

Wayne, Nebraska  
March 3, 2020

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Burbach at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in the courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse. Chairman Burbach, Members James Rabe and Terry Sievers, Attorney Amy Miller, Sheriff Jason Dwinell, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on February 20, 2020. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Burbach presented the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approve minutes of February 18, 2020, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve fee reports
- c. Approve payroll
- d. Approve withdrawal of Security Cusip No. 919563BZ8 for \$200,000 as pledged by Elkhorn Valley Bank
- e. Approve withdrawal of Security Cusip No. 919563CC8, No. 439110CV7, and No. 255689BX8 totaling \$250,000 as pledged by State Nebraska Bank & Trust
- f. Approve addition of Security Cusip No. 3130AJ3W7, No. 3130AJ3T4, and No. 04315AAB5 totaling \$600,000 as pledged by State Nebraska Bank & Trust
- g. Approve withdrawal of Security Cusip No. 3130A86V0 for \$250,000 as pledged by State Nebraska Bank & Trust

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

A motion to approve the regular agenda was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

A motion to approve the claims was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz provided the following updates:

- On May 19, 2020, during the Vigilant Guard Exercise, the National Guard will be hosting a Distinguished Visitor Day in Lincoln. Distinguished visitors will get a guided tour through the command and control sections of the exercise.
- Tornado Advanced Table Top Exercise on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the WSC Student Center from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Commissioners will need to focus on overall leadership and coordination, road employees to coordinate moving debris with rescuers
- Received request from the Nebraska Forest Service to serve as a Planning Section Chief for the annual Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy on April 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at Fort Robinson. They will provide food and lodging. Counts toward keeping TYPE 3 Planning Section Chief Certification current.
- Assisting the Nebraska Forest Service on March 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> as one of the Planning Section Chiefs on a Prescribed Fire Burn on the Niobrara Valley Preserve north of the Ainsworth area. This training was discussed and approved at the November 19, 2019, board meeting.
- FirstNet representatives will be at the EM office on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. to show products and services.
- Covid-19. Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department are the subject matter experts.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey provided the following updates:

- Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, was day ten since the concrete pour for Project C-90(539), BRO-7090(2), aka Temme bridge
- A new FEMA representative has been assigned to Disaster #4420, the March 2019 flood
- A&R Construction wants to start early on box culvert projects. Mainelli Wagner should be staking ROW on C-90 (566), Bridge #00925, aka Kingsley. A&R plans to do the Dist #1 project in June/July.

- The bid opening for C-90(215), Bridge #01545, aka Junck, is on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.
- Morrows will be moving a house on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be starting at 579 and 851<sup>st</sup> Rd, going two miles east and 3 ½ miles north on 582<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
- New, large-format maps of the 1&6 Year Plan are available
- Borsheim Crane is bringing in two cranes to put in stabilizers at the base of the blades of forty plus units for the Sholes Wind Project. The project should take about 2 ½ months.
- Burbach attended Haystack Wind kick-off supper and said they are now saying 80 towers. Casey has not had time to work on the Road Agreement.

Clerk Finn updated the board on By-Mail Voting. The Legislature gave Nebraska counties with populations of 7,000 or fewer people the option to conduct all-mail elections in 2005, counties with a population of 10,000 or fewer received this option in 2009. All-mail (By-Mail) Voting is when the county mails the ballot to each voter, with return postage paid, 20 days before the election. The ballot is voted at home, at the voter's convenience, and returned. If a voter does not want their ballot mailed, they can pick the ballot up at the courthouse during the two-week Early Voting period before the ballots are mailed. Since this law has gone into effect, data shows voter turnout has increased 15 to 25 percent in By-mail precincts.

The application process includes a review of the number of registered voters, the number of voters requesting early ballots vs. voting at the polls, distance to polling sites, road conditions, ADA compliance of the polling site, difficulty finding poll workers and more. Each voting precinct has a separate application

Finn said in the last four years, the number of people picking up their ballot, or having their ballot mailed to them (Early Voting) increased more than 50% in two precincts, and increased 121% (more than doubled) in one precinct.

Early Voting results in fewer voters at the polls on Election Day, so the cost per voter is rising. In 2018 poll worker costs at two precincts were \$4.33 and \$4.84 per voter.

Postcards were mailed to the 2400 registered Wayne County voters eligible for By-Mail Voting in September 2019, asking for their thoughts on voting at home instead of going to the polls. The responses came back overwhelmingly in favor of the change. There were thirty-two concerned responses; that were logged by precinct, and included in the By-Mail applications. The concerns focused on a preference to vote at the polls, the mail service, and fraud.

Upon review of the applications, Secretary of State Robert Evnen said the precincts met several of the criteria set by statute; and he approved By-Mail Voting for Brenna/Plum Creek/Hunter, Chapin/Hancock/Winside, Deer Creek/Sherman, Hoskins/Garfield, Logan/Leslie and Strahan/Wilbur precincts in Wayne County for the 2020 election cycle and beyond.

The board asked what other counties in the area are using By-Mail; Finn replied that Boone County was the first, starting in 2008; now all precincts in Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Stanton, and Boone Counties are By-Mail, and some precincts in Cuming County are.

Berggren Architects representative Doug Elting said they were suggesting kind of an elephant grey paint with a little bit of brown in it for the railings around the tower. You traditionally think of a gloss black for railings, but that would get lost in the shadow of the tower. A silver-tone will not go as well with the patina of the copper.

The wood in the dormers will be coated with two coats of stain and linseed oil. The piece of wood shown had a dark cherry stain; they would work with the carpenter to finalize the color. This should last for about five years, when the county may decide to cover the wood with copper.

The original south porch roof was slightly pitched back to the building, and the gutters drained back through the building. Now they are going to nearly a flat slope to the outside, like a dome, and the roof will drain through east and west collection boxes and down to the gutters.

There is some deterioration in the joists of the porch roof. Once it is opened up, the architect will be notified as to the extent of the damage. There should be a change order within a few days.

Around the base of the building, there is a coat of mortar to the brick ledge. They are going to put a copper shelf on the brick ledge to keep water from getting in. All joints will be soldered. It will allow the copper to expand.

The majority of the stone for the entrances have been fabricated but not shipped. The Iron railing has been fabricated and will be installed when the roof is complete. That may be a month or six weeks. There are no electricians on this project, but it Elting thought it would be nice to have a beacon on the top of the tower.

**Abbreviations: PS** - Personal Services, **OE** - Operating Expenses, **SU** - Supplies, **MA** - Materials, **ER** - Equipment Rental, **CO** - Capital Outlays, **RP** - Repairs, **RE** - Reimbursement.

**Claims:**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>Salaries \$63,066.10;</b>
Barnes, Ann M.	RE	293.83
Kemnitz, Nicholas C.	RE	30.00
Arnie's Ford Mercury	RP	263.57
Black Hills Energy	OE	912.45
Bomgaars	SU	724.86
CardMember Service	SU	217.61
Copy Write/Keepsake	SU	7.29
DAS State Accounting	OE	23.00
Dept Correctional Services	OE	2,998.55
Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co	SU	77.55
Ecolab Pest Elimination Services	OE	61.42
Electronic Engineering	RP	1,500.00
Floor Maintenance	SU	269.16
Graduate Lincoln	OE	158.00
Holiday Inn Express	OE	188.00
Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC	OE	3,750.00
Lincoln Regional Center	OE	186.00
Miller Law	OE,ER	5,436.95
MIPS Inc	CO	470.15
One Office Solution	SU	234.03
Pierce County Sheriff's Dept	OE	3,650.00
Poster Compliance Center	SU	69.95
Quality Printing & Office Supplies	SU	266.83
Tacos & More	OE	6.99
USPS - Hasler	OE	20,000.00
Wayne County Clerk of District Court	OE	33.00
Wayne County Sheriff	OE	6.00
<b>COUNTY ROAD FUND</b>		<b>Salaries \$29,902.50;</b>
Black Hills Energy	OE	358.49
Bomgaars	SU	214.43
Caterpillar Financial Services	ER	2,947.93
Eastern Nebraska Trailer Repair Inc.	RP	39.95
Grossenburg Implement	RP	66.72
Hundertmark	CO	7,895.00
Martin Marietta Materials	MA	2,376.42
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	MA	17,634.32
Nebraska Harvestore Systems	RP	9.20
NMC Exchange LLC	RP	804.68
Northeast Power	OE	303.11
RDO Truck Centers	RP	2,210.30
Wayne County Treasurer	CO	10.00
Weldon Parts Norfolk	RP	37.58
<b>COUNTY IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>		<b>AMOUNTS</b>
Kingery Construction	CO	106,200.00

Meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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STATE OF NEBRASKA        )  
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COUNTY OF WAYNE         )

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of March 3, 2020, kept continually current and available for the public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wayne were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of March, 2020.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk