

Wayne, Nebraska
December 21, 2021

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, in the Public Safety Annex. Chairman Rabe, Members Dean Burbach and Terry Sievers, Attorney Amy Miller, Sheriff Jason Dwinell, Assessor Dawn Duffy, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on December 16, 2021. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Tax List Correction No. 61 on personal property was approved on a motion made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Tax List Corrections No. 62-65, combining real property due to paid-off tiff bonds, were approved on a motion made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, in the Public Safety Annex. Chairman Sievers, Members Dean Burbach and James Rabe, 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 December 16, 2021. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Sievers presented the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of December 7, 2021, as printed in the Commissioners Record
2. Approve fee reports: Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, October Fees, \$1,025.86, November Fees \$957.18; Debra Finn, County Clerk, November Fees \$20,471.25
3. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving a personal claim
4. Designate The Wayne Herald as the official county newspaper for 2022
5. Approve the 2022 Official Holiday schedule
6. Approve withdrawal of Security Cusip 098888CK4 for \$225,000 and Cusip 25933ECT3 for \$225,000 pledged by Elkhorn Valley Bank
7. Approve addition of Security Cusip 70672TAA4 for \$55,000, and Cusip 590123ETA for \$250,000 pledged by State Nebraska Bank & Trust

The consent agenda was approved on a motion made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

The regular agenda was approved on a motion made by Burbach and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Burbach, Rabe, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

Doug Nelson questioned if 1. Doubling the penalty on anything handed down by the Judge; 2. Placing a bounty on some of the crimes; or 3. Considering a program to deputize some property taxpayers to assist law enforcement would help with vandalism, theft and drugs in Wayne County.

Nelson also expressed his concerns on Construction Liens filed by wind turbine companies in Nebraska. These liens are filed against land owned by local farmers, not the turbine companies.

A representative of Summit Carbon Solutions, Daityn Murty, told the board his company is developing a new carbon capture and storage project in Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Nebraska. The project will capture the carbon dioxide from ethanol plants, compress it, and transport it through a pipeline to North Dakota. The projection is to be operational in 2024.

Clerk of District Court Deb Allemann-Dannelly reported on the state-funded initiative to ensure all courtrooms have the necessary audio, video; and tv monitors needed in a courtroom.

The Attorney General's Office has reached settlement agreements against a manufacturer and several distributors of prescription opioid drugs. Each Nebraska county is listed as a participating subdivision under both settlement agreements. A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach to appoint County Attorney Amy Miller as the person to execute the participation agreements for Wayne County. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; motion carried. A motion was made by Rabe, second by Burbach, to elect to receive its direct share and potentially receive additional funds from Nebraska's Opioid Recovery Fund. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

Burbach presented four state bids for different John Deere maintainers. One unit had an extension added. It will take about six months for a unit to arrive if ordered this month.

Resolution No. 21-27 designating county fund depositories for 2022 was approved on motion by Rabe and second by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-27: "WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of County Commissioners that it is necessary and advisable to the County, all facilities and services of its depository Bank, for the year 2022.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the County Treasurer of Wayne County, Nebraska, be and hereby is, authorized and consent is given, to deposit in the following named banks, heretofore duly and legally designated as depositories for county funds, an amount of money in excess of 50% of the paid-up capital and surplus of said Bank, provided said depository Bank gives security as provided in Section 77-2318.01 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Reissue 1958, for protection of any funds of said County such depository Bank may hold to-wit: Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust, Wayne, Nebraska Branches; F&M Bank, Wayne, Nebraska Branch; Farmers State Bank, Carroll, Nebraska Branch; Madison County Bank dba Wayne County Bank, Winside, NE; State Nebraska Bank & Trust, Wayne, Nebraska."

Resolution No. 21-28 authorizing the County Treasurer to invest and reinvest county funds during the 2022 calendar year was approved on a motion made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-28: "WHEREAS, Wayne County, Nebraska has funds on deposit with various banking institutions in the County of Wayne and the State of Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, said investments come due at irregular intervals during the year, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of said County if the County Treasurer were authorized to invest and reinvest said County funds in such savings certificates as will be to the benefit of said County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Wayne County, Nebraska, hereby authorizes the County Treasurer of Wayne County, Nebraska, to invest and reinvest WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of County Commissioners that it is necessary and advisable to the County, all facilities and services of its depository Bank, for the year 2022.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the County Treasurer of Wayne County, Nebraska, be and hereby is, authorized and consent is given, to deposit in the following named banks, heretofore duly and legally designated as depositories for county funds, an amount of money in excess of 50% of the paid-up capital and surplus of said Bank, provided said depository Bank gives security as provided in Section 77-2318.01 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Reissue 1958, for protection of any funds of said County such depository Bank may hold to-wit: Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust, Hoskins & Wayne, Nebraska Branches; F&M Bank, Wayne, Nebraska Branch; Farmers State Bank, Carroll, Nebraska Branch; Madison County Bank dba Wayne County Bank, Winside, NE; State Nebraska Bank & Trust, Wayne, Nebraska."

Resolution No. 21-29 setting the elected officials salaries for the 2023 – 2027 term of office was approved on motion by Rabe and second by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

Resolution NO. 21-29: "WHEREAS, Section 23-1114 Nebraska Revised Statutes, requires the County Board to set the salaries of all elected county officials for the following four-year term of office prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective county offices; and

WHEREAS, 2022 is an election year in which elective county offices are to be filled pursuant to the election process by virtue of the primary election held in May and the general election held in November, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners that the salary for the offices

of County Assessor, County Attorney, County Clerk, County Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer shall be set at Seventy-Six Thousand (\$76,000) for the term beginning January 2023. These salaries shall be adjusted on the first day of January in the year of 2024, 2025 and 2026 at a \$2,500.00 increase for cost-of-living adjustment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the salary for the office of County Commissioner shall be set at Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$45,500) for the calendar years 2023 and 2024. A commissioner may earn up to an additional \$20,000 annually as a road employee at \$26.00 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the annual salary for the office of County Surveyor shall be set at \$1,800.00, plus expenses for calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, If the County Board of Commissioners appoints an elected official as the budget-making authority, that official will receive Five-Thousand (\$5,000.00) for preparation of the county budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event Wayne County enters into a new contract with a city or village to provide contract law enforcement, the sheriff may receive additional salary provided for in the contract and continuing each calendar year thereafter during the term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the salaries for the appointed deputies of the County Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Sheriff, and Treasurer shall be set at a minimum of 65% of the County Official's base salary and adjusted as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above-stated salary adjustments, each elected official shall be enrolled in and receive the benefits of the County Employees' Retirement System as set forth by Section 23-2301 et seq. Nebraska Revised Statutes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to the above-stated salary adjustments, each elected official shall receive, during his or her term of office, the benefits of the family health insurance plan, subject to modifications made to such plan during the term of office. A "Cash-in-lieu" plan is available for qualifying elected officials and family members that opt out of the health insurance plan. This option will be available as permitted by state and federal statutes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officials could receive any fringe benefits, hazard pay, and all other additional benefits or incentives, financial or otherwise, which shall be available from time to time to all County Employees."

The following claims were approved on a motion by Burbach, seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Burbach, Rabe, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

Abbreviations: SU-Supplies, MA-Materials, RP-Repairs, OE-Operating Expense, ER-Equipment Rent, CO-Capital Outlays

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$65,564.13; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$13.79; Advanced Correctional Healthcare, OE \$4.90; American Broadband, OE \$2,287.95; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$3,800.00; Appera, OE \$382.87; Axon Enterprises, Inc., OE \$375.00; Cardmember Service, SU \$12.59; Cardmember Service, MA \$34.31; Cardmember Service, SU, CO \$443.47; Cardmember Service, OE \$195.04; Carhart Lumber Company, SU \$8.48; Cedar County Sheriff, OE \$1,800.00; Comfort Inn, OE \$86.00; Copy Write/Keepsake, SU \$94.82; DAS State Accounting, OE, ER \$114.88; Dunk's Pumps, MA \$36.27; Exhaust Pros Total Car Care, OE \$134.00; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$294.58; Finn, Lori, OE \$36.96; Floor Maintenance, SU \$197.79; GIS Workshop, CO \$4,073.75; Govconnection, Inc., CO \$208.54; Groves Emergency Lighting Installation, LLC, RP \$5,974.00; Heithold, Jason, OE \$7.84; Hometown Leasing, ER \$121.85; Janke, Parker, OE \$17.92; Kone, RP \$1,395.90; Lundahl, Sherri, OE \$25.20; Lutt Oil, MA, OE \$1,597.68; Madison County Sheriff, OE \$741.01; Mangels, Seth, OE \$17.92; MIPS, Inc., SU \$367.00; Nebraska Clerk of District Court Association, OE \$50.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, OE \$72.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, OE \$79.79; Pierce County Sheriff's Department, OE \$3,050.00; Pierce Pharmacy, OE \$20.60; Quality Printing & Office Supplies, SU \$168.48; Rasmussen, Annette, OE \$6.72; Region IV Behavioral Health System, OE \$6,564.75; Security Shredding Services, OE \$70.00; Tacos & More, OE \$89.90; U.S. Cellular, OE \$469.69; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$76,097.56; Wanek Pharmacy, OE \$324.85; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$145.17; Watchguard Video, RP \$372.00; Wattier, Patti, OE \$450.00; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE \$70.00; Wayne County HRA Account, PS \$32,759.61; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$248.46; Wayne Herald/Morning Shopper, OE \$480.70; Wayne, City of, OE \$9,156.66; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$14,851.62; Aflac, PS \$718.56; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$519.65; First Concord Benefits Group, PS, OE \$2,896.64; Legal Shield, PS \$61.80; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$5,690.41; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,368.69; Vision Service Plan, PS \$284.78; Washington National Insurance Co., PS \$116.00; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,387.84;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$33,643.50; Appera, OE \$42.54; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$36,345.27; Bauer Built, RP \$181.91; Carroll, Village of, OE \$99.10; Escalante, Jonathon, RP \$248.00; Faith Regional

Physician Services, OE \$276.50; Farmers Co-operative, OE, RP \$193.45; Fredrickson Oil Company, MA \$283.35; John's Welding & Tool, LLC, RP \$360.00; Lutt Oil, RP \$16.00; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$2,135.27; Northeast Tire Service, RP \$259.40; S & S Willers Inc. DBA Pilger Sand & Gravel, MA \$11,573.89; Scheer's Ace Hardware, RP \$55.99; Wayne Auto Parts, RP \$27.76; Winside, Village of, OE \$134.01; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$7,030.20; Aflac, PS \$351.91; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$381.75; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,341.64; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, PS \$40.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$3,109.86; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$3,763.80; Vision Service Plan, PS \$79.44; Washington National Insurance Co., PS \$75.40; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$792.65;

ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund: Microfilm Imaging Systems, OE \$365.00;

County Improvement Fund: Berggren Architects, CO \$2,905.50.

The meeting was adjourned

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

State of Nebraska)
County of Wayne) ss.

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 December 21, 2021, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in such 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 ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of December, 2021.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk