme, aye, Klingman, aye.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve amendment one of the Memorandum of Understanding between the NE Dept. of Veterans’ Affairs and Deuel extending the agreement for two more years. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the three-year renewal contract with Protex Central, Inc. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Kopetsky reported on the operations of the highway department. They have been doing repair work on the machinery.

A discussion was held concerning the IT/Cyber Security maintenance for the county. A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to commit to a one-year contract with Intralinks for IT/Cyber Security maintenance for the county. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for his office. Updating the work schedule for the department.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to enter executive session at 9:50 a.m. with the following present: Fischer, Klingman, Timm, Stellar, DeCoste, Sherman. At 10:28 a.m. a motion was made by

Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to adjourn from executive session. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye. No action taken.

Warrants in the amount of \$123,164.40 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer, (Payroll \$35,462.08 Claims \$87,702.32); Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		24900.88
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCT	125.43
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	550.00
BIG SPRINGS TIRE	SERVICES	31.68
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	806.93
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	8393.20
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	570.36
BLUE360 MEDIA	SERVICES	93.75
BYTES MANAGED IT	SERVICES	4312.00
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	58.41
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	141.91
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	643.43
CHAPPELL FOODS	SUPPLIES	12.88
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
CROSSROADS TECH SERVICE	SERVICES	75.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	303.75
DATASHIELD CORP	SERVICES	60.00
DELMAR HAUFF	CONTAINER	3050.00
EAKES CORP	SUPPLIES	17.97
ENCORE FUNDING	PAYROLL DEDUCT	169.64
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	120.00
HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	LODGING/CONV	599.75
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	72.53
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	850.00
JON STELLAR	REIMB/DUES	378.00
MADISON LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	10.56
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	487.50
MICHELE BARTLETT	REIMB/MILEAGE	421.34
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	SERVICES	96.00
MODERN MARTKETING	SERVICES	909.95
NATIONAL ASSOC COUNTIES	DUES	450.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSOC	DUES	125.00
OPTK NETWORKS	SERVICES	300.00
P/HANDLE WEED CONTROL	DUES	50.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	153.55
REGIONAL 21 EMERGENCY	SERVICES	1465.77
REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL	SERVICES	532.00
ROBERT S HARVOY	COURT ATTNY	221.67
STEVEN ELM SHAUSER	COURT ATTNY	780.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1027.22
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1520.09
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3151.67
TERRY DUFFIELD	SERVICES	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2497.52
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3568.04
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2464.70
US BANK	FUEL/SUPPLIES	1217.59
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCT	243.22
WILLIAM KLINGMAN	REIMB/MILEAGE	250.21

ROAD & BRIDGE

PAYROLL		10561.20
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	30.94
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	5559.95
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	197.82
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	CHEMICALS	4051.98

CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	91.38
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	183.27
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	187.49
NEBRASKA MACHINERY	REPAIRS	142.04
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	511.82
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	634.75
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1070.52
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1215.52
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	30.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCT	48.17
	<u>COUNTY FAIR</u>	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	197.04
	<u>DRUG FUND</u>	
VIGILANT SOLUTIONS	RENEWAL FEES	2184.00
	<u>COVID FUND</u>	
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	911 CENTER	<u>24102.06</u>
TOTAL		\$ 123,164.40

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:31 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, January 16, 2024, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk

Board of Equalization

January 2, 2024

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date as the Board of Equalization with the following present: Commissioners Fischer, Commissioner Timm, Commissioner Klingman, County Attorney Stellar, Assessor Bartlett, and Clerk Sherman.

Assessor Bartlett presented tax listed corrections 883, 884, 885, 886 for Daniel Van Zee; no record of property annexed. The property was taxed for district fifty and should have been district sixty-five. A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the corrections as presented. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

There being no further business, the Board of Equalization adjourned, and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:52 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

ATTEST: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk