

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

January 7, 2025

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, 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, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Highway Superintendent Tony Krajewski and County Clerk Tammy Sherman. The meeting, notice of which was published in the Chappell Register as 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. Commissioner Klingman made a motion, second of Commissioner Timm to approve the consent agenda, January 7th agenda, minutes of the regular meeting December 17, 2024, and warrants in the amount of \$220,413.02 (payroll \$49,790.68 and claims \$170,622.34). Timm, aye, Reichman, abstain, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		37764.80
ABSOLUTE SOLUTIONS INC	RADIO EQUIP	423.53
ADOPT-A-DOG RESCUE	BOARDING	90.00
ALICIA ADAMS	MILEAGE	227.80
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	290.38
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	550.00
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	423.00
AUDREY LONG	COURT APPT ATRNY	130.00
BIG SPRINGS TIRE	REPAIRS	86.14
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	696.42
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	15849.11
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	699.11
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3283.35
CCECC 911 EMERGENCY	SERVICES	6923.98
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	70.47
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	61.14
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	652.81
CHAPPELL REGISTER	SERVICES	460.12
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	2.29
CITY OF CHAPPELL	AMBULANCE SERVICE	10500.00
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	253.89
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	303.75
DISCOVER BANK	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	210.48
EAKES CORP	SUPPLIES	500.58
FAIRFIELD INN	LODGING/CONV	374.85
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	120.00
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING/CONV	1249.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	OFFICE EQUIP	763.98
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	75.43
JANE GRASZ	LONGEVITY	72.00
JEAN TIMM	MILEAGE	226.46
JIM REICHMAN	MLGE/SERVICES/CELL	1155.94
JON STELLAR	REIMB DUES/CELL	753.00
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SAFETY EQUIP	6174.20
JOSH DEINES	REIMB KEYS	13.29
KEN FORNANDER	LONGEVITY	24.00
KUSTOM SIGNALS INC	SAFETY EQUIP	625.50
LINDA JEFFERS	MILEAGE	61.31
MASA MTS	TRANSPORT INS	487.50
MICHELE BARTLETT	TRAINING/MILEAGE	537.34
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICE	PRISONER TRANSPORT	1703.05
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1581.39
MOTOROLA	RADIO EQUIP	301.12
NPPD	UTILITIES	46.48
NACVSO	DUES	50.00
OSHKOSH CLINIC	INMATE MEDICAL	89.34
POINT C	SERVICES	136.00

PRINCIPAL LIFE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	523.61
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATRNY	85.00
RONS CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	513.58
SARA NELSON	MILEAGE	72.70
SCOTTSBLUFF DETENTION	SERVICES	2700.00
STEVEN ELM SHAUSER	COURT APPT. ATRNY	1810.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1824.68
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2442.41
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	4512.62
T&K TIRE INC	REPAIRS	562.92
TERRY DUFFIELD	SERVICES	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	3877.29
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	5094.59
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	4298.62
US BANK	DUES/MEALS/POSTAGE	83.85
US BANK	FUEL/UNIFORMS/SCHO	3842.44
WILLIAM KLINGMAN	MILEAGE	255.94
WOLF AUTO	REPAIRS	320.75
	ROAD & BRIDGE	
PAYROLL		12025.88
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	30.94
BIG SPRINGS EQUIP	REPAIRS	314.85
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	31.19
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	6007.31
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	197.82
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	219.77
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	204.16
FVC	FUEL	5801.31
NPPD	UTILITIES	86.70
NE MACHINERY	REPAIRS	2877.96
PRINCIPAL LIFE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	263.69
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	596.67
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	677.67
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1217.30
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1395.12
TITAN MACHINERY	REPAIRS	235.00
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	UTILITIES	35.00
	VISITORS PROMOTION	
BIG SPRINGS CHAMBER	XMAS FLYERS	795.48
	VISITORS IMPROVEMENT	
KONNI SAUDER	DECEMBER	714.52
	FAIR BOARD	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	287.11
DEUEL CO TREASURER	SALES TAX	299.72
	COVID FUNDS	
AIR QUALITY TEAM	SERVICES	1054.27
REICHMAN CONSTRUCTION	LIFT CHAIRS	213.39
BILL SUMMERS FORD	2024 FORD PU	41986.00
	DRUG FUND	
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SAFETY EQUIP	6174.18
	FEDERAL DRUG FUND	
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SAFETY EQUIP	<u>6174.18</u>
TOTAL		\$ 220,413.02

Public comment, none.

No business for the Board of Equalization.

Re-organizational Meeting for January 7, 2025

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following officials present: Chairperson Jim Reichman, 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, Sheriff Deputy Jim

McCormick, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetsky, Assistant Highway Superintendent Kristian Fusilier, Highway Superintendent Tony Krajewski and County Clerk Tammy Sherman. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

The first order of business was the election of a chairperson. The County Clerk was instructed to accept a motion for the 2025 Chairperson. It was moved by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, that Jim Reichman be elected to serve as the 2025 Chairperson of the Board. Reichman, abstain, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. The motion carried and Jim Reichman will serve as the 2025 Board Chair.

Upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, the mileage rate to be reimbursed to Deuel County Employees will be set at \$.70 cents a mile and the meals reimbursement rates be set as: breakfast \$16, lunch \$19, dinner \$28, incidental \$5. *(Per Commissioner Minutes March 5, 2001, the mileage and meals reimbursement rates will be the same as the ones recommended by NE Department of Administrative Services.) Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, the Chappell Register and the Sidney Sun will 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 2025. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Anthony Krajewski will be appointed as Deuel County Highway Supt. for the Calander year 2025, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Reference was made to the appointment of Kristian Fusilier as Assistant Highway Superintendent as of November 19, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, to approve contracted building and grounds maintenance with Jim Reichman in the amount of \$850 per month. Reichman, abstain, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, to approve contracted janitorial services with Anna Collins with a base rate of \$625 per month. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Reichman, aye.

It was moved by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, that the following persons be reappointed to the Deuel County Fair Board for 2025 Jeff Orgties, Clint Koenen, Amanda Mathis, Amanda Alexander. Current members Zada Sauers, Ben Hansen, and Teri Doty 2026; Paul Payton, Cori Koehler, and Kegan Brott 2027; Haley Magee and Leslie Snell 2028; filling the 12-member board. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye.

Lodging tax committee: No one to appoint for this year. Current committee: Shaunna Mashek and Kathy Peterson expires in 2026; Randy Shaw, Rod Hanson, and Cindy Williams expires in 2028.

Upon motion of Commissioner Reichman, second of Commissioner Klingman, the following holidays were approved. Klingman, aye, Reichman, 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 2025 and shall be:

Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 20, 2025
President's Day	Monday	February 17, 2025
Arbor Day	Friday	April 25, 2025
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2025
Juneteenth Day	Thursday	June 19, 2025
Independence Day	Friday	July 4, 2025
Labor Day	Monday	September 1, 2025
Columbus Day	Monday	October 13, 2025
Observance of Veteran's Day	Tuesday	November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 27, 2025
Day After Thanksgiving Day	Friday	November 28, 2025
Christmas Day	Thursday	December 25, 2025
Day after Christmas Day	Friday	December 26, 2025
New Year's Day	Thursday	January 1, 2026

*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 a 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 2025 as per Resolution 2022-2 approve January 4, 2022, per Nebraska statute. County Commissioner \$21,000.00; Chairperson \$21,500.00; County Assessor \$54,000.00; County Attorney \$54,000.00; County Clerk \$54,000.00; County Treasurer \$54,000.00; County Sheriff \$61,650.00.

Resolution 2025-2: Additional compensation for the Deuel County Sheriff for serving as the 911 Coordinator and additional compensation for the Deuel County Assessor for serving as the Planning & Zoning Administrator was read by Commissioner Reichman, which was presented for regulatory and clarification purposes. RESOLUTION #2025-2: WHEREAS it is necessary for the Deuel County Board of Commissioners to set salaries (Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-1114 reissue 2012) for the elected County Officials of Deuel County as declared in Resolution 2022-2 for the years 2023 through 2026. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Deuel County Board of Commissioners the following addendum be added to RESOLUTION 2022-2: the annual salary for the Deuel County Sheriff is set in Resolution 2022-2 for the years 2023 through 2026. In addition to the County Sheriff's salary, the County Sheriff will receive an additional \$9,600 per year for the service of 911 coordinator. The annual salary for the Deuel County Assessor is set in Resolution 2022-2 for the years 2023 through 2026. In addition to the County Assessor's salary, the County Assessor will receive an additional \$14,400 for 2025 for serving as the Planning & Zoning administrator. BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the salaries as set forth in Resolution 2022-2 barring any mandates from Federal or State governments, which would change contributions of employer and employee for health coverage, that in addition to the above stated salary, each of the elected officials shall receive whatever health plan that is in place for each of the employees and adopted by the Board of Commissioners, and that such alteration in deductibles or change in the portion paid by the individual shall not constitute an increase or decrease in the herein adopted salary. Motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve Resolution 2025-2 as presented. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, Cameron Christensen is re-appointed 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 Justin Julius 2026, Larry McCroden and Gary Freeman 2027, Jason Cheleen 2028. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, Fauneil Johnson is appointed to the Advisory Council of Aging Office. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

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

Region 1 Office of Human Development District – Jean Timm with alternate – William Klingman
Region I Panhandle Mental Health – 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 – Jim Reichman
Region 21 Emergency Management Representative – Jim Reichman
South Platte NRD – Jim Reichman
Lodging Tax Committee – Jim Reichman
Extension Board Representative – William Klingman
Fair Board Liaison- Jean Timm

The appointment of the Non-Commissioner Panhandle Public Health District alternate member for 2025 “spirited citizen” was tabled until next meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Reichman, second of Commissioner Klingman, Phil Pierce is appointed to serve as deputy county attorney for 2025. Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, Jerod Elms is re-appointed to the Veteran's Service Board. Other members of the Commission are Larry McCroden and Jim Peterman, 2026, Terry Livengood and Ron Bayne for 2028. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Reichman, to appoint Patricia Nelson as the Veteran's Service Officer for Deuel County for 2025 with compensation in the amount of \$850.00 per month. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

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

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

It was moved by Commissioner Reichman, second of Commissioner Klingman, that the Deuel County Treasurer be given authority to invest surplus County funds and the following Resolution 2025 - 1 be adopted as presented: Klingman aye, Reichman aye, Timm aye.

Resolution 2025-1: 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—12/31/2024**

CUSIP	ORIGINAL FACE VALUE	MARKET VALUE 12/31/2024	SAFEKEEPING LOCATION
3128MDEX7	\$1,450,000.00	\$15,467.92	Bankers Bank of the West
3138E2L94	\$2,450,000.00	\$50,251.01	Bankers Bank of the West
487571HH7	\$290,000.00	\$267,648.40	Bankers Bank of the West
486800DV4	\$200,000.00	\$198,636.00	Bankers Bank of the West
486800DW2	\$330,000.00	\$325,875.00	Bankers Bank of the West
487571JA0	\$200,000.00	\$173,322.00	Bankers Bank of the West
3128MMTA1	\$1,100,000.00	\$104,352.54	Bankers Bank of the West
3138EQPF3	\$1,275,000.00	\$153,366.84	Bankers Bank of the West
96254LLH5	\$190,000.00	\$158,893.20	Bankers Bank of the West
3140J8GD9	\$425,000.00	\$68,850.92	Bankers Bank of the West
3140LGX98	\$1,040,000.00	\$958,096.77	Bankers Bank of the West
3140J9DN8	\$1,250,000.00	\$154,926.21	Bankers Bank of the West
38379WXJ6	\$1,000,000.00	\$75,524.41	Bankers Bank of the West
36225EZA3	\$600,000.00	\$20,173.98	Bankers Bank of the West
3137FQMZ3	\$1,000,000.00	\$371,196.25	Bankers Bank of the West
3140FXPS	\$1,925,000.00	\$814,007.66	Bankers Bank of the West
Totals	\$14,175,000.00	\$3,910,889.11	

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 2025 Re-organizational meeting of Deuel County was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____ Tammy Sherman, Clerk

The regular meeting was reconvened with Deuel County Treasurer Adams presenting the annual sales tax report for the Deuel County Fair Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the Deuel County Fair Board applying for grant funds from the Thomas Buckley Trust for entertainment for 2025. Timm aye, Klingman aye, Reichman aye.

Planning and Zoning – nothing to report.

Deuel County Highway Department; currently working on machinery. A truck and a motor grader are both at the repair shop.

ARPA funds committee reported that all funds have been allocated, waiting for final bills.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for his office. The department received a donation valued at \$10,000 in the form of a four-year-old K-9. The donor received a recommendation for other law enforcement agencies regarding the use of K-9s in Deuel County. The K-9 will be put to service for the County.

The Deuel County Court fee report for December was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$10,975.21. The Deuel County Clerk's office monthly report for December was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$2,230.43. The Deuel County Tourism report for December was presented for review and filing.

At 9:45 a.m. a motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to enter executive session for the purpose of a personnel issue with the following present: Klingman, Reichman, Timm, DeCoste and Stellar. At 10:04 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to adjourn from executive session and reconvene the regular meeting. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:07 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, January 21, 2025, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm; Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Tammy Sherman, Clerk