

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

February 4, 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 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, February 4<sup>th</sup> agenda, minutes of the regular meeting January 21, 2025, and warrants in the amount of \$132,715.20 (payroll \$41,002.37 and claims \$91,712.83). Timm, aye, Reichman, abstain, Klingman, aye.

**GENERAL**

PAYROLL		28913.35
AIRPACK, INC	SERVICES	56.55
ALICIA ADAMS	MILEAGE	163.10
ALL STAR AUTO GLASS	REPAIRS	39.95
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	290.38
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	700.00
AUDREY LONG	COURT APPT ATRNY	50.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	927.20
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	15849.11
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	699.11
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3458.35
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	491.53
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CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	14.99
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	640.69
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	10.30
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
CROWNE PLAZA	LODGING/TRAINING	149.95
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	303.75
DATASHIELD	SERVICES	60.00
DEUEL CO TREASURER	FEES	10.00
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYOR	SERVICES	7500.00
EAKES CORP	SUPPLIES	361.97
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	120.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQUIPMENT	301.82
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES/MILEAGE	1167.40
KIMBALL CO TRANSIT	ECONOMIC DEVELOP	3500.00
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	13.99
MIPS INC	SERVICES	3739.66
MOTOROLA	SAFETY EQUIP	2184.00
NACT	DUES	75.00
NE SHERIFF'S ASSOC	DUES	295.00
PANHANDLE TREAS ASSOC	DUES	25.00
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE FEES	132.79
POINT C	SERVICES	112.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	508.81
REICHMAN CONSTRUCTION	REPAIRS	80.47
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATRNY	25.00
STEVEN ELMSHAEUSER	COURT APPT ATRNY	2270.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1152.00
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1706.98
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3484.08
TERRY DUFFIELD	SERVICES	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2878.38
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	4095.68
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2964.30
US BANK	DUES/SUPPLIES	154.58
US BANK	FUEL/UNIFORMS/TRN	2421.81

US POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	219.00
VIAERO	TELEPHONE	40.51
	<b>ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</b>	
PAYROLL		12089.02
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	30.94
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCT	SIGNS	2115.95
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INS	6007.31
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	197.82
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	0.05
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	229.85
DEUEL CO TREASURER	FEES	15.00
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	204.16
NPPD	UTILITIES	91.83
NE MACHINERY	REPAIRS	8892.97
PRINCIPAL LIFE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	263.69
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	710.64
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	558.84
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	677.67
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1217.30
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1369.81
US BANK	SAFETY EQUIP	189.94
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	UTILITIES	35.00
	<b>VISITORS IMPROVEMENT</b>	
KONNI SAUDER	JANUARY	684.90
	<b>FAIR BOARD</b>	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	212.43
JEFF ORTGIES	MILEAGE	267.40
	<b>TRAFFIC DIVERSION FUND</b>	
CHIEF SIGN COMPANY	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	718.14
	<b>COVID FUNDS</b>	
REICHMAN CONSTRUCTION	CONCRETE DRAIN	325.00
US BANK	LIFT CHAIRS	<u>589.81</u>
TOTAL		\$ 132,715.20

Public comment, none.

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

The regular meeting was reconvened with Deuel County Attorney Stellar presenting information on the new pathology/autopsy services to be provided by Larimer County Coroner's Office. The current provider no longer provides pathology/autopsy services. The fees will be higher than what the county has been currently paying. Stellar stated that he had contacted other companies that provided this type of service and Larimer County was the most reasonably priced. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Reichman to approve the agreement for services with Larimer County Coroner's Office. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye.

Appointment of the Non-Commissioner Panhandle Public Health District alternate member for 2025 as the "spirited citizen" until a representative can be confirmed.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Bartlett presented permits and variance/conditional use applications. A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Reichman to approve the conditional use permit 2025-01 for a water well transfer. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to table conditional use permit 2025-06 for a leafy organic residue pyrolysis plant until more information can be provided. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye. A motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve 2024-32 a utility permit. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye. A motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve 2025-02 a utility permit. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. A motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve 2025-03 a utility permit. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye. A motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve 2025-04 a utility permit. Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. A motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve 2025-05 a permit for a building. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye. A motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve 2025-07 for an addition to a building. Klingman, aye, Reichman, aye, Timm, aye.

The Deuel County Highway Department is currently working on machinery. Patch work is planned for Hwy 187 to Julesburg. A discussion was held concerning the availability of grant funds for road repairs. Superintendent Krajewski advised that he will stay in touch with the NE Dept. of Transportation for any funds that may become available.

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

Sheriff DeCoste reported for his office.

The Deuel County Court fee report for January was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$3,130.81. The Deuel County Clerk's office monthly report for January was presented for review and filing. The fee totals \$2,160.90. The Deuel County Tourism report for January was presented for review and filing.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:41 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, February 18, 2025, upon motion of Commissioner Reichman, second of Commissioner Timm; Reichman, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

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

Tammy Sherman, Clerk

**Board of Equalization  
February 4, 2025**

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date as the Board of Equalization with the following present: Commissioner Reichman, Commissioner Timm, Commissioner Klingman, County Attorney Stellar, County Assessor Bartlett and Clerk Sherman.

Assessor Bartlett presented Resolution 2025-02 Permissive Exemptions for tax year 2025:

- 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) Phelps Hotel Big Springs, NE #3125.00
- 11) St. Joseph's Church Chappell, NE #697.00, 2201.00, 2202.00
- 12) United Methodist Church Big Springs, NE #3093.00
- 13) Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Big Springs, NE #3153.00
- 14) Zion Lutheran Church Chappell, NE #2253.00

A motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the Permissive Exemptions for tax year 2025 as presented in Resolution 2025-02. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

Assessor Bartlett presented by following tax list corrections for tax year 2024; #912 – parcel was combined with 882 and when calculating the school tax credit the parcel was double taxed on the land; #913 - parcel was combined with 882 and when calculating the school tax credit the parcel was double taxed on the buildings and land; #914 - parcel was combined with 882 and when calculating the school tax credit the parcel was double taxed on the grain bins. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve tax list corrections #912, #913 and #914 as presented. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

There being no further business, the Board of Equalization adjourned, and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Reichman, seconded by Commissioner Klingman. Timm, aye, Reichman, aye, Klingman, aye.

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

Tammy Sherman, Clerk