

Wayne, Nebraska
March 15, 2022

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Rabe, Members Terry Sievers and Dean Burbach, 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 March 3, 2022. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Rabe presented the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approve March 1, 2022, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve fee reports: Debra K. Allemann-Dannelly, Clerk of District Court, February Fees, \$38,797.40; Debra Finn, County Clerk, February Fees, \$16,425.25
- c. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving a personal claim
- d. Approve Central Services FY 2020 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for the recovery of FY 2022 IV-D Child Support cost as prepared by MAXIMUS. The FY 2022 rate is 42.91 percent compared to 41.37 percent for FY 2021.
- e. Cancel check no. 22020033 drawn on Road/Bridge Fund for \$688.12

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

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

Amy Topp reported the 4-H Assistant hired in July accepted a different job in February. She and the County Extension Board were proposing advertising for a county funded/University of Nebraska Extension Assistant. This individual would be a UNL employee, eligible for 15 credit hours per year at UNL. The county would be responsible for paying the salary and benefits set by UNL. There was commissioner concern about the county not having control over the wages. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to approve the hiring of a 4-H Assistant as a state employee. Roll call vote: Sievers – nay, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Connect the Dots is a program that would be offered to the high school Freshmen of Wakefield, Wayne and Winside to help them determine a career path. It was last presented two years ago. The cost for the program is \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers to approve \$2,000.00 to offer the program. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Treasurer Tammy Paustian reported that taxes on 16 parcels were offered for public auction at the Delinquent Tax Sale on March 7th. Eight parcels were sold for a total of \$28,181.62. Three parcels were already in tax sale, three were paid, and two are left to be paid.

Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz presented the following update:

- Severe Weather Week is March 21st through the 25th. A mock tornado drill will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday in the City of Wayne.
- Covid tests are available to the public by contacting the Emergency Management office. Upon request, the tests will be placed in the black mailbox located on the red lean-to, on the north side of the courthouse.
- Nebraska has a confirmed a case of Avian influenza. The USDA is dropping off information, and Emergency Managers are preparing. They believe the source is feces dropped by wild birds flying over.
- Light, emergency siren, and speaker quotes submitted by Electronic Engineering and Tri-State Communications, Inc. for the ATV were reviewed. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to accept the quote of \$3,643.00 submitted by Tri-State Communications, Inc. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

An agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation to provide funding to accelerate the repair and replacement of deficient bridges through a county bridge match program (CBMP) was reviewed. The State's designated share will be 55% of the bridge or culvert construction costs, not to exceed \$200,000 on C009004330 – 2.5 E 2.5S of Wayne at Coon Creek, and C009002905 – 4W 7.5S of Wayne at Plum Creek. A motion was made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach, to adopt Resolution No. 22-02 and sign the contract. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

No. 22-02: "WHEREAS: Wayne County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds;

WHEREAS: Wayne County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

WHEREAS: Wayne County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

BE IT RESOLVED: by the Board of Commissioners of Wayne County that: James Rabe, Chair of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Wayne County and the NDOT. Wayne County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement. NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP (6); NDOT Control Number: 00974E; NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program"

Casey reported on the truck bid specifications. The board agreed to advertise using the same set of specs for all three districts. Truck bids will be opened on April 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

County Office Reports:

- Sheriff Jason Dwinell – The three cruisers sold on Big Iron averaged \$5,000 each. Deputy Hawthorne has taken several classes to become an accident reconstructionist. He will become accredited later this summer. STOP Funds were used to purchase equipment that will give a two-scale diagram.
- Assessor Dawn Duffy - This is the beginning of the assessment calendar. The county abstract and assessment is due at the Nebraska Property Assessment Division on March 19th. Postcards were sent out to remind taxpayers of the May 1st deadline to file personal property returns. Land values are going up; more details will be coming later.
- Custodian/Maintenance Pat Brentlinger – Trying to get prices on window frames from Wayne Korth. There are many windows out there that don't meet our requirements. We need to replace two trees, thinking a slower and a faster-growing one, going to talk to Toni Hytrek about them.
- Treasurer Tammy Paustian – Office is running smoothly as always. A special assessment reminder went out.
- Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz – Gave most updates earlier. NEMA will continue working with local managers. There are several upcoming trainings scheduled.
- Clerk of District County Deb Dannelly – Neither Ashley nor I have heard anything from the state concerning modernization for the courtroom; we will let them know when we find something out. I've been asking since 2010 or before for improvements in security. We've had \$200,000 in the budget for the past few years, and nothing has happened. Whenever I bring it up at a commissioner's meetings it's either left on the table or I'm taken off the agenda. I don't know what to do next.
- Clerk/ROD/Election Deb Finn – The microfilmed images of some of our real estate records are getting tiny spots. To protect our records, we just finished duplicating everything from 1975 forward. These documents are now available as either microfilm or a scanned image. Our next project is to get the real estate indexes scanned and available online. The filing fee increase enacted a few years ago by the Legislature covers the cost. Local issues on the Primary Election ballot include voting on County Treasurer, Wayne City Sales Tax issues, Hoskins Keno issue, and reducing the number of candidates for Wayne First Ward Councilmember, Wakefield mayor, and Norfolk School Board.

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

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

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$65,213.91; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$22.99; Albin, Mark D., OE \$1,452.39; Appera, OE \$536.31; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$6,755.57; Axon Enterprises Inc., SU \$3,924.28; Black Hills Energy, OE \$1,757.29; Cardmember Service, OE \$90.04; Cardmember Service, SU \$158.44; Cardmember Service, SU \$149.55; The Carroll Station Inc., MA \$35.20; DAS State Accounting, OE, ER \$195.76; Daum Tree Service, RP \$456.00; Dixon County Jail, OE \$440.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$741.57; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$269.55; Heartland Fire Protection Company, RP \$137.00; Hometown Leasing, ER \$121.85; J.P. Cooke Co., SU, CO \$1,780.75; KONE, RP \$1,441.68; Lutt Oil, MA, OE \$1,331.30; Madison County District Court, OE \$50.00; Madison County Sheriff, OE \$23.23; Main Street Garage LLC, MA, RP \$1,131.11; MIPS Inc., ER, CO \$3,032.35; NACO, OE \$60.00; Nebraska Air Filter, Inc., RP \$225.38; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE \$78.53; Precision IT, SU \$15.00; Quality Printing & Office

Supplies, SU \$307.16; Region IV Behavioral Health System, OE \$6,564.75; State Nebraska Bank, SU \$30.55; Tacos & More, OE \$26.97; TRANE, RP \$743.69; U.S. Cellular, OE \$429.68; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$70,418.36; University of Nebraska, OE \$225.00; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Wanek Pharmacy, OE \$441.11; Warnemunde Insurance, OE \$456.00; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$156.79; Wattier, Patti, OE \$475.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$53.00; Wayne Herald/Morning Shopper, OE \$1,134.96; Wayne, City of, OE \$8,800.56; West Point True Value Hardware, CO \$279.00; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$14,967.95; Aflac, PS \$632.38; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$406.90; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$2,896.64; Legal Shield, PS \$61.80; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$4,991.06; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,371.72; Vision Service Plan, PS \$263.78; Washington National Insurance Company, PS \$116.00; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,316.83

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$35,615.50; Ace Hardware & Home, SU, CO \$83.15; Appera, OE \$43.65; Black Hills Energy, OE \$533.71; Cardmember Service, CO \$547.39; Carroll, Village of, OE \$100.10; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$46.46; Farmers Co-operative, OE \$245.77; Grossenburg Implement, CO \$880.00; John's Welding & Tool, LLC, SU, CO \$276.27; Ken's Trailer Sales & Repair, CO \$48.00; Lutt Oil, MA \$30,279.88; Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., CO \$11,732.50; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., SU \$819.56; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$226.05; Menard's, CO \$105.23; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$4,344.67; Norfolk Auto Center, CO \$102.37; Northeast Power, OE \$281.14; RDO Truck Centers, RP, MA \$262.59; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance, Inc., RP \$684.20; Vakoc Builder's Resource, RP \$39.99; Wayne Auto Parts, RP, SU \$522.82; Wayne County Treasurer, CO \$15.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$625.34; Winside, Village of, OE \$231.89; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$7,476.96; 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 \$2,221.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$3,985.65; Vision Service Plan, PS \$79.44; Washington National Insurance Company, PS \$75.40; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$840.32

Lodging Tax Fund: Wayne Area Economic Development Inc., OE \$1,639.53

ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund: Microfilm Imaging Systems, OE \$250.00; MIPS Inc., OE \$135.48

County Improvement Fund: Berggren Architects, CO \$220.00

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 March 15, 2022, 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 21st day of March, 2022.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk