

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting  
March 19, 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 Assessor Michele Bartlett, Sheriff's office administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Deputy Sean Holloway, Deputy Jim McCormick, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Highway Superintendent Tony Krajewski, Peggy Hayden, Kristian Fusilier, 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 March 5, 2024, meeting was approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second Commissioner Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment. None.

No business for the Board of Equalization.

Next Link Internet presentation on broadband development in Deuel County was rescheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

County Attorney Stellar shared information on the public rifle shooting range. NIRMA (the insurance company for the County) was not aware of another county within Nebraska that had a public shooting range. Sheriff DeCoste called the surrounding counties and none of them have shooting ranges open to the public. Stellar explained sovereign immunity and unfortunately, recreational shooting does not fall within those categories. Since Deuel County has received notice of a potential issue, the statutes that shield government entities from lawsuits are not in play. The liability exposure in this matter could be more than the five-million-dollar liability coverage that is provided by the insurance company. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to close the rifle range at the Deuel County Fairgrounds. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Assessor Bartlett presented the Cardinal Assessment Group Appraisal Contract for 2024-2025. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the contract as presented. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Assessor Bartlett presented the GIS Layers contracts. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the contract as presented. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

The Deuel County Planning Board is recommending implementing new building permit fees and increasing penalties for not applying for a permit. The current charge for a building permit is \$25.00. Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett will suggest changes to the Planning & Zoning Board and present the information at the next meeting.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board took a short recess. At 9:34 a.m. the meeting resumed.

Stellar and Sherman presented information on providing family health insurance benefits to all employees of the county. After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to move forward with putting the benefits in place for the July 1, 2024, health insurance renewal date. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Stellar and Sherman will work on resolutions for review and approval at future meetings detailing the changes.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski updated the Board on the operations in the roads department. Krajewski will present bids for the repair work that is needed on Wheatland and Road 167 at the next meeting. Fusilier addressed the Board stating that he will be taking the Highway Superintendent's test on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Fusilier stated that it will take two years of working with a licensed Highway Superintendent before he will have his class A license. He will be working with Kopetzky and Krajewski on the office duties for the highway department.

Sheriff DeCoste presented the February fee report. Total fees collected \$5,975.40. DeCoste presented Sheriff Deputy Sean Holloway with a five-year service plaque. DeCoste stated that Holloway has been a valuable employee of the department and his work within the department is appreciated.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to enter executive session at 10:09 a.m. with the following present: Fischer, Klingman, Timm, DeCoste. At 10:48 a.m. a motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to adjourn the executive session. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Warrants in the amount of \$93,410.33 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman (Payroll \$31,173.70 Claims \$62,236.63); Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

**GENERAL**

PAYROLL		20903.53
ADVANCED MED IMAGING	SERVICES	8.66
ANIMAL CLINIC	SERVICES	173.60
AT&T	TELEPHONE	50.15
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	321.90
CAMPBELL DRUG	INMATE MEDICAL	31.64
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	307.60

CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	23.96
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PRINTING	1351.64
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	8.99
CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	2600.00
CROSSROADS TECH SERVICE	SERVICES	115.98
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	154.00
DEUEL CO DISTRICT COURT	FEES	108.00
DEUEL CO COUNTY COURT	FEES	354.00
EAKES CORP	SUPPLIES	1196.80
ENGRAVERS	SERVICES	120.55
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	100.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	486.68
HAMILTON TELECOM	TELEPHONE	29.00
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	1020.07
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	444.78
IDEAL LINEN SUPPLY	SERVICES	72.53
INTRALINKS	SERVICES	5148.50
JIM REICHMAN	CELL PHONE	50.00
LESLIE SNELL	REIMB/CORRECTION	339.28
MID-STATE ORG CRIME	MEMBERSHIP	100.00
NACVSO	MEMBERSHIP	50.00
NE ASSOC OF CLERKS	MEMBERSHIP	50.00
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TRAINING	625.00
NE SUPREME COURT	INTER LOCAL	4217.83
OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	300.00
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	1500.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMM	SERVICES	1379.58
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	PARTS	40.73
REICHMAN CONSTRUCTION	REPAIRS/FAIRGROUND	183.87
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	825.95
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1355.89
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	2915.81
TONY BALANDRAN, CPR	TRAINING	570.00
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	75.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2058.75
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3089.27
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1767.86
VERIZON	TELEPHONE	520.13
VIAERO	TELEPHONE	41.64
WESTERN DRUG	INMATE MEDICAL	261.66
911 CUSTOM	SERVICES	512.00

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

PAYROLL		10270.17
AJK SERVICES, LLC	SERVICES	2409.90
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	SERVICES	409.95
BIG SPRINGS TIRE	REPAIRS	157.85
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	447.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	145.77
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	84.10
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	33.60
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	187.49
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	2441.37
KELLY KOPETZKY	CELL PHONE	50.00
NPPD	UTILITIES	6.29
NE MACHINERY CO	REPAIRS	4081.94
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	REPAIRS	73.50
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	3124.88
S&W AUTO SUPPLY	REPAIRS	21.98
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	459.52
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	634.75
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1030.52
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1075.78

VALLEY REPAIR	REPAIRS	40.84
	<b>VISITOR PROMOTION</b>	
WESTERN NE TOURISM	MEMBERSHIP	397.67
	<b>VISITORS IMPROVMT</b>	
KONNI SAUDER	FEBRUARY	632.84
	<b>FAIR</b>	
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	15.99
	<b>911 FUND</b>	
CCECC	FEBRUARY	6012.22
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	307.72
NPPD	UTILITIES	48.53
	<b>COVID AMER. RESCUE FUND</b>	
CROSSROADS TECH SERVICE	SERVICES	<u>845.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 93,410.33

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, April 2, 2024, upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tammy Sherman, Clerk