

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

June 6, 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 Kopetzky, Sheriff's office administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Heidi Gillespie, Laura Narjes, Avery Hayward, Logan DeCoste, Forrest Hershberger, 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 May 16, 2023, meeting was approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment. None.

No action for the Board of Equalization.

Cheyenne County Emergency Management Center, Director Heidi Gillespie presented information on the Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Deuel County. The agreement is up for renewal July 1, 2023. The agreement terms will remain the same as in the past. The fee is expected to increase. Fischer expressed his concern to have a Deuel County representative on the Board for the Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center. The Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center board is meeting on this interlocal agreement on June 9th at 1:30 PM at the Cheyenne County Courthouse. Gillespie invited the Commissioners to attend. Gillespie will notify Deuel County of the fee increase. Gillespie expressed her appreciation of the working relationship between the communication center and Deuel County. Item tabled until the June 20th meeting.

Extension Educator for Cheyenne & Deuel Counties, Laura Narjes addressed the board concerning the 4-H program within the counties. The 4-H program is working in partnership with all five schools: grades Kindergarten to 10th grade. In conjunction with the school programs Narjes is working with other counties to promote the 4-H program. With all the work that is currently being done with the program, Narjes feels that more can be done. She is at a point where she cannot extend herself any further. She presented a plan to hire a 4-H assistant as a partnership between Cheyenne and Deuel Counties. The counties would split the wage 50/50 and Cheyenne County would cover the insurance and retirement. The position would be phased in over two years. To add the position, it would cost the county \$9,800. A motion by Commissioner Klingman seconded by Commissioner Timm to support Narjes' proposal for a 4-H assistant. Narjes will present the information to the Cheyenne County Commissioners to get their decision on this proposal.

A letter of interest was heard from Matt Crawford for Deuel County Veterans Service Office. Commissioner Klingman will speak with Dwight Smith concerning his position on this matter. Sherman will contact Wilson concerning the use of the Veterans fund. Item tabled.

County Assessor Bartlett presented the five-year renewal agreement with GWorks GIS. The fee is increasing 5%. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the contract with GWorks GIS. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. Assessor Bartlett presented the six-year renewal agreement with Eagleview Pictometry for fly overs. After a discussion as to the benefits of this agreement, a motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the agreement with Eagleview Pictometry. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye. Assessor Bartlett presented a new appraisal contract with Cardinal Assessment Group. The new contract will save the county approximately 25% in cost. Motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the appraisal contract with Cardinal Assessment Group. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

County Assessor Bartlett presented the 2024 three-year plan of assessment for the Assessor's office. The plan is due to the State of Nebraska on June 20th, 2023. A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the plan as presented. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

A burial assistance request received from the family of John Apolius was reviewed. County Attorney Stellar will contact the next of kin for copies of tax returns to determine eligibility. Item tabled until the June 20th meeting.

Superintendent Anthony Armer addressed the board regarding the operations in the highway department. They are trying to get all the asphalt road ditches mowed. They have started spraying weeds on the other roads. The condition of the asphalt on Wheatland Road is getting worse. They will be trying to patch the potholes as best they can. They will also set flags as best as possible. Armer stated that the cost to put new asphalt on Wheatland Road is approximately \$1.8 million. Armer will investigate options for improving the condition of Wheatland Road. The roads department has been working with local counties to share equipment and resources.

A report of fees collected in the amount of \$4,035.20 for the month of May 2023 was presented from the County Clerk's office. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

A report of fees collected in the amount of \$5,032.84 for the month of May 2023 was presented from the County Court's office. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

Sherriff DeCoste reported for the Sheriff's department. He is still working with Chappell and Big Springs on the inter-local agreement for law enforcement. He introduced the two interns, Avery Hayward, and Logan DeCoste. They are working with both the Sheriff's department and the County Attorney's office. They both expressed appreciation of the opportunity to serve as interns for the county. A keypad lock will be placed on the computer room door.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman at 9:50 a.m. to go into executive session for a personnel issue with the following persons present Commissioner Timm, Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Klingman, Sheriff DeCoste and County Attorney Stellar. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye. A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to adjourn the executive session at 10:20 a.m. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Warrants in the amount of \$162,533.77 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm, (Payroll \$40,879.60 Claims \$121,654.17), Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		29520.25
ALLSTATE BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	37.69
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	56.16
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	550.00
AUDREY M. LONG	COURT ATTN	100.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	291.79
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	10395.88
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	477.22
C-WEED MANAGEMENT LLC	SERVICES/CHEMICALS	3294.20
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	85.97
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	56.41
CENTURY LINK COMM	TELEPHONE	23.21
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	432.36
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	552.95
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PUBLICICATIONS	371.91
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	29.60
COBBLESTONE HOTEL	TRAINING	95.00
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	223.92
DATASHIELD	SHREDDING	60.00
EAKES CORP	SUPPLIES	272.20
ENCORE FUNDING	PAYROLL DEDUCT	181.01
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	100.00
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	11040.00
HAMILTON TELECOMM	TELEPHONE	29.00
HENNE FAMILY FUNERAL	TRANSPORT	480.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER	115.67
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	850.00
JONATHON STELLER	MILEAGE	228.15
LAURA NARJES	MILEAGE	155.24
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	53.25
MALLORY SAFETY	SAFETY EQUIP	672.28
MARJORIE RADKE	REIMB SUPPLIES	76.66
MASA MTS	TRANSPORT INS	512.50
MENARDS	BUILDING SUPPLIES	36.56
MID-AMERICAN BENEFITS	DEDUCT BUYBACK	116.25
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	REPAIRS	2838.87
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1578.43
NACO	TRAINING	125.00
NOSSAMAN PETITT LAW	COURT ATTN	151.50
PRINCIPAL LIFE INS	INSURANCE	147.97
QUILL INC	SUPPLIES	1889.94
RAVE WIRELESS INC	SERVICE	341.57
REICHMAN CONSTRUCTION	BUILDING REPAIRS	500.00
REYNOLDS, KORTH	COURT ATTN	75.63
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	702.42
STEVE ELM SHAEUSER	COURT ATTN	2250.00

T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1235.46
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1597.12
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	14943.23
TERRY DUFFIELD	ANIMAL CONTROL	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2944.97
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	4079.38
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2961.55
US BANK	TRAINING/ASSESSOR	62.83
US BANK	FUEL/SAFETY EQUIP	1257.76
VSP	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	204.14
	ROAD & BRIDGE	
PAYROLL		11359.35
AMERICAN FAMILY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	25.22
BIG SPRINGS EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS/EQUIPMENT	8830.40
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	56.15
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	7844.02
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	190.27
C-WEED MANAGEMENT LLC	SERVICES/CHEMICALS	776.04
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	90.90
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	169.99
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	166.66
NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO	REPAIRS	4509.17
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SUPPLIES	1480.32
RUDY'S TIRE	REPAIRS	32.34
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	500.32
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	675.04
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1134.41
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1138.67
US BANK	UTILITIES/REPAIRS	69.64
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	TRASH	30.00
VSP	PAYROLL DEDUCT	34.11
	VISITORS PROMO	
BIG SPRINGS CHAMBER	MEMORIAL DAY ADS	486.75
	VISITORS IMPROVEMENT	
DEUEL CO FAIR BOARD	4-H BUILDING	3500.00
KONNI SAUDER	MAY	872.57
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	DEPOT MUSEUM	663.89
	COUNTY FAIR	
ANDY MARKEL	4-H BUILDING	6000.00
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	189.69
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PRINTING	156.33
REICHMAN CONSTRUCTION	BUILDING REPAIRS	300.70
RORRING ENTERTAINMENT	FAIR ENTERTAINMNT	1212.50
3 TIMBER STUDIO, LLC	FAIR ENTERTAINMNT	3415.00
	COUNTY DRUG FUND	
KWA INDUSTIES	SUPPLIES	4519.08
	911 FUND	
NPPD	UTILITIES	<u>43.18</u>
TOTAL		\$ 162,533.77

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023, upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Fischer; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Clerk, Tammy Sherman