

## Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

September 19, 2023

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following officials present: Chairperson Steve Fischer, Commissioner Jean Timm, Commissioner William Klingman, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Sheriff Scott DeCoste, Sheriff's office administrator Leslie Snell, Weed Superintendent Cris Burks, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetzky, and County 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 September 5, 2023, meeting were approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment, none.

Upon motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm, the board entered the Board of Equalization for tax list corrections at 8:35 a.m. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Ron Leal from Region 21 Emergency Management was scheduled to present an update on upcoming training and was unable to attend the meeting. Item tabled until the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Resolution 2023-12, Report of County Tax Sale Certificates; WHERE AS, the Deuel County Board of Commissioners has received from Alicia Adams, Deuel County Treasurer, a list of all delinquent Real Estate Taxes in Deuel County as required by Section 77-1918 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Alicia Adams, the Deuel County Treasurer, hereby is directed to issue Tax Sale Certificates in the name of the county on these parcels upon which there is at least one year of delinquent Real Estate Taxes. Upon motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman, Resolution 2023-12 was approved. Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm aye.

Weed Superintendent Cris Burks presented her Independent Contractor Agreement renewal effective November 1, 2023. Motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the contract as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Safety Committee meeting tabled until October 3, 2023.

The 2023 Budget hearing was conducted at 9:00 a.m. The final budget document was received and reviewed by each Commissioner. There was no public comment, discussion was held pertaining to:

Resolution 2023-13, approval of an additional one percent increase to the base amount for restricted funds authority; for a total increase of three and one-half percent increase in the restricted funds authority for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, was approved upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer; Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Resolution 2023-14, setting the Property Tax Request for 2023-2024 at .457478 which is less than the 2023-2024 tax rate of .470450, was approved upon motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

Resolution 2023-15, Adoption/Appropriations of the Budget document was approved upon motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm; Klingman, aye, Timm, aye, Fischer, aye.

Resolution 2023-16, establishing petty cash funds for the County Attorney in the amount of \$500.00 and the County Court in the amount of \$25.00, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm; Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Resolution 2023-17, instructing County Treasurer to transfer funds to the Sheriff Sinking Fund from County General in the amount of \$10,000.00, was approved upon motion of Commission Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer; Timm, aye, Klingman, Fischer, aye.

Resolution 2023-18, instructing County Treasurer to transfer funds to the 911 Fund from the County General in the amount of \$34,000.00, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye.

Resolution 2023-19, instructing County Treasurer to transfer to the Road & Bridge Fund from the County General in the amount of \$685,000.00, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm; Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Resolution 2023-20, instructing County Treasurer to transfer to the Road & Bridge Fund for the Bonded Debt Service Fund from the County General in the amount of \$281,655.00, was approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

The Special Hearing to set the final Tax Request for .457478 was held at 9:05 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to set the final tax request for 2023-2024 at .457478 a 2.75736% decrease from the 2022-2023 tax request. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

A discussion was held concerning the Planning and Zoning Regulations. It was decided that Assessor Bartlett would review the regulations and make recommendations for updates especially concerning the Energy Systems and Communication Tower section. Bartlett will assume responsibility of Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Operations of the highway department were discussed. Kopetsky will temporarily assume the responsibilities of Hwy Superintendent until a replacement can be hired. Patch work will continue on Road 165. Kopetsky shared that he had reached out to Paul Reed Construction concerning federal grants. He learned that federal grants are unavailable for roads with less than 300 daily traffic. The search for grant funding for asphalt roads will continue.

Sheriff Scott DeCoste reported for the Sheriff's department. The department is having some trouble with computers. They are working on getting the problems fixed.

Warrants in the amount of \$159,763.99 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman, (Payroll \$29,771.51 Claims \$129,992.48); Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

**GENERAL**

PAYROLL		18835.14
ABSOLUTE SOLUTIONS	RADIO EQUIPMENT	1534.00
ALLSTATE BENEFITS	PAYROLL DEDUCT	37.69
AT&T	TELEPHONE	48.28
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	320.94
AXON ENTERPRISES, INC	SAFETY EQUIP	5114.16
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	9202.70
BYTES MANAGED IT	COMPUTER SERVICES	4309.00
CARDINAL ASSESSMENT	APPRAISAL SERVICE	15050.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	156.48
CENTURY LINK COMM.	TELEPHONE	43.51
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	9.49
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PUBLISHING	411.02
CHAPPELL SUPER FOODS	SUPPLIES	65.59
CHEYENNE CO SHERIFF	BOARDING	1950.00
CROSSROADS COOP TIRE	REPAIRS	1939.91
DAS INTERAGENCY BILLING	SERVICES	154.00
DATASHIELD CORP	SHREDDING	60.00
DEUEL CO DIST. COURT FEES	SERVICES	72.00
DEUEL CO COURT FEES	SERVICES	374.00
DEUEL CO 4-H COUNCIL	MEALS	41.00
EAKES	SUPPLIES	603.00
ENCORE FUNDING LLC	PAYROLL DEDUCT	169.64
FAIRFIELD INN	LODGING/TRAINING	459.80
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	140.00
GARDEN COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING	1600.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	484.21
HANSENS PETEROLEUM	FUEL	1609.84
JIM REICHMAN	CELL PHONES	50.00
JON STELLAR	CELL PHONE/DUES	155.49
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	REPAIRS	518.07
LAURA NARJES	MILEAGE/EXPENSE	434.71
MICHELE BARTLETT	MILEAGE/EXPENSE	231.87
MIPS	SERVICES	1533.84
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TRAINING/LAND APPR	620.00
NEBRASKA LAW POSTERS	PRINTING	99.50
	INTERLOCAL	
NE SUPREME COURT	AGREEMNT	4217.83
OPTK NETWORKS	FIBER OPTICS	300.00
PITNEY BOWES INC	POSTAGE SERVICE	422.70
QUILL	OFFICE SUPPLIES	342.79
REG WEST MED CENTER	SERVICES	532.00
STEVEN ELM SHAEUSER	COURT ATTORNEY	2450.00
T.T.T.-STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	772.78
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1299.90

T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	2864.47
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1909.45
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3004.53
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1973.41
	ROAD & BRIDGE	
PAYROLL		10936.37
ANTHONY ARMER	FUEL/CELL PHONE	570.43
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	40.72
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	6007.30
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	130.18
CROWDER SUPPLY	REPAIRS	3947.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	391.61
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	187.49
HANSEN'S PETROLEUM	FUEL	8509.65
HEIGELS FIELD SERVICE	REPAIRS	25380.00
KELLY KOPETZKY	CELL PHONE	50.00
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	514.32
S&W AUTO SUPPLY	REPAIRS	199.95
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	504.61
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	672.45
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1095.08
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1100.05
VALLEY TIRE	SERVICES	45.00
	<b>LODGING TAX PROMOTION</b>	
POSTMASTER	ANNUAL PO BOX FEE	70.00
	<b>FAIR</b>	
ABBY SCHOLZ	JUDGE FEES	271.62
CATHY KLOCH	JUDGE FEES	202.62
CRANMORE FIRE PROT	SERVICES	60.00
DEUEL CO 4-H COUNCIL	PREMIUMS	1491.00
FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	PROPANE	288.00
JEANNE MURRAY	JUDGE FEES	199.00
KATHY PARKER	JUDGE FEES	196.52
KATIE MARTIN	JUDGE FEES	361.20
MOTEL 6 - BIG SPRINGS	ENTERTAINMENT	501.30
SARAH ELSTEN	JUDGE FEES	95.88
	<b>911</b>	
CCECC-911 EMERGENCY	SERVICES	6788.41
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	306.24
NPPD	UTILITIES	<u>46.25</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 159,763.99

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, October 3, 2023, upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

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

Clerk, Tammy Sherman

**September 19, 2023**  
**Board of Equalization**

The Deuel County Board of Commissioners met on the above date at 8:35 a.m. with the following officials present; Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Klingman, Commissioner Timm, County Assessor Michele Bartlett and Clerk Tammy Sherman.

Assessor Bartlett presented the following tax list correction:

Tax List correction #882 parcel ID# 0000360.10 RE – 3.43 Acres – owned by the State of Nebraska Dept. of Transportation is tax exempt. Motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve tax list correction #882 as presented. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners reconvened at 8:37 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Sherman, Clerk