

Wayne, Nebraska
April 19, 2022

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Rabe, Members Terry Sievers and Dean Burbach, Attorney Amy Miller, Sheriff Deputy Jesse Frank, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on April 7, 2022. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Rabe presented the following consent agenda items:

- Approve minutes of April 5, 2022, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving a personal claim
- Approve withdrawal of Cusip #949763GF7 for \$250,000 as a pledged security for Elkhorn Valley Bank
- Approve fee reports: Debra Finn, County Clerk, March Fees, \$30,813.57; Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, March Fees, \$1,207.15
- Approve County Burial Application #22-01
- Approve a Special Designated Liquor License application presented by Wayne Eagles Aerie 3757 FOE for a graduation party on May 14, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until midnight at the Wayne County Fairgrounds

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

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

County Office Reports:

- District #2 Commissioner Dean Burbach – Working on roads and intersections, cleaning up small culverts. There isn't a lot of bridgework. The high cost of fuel & materials will impact the budget.
- District #1 Commissioner Terry Sievers – Greenwald's is done except for the box culvert. The bridges are gone, and it is all cleaned up. It will be a while before A&R will arrive to install the culvert.
- District #3 Commissioner Jim Rabe – They have been taking trees out and grading a few roads.
- Noxious Weed Superintendent Doug Deck – Three years ago, he started talking to landowners about fall spraying with a helicopter. It has become a very successful program for the county. The county is also lucky to have access to drone spraying. Doug has part-time help for one month each summer. This year two Weed Board Members are retiring. The county will be looking for someone to run for the two city/village positions.
- Highway Superintendent Mark Casey – He received a map with tower locations and 911 addresses to be distributed to Hoskins and other areas. Pictures of bridges taken with a cell phone were turned in that were taken with live photo turned on. This format isn't working with the bridge reposting files.
- County Attorney Amy Miller – Handling the child support work locally has made quite a difference for parents. They can talk to a local representative; they don't have to go to Madison, every step just goes smoother. Incentive payments are just coming in now; it usually takes a couple of years for incentives to come back.

Wayne County Convention & Visitors Bureau Grant Applications were reviewed. The Committee did not make a decision on Application No 12. Upon review, a motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to approve Application No. 12 for \$500 for the Junteenth Celebration/Freedom Run/Walk at Bressler Park. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

A motion was made by Sievers, seconded by Burbach to approve the following recommendations made by the Wayne County Convention & Visitors Bureau Committee on the following Lodging Tax Grant Applications. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

- #22-01 Approved \$1,000 for Boomerfest, to be conducted on April 21, 2022
- #22-02 Approved \$1,500 for Cruise Main in Wayne, to be conducted in May – September 2022
- #22-03 Approved \$500 for Girls High School National Championship Rugby hosted by National Invite Tournament on May 19-21, 2022
- #22-04 Approved \$2,000 for Wayne County Fair radio advertising

- #22-05 Approved \$2,000 for printing Wayne County Fair Book
- #22-06 Approved \$400 for Jr. Area 5 Legion Tournament hosted by Wayne Baseball Legion Post 43 on July 8-13, 2022
- #22-07 Approved \$2000 for Mayday Stol Drag Races hosted by Northeast Nebraska Aviators on May 20-22, 2022
- #22-08 Approved \$500 for 1st Annual Garden Walk to be hosted by Wayne County Historical Society on June 11, 2022
- #22-09 Approved \$1,500 for Winside Old Settlers hosted by Winside PRIDE on June 17-19, 2022
- #22-10 Approved \$1,500 for Wooden Bat Tournament hosted by Wakefield Legion Post 81 Baseball on June 11 & 12, 2022
- #22-11 Approved \$1,000 for Wakefest 2022 hosted by the Wakefield Community Club & Wakefield Youth Rec on August 20, 2022
- #22-13 Approved \$250 for The Wakefield Market hosted by Wakefield Progressive on May 5, 2022
- #22-14 Approved \$375 for Drama Camp hosted by Little Red Hen Theatre on June 13-18, 2022
- #22-15 Approved \$375 for A Little Red Hen Christmas by Little Red Hen Theatre on December 9-11, 2022
- #22-16 Approved \$500 for Disney's The Little Mermaid hosted by Little Red Hen Theatre in July 2022
- #22-17 Approved \$2000 for Henoween hosted by Wayne Area Economic Development on July 8, 2022
- #22-18 Approved \$2000 for Wayne Chicken Show hosted by Wayne Area Economic Development on July 8-10, 2022
- #22-19 Approved \$1,000 for The Backroads Passport Program hosted by Wayne Area Economic Development in May – September 2022
- #22-20 Approved \$500 for PopUps and Popcorn hosted by Wayne Area Economic Development on June 9, 2022.

Assessor Dawn Duffy presented an overview of the 2022 valuations for Wayne County. All assessed values are based on the market; 69-75% for Ag-land, 92- 100% for residential and commercial.

The irrigated ag has no changes. Dryland will see the first increase since 2016; 7-8% increase on higher quality soils, 4-11% increased to poorer quality soils. Grassland will see the first increase since 2013; 3-9% increases.

The commercial has relatively small changes in rural/suburban/Wakefield and none to the City of Wayne or small villages.

There have been extremely large increases in the prices paid for residential over the last year. Adding that to the real estate market has been increasing for the last several years and there has been extremely large increases paid over the last year. As a result there will be increases in all residential locations in 2022.

Sandra Hansen reported the ARPA Funds committee has been selected. A proposed grant application form and accompanying letter is being reviewed by the county attorney's office. Hansen hopes it will be ready for the committee to review at their June meeting. The county must decide how the grant process will be set up. Some agencies may not have the money up front, so it couldn't be a reimbursement basis. If the ARPA money is used for something that is not eligible the recoupment clause gives entities sixty days to pay the money back. Who is responsible – the county or the claimant? There is an appeal process. NACO suggested the county go into partnership with Lutz to help with ARPA questions. Hansen suggested starting by reaching out to them on a case by case basis. The commissioners will discuss ideas with county officials at the end of the May 17th meeting.

Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz reported they are not seeing a lot of moisture across the state this year and as a result are preparing for wildfires. A fire weather meter is a tool that measures wind, dew point, and relative humidity and allows the National Weather Services to help those on scene by providing immediate conditions from around the fire. Kemnitz purchased one for the county.

Truck bids opened at the April 5th meetings were briefly discussed. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to accept the low bid of \$169,558.50 per truck for the purchase of two trucks from Cornhusker. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

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

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

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$65,181.67; American Broadband, OE \$345.51; Antelope County Sheriff, OE, \$9,065.00; Appeara, OE, \$735.38; Applied Connective Technologies, OE, \$2596.50; Arnies Ford, RP, \$90.99; Nebraska State Fire Marshal, RP, \$36.00; Brown, Marcy, OE, \$50.00; Cardmember Service, SU, \$15.93; Cardmember Service, OE, \$45.02; DAS State Accounting, ER, \$69.88; Eakes Office Solutions, SU,ER, \$530.59; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland, Easland, PC, OE, \$2,975.25; Egley, James, OE, \$50.00; Farmers Co-operative, MA, \$154.56; Hometown Leasing, ER, \$121.85; Intab, SU, \$109.95; Lutt Oil, MA, OE, \$1,842.81; Madison County District Court, OE, \$50.00; McDonald, Christal, OE, \$50.00; MIPS Inc., SU, \$73.59; Madison County Sheriff, OE, \$1,228.46; Nebraska Clerk of District Court Assn, OE, \$75.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE, \$77.33; One Office Solution, SU, \$272.25; Pac-N-Save, SU, \$15.07; Pierce County Sheriff's Dept, OE, \$950.00; Quadient, SU, \$129.05; Quality Printing & Office Supplies, SU, \$128.45; Region IV Inc., OE, \$2,677.25; Security Shredding Services, OE, \$35.00; Stonacek Funeral Chapel, OE, \$2,950.00; Stover, Ryan, OE, \$75.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson & Buettner & Stover, PC, LLO, OE, \$2,279.09; Trane, OE, \$52.06; Tri-State Communications Inc., RP, \$250.00; U.S. Cellular, OE, \$429.68; United States Postal Service, OE, \$22,000; University of Nebraska, SU, \$372.39; Verizon Wireless, OE, \$40.01; Wanek Pharmacy, OE, \$67.84; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE, \$156.79; Wattier Patti, OE, \$475.00; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE, \$217.00; Wayne County Treasurer, OE, \$491.08; Wayne Herald/Morning Shopper, OE, \$1,524.77; Wayne, City of, OE, \$6,955.64; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER, \$700.00; UHC Premium Billing, PS, \$74,395.99; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$15,083.44; AFLAC, PS \$632.38; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS, \$406.90; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$2,786.64; Legal Shield, PS, \$61.80; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS, \$5,929.74; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,351.04; Vision Service Plan (CT), PS \$263.78; Washington National Ins. Co., PS, \$116.00; Wayne County Treasurer, PS, \$1,316.83;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$35,615.50; Appeara, OE, \$43.65; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA, \$28,367.59; Bauer Built, RP, \$1,192.00; Carroll, Village of, OE, \$100.10; Farmers Co-operative, MA, \$63,307.77; Floor Maintenance, SU, \$82.61; Hoskins Mfg. Co., Inc., RP, \$58.29; John's Welding & Tool, LLC, RP,SU, \$240.47; Lammers Trailer Repair LLC,RP, \$625.74; Lutt Oil, RP, \$44.14; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc., MA, \$6,332.40; Midwest Service and Sales Co., MA, \$27,867.25; NMC Exchange LLC, RP, \$470.43; Norfolk Auto Center, RP, \$181.07; Norfolk NAPA, SU, \$78.96; Northeast Glass, RP, \$224.00; O'Reilly First Call, RP, \$42.98; RDO Truck Centers, RP, \$115.19; S&S Willers Inc dba Pilger Sand & Gravel, MA, \$19,840.73; Wayne Auto Parts, RP, SU, MA, \$1,000.08; Weldon Parts Norfolk, RP, \$512.40; Winside, Village of, OE, \$177.35; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$7,556.51; 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, \$3,306.43; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$3985.65; Vision Service Plan (CT), PS \$79.44; Washington National Ins. Co., PS, \$75.40; Wayne County Treasurer, PS, \$765.77;

Lodging Tax Fund: Janssen, Georgia, RE, \$59.71; The Little Red Hen Theatre, OE, \$375.00.

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 April 19, 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 25th day of April, 2022.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk