

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

October 17, 2023

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following officials present: Commissioner Steve Fischer, Commissioner Jean Timm, Commissioner William Klingman, County Attorney Jonathon Stellar, County Treasurer Alicia Adams, Assessor Michele Bartlett, Sheriff's office administrator Leslie Snell, Sheriff Deputy Jim McCormick, Veterans Service Officer Patrica Nelson, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetzky, and Clerk Tammy Sherman. Others present, Candace Meredith. 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 October 3, 2023, meeting was approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, abstain, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment: Veterans Officer Patrica Nelson updated the Commissioners on the happenings with Veterans Service Office.

Board of Equalization: At 8:35 a.m. a motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to enter into the Board of Equalization, for Resolution 2023-23, Setting Levies in and for Deuel County and a Homestead correction; Fisher, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

No discussion was held concerning Road 165. Item tabled until the next meeting.

Candace Meredith with the Nebraska Association of County Officials updated the Commissioners on the happenings with the Association. The annual convention is coming up in December. The new office in Ogallala is under construction. She advised the Board on Cyber Security funding and a Bridge match program. The Board appreciated the information and the work the association is doing on behalf of Nebraska counties.

Assessor Barlett presented the following building permits for final approval as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board: 2023-02 – platform enclosure; 2023-03 – pole building; 2023-04 – pole building; 2023-05 – pole building. Motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the recommendation to approve the above noted building permits. Timm, aye, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye. Assessor Bartlett referenced building permit 2023-01. The plan for the new tower has been changed. The board directed her to request an addendum to the permit, which will be reviewed for approval by the Planning & Zoning Board.

Assessor Bartlett, the Planning & Zoning Administrator, updated the Board on a new meeting site and current members for the Planning & Zoning Board. They will be meeting at the Fire Hall in Big Springs with notice posted according to statute. A motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to compensate Assessor Bartlett \$400 a month for her time as administrator of the Planning & Zoning regulations/board until the end of the 2023-2024 budget year. Bartlett assumed the responsibility of Planning & Zoning Administrator on September 19, 2023.

A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to authorize Chairman Fischer to sign the Management Representation letter from Auditor Don Wilson. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Operations of the highway department were discussed. The county will continue to advertise for a Highway Superintendent. The county will investigate the state requirements for a county highway superintendent for the possibility to promote within the department. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to appoint Anthony J. Krajewski as an employee of Deuel County serving as Highway Superintendent, effective October 17, 2023, until such time as a permanent replacement can be hired. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. A short discussion was held concerning paying the highway department hourly in lieu of salary. Sherman will contact the auditor concerning the regulations regarding wage payment methods. Item tabled until next meeting.

McCormick and Snell reported for the Sheriff's department.

Warrants in the amount of \$125,559.58 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Kingman, (Payroll \$28,992.42 Claims \$96,567.16); Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

**GENERAL**

PAYROLL	19952.06	
ALICIA ADAMS	MILEAGE/TRAINING	85.81

AT&T	TELEPHONE	49.00
AT&T MOBILITY	TELEPHONE	320.94
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	9202.71
BW GRAND ISLAND INN	LODGING/TRAINING	416.56
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	215.04
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	22.12
CHAPPELL REGISTER	SERVICES	847.57
CHEYENNE COUNTY SHERIFF	LODGING	2100.00
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING/TRAINING	557.00
DATASHIELD	SERVICES	60.00
DEUEL CO DIST COURT	FEES	221.00
DEUEL COUNTY COURT	FEES	287.00
EAKES CORP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	750.77
ENCORE FUNDING	PAYROLL DEDUCT	169.64
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	100.00
GARDEN CO SERIFF	LODGING	800.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	486.64
HAMILTON TELECOMMUN	TELEPHONE	29.00
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	1556.66
HENNE FAMILY FUNERAL	TRANSPORT	240.00
HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY	LODGING/TRAINING	119.25
JANE GRASZ	LONGEVITY	72.00
JIM REICHMAN	CELL PHONE	50.00
LAURA NARJES	MILEAGE	253.91
MENARDS	SUPPLIES	165.66
MIPS	SERVICES	1533.84
NACO	POSTCARDS	1064.44
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	TRAINING	290.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE	TRAINING	60.00
NORFOLK LODGE	LODGING/TRAINING	490.00
OPTK NETWORKS	INTERNET	300.00
PLATTE VALLEY	EQUIPMENT	
COMMUNICAT	SUPPLIES	905.82
REDFIELD DIRECT	SUPPLIES	526.64
RICK'S TOWING	SERVICES	250.00
SIDNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL	SERVICES	27.52
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	847.79
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	1446.92
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	2912.80
TAMMY SHERMAN	POSTAGE	10.21
TRANSUNION	SERVICES	75.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2035.16
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	2946.34
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	2151.83
US POSTMASTER	BOX FEES	402.00
USDA, WILDLIFE SERVICE	CONTRACT FEE	729.23
VAN ZEE HEATING	SERVICES	9742.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
VIAERO	TELEPHONE	40.83
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCT	28.77
NE DEPT OF LABOR	3RD QRT FEES	4872.00
	<b><u>ROAD &amp; BRIDGE</u></b>	
PAYROLL		9040.36
BIG SPRINGS TIRE/REPAIR	REPAIRS/TIRES	265.99
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	15.46
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	6007.30
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	160.32
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCT	187.49
FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	FUEL	10842.55
HANSENS PETROLEUM	FUEL	1752.05
KELLY KOPETZKY	CELL PHONE	50.00
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	FUEL TAX	206.00

NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SUPPLIES	1041.29
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	REPAIRS/TIRES	1035.86
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	156.60
PREMIER AUTO	REPAIRS	1188.49
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	10514.91
S&W AUTO SUPPLY	REPAIRS	181.58
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCT	424.49
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCT	564.55
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCT	911.18
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCT	970.16
WHEATBELT	UTILITIES	60.99
	<b><u>COUNTY FAIR</u></b>	
CHAPPELL LUMBER	REPAIRS	894.87
CHAPPELL REGISTER	SERVICES	64.80
GARDEN COUNTY NEWS	SERVICES	175.00
LINPEPCO-ALLIANCE	FAIR EXPENSES	374.40
ZADA SAUERS	FAIR EXPENSES	140.00
	<b><u>911 FUND</u></b>	
CCECC 911 COMMUN	SERVICES	4576.70
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	306.24
NPPD	UTILITIES	47.00
PATRICIA SCHLAKE	LAND LEASE	200.00
PREMIER AUTO	REPAIRS	<u>62.89</u>
TOTAL		\$ 125,559.58

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, November 7, 2023, upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

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

Clerk, Tammy Sherman

October 17, 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 Steve Fischer, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm, County Assessor Michele Bartlett, County Attorney Jon Stellar and Clerk Tammy Sherman.

The Board convened as the Board of Equalization to set the 2023 levies in and for Deuel County, Nebraska Resolution 2023 - 23 was approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Resolution 2023-23	2023-2024			
	Valuation	Tax Request		Levy
Fire Dist. #1	\$ 251,953,263.00	\$ 48,971.34	General	\$ 0.019437
	\$ 251,953,263.00	\$ 13,854.73	Sinking	\$ 0.005499
		\$ 62,826.07	Total	\$ 0.024936
Fire Dist. #2	\$ 284,078,937.00	\$ 99,960.00	General	\$ 0.035187
	\$ 284,078,937.00	\$ -	Bond	\$ -
		\$ 99,960.00	Total	\$ 0.035187
Big Springs Cemetery	\$ 232,024,278.00	\$ -	General	\$ -
	\$ -			
School District #25	\$ 502,414,485.00	\$ 3,528,081.00	General	\$ 0.702225
SP BLDG FUND	\$ 502,414,485.00	\$ 200,965.00	SPBF	\$ 0.040000
	\$ -	\$ 3,729,046.00	Total	\$ 0.742225
County General	\$ 452,759,903.00	\$ 2,046,279.00	General	\$ 0.451957
Fair	\$ 452,759,903.00	\$ 25,000.00	County Fair	\$ 0.005521
		\$ 2,071,279.00	Total	\$ 0.457478
Historical Society	\$ 452,759,903.00		General	\$ -
City of Chappell	\$ 39,184,258.00	\$ 142,410.00	General	\$ 0.363437
Chappell Airport Auth.	\$ 39,184,258.00	\$ 10,610.00	General	\$ 0.027077
Village of Big Springs	\$ 29,674,052.00	\$ 140,870.01	General	\$ 0.474725
Street	\$ 29,674,052.00	\$ 7,500.00	Bond	\$ 0.025275
	\$ 29,674,052.00	\$ 148,370.01	Total	\$ 0.499999

Assessor Bartlett presented information on Homestead exemption denial for parcel #0000074200; the property is valued more than what the homestead exemption allows. Motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the denial as presented by Assessor Bartlett. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

There being no further business for the Board of Equalization, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners re-convened at 8:43 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Klingman, Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye.

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

Clerk, Tammy Sherman