



# Deuel County Board Minutes



Deuel County Commissioner Meeting.

January 4, 2022

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Re-organizational Meeting

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The first order of business was the election of a chairman. The County Clerk was instructed to accept a motion for the 2022 Chairperson. It was moved by Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman, that Steven Fischer be elected to serve as the 2022 Chairperson of the Board. Fischer, abstain, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. The motion carried and Steven Fischer will serve as the 2022 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 \$.58 1/2 cents a mile. \*(Per Commissioner Minutes March 5, 2001, the rate will be the same as the one recommended by DAS; the rate has been set by DAS to .58 1.2 cents, effective 01/01/22.),

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, that the Chappell Register and the Sidney Sun be designated as the Official Papers in and for Deuel County, and the Deuel County Website ([www.co.deuel.ne.us](http://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 2022. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Anthony Armer will be appointed as Deuel County Highway Supt. for fiscal year 2022, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, to approve Contracted building and grounds maintenance with Jim Reichman in the amount of \$800.00 per month. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. It was reported the bathroom remodel at the annex had been completed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Fischer, to approve Contracted janitorial services with Anna Collins with a base rate of \$500.00 per month. Additional deep cleaning of each office can be contracted as needed. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Fischer, aye.

It was moved by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, that the following persons be appointed to the Deuel County Fair board. All persons are Deuel County residents and will be appointed members of the board for three years.

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Other members are, Paul Peyton, Kori Koehler and Keegan Brott 2023, Haley Magee and Leslie Snell 2024, Jeff Ortgies and Klint Koenen 2025, filling the 10-member board. Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye.

## LODGING TAX COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman, the following are reappointed to the Deuel County Visitor Committee: Shaunna Mashek of Chappell and Kathy Peterson of Big Springs. Other members of the Committee are Randy Shaw, Leonard Littlejohn and Cindy Williams whose terms expire in 2024. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Timm, the following holidays were approved. Klingman, aye, Fischer, 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 2021 and shall be:

<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 17, 2022</b>
<b>PRESIDENT’S DAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21, 2022</b>
<b>ARBOR DAY</b>	<b>APRIL 29, 2022</b>
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>MAY 30, 2022</b>
<b>JUNETEENTH DAY</b>	<b>JUNE 20, 2022</b>
<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	<b>JULY 4, 2022</b>
<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 5, 2022</b>
<b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 10, 2022</b>
<b>OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN’S DAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 11, 2022</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 24, 2022</b>
<b>DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 25, 2022</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>DECEMBER 23, 2022</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS EXTENDED</b>	<b>DECEMBER 26, 2022</b>
<b>NEW YEARS DAY 2022</b>	<b>JANUARY 2, 2023</b>

\*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 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 2022 as per Resolution 2017-20.

County Commissioner	\$19,500.00
Chairperson	\$20,000.00
County Assessor	\$51,000.00



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County Clerk	\$51,000.00
County Treasurer	\$51,000.00
County Sheriff	\$58,500.00

Upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, Justin Julius is appointed to the County Planning Committee to serve a 3-year term, to meet as required. Upon request of the Commissioners, 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 Larry McCroden and one vacancy, 2023. Jason Cheleen 2024, Dwight Smith 2025. Fischer, 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. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, that the Deuel County Board of Commissioners be appointed to the following boards:

Region 1 Office of Human Development District – Jean Timm

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 - Steve Fischer

Region 21 Emergency Management Representative – JEAN TIMM

South Platte NRD – William Klingman

Lodging Tax Committee – Steve Fischer

Extension Board Representative – William Klingman

Fair board Liaison- Jean Timm

Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Timm, an appointment to the Non-Commissioner Panhandle Public Health District- Alternate Member William Gray, as “spirited citizen” was approved. Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye.

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

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, Ted Peeks is re-appointed to the Veteran's Service Board. Other members of the Commission are: Larry McCroden and Jim Peterman, 2023. Bill Hughes and Ronald Bayne, 2024. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer, to appoint Dwight Smith as the Veteran's Service Officer for Deuel County, 2022 in the amount of \$800.00 per month. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.



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

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

Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

It was moved by Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman, that the Deuel County Treasurer be given authority to invest surplus County funds and the following Resolution 2022 - 1 be adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the application for designation as County Depository by Points West Community Bank, Bankers Bank of the West, be approved and the following securities be approved.

## POINTS WEST COMMUNITY BANK

### PLEDGES—12/31/2021

CUSIP	ORIGINAL FACE VALUE	MARKET VALUE 12/31/2021	SAFEKEEPING LOCATION
3130A3KM5	\$500,000.00	\$510,614.44	Bankers Bank of the West
487571HD6	\$275,000.00	\$279,633.75	Bankers Bank of the West
3128MDEX7	\$1,450,000.00	\$117,184.93	Bankers Bank of the West
3138E2L94	\$2,450,000.00	\$269,205.98	Bankers Bank of the West
487571HH7	\$290,000.00	\$294,260.10	Bankers Bank of the West
486800DV4	\$200,000.00	\$213,146.00	Bankers Bank of the West
486800DW2	\$330,000.00	\$351,826.20	Bankers Bank of the West
3128MMTA1	1,100,000.00	\$250,359.06	Bankers Bank of the West
3138EQPF3	\$1,275,000.00	\$359,587.09	Bankers Bank of the West
96254LLH5	\$190,000.00	\$182,797.10	Bankers Bank of the West
3140J8GD9	\$425,000.00	\$168,077.67	Bankers Bank of the West
3140J9DN8	\$700,000.00	\$288,386.02	Bankers Bank of the West
38379WXJ6	\$1,000,000.00	\$183,276.98	Bankers Bank of the West
36225EZA3	\$600,000.00	\$29,188.68	Bankers Bank of the West
3137FQMZ3	\$1,000,000.00	\$661,250.65	Bankers Bank of the West
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$11,785,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,158,794.65</b>	

**AND ALSO WHEREAS**, the application for designation as County Depository by Community First Bank be approved.

**AND ALSO WHEREAS**, the application for designation as County Depository by Nebraska First Investment Trust, Union Bank of Lincoln, 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. Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Fischer, aye.

There being no further business, the 2022 Re-organizational meeting of Deuel County was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Polly L. Olson, Deuel County Clerk

County Clerk Polly Olson presented a report of fees collected in the amount of \$2,901.35 for the month December, 2021. This report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

There was no action for board of equalization.

County Assessor Michele Bartlett presented an updated contract for services with Gworks. The contract will be \$10,800.00 annually and the ownership map will be no longer available, effective 2023. The contract was signed with this stipulation in place. Splits will be conducted by Gworks. The error report will not be a separate cost, (not actually errors, but discrepancies due to roads etc. most less than 10 acres), it will be included in the reporting.

James Hammond requested that the Board to enter into executive session to discuss citizen concerns regarding the Sheriff Dept. County Attorney Stellar discussed the purpose and statutes pertaining to executive session and the lack of transparency when boards enter into such session. Commissioner Fischer recommended that Mr. Hammond and County Attorney Stellar meet in private to discuss the potential of harming the integrity of individuals. The meeting continued while the two conferred in a secure room.

County Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the 6-month report of revenue collected by her office. This report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

Anthony Armer updated the board on the Bytes internet project. It was reported that they are waiting for parts prior to completing the project. He reported that the state system would be moved, it was unknown whether Bytes will move the equipment or whether the state will.

Upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman, the Elected County Clerk, County Assessor, County Treasurer, County Attorney and County Sheriff will receive an annual increase in the amount of \$1,000.00 each year. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman, each County Board of Commissioners will receive an annual increase of \$500.00 each calendar year. The Chairperson will receive an additional \$500.00 for the year they serve as chair. Fischer, nay, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. Resolution 2022-2 is hereby approved.

## RESOLUTION 2022-2

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1114 Reissue 2012, the salaries of the County elected officials are to be established by the County Board prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which a general election is to be held for the respective offices; and,

**WHEREAS**, a general election will be held in 2022 for the offices of Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Commissioner, Sheriff and Treasurer; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Board of Deuel County, Nebraska, the annual salary for the office of County Clerk for the next elected term, including the duties of District Court Clerk, (Currently contracted with the Supreme Court to combine court clerks), Register of Deeds, and Election Commissioner, shall be established at \$52,000.00 for calendar year 2023. That for each year thereafter, a \$1,000.00 cost-of-living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount paid for calendar year 2024 shall be \$53,000.00, for calendar year 2025 shall be





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\$54,000.00, and for calendar year 2026 shall be \$55,000.00. Further, that in addition to the above salary, the County Clerk shall receive during his or her term of office full individual health insurance coverage at County expense.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Board of Deuel County, Nebraska, the annual salary for the office of County Assessor for the next elected term shall be established at \$52,000.00 for calendar year 2023. That for each year thereafter, a \$1,000.00 cost-of-living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount paid for calendar year 2024 shall be \$53,000.00, for calendar year 2025 shall be \$54,000.00, and for calendar year 2026 shall be \$55,000.00. Further, that in addition to the above salary, the County Assessor shall receive during his or her term of office full individual health insurance coverage at County expense.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Board of Deuel County, Nebraska, the annual salary for the office of County Commissioner for the next elected term shall be established at \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2023. That for each year thereafter, a \$500.00 cost-of-living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount paid for calendar year 2024 shall be \$20,500.00 for calendar year 2025 shall be \$21,000.00, and for calendar year 2026 shall be 21,500.00. Further, that in addition to the above salary, the County Commissioner shall receive during his or her term of office full individual health insurance coverage at County expense. The Chairperson will also receive an additional \$500.00 annually during the year serving as chairperson.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Board of Deuel County, Nebraska, the annual salary for the office of County Treasurer for the next elected term shall be established at shall be established at \$52,000.00 for calendar year 2023. That for each year thereafter, a \$1,000.00 cost-of-living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount paid for calendar year 2024 shall be \$53,000.00, for calendar year 2025 shall be \$54,000.00, and for calendar year 2026 shall be \$55,000.00. Further, that in addition to the above salary, the County Treasurer shall receive during his or her term of office full individual health insurance coverage at County expense.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Board of Deuel County, Nebraska, the annual salary for the office of County Sheriff for the next elected term shall be established at \$59,650.00 for calendar year 2023. That for each year thereafter, a \$1,000.00 cost-of-living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount paid for calendar year 2024 shall be \$60,650.00 for calendar year 2025 shall be \$61,650.00, and for calendar year 2026 shall be \$62,650.00. Further, that in addition to the above salary, the County Sheriff shall receive during his or her term of office full individual health insurance coverage at County expense.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Board of Deuel County, Nebraska, the annual salary for the office of County Attorney for the next elected term shall be established at shall be established at \$52,000.00 for calendar year 2023. That for each year thereafter, a \$1,000.00 cost-of-living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount paid for calendar year 2024 shall be \$53,000.00, for calendar year 2025 shall be \$54,000.00, and for calendar year 2026 shall be \$55,000.00. Further, that in addition to the above salary, the County Attorney shall receive during his or her term of office full individual health insurance coverage at County expense.

Mr. Hammond and County Attorney Stellar returned and it was the county attorney recommendation that the board enter into executive session to discuss 8 personnel issues. Upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Kingman, the board will enter into executive session at 9:37 a.m., with the following present: Commissioners Timm, Klingman, Fischer, James Hammond, Candette Hammond, Adam Greenman, County Attorney Stellar and anyone from the Sheriff Department. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, the board resumed the regular meeting at 10:37 a.m. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Sheriff Scott DeCoste reported on activities within his office. He presented a report of fees collected in the amount of \$165.14, for the month of December, 2021. This report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

Warrants in the amount of \$98,409.92, were approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Timm, (Payroll \$36,521.51, Claims \$61,888.41), Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye.



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## GENERAL

PAYROLL		25778.05
ALLSTATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	37.69
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	180.53
AMERICINN	LODGING	1371.00
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	500.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	16174.85
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	430.42
C-WEED	SERVICES	2100.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	108.76
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	304.26
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL		
UTILITIES	UTILITIES	527.43
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	73.99
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	120.00
DATASHIELD	SHREDDING SERVICES	71.00
EAKES	SUPPLIES	81.98
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	259.58
HAMILTON		
TELECOMMUNICAT	INTERNET	37.00
IDEAL LINEN	SUPPLIES	31.92
	PRIOR YEAR	
JANE GRASZ	RETIREMENT	72.00
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	800.00
	DUES/LICENSE	
JONATHON STELLAR	REPORTER	338.00
	PRIOR YEAR	
KEN FORNANDER	RETIREMENT	24.00
MADISON NATL LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	18.85
MALLORY SAFETY & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	85.84
MENARDS	ANNEX REMODEL	666.92
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	ADMIN BUY-BACK	147.25
MIP-S	AS/400	1899.71
NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT		
CTR	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	125.00
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL	DUES	125.00
PLIC	LIFE INSURANCE	78.17
POLLY OLSON	CELL	50.00
REGION 21 EMERGENCY		
MNGT	INTER-LOCAL	2910.74
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1182.43
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1513.96
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3215.72
TERRY DUFFIELD	ANIMAL CONTROL	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2593.05
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3648.62



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T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2580.40
US BANK	FUEL/SUPPLIES/EQUIP	3234.42
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL	320.08
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	212.65
HALEY MAGEE	SUPPLIES	14.50
	<b>ROAD AND BRIDGE</b>	
PAYROLL		10743.46
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	6132.40
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	162.66
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL		
UTILITIES	UTILITIES	214.42
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	197.91
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARTS	24.33
MAINELLI, WAGNER & ASSOC.	BRIDGE INSPECTIONS	2775.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	435.77
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	659.86
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1055.57
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	885.69
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	42.69
	<b>FAIR</b>	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL		
UTILITIES	UTILITIES	203.12
	SALES TAX FAIR	
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	EXPENSE	281.27

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 11:35 a.m., with the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be held Tuesday, January 18, 2022, upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

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

Deuel County Clerk, Polly L. Olson