

Wayne, Nebraska

May 16, 2023

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Rabe at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Rabe, Members Terry Sievers and Dean Burbach, Assessor Dawn Duffy, 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 11, 2023. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

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

Tax List Correction No. 76, an acceleration due to a farm sale, was approved on a motion made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

A listing of omitted property and clerical errors found after the March 19th abstract was approved on a motion made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

Tax List Corrections No. 77 & 78, homestead exemption corrections, were approved on a motion made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

The Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission found that the levels of value for residential, commercial, and agricultural classes of real property within Wayne County are within the acceptable ranges established by law.

Duffy reported valuations are going up in 2023 based on the market. The cost tables for commercial property in the City of Wayne and the Villages of Carroll, Hoskins & Sholes were updated. The commercial lots in and around Wayne were revalued. All residential locations will see increases. Irrigated ag-land was raised between 5-16% depending on the soil class. Dryland was increased by 12-19% depending on the soil class. CRP and grassland was increased by 9%.

Motor vehicle tax exemptions for Grace Lutheran Church, Haven House, Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Providence Medical Center, and Wayne State Foundation were approved on a motion made by Burbach and seconded by Sievers. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe – aye; motion carried.

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 Dean Burbach at 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Burbach, Members Terry Sievers and Jim Rabe, 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 11, 2023. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Burbach presented the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approve minutes of May 2, 2023, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving a personal claim
- c. Approve fee reports: Debra K. Allemann-Dannelly, Clerk of District Court, April Fees, \$1,080.59; Debra Finn, County Clerk, April Fees, \$10,013.00.
- d. Approve the addition of Cusip 01551DAF9 for \$400,000.00 pledged by BankFirst
- e. Approve the addition of Cusip 91282CAM3 for \$1,000,000.00 pledged by Elkhorn Valley Bank

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

Brandon Petersen from Applied Connective spoke about the IT services the county received over the last year. Several improvements, including phishing software and a new firewall, were installed. The courthouse will be hooked up to a server next week.

Deputy County Attorney Eric Knutson will be leaving at the end of June. County Attorney Miller introduced Teri Lamplot as her choice for the new deputy county attorney. Lamplot recently received her law degree and will serve as

deputy attorney in Thurston County two days a week and in Wayne County three days a week. Miller requested Lamplot be allowed to start June 1st, and the county provide a laptop. A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers to approve the hiring of Lamplot effective June 1, 2023, and to provide the office with a laptop. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Rob Vinson of Fastwyre Broadband and Paul Schudel of Woods Aitken once again discussed access for construction of fiber optic broadband in the Carroll area. Fastwyre agreed to Wayne County's requirement of placing the line down the middle of the road. Discussion continued on the depth of the fiber optic bore under the culverts. The county wants 8' under all culverts; Fastwyre asked the county to compromise by changing the depth to 4', stating that is general engineering practice. They noted that going down to eight feet adds 44' to each bore. The county offered structures under 36' to be bored at a depth of 4', and structures that are 36' or more be bored at a depth of 8'. Fastwyre will give this proposal consideration and return to the June 6th meeting.

Disaster Recovery Specialist Sandra Hansen presented a Village of Carroll ARPA \$400,000 fund application to replace water mains. Water meter installation, wastewater treatment facility, and water tower improvements are complete. Replacement of the water mains is next and is broken down into three phases. This grant would be used for phase one. Village Chairman Mark Tietz was present to answer questions. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe to approve up to \$400,000, depending on the availability of funds—roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

One bid was received for the replacement of the courthouse windows. Pella Gateway LLC bid 105 Pella aluminum-clad windows wood windows. The wood will be stained to match the interior. The anticipated start date is December 2023; completion date is May 2024. A motion was made by Sievers and a second by Rabe to accept the bid of \$598,333.57 submitted by Pella Gateway LLC. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Mark Casey reported the bid tabulations had been reviewed for Project C-90 (653), the replacement of bridge C009002910 (Wavy). The low bid was submitted by Dixon Construction. A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers to accept the bid of \$1,453,456.00. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried. Construction will start in October.

Casey reported that Kyle Huff passed the Highway Superintendent's test and is working on getting certified as a bridge inspector.

As per the 2022-23 budget, Resolution 23-04 and 23-05 were approved by Rabe's motion and Sievers second. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Resolution No. 23-04: WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Wayne County Budget included a transfer from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund to reduce the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in Inheritance Tax Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year,

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WHEREAS, there are funds available in Inheritance Tax Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners that the sum of \$300,000.00 be transferred from Inheritance Tax Fund to General Fund

Resolution No. 23-05: WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Wayne County Budget included a transfer from General Fund to County Road/Bridge Fund to reduce the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in General Fund for the 2022-2023 fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners that the sum of \$2,000,000.00 be transferred from General Fund to County Road/Bridge Fund.

Resolution No. 23-06 was approved on a motion made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Resolution No. 23-06: WHEREAS, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners established Fund 2580 COVID American Rescue Plan in 2022; and

WHEREAS, \$12,469.87 in COVID interest was deposited in General Fund;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Wayne County Board of Commissioners to direct the County Treasurer to transfer \$12,469.87 in interest from General Fund to Fund 2580 COVID American Rescue Plan.

Sievers reported he will be getting ahold of Sebade Construction to start work on the north parking lot and sidewalk project. He will see if Beiermann Electric can mark the electrical pole.

Burbach will contact the lawn service and discuss county preferences. Bidding a machine storage building in Carroll is anticipated in mid-June.

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

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$74,207.63; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$16.17; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, CO \$528.60; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$ 7,200.00; Appeara, OE \$561.25; Applied Connective Technologies, OE, CO \$4,583.00; Arnie’s Ford, MA \$123.88; Beiermann Electric, RP \$383.77; Big Red Printing, SU \$944.21; Black Hills Energy, OE \$791.68; Blood Pharmacy, OE \$287.99; Cardmember Service, MA \$61.60; Cardmember Service, SU, CO \$1,600.77; Cardmember Service, SU \$842.31; Cardmember Service, SU \$4.91; Centec Cast Metal Products, SU \$1,181.93; DAS State Accounting, OE, ER \$86.88; Dept Correctional Svcs, OE \$5,460.21; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$813.98; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$348.29; Fastwyre Broadband, OE \$2,448.85; Floor Maintenance, SU \$74.94; Georgetown Law, OE \$85.00; Holiday Inn, OE \$471.80; Hometown Leasing, ER \$121.85; JB Mart, Inc., MA \$14.98; Daryl Lindsay, CO \$1,580.00; Lutt Oil, MA, OE \$1,102.76; Main Street Garage LLC, MA \$132.00; Maximus, Inc., OE \$1,807.95; MIPS, Inc., ER, CO \$2,808.22; NACO, OE \$2,054.40; Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging, OE \$4,617.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE \$80.18; One Office Solution, SU \$960.70; Pac-N-Save, SU \$5.34; Tacos & More, OE \$19.98; Tom’s Body & Paint Shop, Inc., RP \$73.47; U.S. Cellular, OE \$424.83; University of Nebraska- Lincoln, OE \$10,317.41; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Visa, OE, SU \$387.46; Visa, MA \$74.47; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$151.50; Wayne County Court, OE \$769.50; Wayne Herald/Morning Shopper, OE \$1,064.63; Wayne, City of, OE \$8,204.69; White Dog Lawn Service, OE \$600.00; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00; Wattier, Patti, OE \$475.00; Krysl, Emma J., RE \$22.50; UHS Premium Billing, PS \$83,754.57; Nebraska Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$16,802.44; Aflac, PS \$596.82; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$434.82; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$2,979.98; Legal Shield, PS \$42.85; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$5,425.01; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,220.75; Vision Service Plan, PS \$270.26; Washington National Ins. Co., PS \$55.10; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,454.22

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$38,840.50; Appeara, OE \$48.41; B’s Enterprises, Inc., MA \$9,295.20; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$35,161.38; Black Hills Energy, OE \$309.61; Farmers Co-operative, MA \$20,267.47; Fredrickson Oil Company, MA \$510.00; Gary Backhaus Gravel, MA \$5,439.68; Hoskins Mfg. Co., Inc., RP \$180.96; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., SU \$88.79; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., MA \$2,109.87; Midwest Service and Sales Co., MA \$1,548.15; Wayne Auto Parts, RP, SU, MA \$421.33; Wayne, City of, OE \$508.73; Weldon Parts Norfolk, RP \$74.64; Winside, Village of, OE \$52.00; Mead Lumber, SU \$989.99; Nebraska Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$8,078.56; Aflac, PS \$351.91; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$319.43; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,360.00; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, PS \$40.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$2,412.22; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,341.60; Vision Service Plan, PS \$79.44; Washington National Ins. Co., PS \$75.40; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$884.75

ROD Preservation & Modernization: MIPS, Inc., OE \$136.48

The meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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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 16, 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 18th day of May 2023.

Debra Finn, County Clerk