

Wayne, Nebraska
May 17, 2022

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in the Public Safety Annex. Chairman Terry Sievers, Members Dean Burbach and James Rabe, Attorney Amy Miller, Sheriff Jason Dwinell, Assessor Dawn Duffy, Treasurer Tammy Paustian, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on May 5, 2022. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

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

Motor vehicle exemption applications for Providence Medical Center were approved on a motion made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

A personal property tax list correction for Florida’s Natural Food Service, Inc. was approved on a motion made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach. The correction reduced their taxes by \$19.52. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

Duffy presented a listing of omitted property and clerical errors to the March 19th assessment roll. The listing was approved on a motion made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; motion carried.

The Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission found the level of value of Wayne County’s residential property at 96%, commercial property at 100%, and agricultural and horticultural land at 74% of actual or fair market value. All property levels are valued within the acceptable range so no adjustments are necessary.

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 James Rabe at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 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 May 5, 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 minutes of May 3, 2022, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve fee reports: Debra K. Allemann-Dannelly, Clerk of District Court, April Fees \$1,252.25; Debra Finn, County Clerk, April Fees \$8,080.88; Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, April Fees \$1,053.78
- c. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving a personal claim
- d. Approve addition of Cusip No. 91282CCN9 for \$1,000,000 (2); and Cusip 91282CDM0 for \$1,000,000 as securities pledged by Elkhorn Valley Bank
- e. Approve withdrawal of Cusip No. 487571GC9 for \$270,000 as pledged security by Elkhorn Valley Bank
- f. Approve Special Designated Liquor License submitted by Johnnie Byrd Brewing Company. for a wedding reception on June 11, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Expo Building
- g. Approve Special Designated Liquor License submitted by White Dog Pub Inc. for a wedding reception on June 18, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. until midnight at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Commercial Building
- h. Approve Special Designated Liquor License submitted by White Dog Pub Inc. for a wedding reception on June 25, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. until midnight at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Commercial Building

The consent agenda was approved on a motion made by Burbach and 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.

Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz explained that a different carrier has provided the county's emergency notification services as a subcontractor since October of 2021. The new carrier notifies you of incoming weather and recommends checking email or local news. The previous carrier, Regroup, notified you of the incoming weather and provided a direct link to additional information. Examples of the messages sent by the different carriers were reviewed. Regroup is now able to offer its service as an independent company at the same price currently being paid for the subcontractor. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to contract with Regroup for emergency notification services. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Kemnitz also reported:

- Cleaning up a HAZMAT Spill on Highway 57 four miles north of Carroll on May 11th. The vehicle that created the spill left the scene and did not report it.
- On Thursday, May 12th, severe storms caused damage to trees and power poles.
- Upcoming events for Kemnitz included the Mayday STOL at the airport on May 20-22nd
- A Full-Scale Hazardous Materials Multi-Casualty Exercise by Norfolk on May 24th.

An update on Summit Carbon Solutions was given. They anticipate investing \$28,295,608 to run 21.96 miles of pipeline in Wayne County. About 25% of the necessary right-of-way in Wayne County has been acquired. Summit wants to work with the landowner's needs and concerns; they do not want to use eminent domain.

Haystack Wind Project representatives reported all county roads have been reclaimed except one. Cleanup still needs to be completed on the laydown yard. Thirty turbines are waiting for parts to become operational. Signage is being put up; the overhead signs will stay until they leave. Someone will be looking into the red lights the first part of June.

A house moving application for Scrib's House Moving Inc. to move a 40'x73'x30' home on county roads was reviewed. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to approve the application subject to receiving the weight of the house, the axle spacing, and the bridges being able to support the total weight of the building and hauling equipment. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey reported:

- A permit application will be coming from American Broadband.
- There are just a few bridge inspections left. He has also been looking at culverts and boxes. The creeks are a little lower, but no dry streams.
- Bid specs for a culvert order will be prepared.

District Coordinator Jared Reimers gave an update on Congressman Adrian Smith's activities. Smith is a co-sponsor of legislation requiring insurance companies to provide the same coverage for telehealth visits as is given for a general practitioner visit. This was done during the first days of covid.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Sandra Hansen, Disaster Recovery Specialist for Wayne County, led a discussion on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The US Treasury awarded the funds to counties based on population. The Final Rule provided more flexibility and has four primary uses: Replacing lost public sector revenue; Public health and economic impacts; Premium pay; and Water, sewer & broadband infrastructure. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026.

If the US Treasury determines the funds were spent on an ineligible project, notice will be sent to the county, and reimbursement is required within thirty calendar days. Failure to reimburse could result in legal action against the county. After discussing this information, a motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach that Wayne County has the right to appeal any ineligible project determination. If a project is found to be ineligible, 100% reimbursement must be paid to the county within sixty days. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Those in attendance at the meeting discussed various county projects that might fall within the guidelines of the ARPA Funds. The board will continue this discussion on Thursday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Claim #22050138 was pulled from the General Fund claims. A motion was made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers to approve the claims as amended. 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: \$71,886.27; Deck, Doug, RE \$343.98; Kemnitz, Nicholas, RE \$337.77; Knutson, Eric, RE \$75.04; Miller, Amy, RE \$216.46; American Broadband, OE \$7,457.45; Appeara, OE \$537.17; AT & T Mobility, OE \$80.08; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$2,744.00; Black Hills Energy, OE \$120.37; Boarders Inn &

Suites, OE \$288.00; Cardmember Service, SU, OE \$436.14; Claussen & Sons Irrigation, OE \$193.90; Copy Write, SU \$34.45; DAS State Accounting, ER \$69.88; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$586.78; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$210.30; Floor Maintenance, SU \$115.43; GIS Workshop, OE \$7,160.00; Hometown Leasing, ER \$121.85; Lutt Oil, MA \$1,514.17; Main Street Garage, MA, RP \$235.50; Madison County Sheriff, OE \$250.00; MIPS, SU \$3,336.76; NACO, OE \$200.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services, OE \$90.00; Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging, OE \$4,382.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, OE \$79.66; One Office Solution, SU \$19.99; Quadient, SU \$129.05; Quality Printing & Office Supplies, SU \$1,153.55; Stratton, Delay, et. al., OE \$114.00; The Station (Carroll), MA \$70.65; U.S. Cellular, OE \$429.37; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Volkman Plumbing & Heating Inc., RP \$312.18; Wanek Pharmacy, OE \$168.70; Quality Foods, SU \$3.00; Nebraska County Attorneys Association, OE \$1,240.00; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$156.01; Wattier, Patti, OE \$475.00; Wayne Auto Parts, RP \$197.41; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE \$72.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$521.50; Wayne County HRA Account, PS \$45,318.93; Wayne Herald, OE \$372.00; Woehler Trailer Court, ER \$700.00; City of Wayne, OE \$8,016.06; Election Systems & Software, OE, SU \$11,632.56; LaQuinta, OE \$338.85; Northeast NE Economic Development District, OE \$910.00; Pictometry International Corp, CO \$22,340.00; Stratton, Delay, et. al., OE \$3,439.16; Tietz, Mark, RE \$35.10; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$73,669.84; Barnes, Ann, RE \$364.00; Vel's Bakery, SU \$312.50; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$16,135.58; AFLAC, PS \$632.38; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$406.90; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,393.32; Legal Shield, PS \$61.80; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$5,1569.78; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,740.23; Vision Service Plan, PS \$263.78; Washington National Insurance Company, PS \$116.00; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,316.83; First Concord Benefits Groups, PS \$1,393.32

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$36,449.10; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$407.79; Appera, OE \$51.04; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$5,882.68; Barelmann, Scott, CO \$2,000.00; Barelmann, Brian, CO \$2,000.00; Barelmann, Mark, CO \$2,000.00; Barelmann, Pamela, CO \$2,000.00; Carroll, Village of, OE \$100.10; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$249.63; Dinkel's, ER \$3,830.00; Farmers Co-operative, OE \$465.94; Filtercare of Nebraska, RP \$41.65; Fredrickson Oil Company, MA \$2,670.82; Gary Backhaus Gravel, MA \$1,437.96; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$168.57; John's Welding & Tool, SU \$161.78; LP Gill, OE \$844.76; Menards, SU \$18.98; Midwest Service and Sales Co., MA \$7,132.60; Matteo Sand & Gravel, MA \$9,420.75; Nebraska Harvestore Systems, RP \$283.70; NMC Exchange, RP, MA \$20,990.89; Pick Trucking, OE \$779.00; S & S Willers Inc., MA \$19,332.05; The Station (Carroll), MA \$19.90; Wayne Auto Parts, RP \$384.98; Weldon Parts Norfolk, RP \$123.98; Wayne, City of, OE \$469.91; Winside, Village of, OE \$186.33; Wayne County Clerk, OE \$48.00; Farmers State Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$7,684.05; Aflac, PS \$351.91; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$381.75; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$670.82; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, PS \$40.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$2,237.20; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,079.43; Vision Service Plan, PS \$79.44; Washington National Insurance Company, PS \$75.40; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$765.77; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$670.82

Lodging Tax Fund: Carroll Fire Department, OE \$500.00;

ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund: Microfilm Imaging Systems, OE \$708.00; MIPS, OE \$135.48.

The meeting was recessed until Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Safety Building.

The meeting reconvened on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Safety Building.

A motion made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers to amend the agenda to include approval of an Emergency Declaration for damage done on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

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

Northeast Power had several broken poles and downed wires throughout the county due to a storm on Thursday, May 12, 2022. They qualified for assistance if the county approved an Emergency Declaration. An Emergency Declaration for Thursday, May 12, 2022, was approved on a motion by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

A discussion of the potential uses of ARPA funds continued. Additional county projects were identified. Costs were estimated for projects that seemed to fit within the grant guidelines. Depending on the projects chosen, there is a possibility that the county will use most of the ARPA funds. Cost figures need to be tightened up as projects are prioritized.

The meeting was adjourned

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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 May 17TH and May 26th, 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 27th day of May 2022.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk