

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
January 16, 2024

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Steve Fischer, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm, County Attorney Jon Stellar, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, Sheriff's office administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Deputy Jim McCormick, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Weed Superintendent Cris Burks, Jane & Jim Starostka and County Clerk Tammy Sherman. The meeting, notice of which was published in the Chappell Register according to law, was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Reference was made to open meeting laws, posted at the entrance of the room. The agenda was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. The minutes of the January 2, 2024, meeting was approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second Commissioner Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment, none.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer seconded by Commissioner Klingman to enter the Board Equalization at 8:35 a.m. Fischer aye, Klingman aye, Timm aye.

Jim and Jane Starostka expressed concerns about the current location of the rifle range located at the Deuel County Fairgrounds. County Attorney Stellar will investigate options to relocate the rifle range, close the site to the public, and the current specs for a public rifle range. Starostka wanted to emphasize that the trap range is fine. A brief discussion was held concerning Wheatland Rd. The Roads Dept. is trying to keep it up as best they can until some kind of better solution can be afforded. With the Highway 30 project to be underway in the area, options may be available for asphalt work on the road.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve 30' x 175' easement request on the Sheriff Impound lot (a tract of land located in the southwest quarter of 14-13-45) from the City of Chappell. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Deuel County Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the annual sales tax report for 2023 on behalf of the Deuel County Fair Board. The report was submitted to the State.

Deuel County Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the Six-Month Report for the county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the request from the Deuel County Fair Board to apply for a grant from the Thomas Buckley Trust for entertainment for the 2024 Fair. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Review of County Veteran Aid form was tabled until next meeting, per request from Veterans Service Officer Patricia Nelson.

A brief discussion was held concerning the 2017 White Ford Explorer. The vehicle will be available for use by county employees for county business.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Michele Bartlett updated the Board on the happenings in the Planning & Zoning Department. The Commissioners appreciated the information and thanked Bartlett for her work. Compensation for these duties will be discussed at the budget meetings later in the year.

Kopetsky reported on the operations of the highway department.

The transition from Bytes IT Security to Intralinks IT Security is going as planned.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for his office. The fee report for December in the amount of \$1,795.70 was presented for review and filing.

At 9:22 a.m. the Commissioners suspended the meeting for a short break. At 9:26 a.m. the Commissioners resumed the meeting.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to enter executive session at 9:26 a.m. with the following present: Fischer, Klingman, Timm, Stellar, DeCoste. At 10:24 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.

County Weed Superintendent Cris Burks presented the Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2024. Burks informed the Board that she has applied for grants to help with the noxious weeds along the river. Most of the grants have been going to organizations with matching funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the plan as presented. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

A discussion was held concerning a 911 Communication Coordinator for the duties within the County. Stellar will draft a job description for the position and advertise the position in the newspaper.

Warrants in the amount of \$167,296.19 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm (Payroll \$29,415.69 Claims \$137,880.47); Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		19145.52
ALICIA ADAMS	MILEAGE/NACO	278.53
AT&T	TELEPHONE	50.12
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	321.84
BEST SELF THERAPY LLC	SERVICES	500.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUC	809.50
BYTES MANAGED IT	SERVICES	15624.00
CARDINAL ASSESSMENT	SERVICES	16050.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	300.11
CHALAOUPKA LAW LLC	COURT ATTNY	6934.53
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	169.59
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PUBLISHING	614.26
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	13.99
CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	2450.00
DEUEL CO DISTRICT COURT	FEES	180.00
DEUEL CO COUNTY COURT	FEES	573.00
EAKES CORP	SUPPLIES	706.89
ENCORE FUNDING	PAYROLL DEDUCT	169.64
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	100.00
GARDEN CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	1900.00
HAMILTON TELECOMM	TELEPHONE	29.00
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	897.01
HOMETOWN LEASING	SERVICES	115.67
JIM MCCORMICK	UNIFORM	129.99
L&L SERVICE	911 GENERATORS	15994.07
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SERVICES	70.00
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	SERVICES	5700.02
MIPS	SERVICES	1533.84
PATRICIA NELSON	MILEAGE/BOARDING	491.23
PITNEY BOWES	SUPPLIES	331.97
ROBERT S HARVOY	COURT ATTNY	50.00
STEVEN ELM SHAEUSER	COURT ATTNY	1970.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	739.63
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1294.71
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	2815.41
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	75.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1906.55
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	2937.07
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1666.05
USDA	PREDATOR CONTROL	2659.38
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	520.13
VIAERO	TELEPHONE	41.63
WILKINS SOLUTIONS LLC	SERVICES	160.00

ROAD & BRIDGE

PAYROLL		10270.17
AJK SERVICES	HWY SUPERINTEND	360.00
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	447.35
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	113.49
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	187.49
FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	FUEL	7125.34
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	837.44
NE & WESTERN CO	GRAVEL	1215.00
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	FUEL TAX REPORT	397.00
PATRICIA SCHLAKE	GRAVEL	3186.00
POWER PLAN	SUPPLIES	11.65
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	538.05
S&W AUTO SUPPLY	REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	90.85
STEVE'S TOWING	SERVICES	709.79
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	459.52
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	634.75
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1030.52

T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1075.78
VALLEY TIRE	SERVICES	90.00
	VISITORS PROMO	
BIG SPRINGS CHAMBER	ADVERTISING	700.00
	VISITORS IMPROVEMENT	
KONNI SAUDER	DECEMBER	597.82
	COUNTY FAIR	
DEUEL CO TREASURER	SALES TAX	409.62
	DRUG FUND	
MID STATES CRIME INFO	SERVICES	2100.00
	911 FUND	
CCECC - 911	DECEMBER	6192.04
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	307.72
NPPD	UTILITIES	44.33
	COVID FUND	
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	911 CENTER UPDATE	<u>19144.56</u>
TOTAL		\$ 167,296.16

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, February 6, 2024, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk

Board of Equalization

January 16, 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 Resolution 2024-02 Permissive Exemptions for tax year 2024:

- 1) Adopt-A-Dog Rescue, Inc Chappell, NE #656.00
- 2) Assembly of God Church Big Springs, NE #3056.00, 3057.00, 3223.00
- 3) Assembly of God Church, Chappell, NE #2017.00, 2123.00, 2430.00
- 4) Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church Chappell, NE #1025.00
- 5) Berean Fundamental Church Chappell, NE #2058.00
- 6) Chappell Lion's Club Chappell, NE #675.00
- 7) Chappell Methodist Church Chappell, NE #2072.00
- 8) Chappell Senior Center Chappell, NE #2154.00, 2153.00
- 9) Grace Community Fellowship, Inc. #2349
- 10) Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Chappell, NE #2349.00
- 11) Phelps Hotel Big Springs, NE #3125.00
- 12) St. Joseph's Church Chappell, NE #697.00, 2201.00, 2202.00
- 13) United Methodist Church Big Springs, NE #3093.00
- 14) Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Big Springs, NE #3153.00
- 15) Zion Lutheran Church Chappell, NE #2253.00

Motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman, to approve Resolution 2024-02 Permissive Exemptions for tax year 2024 as presented: Fisher, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

There being no further business, the Board of Equalization adjourned, and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:38 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

ATTEST: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk