

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman James Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 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 January 19, 2023. 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 January 17, 2023, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving a personal claim
- c. Approve fee reports: Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, December Fees, \$749.48; Debra K. Allemann-Dannelly, Clerk of District Court, January Fees, \$1,718.25
- d. Denial of County Burial Application No. 23-02
- e. Cancel County General check #22100070 dated 10/18/22 for \$2,620.27
- f. Cancel Road/Bridge check no. 23010023 dated 1/3/23 for \$2,750.00

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

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

UNL Associate Extension Educator Julie Schultz spoke about the programs Extension has been involved in the last year, including a new 12-week high school leadership development program. The update of an office computer was discussed. The state no longer offers a cost-share program so the county will be responsible for the total cost. Schultz was authorized to proceed with the purchase.

Amy Topp spoke about Nebraska Extension's Strategic Direction focusing on 1) Strengthening Nebraska Agriculture & Food Systems, 2) Inspire Nebraskans & Their Communities, and 3) Enhance the Health & Well being of all Nebraskans.

County Burial rates were discussed with Scott Hasemann of Hasemann Funeral Home. Any assets of the deceased must first be applied toward funeral expenses. Mortuary expenses have been limited to \$2500, and opening and closing the grave has been limited to \$450 since 2011. The county assists one or two individuals a year. Hasemann stated the cost of a cremation/graveside service, with the client providing a container, is \$4911. Adjusting the county rate to \$4,950 to \$5,100 was discussed. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe to change the county burial guidelines to 1. The applicant must have been a resident of Wayne County for the previous 12 months, 2. The county will pay up to \$5,100 for mortuary services, 3. The county will pay up to \$550 for opening and closing the grave if buried in Wayne County. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Brad Wieland will retire as Veterans Service Officer on May 1, 2023. Veterans Service Committee President Casey Junck and Wieland were present to discuss hiring a replacement. Junck & Wieland recommended hiring someone full-time, with benefits, at the same rate of pay currently being paid. The board will discuss the details of the hire at the next meeting.

Members of the Fair Board were present to discuss expanding the seating in the grandstand area. They found eight handicapped seats that meet ADA requirements and has a ramp. They also found bleachers that could be installed permanently instead of renting additional units annually. The company came down about \$8000 and priced them at about \$160,000. The Fair Board would like the board to consider the seating and a concrete path from the parking to the seats for ARPA funding. The project may be eligible under the interim final rule, but limited usage could disqualify it from the program intention. The county will contact Lutz & Company, an ARPA grant consultant, for an opinion on this application.

One bid for a used farm tractor for District #3 was received. Mark's Repair of Battle Creek, NE, submitted a bid of \$139,500 for a 2022 McCormick MX767 with a 2-year warranty. Rabe made a motion, Sievers seconded to accept the bid. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

County office updates were presented.

- Assessor Dawn Duffy said values for real property must be set by March 19th. Residential, commercial, and ag values are all going up for 2023. Hopefully, the market will slow down in the next few years, and the increases won't be so dramatic. The three-year study period on commercial and ag property slowed

the rise down just a little bit. Homestead exemptions were mailed out and are due by June 30th. Personal Property reminders will be sent out the end of March and are due by May 1st.

- Clerk of District Court Deb Allemann-Dannelly will be attending a three-day conference. Burbach questioned LB363. This bill does not impact Wayne County because Dannelly is elected. The bill tries to consolidate county and district court in small counties with an ex-officio district court clerk.
- Maintenance/Custodian Pat Brentlinger reported that inspections, such as fire extinguishers, boiler backflow preventer, elevator, boiler, etc., were completed at the first of the year. All defibs were put in place and are online. Training will be scheduled next. Kingery was here shortly before Christmas and replaced some window blinds and some wood on the window exterior.
- Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz has attended several planning, exercise, and training meetings. He is working on the Annual National Cybersecurity Review as required for the Homeland Security Grant Program. The Wayne County Local Emergency Operations Plan is due for a rewrite.
- Sheriff Jason Dwinell told the board that Deputy Nic Hawthorne recently completed Traffic Crash Reconstruction Level II Training. He was invited to attend the class with fifteen state patrol officers.

Tire recycling has been tentatively scheduled for August 18th & 19th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Butler County Landfill will not be able to remove the tires for about a month; this will have to be cleared with the Fair Board before the dates are finalized.

Mainelli Wagner & Associates submitted a proposal to inspect 29 fracture-critical bridges for \$32,680.00. This includes 13 girder-floor beam bridges with lengths from 30' to 61' and 16 truss bridges with lengths from 51' to 141'. A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers to accept the proposal. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey asked for any changes to the One and Six-Year Road Improvement Plan. The Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st at 9:45 a.m.

Casey had been asked to look into right-of-way encroachments interfering with snow removal and wing operation. Casey said the county could prohibit or restrict parking along a ROW by erecting appropriate signage.

Burbach reported gravel availability will be a problem for the road districts. Pilger Sand & Gravel is closing. Gary Backus in Hartington is in the process of selling. Several other pits won't have gravel until spring.

District 2 will be bidding on a used motor grader as a special purchase. Burbach is looking at a 2019 Caterpillar previously owned by Stanton County. There were problems with it, but they have been tracked down to the computer.

The county will be advertising for bids for concrete replacement in part of the parking lot north of the courthouse and a strip of sidewalk going west.

The county will also be advertising for bids to mow, spray, or provide mowing and spraying for the courthouse lawn.

Rabe made a motion to approve the following claims, and Sievers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$82,658.79; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, CO \$3,400.00; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$6,625.00; Appera, OE \$561.25; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$3,528.13; Arnie's Ford, RP \$2,248.95; AT&T Mobility, OE \$40.04; Black Hills Energy, OE \$2,738.72; Bomgaars, RP \$17.94; Cardmember Service, SU \$139.95; Consolidated Management Company, OE \$55.50; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$285.70; Ecolab Pest Elimination Service, OE \$61.42; Ellis Home Services, RP \$103.52; Fastwyre Broadband, OE \$4,859.47; First Concord Benefits Group, OE \$400.00; Government Forms & Supplies, SU \$676.50; Hasemann Funeral Home, OE \$2,950.00; Holiday Inn, OE \$129.95; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, CO \$33.95; Jorgensen, Kate DBA Jorgensen Law, OE \$7,239.34; Madison County Treasurer, OE \$18,597.34; Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center, OE \$100.00; Miller Law, OE, ER \$1,642.29; MIPS, Inc., ER, CO \$2,808.22; Motorola Solutions, Inc., CO \$1,111.98; NACO, OE \$50.00; Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, OE \$50.00; Nebraska Clerk of District Court Association, OE \$75.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshall, RP \$120.00; One Office Solution, SU \$41.40; Security Shredding Services, OE \$35.00; Sioux City Insulation, Inc., RP \$1,000.00; Tower Plastics MFG., Inc., SU \$635.08; Tyler Technologies, OE \$449.00; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Volkman Plumbing & Heating, Inc., RP \$167.80; Warnemunde Insurance and Real Estate Agency, Inc., OE \$23,165.00; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE \$36.00; Wayne County Treasurer, OE \$28.70; Wayne, City of, OE \$1,109.18; Nebraska Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$19,810.23; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$9,140.66

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$59,336.50; Appera, OE \$47.75; Black Hills Energy, OE \$1,133.30; Bomgaars, RP, SU \$691.40; Carhart Lumber Company, SU \$7.97; Dinkel's, ER \$470.00; Floor Maintenance, SU \$400.82; John's Welding & Tool, LLC, \$285.12; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., MA \$6,823.95; Menard's, SU \$5.52; Midwest Machinery & Supply Co., MA \$438.42; Midwest Service and Sales Co., RP \$3,362.05; NMC Exchange LLC, RP

\$1,677.40; Northeast Glass, RP \$966.00; Northeast Power, OE \$287.59; RDO Truck Centers, RP \$8,437.98; Wayne, City of, OE \$650.48; West Point Auto & Truck Center, RP \$248.27; The Little Red Hen Theatre, OE \$375.00; MIPS, Inc., OE \$136.48; Nebraska Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$13,846.64; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$6,654.27

The meeting was adjourned.

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 February 7, 2023, 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 before 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 before the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of February 2023.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk