

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, in the Public Safety Annex. Chairman Rabe, Members Terry Sievers and Dean Burbach, Sheriff Jason Dwinell, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on September 8, 2022. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Rabe presented the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of September 6, 2022, as printed in the Commissioners Record;
2. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving a personal claim;
3. Approve fee reports: Debra Allemann-Dannelly, Clerk of District Court, August Fees \$2,687.50; Debra Finn, County Clerk, August Fees, \$15,021.25; Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, August Fees \$1,272.34;
4. Approve addition of Cusip No. 912828ZE3 for \$1,000,000 as security pledged by Elkhorn Valley Bank.

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.

Sandra Hansen reported \$1,506,806.65 remaining in the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. The following applications were submitted to the commissioners for action:

1. Carroll Rural Fire District 1, \$111,783.16, fire equipment, new gear & pagers. A motion was made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers to approve. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe – aye; motion carried.
2. Wayne Rural Fire District 2, \$248,350.00, 2000-gallon tanker/pumper combo. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to approve. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Julie Schultz was introduced as the new Nebraska Extension Educator in Wayne and Pierce counties. Amy Topp now serves as the Nebraska Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator for Zone 5.

Schultz reported the EV3 robot purchased several years ago for First Lego League is being phased out in competitions. The purchase of a SPIKE Prime Robot and Expansion Kit was approved on motion by Sievers, second by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried. The Extension office's request to be closed December 27 – 30 was approved.

Wayne Fair Board Member Todd Greunke thanked the board for approving the Ag Society's budget. The Ag Society's website was reviewed and updates were discussed.

The County Official's 2020-21 Personal Property Inventories were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried. Sievers made a motion to set the minimum rate for inclusion on personal property inventories for the 2022-23 fiscal year at \$300. Burbach seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey reported he had submitted a list of potential bridges for a bond proposal to Mainelli Wagner. Casey hopes to get the initial survey and wetlands work done before the end of the growing season. Burbach stated he would like to add a bridge to the list.

Navigator CO<sub>2</sub> Ventures LLC asked what permit fees will be assessed to carbon pipelines for utility crossings under roads and ROWs. The fees are set out in the utility permit application.

Summit Carbon Pipeline also had permit questions. A road permit can be extended without paying an additional fee. When applying for a permit, a bond is required for the project and for the contractor. Either the landowner or the contractor can submit the permit application. A permit is required to alter an existing driveway.

The Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County Officials, Jon Cannon, met with the board. Discussion items included:

- LB310 - a reduction in Class 2 & 3 Inheritance Tax. Expect a 15% decrease in Inheritance Tax statewide. County boards should consider putting some of this money toward community needs each year.
- LB644 - the postcard bill. Hearings are for the entities that are asking for more than 2% plus allowable growth in taxes
- There will be sixteen new legislators next year. That is a 1/3 turnover. This will mean a lot of great ideas that they will want to push through right now.

- Consumption tax will come up before the legislature again. This means we lose local control; the money goes to the state and they decide.
- Sign up for the Naco legislative update newsletter, follow YouTube channel.
- Voter ID is on the ballot.
- Naco Legislative conference is October 28<sup>th</sup> in Gering. Bring your ideas then, don't wait until January.
- Naco Annual Conference is Dec 14-16. You should look forward to good speakers.
- Cybersecurity is becoming more and more of an issue. Need uniformity in the courthouse.
- Grants are available for cybersecurity and roads/bridges/culverts.
- ARPA money came with no strings. Our Governor attached strings. First funding round through the portal wasn't smooth. With the assistance of National NACO the second round was direct allocation.
- Naco will be building a secondary office next spring in Ogallala.

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

**General Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$65,786.23; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$8,780.00; Appera, OE \$562.03; Applied Connective Technologies, SU, OE \$7,694.97; Frederick T Bartell, OE \$912.56; Cardmember Service, SU, OE \$153.99; Cardmember Service, OE \$422.39; Cardmember Service, OE \$45.02; Centec Cast Metal Products, SU \$47.66; DAS State Accounting, OE, ER \$125.88; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$53.88; Embassy Suites Lavista, OE \$453.60; Ewalt Law Office P.C. LLO, OE \$6,736.79; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$412.72; Fastwyre Broadband, OE \$2,464.10; Hometown Leasing, ER \$121.85; Jerry's Trailers & Campers, Inc., RP \$113.40; Jorgensen, Kate M, OE \$5,708.10; KONE, RP \$1,441.68; Lutt Oil, MA, OE \$1,879.27; Madison County Sheriff, OE \$1,003.41; MIPS, Inc., SU, ER, CO \$2,925.22; Johnson, Morland & Easland, P.C., OE \$1,990.45; NACO, OE \$150.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, OE \$72.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE \$80.75; NSA/POAN Conference, OE \$130.00; O'Reilly First Call, RP \$53.08; Quality Printing & Office Supplies, SU \$367.05; Quill Corporation, SU \$29.98; Ramada Inn, OE \$154.00; Region IV Behavioral Health System, OE \$6,621.25; Tacos & More, OE \$29.97; The Station, MA \$54.67; U.S. Cellular, OE \$2.90; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$80,698.70; University of Nebraska, OE \$85.00; Van Diest Supply Company, SU \$302.58; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Wanek Pharmacy, OE \$777.99; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$156.01; Wattier, Patti, OE \$475.00; Wayne Area Economic Development, Inc., OE \$10,000.00; Wayne Herald/Morning Shopper, OE \$994.37; Wayne, City of, OE \$6,955.64; Woehler Trailer Court LLC., ER \$700.00; Nebraska Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$15,241.58; Aflac, PS \$596.82; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$397.13; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$2,979.98; Legal Shield, PS \$42.85; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$5,856.08; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,396.77; Vision Service Plan, PS \$257.77; Washington National Insurance Co., PS \$116.00; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,455.67

**County Road Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$37,491.50; A&R Construction, CO \$370,748.84; Appera, OE \$67.30; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$19,412.40; Carroll, Village of, OE \$101.60; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$2,437.00; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$22,388.74; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$128.31; John's Welding & Tool, LLC, RP, SU \$790.94; Kaup Forage & Turf, MA \$1,037.20; Lutt Oil, SU \$12.30; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., MA \$3,585.75; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$5,676.69; S & S Willers Inc., DBA Pilger Sand & Gravel, MA \$17,180.97; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance, Inc., RP \$356.20; Wayne Auto Parts, RP, SU, MA \$1,316.27; Winside, Village of, OE \$81.40; Nebraska Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$7,904.37; Aflac, PS \$351.91; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$265.63; First Concord Benefits Groups, PS \$1,360.00; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, PS \$40.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$3,472.38; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,196.70; Vision Service Plan, PS \$79.44; Washington National Insurance Co., PS \$75.40; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$884.75;

**ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund:** Microfilm Imaging Systems, OE \$250.00; MIPS, Inc., OE \$136.48; Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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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 September 20, 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 26th day of September, 2022.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk