

Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

November 7, 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 Scott DeCoste, Hwy Superintendent Toney Krajewski, Roads Superintendent Kelly Kopetzky, Extension Educator Laura Narjes and Clerk Tammy Sherman. Others present, were Jane Starostka and Will Arthur. 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 17, 2023, meeting was approved upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Public comment: Connie Loos presented information on grant applications for electric generators for Big Springs and Chappell 911 communications. The Board appreciated the information. Loos will proceed with the grant applications for the Thomas Buckley Trust and Virginia Smith Trust.

No items for the Board of Equalization.

A discussion was held on the repair work needed on Rd 165 (Wheatland). Kopetzky and Krajewski are working on getting some repairs done on the dam. Krajewski will investigate some additional options regarding re-surfacing the 3-mile stretch of the road that is currently asphalted.

Will Arthur presented information on pre-taxed preventative care management program benefits. Arthur will email additional information to the Board. The Commissioners appreciated Arthur's presentation.

Extension Educator Laura Narjes presented the Memorandum of Understanding for a 4-H Assistant between Cheyenne County, NE Commissioners and Deuel County, NE Commissioners. Cheyenne and Deuel County will share hourly wages 50/50. The travel, meals and programming expenses will also be shared 50/50 with these expenses to be submitted to each individual county on monthly claim forms. Narjes will have a procedures journal in place for the position. After a discussion, a motion by Commissioner Fischer seconded by Commissioner Klingman to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye. Narjes notified the Commissioners that she resigned her position with the University of Nebraska. Her last day will be December 20th. The University of Nebraska will be filing the position. It is unknown how long that process will take. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation of all her hard work during her time as Extension Educator.

The 2024 Deuel County Agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation was presented for consideration. Stellar advised the agreement is satisfactory. Motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm to approve the agreement as presented. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Treasurer Alicia Adams presented the annual report for Distress Warrants. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

A discussion was held concerning the use of the American Rescue Plan funds. Some items discussed included paving the handicap parking at the courthouse, Big Springs firehall and Deuel County fairgrounds. Zoom equipment was also mentioned for the Commissioners' meeting room. Additional information will be gathered and presented at a future meeting.

The Employee Policies section of the Deuel County Employee Handbook was updated per instruction from NIRMA. The effective date of health coverage was also updated. Stellar advised that the changes were satisfactory. Motion by Commission Timm, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve the updated employee handbook as presented. Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye.

A motion by Commissioner Fischer at 9:24 AM, seconded by Commissioner Timm to go into executive session for a personnel issue with the following persons present, Sheriff DeCoste, County Attorney Stellar and Sheriff's office administrator Leslie Snell. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye. A motion by Commissioner Timm, seconded by Commissioner Klingman to re-enter regular session at 9:35 AM. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Resolution 2023-24, Signing of the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent for 2023 was approved by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Timm. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

Kopetzky and Krajewski gave an update on the Roads Department.

Discussion was held concerning changing the Highway Dept. from salary to hourly pay. Sherman is to contact NIRMA. Item tabled until next meeting.

At 10:02 AM Commissioner Timm was excused to tend to a personal matter.

Resolution 2023-25; for amendment and addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreement; extend Deuel Counties commitment to participate for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027. A motion by Commissioner Klingman, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to approve Resolution 2023-25. Timm, absent, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Discussion was held on the services received from Bytes Computer Services. Item tabled for next meeting.

Sheriff DeCoste reported for the Sheriff's department. DeCoste presented the fee reports for August, September, and October. The reports were reviewed and accepted for filing.

A report of fees collected in the amount of \$3,901.77 for the month October 2023 was presented by the County Court's office. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

A report of fees collected in the amount of \$930.45 for the month October 2023 was presented by the County Clerk's office. The report was reviewed and accepted for filing.

Warrants in the amount of \$111,417.08 were approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer, (Payroll \$38,751.00 Claims \$72,666.08); Fischer, aye, Timm, absent, Klingman, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		27633.32
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	125.43
ANNA COLLINS	SERVICES	550.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	131.79
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	8393.20
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	671.78
BYTES MANAGED IT	SERVICES	246.36
C-WEED MANAGEMENT	SERVICES	3284.00
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	58.41
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	571.02
CHAPPELL REGISTER	PRINTING/ADVERTISING	1249.08
CHAPPELL FOODS	SUPPLIES	14.00
CRANMORE PEST CONTROL	SERVICES	50.00
DAS MATERIAL	SERVICES	457.75
DATASHIELD	SERVICES	60.00
DEUEL CO DIST COURT	FEES	72.00
DEUEL COUNTY COURT	FEES	117.00
DICKINSON & CLARK CPAS	BUDGET	3200.00
DIGITAL DOCUMENTS	PRINTING	137.85
DONALD WILSON	AUDIT	6500.00
EAKES CORP	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1385.10
ENCORE FUNDING	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	169.64
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	120.00
GOTO COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE	486.64
HAMILTON TELECOMMUN	TELEPHONE	29.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SERVICES	338.06
IDEAL LINEN	SERVICES	72.53
JIM REICHMAN	SERVICES	850.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	INSURANCE	83.89
MASA MTS	INSURANCE	487.50
MID-AMERICA BENEFITS	SERVICES	96.00
MIPS	SERVICES	1533.84
NCAA	DUES	1725.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	INSURANCE	168.35

ROBERT HARVOY	COURT APPT ATTRNY	135.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	430.32
SCOTTSBLUFF DETENTION	BOARDING	180.00
SIDNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL	SERVICES	27.52
STEVEN ELEMSHAUSER	COURT APPT ATTRNY	1610.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1271.47
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1784.51
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	COUNTY SHARE	3567.69
TERRY DUFFIELD	SERVICES	550.00
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2822.82
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	COUNTY SHARE	3954.02
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	3151.05
US BANK	LODGING/TRAINING	217.40
US BANK	FUEL/EQUIP/TRAINING	2140.66
VERIZON WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	320.08
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	276.01
WESTERN PATHOLOGY	SERVICES	325.00
ZADA SAUERS	REPAIRS / REIMB	461.90

ROAD & BRIDGE

PAYROLL		11117.68
AMERICAN FAMILY ASSUR	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	30.94
BIG SPRINGS EQUIP	REPAIRS	1723.23
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	5559.95
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	217.15
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE	152.83
CHAPPELL MUNICIPAL	UTILITIES	162.02
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	187.49
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SERVICES	35.00
RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO	REPAIRS	126.79
S&W AUTO SUPPLY	REPAIRS	11.47
SEDGWICK CO HOSPITAL	SERVICES	56.00
SUPERIOR SANITATION	SERVICES	475.00
T.T.L. - STATE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	559.32
T.T.L. - RETIREMENT	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	670.46
T.T.L. - SOCIAL SECURITY	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1131.20
T.T.L. - FEDERAL	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1308.45
US BANK	REPAIRS	574.19
VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS	UTILITIES	30.00
VISION SERVICE PLAN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	48.17

COUNTY FAIR

CHAPPELL UTILITIES	UTILITIES	237.72
DEUEL CO 4-H COUNCIL	MEALS	324.50

911 FUND

NPPD	UTILITIES	43.53
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FEDERAL DRUG FUND

MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	<u>2340.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 111,417.08

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 10:30 AM. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, November 21, 2023, upon motion of Commissioner Fischer, second of Commissioner Klingman; Fischer, aye, Timm, absent, Klingman, aye.

Attest: _____

Clerk, Tammy Sherman