

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

May 2, 2023

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following officials present: Chairperson Steve Fischer, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm, Chad Svoboda, Richard Huff, Dixie Huff, County Attorney Jon Stellar, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Hwy Supt. Anthony Armer, Roads Supt. Kelly Kopetzky, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Sheriff’s office administrator Leslie Snell, Clerk Tammy Sherman. The meeting, notice of which was published in the Chappell Register 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 April 18, 2023, meeting was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment, none.

No action for the Board of Equalization.

The fees collected by the County Clerk’s office for the month of April 2023 were \$387.49. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

The Deuel County Court fee report for March was presented and reviewed for filing. Fee totals \$7,222.55.

Chad Svoboda with Svoboda Benefit Solutions, Inc. presented a health insurance proposal for the 2023-2024 term. The proposal is comparable to the current plan. The proposal is a substantial cost savings compared to the current health coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield. The board sincerely appreciated Chad taking the time to prepare the proposal. The board will review the information in more detail. Item tabled until the next meeting.

The findings of the 2023 Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System. The county is required to participate in the plan. Mandatory participation for all full-time employees and part-time employees working more than half the hours of what a full-time employee would work. Two paperwork issues were corrected, and one back withholding issue was addressed.

Superintendent Anthony Armer addressed the board regarding the operations in the highway department. They have been working on patching the asphalt roads. They plan on working on the shoulders on golf course road next week. They have one big culvert and two small culverts to put in.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for the Sheriff’s department. The interlocal agreements with Chappell and Big Springs are still being worked on. The department has been covering the school detail for Deputy Holloway. They are enjoying getting to know the kids in the school system. The department helped organize a one mile walk at lunch on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> with the Creek Valley School. It was a fun time for all. The internship program will start up this month. The program could expand to other courthouses and the court system. Two interns have been selected.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer at 9:27 a.m. to go into executive session for a personnel issue with the following persons present Commissioner Timm, Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Klingman, County Attorney Stellar, County Sheriff DeCoste and Clerk Sherman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye. A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to adjourn the executive session at 10:08 a.m. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Warrants in the amount of \$112,222.18 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, (Payroll \$36,916.08 Claims \$75,306.10), Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

**GENERAL**

PAYROLL		25558.29
ALLSTATE BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	37.69
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	56.16
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	550.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	350.32
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	10395.88
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	477.22
BRANDT COURT REPORTING	SERVICES	1711.90
C-WEED MANAGEMENT LLC	SERVICES	2700.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	85.97
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	56.41
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	7.47
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	618.58
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	111.96
DATASHIELD	SHREDDING	60.00

ENCORE FUNDING	PAYROLL DEDUCT	181.01
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	140.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	484.12
HUBER & ASSOCIATES	SERVICES	785.00
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	850.00
L&L SERVICE CO	SERVICES	132.23
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	32.91
MALLORY SAFETY	SAFETY EQUIP	60.68
MASA MTS	TRANSPORT INS	512.50
MICHELE BARTLETT	MILEAGE	189.95
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	DEDUCTI BUYBACK	10116.25
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	REPAIRS	2741.30
PIERCE LAW OFFICE	COURT ATTNY	580.00
QUALITY INN	LODGING	196.00
REYNOLDS, KORTH	COURT ATTNY	652.50
ROBERT HARVOY	COURT ATTNY	135.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	118.20
SCOTTSBLUFF DENTENTION	BOARDING	5890.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1004.32
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1406.04
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3078.84
TERRY DUFFIELD	ANIMAL CONTROL	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2539.32
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3674.19
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2448.79
US BANK	TRAINING/ASSESSOR	553.00
US BANK	FUEL/SAFETY EQUIP	2299.60
VSP	PAYROLL DEDUCT	204.14

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

PAYROLL		11357.79
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	25.22
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	7844.02
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	190.27
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	196.97
CORNHUSKER TRUCKS	REPAIRS	282.84
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	166.66
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	SERVICES	35.00
RICK'S AUTO & TIRE	REPAIRS	22.00
RUDY'S TIRE	REPAIRS	116.14
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	500.70
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	675.04
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1134.87
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1139.39
US BANK	UTILITIES/REPAIRS	205.00
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	30.00
VSP	PAYROLL DEDUCT	34.11

**VISITOR PROMOTION**

CHAPPELL REGISTER	SUB RENEWAL	24.00
BIG SPRINGS CHAMBER	ADS	425.70

**VISITORS IMPROVEMENT**

KONNI SAUDER	APRIL	698.77
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**COUNTY FAIR**

CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	213.95
JEPPSON TREE SERVICE	SERVICES	2520.00

TOTAL \$ 112,222.18

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023, upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Timm, absent, Klingman, aye.

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

Clerk, Tammy Sherman