

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting
April 2, 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, Highway Superintendent Tony Krajewski, Kristian Fusilier, Cris Burks, Brent Fletcher, Mike Hansen, Jeff Ortgies 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 19, 2024, meeting was approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second Commissioner Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment. None.

The Deuel County Court fee report for March was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$7,350.69. The Deuel County Clerk's office monthly report for March was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$2,930.36. The Deuel County Tourism report for February was presented for review and filing.

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

After a brief discussion, a committee will be organized to supervise the trap shooting range at the fairgrounds. Sherrif DeCoste and County Attorney Stellar will be a part of the committee.

Weed Superintendent Cris Burks announced to the Commissioners that she has sold her business to Brent Fletcher. He will be assuming the duties of Weed Superintendent with Burks aiding for one year. The Commissioners expressed their sincere appreciation of Burks' service as Weed Superintendent for the past 12 years.

Planning Administrator Michele Bartlett presented proposed building permit fee changes as directed by the Planning & Zoning Board. Changes will be made to the proposed fee schedule and presented as resolution for approval.

The public hearing for the One (1) and Six (6) Year Road Plan for Deuel County, NE was opened at 9:00 a.m. Highway Superintendent Tony Krajewski presented the plan. Fischer asked for public comment. None. Resolution #24-005 was presented as follows: At the regular meeting of the Deuel County Board of Commissioners in Chappell, NE, held at the Deuel County Courthouse on April 2, 2024, a hearing was held on the 2024 One (1) and Six (6) Road Plan at 9:00 a.m., as advertised. Following discussion by the Board of Commissioners and citizens present, a motion was made to adopt the One (1) and Six (6) Year Road Plan for the Fiscal Year 2024 as proposed. Motion to approve Resolution 24-005 by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. The public hearing was closed at 9:10 a.m.

Highway Superintendent Krajewski updated the Board on the operations in the roads department. Krajewski presented an informal bid for labor to repair the dam on Wheatland Road for \$35,265.00. The County will pay for the cost of the materials to fix the area. That cost is estimated at \$45,000. A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to accept the informal bid for labor work from Shelco Asphalt and Paving as presented by Krajewski. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. The work will start after the wheat harvest. The roads department is continuing the patch work as needed on Road 167.

Jeff Ortgies from Frenchman Valley Coop discussed the 2024 fuel contract. It was agreed that the county should contract fuel with Frenchman Valley Coop. They asked Krajewski and Kopetsky to work with Ortgies to figure out the number of gallons to contract.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to buy two 20 ft shipping containers for storage to be used by the Sheriff's Department. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for the Sheriff's office.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to appoint Scott DeCoste as Deuel County 911 Coordinator on a trial basis effective April 1st, 2024, for a wage of \$400 per month. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Warrants for \$162,881.58 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman (Payroll \$38,518.94 Claims \$124,362.64); Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		27746.75
ALICIA ADAMS	MILEAGE	104.45
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	125.43
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	550.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	693.91

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	9202.69
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	523.48
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	51.04
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	24.21
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	613.54
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	2.78
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	303.75
DATA SHIELD	SERVICES	100.00
DEUEL CO TREASURER	FEES	600.00
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	100.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	486.68
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	115.67
INTRALINKS	SERVICES	1983.73
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	850.00
JULESBURG ADVOCATE	RENEWAL	58.24
MADISON NATIONAL	LIFE INSURANCE	64.76
MASA MTS	TRANSPORT INS	512.50
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	SERVICES	70.00
MICHELE BARTLETT	MILEAGE	88.44
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	SERVICES	144.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT	SERVICES	39.00
OPTIMUM THREADS	SERVICES	100.00
PATRICIA NELSON	TRAINING/MILEAGE	308.51
PIERCE LAW OFFICE	COURT APT ATTN	320.00
REDFIELD DIRECT	SUPPLIES	856.66
REGION 21 EMERGENCY	SERVICES	4337.43
REYNOLDS, KORTH	COURT APT ATTN	530.00
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APT ATTN	50.00
NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	SUPPLIES	37.83
STEVE'S TOWING	SERVICES	300.00
STEVEN ELM SHAEUSER	COURT APT ATTN	2780.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1163.00
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1661.44
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3383.01
TERRY DUFFIELD	SERVICES	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2758.57
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3844.39
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2663.20
US BANK	SOFTWARE	21.49
US BANK	FUEL,SUPPLIES,EQUIP	2518.72
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCT	240.24
BIG SPRINGS AMBULANCE	INTERLOCAL	11000.00
	<u>ROAD & BRIDGE</u>	
PAYROLL		10631.36
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	30.94
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	5559.96
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	197.82
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	61.42
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	209.29
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	187.49
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING/TRAINING	149.95
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	GRADER LEASE	53988.26
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
US BANK	TRAINING	113.35
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	35.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCT	48.17

	<u>FAIR</u>	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	193.23
	<u>911 FUND</u>	
PAYROLL		140.83
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	9.12
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	9.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	15.30
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	<u>25.75</u>
TOTAL		\$ 162,881.58

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:02 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, April 16, 2024, upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk

Board of Equalization

April 2, 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.

The Special Public Hearing was held to review the Permissive Exemption for the Phelps Hotel, in Big Springs as advertised. The State of Nebraska is questioning the exemption status. County Assessor Bartlett presented letters from the caretakers of the hotel, a local property owner and her reasons for keeping the exemption status. Fischer asked for public comments. None. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the Permissive Exemption status for the Phelps Hotel, in Big Springs as recommended by County Assessor Bartlett. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

County Assessor Bartlett presented the following tax list corrections due to wells being capped in June 2022: #890; #891; #892; #893; #894; #895; #896; #897; #898; #899; #900; #901; #902; #903; #904; #905; #906; #907. The total amount of tax corrected is \$224.38. 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 8:48 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

ATTEST: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk