



Deuel County Board Minutes



Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

March 2, 2021

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following officials present: Chairperson Steve Fischer, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm, County Attorney Jonathon Stellar and County Clerk Polly Olson. 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. The agenda was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. The minutes of the February 16, and February 24, 2021 special meetings were approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

County Clerk reported fees collected by her office for the month of February, 2021 in the amount of \$2,568.42. This report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

No action for the Board of Equalization.

Christy Werner representing Kimball County Transit Services met with board requesting a 2 year re-commitment for services. Deuel County currently pays \$3,000.00 annually. Motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer, to re-commit for two years, same terms. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

A vacancy was created on the Deuel County safety committee with the elimination of the office administrator Chauntine Snell's position in the highway dept. Kelly Kopetzky suggested Alicia Adams from the Treasurer's office be appointed to fill her place on the committee. Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Timm, Alicia Adams will be appointed to serve on the safety committee. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye. The quarterly safety committee was held at 9 a.m. with the following present: Chair Marica Schievelbein, Jean Timm, Scott DeCoste, Kelly Kopetzky and Jonathon Stellar. No accidents were reported on county roads this quarter. Training is schedule for the spring, CPR/AED, Stop the Bleed will be held outside as soon as the weather permits. The next Safety Committee meeting will be held May 18. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

The Deuel County personnel handbook was reviewed. Pre-employment drug testing will continue with the offices mandated to set up the testing for their respective new employees. There will be no change to the policy. Employees will be allowed to take off ½ day vacation at a minimum.

Operations of the highway department were discussed. The time frame of the Day road project was discussed, the weather will be the primary factor in the start date. The highway supt. is using a county pickup for transportation to and from work. It is 86 miles round trip. Different options are available to claim the fringe benefit as per IRS guidelines. The cents per mile rule or the commuting rule, (1.50 each way daily). It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, to use the commuting rule, \$3.00 per day. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Sheriff Scott DeCoste reported on activities within his office. Officer Geiger has resigned, March 10, 2021 will be the last day of employment. He also presented information regarding the 911 inter-local fees for services with Cheyenne County, which will be increasing to 6% of the entire budget instead of the formal 5%. The amount currently paid per year is \$37,910.00 and will now be \$44,509.00.

County Attorney Stellar discussed the payment options available as a result of the TERC decision in the favor of the plaintiff who owned the Miller Memorial Nursing Home. According to the auditor, it could be paid entirely out of inheritance, or letters sent to each entity to inform them of the respective share of the refund to be either deducted from the future tax distribution or refunded directly from the entity, if a hardship was determined, it could be paid back



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over five years. It was moved by Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Timm, to refund the entire amount of overpayment with the valuation at \$100,000.00 from the inheritance fund in the amount of \$7,320.02.

It was reported from NACO that the Noxious Weed Supt. did not obtain the required continuing education hours last year due to COVID. The conferences used to be held in the spring and the fall, last year the fall conference was cancelled. This year the classes will be held, hopefully with the opportunity to be virtual to avoid that happening again. Noxious Weed Supt. Cris Burks reported that the cancellation did affect quite a few Noxious Weed Supt. that didn't obtain the required hours due to the COVID restrictions.

Warrants in the amount of \$97,344.31, were approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer, (Payroll \$34,613.34, Claims \$62,730.97), Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		23602.92
ALLSTATE BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	56.05
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	207.63
AMERITAS VSP	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	269.94
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	1000.00
AS CENTRAL FINANCE	AS/400	325.16
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	698.20
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	18053.56
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	609.18
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	54.75
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COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	118.86
CHAPPELL AUTO REPAIR	REP/MNT	87.10
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	8.78
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES	622.61
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	11.16
CVSOAN TREASURER	REGISTRATION	60.00
DAS MATERIAL	SUBSCRIPTION	154.00
DATASHIELD	SHREDDING	46.00
EAKES	SUPPLIES	180.33
ENTEMANN-ROVIN	SUPPLIES	165.50
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	192.08
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIERS	309.60
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	31.92
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	800.00
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	ADMIN BUY-BACK	157.50
NACT TREASURER	DUES	50.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	125.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TNG		
CTR	LODGING	280.00
NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1192.79
PLIC	LIFE	94.78
POLLY OLSON	CELL PHONE	50.00



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RET. PLANS OF AMERITAS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1529.74
RET. PLANS OF AMERITAS	COUNTY SHARE	3315.95
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT. ATTORNEY	192.50
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	117.56
STEVEN ELM SHAEUSER	COURT APPT. ATTORNEY	2135.00
TERRY DUFFIELD	ANIMAL CONTROL	550.00
SS. - TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2423.19
SS. - TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	COUNTY SHARE	3513.34
FED. TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2758.16
US BANK CLERK	SUPPLIES	312.90
US BANK SHERIFF	UNIF/FUEL/SUPP	3197.58
ROAD & BRIDGE		
PAYROLL		11010.42
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	70.52
AMERITAS VSP	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	84.96
BIG SPRINGS EQUIPMENT	REP/MNT	1862.01
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	8573.68
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DENTAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	207.54
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	65.68
CENTURY LINK		
COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	5.62
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES	228.35
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	174.16
INGRAM ELECTRIC	REP/MNT	90.07
NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	452.71
RET. PLANS OF AMERITAS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	705.41
SEDGWICK COUNTY LANDFILL	GARBAGE	14.40
SS. - TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1090.15
FED. TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	921.23
US BANK	POSTAGE/SUPP	489.51
VALLEY REPAIR	SHOP SUPPLIES	53.80
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	GARBAGE	30.00
LODGING TAX		
PROMOTIONS		
BIG SPRINGS CHAMBER	LIGHTING CONTEST	325.50
FAIR		
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	UTILITIES	235.27
KENDALL FOSTER	BEEF BARN SUPPLIES	992.00

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.



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Attest: _____

Deuel County Clerk, Polly L. Olson