

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

March 7, 2023

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 Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Hwy Supt. Anthony Armer, Roads Supt. Kelly Kopetsky, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Sheriff's office administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, and 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. The agenda was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. The minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting were approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment, none.

No agenda items for the Board of Equalization.

The fees collected by the County Clerk's office for the month of February was \$738.49. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

The fees collected by the District Court for the month of February was \$5,379.18. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

The Deuel County Treasurer's office presented notice of closing of the Public Sale of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes on March 6th, 2023 at 4:00 pm. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

Christy Warner, Kimball County Transit Administrator updated the Commissioners regarding the service for Deuel County and the regional area. Warner stated that 4000 rides were provided for Deuel County in the last fiscal year. They are currently upgrading vehicles and have a new van ordered. Kimball County Transit is planning on expanding the service to include routine bus routes between Scottsbluff, Kimball, Sidney, Chappell, Ogallala. They currently provide rides to and from DIA. The Commissioners appreciated the update and will continue support of the service.

Hwy Superintendent Anthony Armer presented information on a different vehicle for the Roads Dept. The Nebraska Federal surplus has a white Ford Explorer with 94,000 miles; previously used by the State Patrol. The cost is \$10,000. The vehicle the Roads Dept. has currently been using belongs to the Sheriff's Dept. Armer advised that the Roads Dept. does have budgeted funds for a replacement vehicle. The vehicle is in Lincoln.

A short discussion was held concerning the per diem rate reimbursement for meals and lodging. A motion by Fischer, seconded by Klingman to follow the 2023 IRS guidelines for meals and lodging per diem rates. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye. This item will be added to the annual reorganizational meeting in January for review annually. The 2023 rates are as follows \$13 breakfast, \$15 lunch, \$26 dinner and \$98 lodging, there is an exception when the amount charged for lodging is more at a facility holding the convention.

Zoning Administrator Anthony Armer presented Conditional Use Permit 2023-01; Verizon Tower at CR 159 site. He stated that the application complied with all the Deuel County zoning requirements. Motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the permit as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Operations of the highway department were discussed. Highway Supt. Armer advised that the new grader has been delivered to shop #1. The first payment will be due in April of 2024 in the amount of \$53,988. Grader #27 needs a new engine. The cost to repair/replace the engine is \$62,000. Armer's recommendation is to keep grader #27 (as is) and use it for replacement parts for the other graders.

Armer advised that Bytes, Inc. the cyber security/IT company for Deuel County submitted an application for grant funds from the State of Nebraska. Part of the grant process includes a computer system hygiene survey. Deuel County received a good score on the survey.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for the Sheriff's department. Fees collected for the month of February total \$453.00. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing. The 2022 Ford Explorer was delivered. It will be used by the School Resource Officer. The department has been working with area law enforcement departments for active shooter training at South Platte Schools and Creek Valley Schools. DeCoste stated his concern for keeping the area youth safe and the departments commitment to keeping the county safe.

At 9:12 a.m. a motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to go into executive session for personnel discussion, with the following present, Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Timm, Commissioner Klingman, County Attorney Stellar, and County Sheriff DeCoste. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye. At 9:31 a.m. a motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to adjourn from executive session. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Warrants in the amount of \$195,839.11 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, (Payroll \$37,012.41 Claims \$158,826.70), Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		25659.72
ALLSTATE BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	37.69
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	56.16
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	550.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	10395.88
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	477.22
BYTES MANAGED IT	SERVICES	3381.00
C-WEED MANAGEMENT LLC	SERVICES	2700.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	135.83
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	56.72
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	2.69
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	709.98
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PUBLICATIONS	1236.38
CHAPPELL FOODS	SUPPLIES	23.78
COMFORT INN	LODGING/TRAINING	129.95
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DATASHIELD	SHREDDING SERVICE	60.00
DEUEL CO DIST COURT	COURT FEES	108.00
DEUEL CO COUNTY COURT	COURT FEES	217.00
EAGLE VIEW/PICTOMETRY	SERVICES	17374.20
ENCORE FUNDING	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	181.01
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	140.00
GEHRIG-STITT CHAPEL	SERVICES	1674.12
GOES FUNERAL CARE	SERVICES	1500.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	485.77
HAMILTON TELECOMM	INTERNET	29.00
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	1390.04
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	850.00
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	132.00
LASER KUT SPECIALITES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	40.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	17.12
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	116.25
MIPS	SERVICES	1642.13
NATIONAL TRADE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	162.00
NE SUPREME COURT	INTERLOCAL AGREEMT	3941.85
PROTEX CENTRAL	UPGRADES	797.81
QUILL, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	323.74
REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL	SERVICES	171.05
RICK'S AUTO & TIRE	REPAIRS	22.00
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT ATTNY	110.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	SERVICES	287.95
SCOTTBLUFF DETENTION	BOARDING	4700.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL	30.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	61.09
STEVE FISCHER	MILEAGE	250.21
STEVEN ELM SHAEUSER	COURT ATTNY	1880.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1099.30
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1434.91
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3114.01
TERRY DUFFIELD	ANIMAL CONTROL	550.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES	VEHICLE & EQUIP	52145.46
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2582.48
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3716.24
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2744.41
USBANK	REGISTRATION	77.00
USBANK	FUEL/SAFETY	2609.54
US POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	96.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
VISION SERVICES PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	204.14

ROAD & BRIDGE

PAYROLL		11352.69
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	25.22
BIG SPRINGS EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	78.17
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	7844.02
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	190.27
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	175.94
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	241.29
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	166.66
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	1055.96
RUDY'S GAS & TIRE	REPAIRS	131.12
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	499.90
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	675.04
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1133.76
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1137.82
US BANK	TOOLS/EQUIP	371.90
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	UTILITIES	30.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	42.69
WHEAT BELT PPD	UTILITIES	156.22
	LODGING TAX PROMOTION	
FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	ADVERTISING	900.00
KONNIE SAUDERS	FEBRUARY	573.25
	COUNTY FAIR	
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	204.86
CANDLEWOOD INN	LODGING/CONVENTION	1429.35
	COUNTY DRUG FUND	
US BANK	POLICE SCANNERS	1162.99
	911 FUND	
CCECC 911 EMERGENCY	FEBRUARY	3438.46
NPPD	UTILITIES	45.12
	SHERIFF SINKING FUND	
TRAFFICE CONTROL		
SERVICES	EQUIPMENT	7785.00
TOTAL		\$ 195,839.11

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 21, 2023 upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Clerk, Tammy Sherman