

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
March 5, 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 Sean Holloway, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Highway Superintendent Tony Krajewski, Jerry Radke, Matt Adams, Christy Warner and 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 February 20, 2024, meeting was approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second Commissioner Fischer. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment. Jerry Radke expressed his appreciation of the road conditions in his area.

The Deuel County Court fee report for February was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$31,647.00. The Deuel County Clerk's office monthly report for February was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$1,930.94.

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.

Christy Warner, Director of Kimball County Transit, updated the Board on the services they provide. KCT provided 4089 rides for residents of Deuel County. The rides were provided for work, shopping, medical, family visits, airport, etc. KCT employs five people from the area at the Chappell location. They will be expanding the service to include transportation to WNCC, for Veterans to Cheyenne Veterans Medical facility and work shifts for Clean Harbor. Wagner expressed that even with the expansion local service will be a priority. The Commissioners extended their appreciation of the service being provided for Deuel County and the importance of the service to the area.

Sarah Paisley, UNL 4-H Educator of Garden County presented the annual update for Deuel County. Interviews are scheduled for the 4-H Educator position for Deuel County. Paisley notified the Board the Majorie Radke will resign her position as 4-H Aide/Office Manager effective April 30, 2024. A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to accept Radke's resignation with regret. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Matt Adams, with the Deuel County Shooters 4-H group addressed the Commissioners concerning approval to apply for grants for a building with restroom facilities at the trap range. The building will be especially useful during tournaments. Motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to give approval for Adams to apply for grants and hold fund raisers on behalf of the Deuel County Shooters 4-H group for a small building. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye. Adams will contact the Weed Superintendent Cris Burks to spray ground bare in the trap range area.

A discussion was held concerning the rifle range. With the recommendation of the County Attorney Stellar, the rifle range will be temporarily closed until specific rifle range regulations can be implemented. A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to form a Rifle Range Committee consisting of four residents, Sheriff DeCoste and County Attorney Jon Stellar. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. The Clerk's office will help organize the committee.

Deuel County Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the Tax Sale Report.

A brief discussion concerning the entrances to the courthouse.

The safety committee for the courthouse met at 9:32 a.m.

At 9:48 a.m. the Commissioners suspended the meeting for a short break. At 9:52 a.m. the Commissioners resumed the meeting.

Stellar and Sherman presented a proposal for options to include family health coverage that could be offered to the county employees. After a brief discussion, Sherman and Stellar will gather additional information to present at the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski updated the Board on the operations in the roads department. Krajewski will start gathering bids for work on the dam on Wheatland Road. He suggested paying for all the materials to do the work and hiring a roads contractor to complete the work. Krajewski hoped he could have cost figures to review at the next meeting. He recommended repairing Wheatland Road and Road 167 in sections. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the recommendation and will consider this as a plan to move forward. The One- & Six-Year Road Plan hearing is scheduled for the April 2nd Commissioners meeting.

Sheriff Deputy Holloway reported for the Sheriff's office.

A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to enter executive session at 10:18 a.m. with the following present: Fischer, Klingman, Timm, Sherman. At 10:29a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to adjourn the executive session. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Warrants in the amount of \$97,007.38 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman (Payroll \$36,650.31 Claims \$60,357.07); Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL		26018.95
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCT	125.43
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	550.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	1079.32
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	8435.80
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	496.19
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	668.59
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	2.50
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	303.75
DATASHIELD CORP	SERVICES	60.00
EAKES CORP	SUPPLIES	69.85
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	100.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	973.36
HOMETOWN LEASING	SERVICES	115.67
INTRALINKS	SERVICES	600.00
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	850.00
JON STELLAR	TELEPHONE	150.00
KWA PERFORMANCE	SAFETY EQUIP	779.75
MASA	TRANSPORT INS	500.00
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	SERVICES	96.00
MIPS	SERVICES	1533.84
PITNEY BOWES, INC	LEASE	422.70
PRINCIPAL LIFE INS	LIFE INSURANCE	168.35
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTNY	50.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	129.25
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1076.80
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1541.00
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3198.41
TERRY DUFFIELD	SERVICES	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2589.18
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3659.70
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2553.03
US BANK	SUPPLIES/EQUIP/FUEL	1889.95
US BANK	EUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	1523.96
VISION SERVICES PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCT	230.62
ROAD & BRIDGE		
PAYROLL		10631.36
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCT	30.94
BIG SPRINGS EQUIP	REPAIRS	3151.40
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	5559.95
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	197.82
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	219.42
CROELL, INC	SUPPLIES	2431.65
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	187.49
NE MACHINERY CO	REPAIRS	3715.02
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	486.40
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	634.75
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1070.52
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1170.78
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	UTILITIES	35.00
VISION SERVICES PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCT	48.17
FAIR		
CANDLEWOOD	CONVENTION	689.70
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	221.71
LOTTERY FUND		

NE DEPT OF REVENUE	LICENSE RENEWAL	<u>100.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 97,007.38

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, March 19, 2024, upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk

Board of Equalization

March 5, 2024

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date as the Board of Equalization with the following present: Commissioner 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.

Assessor Bartlett presented the following Homestead tax list corrections because of an audit completed by the Nebraska Dept. of Revenue: #888 change from 100% exemption to 80% exemption; #889 change from 100% exemption to 80% exemption. Motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the corrections as presented. Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, 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 Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

ATTEST: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk