

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Burbach at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, in the County Courtroom. Chairman Burbach, Members Terry Sievers and Jim Rabe, Deputy Attorney Teri Lamplot, Sheriff Jason Dwinell, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on July 13, 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 July 18, 2023, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving a personal claim
- c. Approve fee report: Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, June Fees \$880.62
- d. Approve the withdrawal of Cusip 91282CCN9 for \$1,000,000 as securities pledged twice 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.

The Wayne County Library Association presented a budget request for 2023-24 of \$13,000.00. Wayne Librarian Heather Headley reported they have been working on account maintenance and have 1984 current users. County residents checked out at least 5,139 items last fiscal year. County residents make up about 17.5% of the patron database. County funds were used for electronic access to adult and youth materials. Downloadable audio and ebooks from Overdrive are averaging about 1058 titles a month. Winside Librarian Lara Lanphear reported using the funds to provide more ebooks, host large programs, and buy prizes for patrons for summer reading.

Wayne County Sheriff Jason Dwinell presented the 2022 Distress Warrant Return. Nineteen distress warrants totaling \$9,244.09 were issued; eleven were returned. Dwinell recommended the county make a plan to clean up and strike the remaining warrants. Attorney Lamplot has already researched the procedure.

A brief discussion was held on when to advertise the approaching vacancy in the Clerk of District County position. The position will be announced once the job is vacant.

The proposal to change pay raises and vacation allotments from the calendar year to the fiscal year was discussed. If the fiscal year were followed, this cycle would coincide with the budget year and make it easier for employees to use up their vacation leave at year-end. It has been a struggle for roadworkers to use their remaining vacation days during snowy weather. If the fiscal year were followed, budgeting employee pay would be accurate as the raises would be set when the budget was prepared. A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers to change the annual pay raises and vacation allotments to follow the fiscal year. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers – aye; Burbach - nay; motion carried. A pay increase of \$1500 for FY 2023-24 was approved on a motion made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe—roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Walker Zolkowsky of NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust) told the commissioners they are a resource for public entities to invest funds. There is no minimum or maximum deposit. All fees are taken out before you see the rate. Funds may be withdrawn daily. Zolkowsky urged the county to see if the local banks would match their rates.

Culverts bids for C-90 (621) – triple 84” x 40’ corrugated metal pipes on a 0° skew and C-90(664) – twin 84” x 43’ corrugated metal pipes on a 20° skew (rhb), both with steel headwalls and wing walls were opened. Bids were received from Midwest Culverts, Midwest Service & Sales, B’s Enterprises, and Contech. A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Sievers to accept the bid of \$97,804.80 with a start date of November or December, subject to a review of the numbers. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach – aye; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Casey reported considerable interest in the tire recycling scheduled for August 18th and 19th. He encouraged the commissioners to tell people the event is for Wayne County residents only. The grant is not large enough to accommodate everyone.

Information was received from Navigator CO2 Pipeline that their route is changing further west and north of the City of Wayne. The route change will take them outside of the City’s zoning jurisdiction. Impacted landowners will be contacted in the upcoming weeks.

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

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$69,575.77; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$8.99; AT & T Mobility, OE \$40.04; Bomgaars, SU \$245.63; Carney Law PC, OE \$1,365.00; CJH Technologies, CO \$601.23; Dept Correctional SVCS, OE \$5,421.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU, CO \$6,642.58; Ecolab Pest Elimination Services, OE \$61.42; Egley, James, OE \$119.65; Exhaust Pros Total Car Care, OE \$75.00; Farm & Home Publishing, LTD., SU \$580.00; Hilltop Drugs ETC, OE \$252.54; Leafy Spurge Working Task Force, OE \$50.00; Mcdonald, Christal, OE \$100.00; Miller Law, OE, ER \$1,660.63; NE Association of County Clerks, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioners, OE \$100.00; Nebraska Air Filter, Inc., RP \$341.49; One Office Solution, SU \$102.90; Schramm, Nancy, OE \$112.00; Stover, Ryan, OE \$244.65; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson & Beutner, OE \$2,513.56; Sturgis, Daniel, OE \$119.65; Wayne County Court, OE \$433.50; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$27.00; Y & Y Lawn Service, OE \$500.00; Nebraska Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$15,672.71; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,877.60

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$40,185.90; B's Enterprises, Inc., MA \$8,400.00; Benson Land Tiling LLC, OE \$300.00; Bomgaars, SU \$631.87; Fredrickson Oil Company, MA \$2,570.75; Tony Gubbels, OE \$560.00; Marx Repair LLC, RP \$62.26; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., MA \$2,385.27; NMC Exchange LLC, RP, MA \$10,100.34; Northeast Power, OE \$165.22; Sapp Brothers, Inc., SU \$189.15; Weldon Parts Norfolk, RP \$169.73; Nebraska Bank Acct# 244-220, PS \$8,276.67; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,493.07

Lodging Tax Fund: Carroll Volunteer Fire Dept. Trust, OE \$500.00; Gene Topp Memorial Car Show, OE \$500.00; That Aint Right, OE \$500.00

COVID Fund: Sandra Hansen, OE \$1,762.50

The meeting was recessed until Thursday, August 10th, at 9:00 a.m.

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The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Burbach at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2023, in the Basement Meeting Room. Chairman Burbach, Members Terry Sievers, Jim Rabe, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Luke Virgil presented the Wayne Area Economic Development (WAED) budget request. The City of Wayne, WAED, and Wayne Community Housing are discussing major changes in WAED and Wayne Community Housing. Wes Blecke, Cale Giese, Mike Powicki, and Jeaney Harris were present to discuss the change and answer questions. The county has been contributing to WAED but could benefit even more from this new partnership. Economic development and housing services could be emphasized outside the City of Wayne, specifically in the villages. The increased request will be considered.

A budget work session was conducted.

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 August 1st and 10th, 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 14th day of August 2023.

Debra Finn, County Clerk