

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Sievers, Members Dean Burbach and Jim Rabe, Sheriff Jason Dwinell, Deputy Attorney Ted Lohrberg, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on March 21, 2024. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Sievers presented the consent agenda items:

- a. Approve March 19, 2024 minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Receive and file the 2022-23 annual and federal audit completed by Lengemann & Associates, P.C.

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

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

Commissioner Sievers reported they are continuing to work with Allo on a contract for the county. Allo phone service is only available online in Carroll and Winside. As a result, those phones will not be included in the transfer. The court services building will be on a separate line from the courthouse. The two lines will permit a crossover if one line goes down.

Heating bids from Skokan Electric and Zach Heating and Cooling and Electrical bids from Skokan Electric and Beiermann Electric were opened for the District #2 maintenance shed. Action on the bids was tabled until the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Kyle Huff reported that American Broadband had to move its fiber cable for the Wilke Bridge, Project C-90(622) C009002220. The east side will be fine, but it veered back where the headwalls will be. As per the permit, it is ABB's responsibility to move the cable, and must be done by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Nau project is poured. They are at 28 days. They will work as allowed.

Huff also reported that the federal government is changing how bridge inspections are done. Training conferences are being conducted during the transition period of 2025 – 2028. Some big bridges were put on a four-year cycle, and a few will be returned for inspection next year.

David Levy of Baird-Holm Law Firm told the commissioners that Sholes Wind Farm would add 5-10 acres of battery storage equipment on the west side of their operation located on 858 Rd near 560 Ave. They have acquired the property and are doing some design with NPPD; construction will start next year. The batteries aren't much bigger than a car battery but will be packed in rows inside self-cooled shipping containers. This will make the grid more efficient as the batteries charge and store. In the first seven years, it should average \$700,000 in new personal property tax revenue, which is not part of the nameplate capacity tax. Sholes Wind Farm still has permits, so it will not need a new grading permit. Highway Superintendent Huff stated a new driveway permit is not necessary since they are not building a new driveway.

Gravel Trailer bids for Road District #2 received from Iowa Trailer Manufacturing were opened. Action on the bids was tabled until the next meeting.

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

**General Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$67,714.76; Davis, Rick, RE \$61.00; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$23.94; Albin, Mark, OE \$958.86; AT & T, OE \$91.46; Beiermann Electric, OE \$132.42; Black Hills Energy, OE \$766.08; Department of Revenue – Property Assessment Division; OE \$270.00; Dept. of Correctional Services, OE \$2,620.15; Dixon County Jail, OE \$850.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU, CO, RP \$2,596.28; Election Systems & Software Inc., OE \$1,142.50; Electronic Engineering, SU \$587.35; Farm & Home Publishing Ltd., SU \$260.00; Floor Maintenance, SU \$146.28; Hilltop Drugs Etc., OE \$448.15; Jorgensen Law, OE \$678.75; Madison County Sheriff, OE \$17.65; Midwest Special Services Inc., OE \$1,734.90; Miller Law, OE, ER \$1,616.82; NACO, OE \$25.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshall, RP \$120.00; One Office Solution, SU \$478.16; Quadiant, SU \$140.60; Quadiant Leasing, ER \$1,049.70; Security Shredding Services, OE \$80.00; The Station, MA \$261.47; Uline, SU \$156.94; Vakoc Builder's Resource, CO \$130.65; Wayne HRA Account, PS \$53,194.89; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$41.50; Wayne, City of, OE

\$8,391.62; Bomgaars, SU \$73.16; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$14,947.16; Retirement Plans Div. Of Ameritas, PS \$7,910.53;

**County Road Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$31,446.20; Black Hills Energy, OE \$277.02; Carroll, Village of, OE \$108.00; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$845.52; Dixon Construction Co., CO \$422,827.90; John’s Welding & Tool LLC, SU \$118.58; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., SU \$280.50; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$9,900.20; Midwest Service & Sales Co., MA \$1,462.10; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., RP \$830.77; NMC Exchange, RP \$3,865.26; Northeast Power, OE \$192.60; Rollin’ Coal Trucking LLC, MA \$406.98; Wayne County Treasurer, CO \$10.00; Bomgaars, RP, SU \$521.15; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$7,559.89; Retirement Plans Div. Of Ameritas, PS \$4,210.56;

**Lodging Tax Fund:** Winside Fire & Rescue, OE \$750.00;

**County Improvement Fund:** Pella Gateway LLC, CO \$73,008.00; MCS Construction, CO \$44,963.43;

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 March 19, 2024, 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 5th day of April, 2024.

Debra Finn, County Clerk