

Wayne, Nebraska

May 7, 2024

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Burbach at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Burbach, Members Terry Sievers, Jim Rabe, Treasurer Lisa Lindsay, Sheriff Jason Dwinell, Attorney Amy Miller, and Clerk Debra Finn were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on May 2, 2024. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

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

Treasurer Lisa Lindsay presented Motor Vehicle Tax Exempt Applications from Grace Lutheran Church, Haven House Family Services Center, Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, Our Savior Lutheran Church, and Wayne State Foundation. A motion was made by Sievers and seconded by Rabe to approve the application forms. Roll call vote: Sievers, Rabe, Burbach – aye; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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Chairman Terry Sievers called the Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting to order in the Wayne County Courthouse at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Chairman Sievers, Members Dean Burbach 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 2, 2024. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Sievers presented the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approve April 16, 2024 minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Review fee reports: Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, April Fees \$1,175.28; Diane Pieper, Clerk of District Court, April Fees, \$660.00.
- d. Receive and place the City of Wayne and Wakefield annual Redevelopment Project Reports on file.

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

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

Emergency Manager Nic Kemnitz presented an update on the training and exercises he recently participated in. The Emergency Operations Center was used during severe weather on April 16, April 26, and May 6, 2024, to coordinate with state and local agencies and the National Weather Service.

The purchase of a DJI Matrice 30T Thermal Combo with Care Enterprise drone and accessories for \$14,825.70, and an AllMobileVisio—Insight R2T Interface and an AMVision Streaming service subscription for \$7,060.00 was approved for Kemnitz. This is the same drone package Stanton, Cuming, and Yankton counties use. One person runs the drone, and the second person operates the camera. They have 2-3 trained operators.

The purchase and installation of five televisions to create a surround system to permit immediate updates from the weather service, state operations center, variations of radar, and the local news in the Emergency Operations Center was proposed. The estimate of \$8,972 for purchase and installation by Pflanz Electronics was accepted.

County Attorney Amy Miller told the board that the City of Wayne voted to change the speed limit on East 21st Street within the city limits to 35 mph. The speed limit on the county portion of East 21st Street is 50 mph. As a representative of the City, Miller asked if the county would consider lowering the speed limit on East 21st Street outside of city limits to 35 mph. This change would make traffic easier to control on the mile. A motion

was made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach to set the speed limit on East 21st Street at 35 mph, effective upon placement of signage. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; the motion carried.

Disaster Recovery Specialist Sandra Hansen reported that ten of the fifteen ARPA fund projects are completed. The unfinished projects are the delivery of the Winside fire truck, the purchase of bottles by the Carroll Fire Department in 2025, the Carroll Village siren, the Carroll Village water improvements, and the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department Building.

Todd Beiermann presented information on the LaPorte Cemetery, located 2 miles south and three and ¼ miles east of Wayne. The first burial was in 1870, and the last in 1914. The community of LaPorte, the original county seat, was located 2 ½ miles west of the cemetery. Beiermann stated no volunteers were left to care for the cemetery and asked if the county would take over. He provided proof the cemetery association had depleted all maintenance funds. A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach for the county to take over maintenance of the LaPorte Cemetery. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; the motion carried.

District Court Clerk Diane Pieper and County Court Clerk Ashley Siebrandt proposed divider walls and doors to close their offices off from the public. Each counter location would have a full-height 5/8" tempered glass panel. New short walls with an oak door and a keyed lockset would be installed. The need for an additional exit was discussed. The location of the proposed exit was questioned; it may be a load-bearing wall. A motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach to accept the original proposal of \$26,523.00 submitted by Otte Construction. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; the motion carried.

An application to place fiber in county road ROW was received from Allo. Highway Superintendent Kyle Huff reported they met all the requirements and had their bond and insurance in place. Rabe made a motion to approve the application, which Burbach seconded. The roll call vote was Rabe, Burbach, and Sievers—aye, the motion carried.

Huff also reported grading has started on Project #C-90(653) C009002910, the Wavy Bridge.

Lengemann & Associates, P.C. of Papillion submitted a bid to provide a Financial Statement Audit and Single Audit (federal) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, for \$30,500; for the year ended 2025 for \$32,750 and for the year ended in 2026 for \$35,000. These fees include all direct and indirect costs and out-of-pocket expenses. If a federal audit is not needed, the price will be reduced. Based on the successful completion of the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, a motion was made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach to accept the bid. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; the motion carried.

Resolution No. 24-03, transferring \$2,000,000 from the County General Fund to the County Road Fund, was approved on a motion made by Burbach and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Burbach, Rabe, Sievers-aye; the motion carried.

Resolution No. 24-03: WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Wayne County Budget included a transfer from the General Fund to the County Road Fund to reduce the property tax request and

WHEREAS, there are funds available in the General Fund for the 2023-2024 fiscal year,

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

The claims were approved on a motion made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers – aye; the motion carried. *Abbreviations: SU-Supplies, MA-Materials, RP-Repairs, OE-Operating Expense, ER-Equipment Rent, CO-Capital Outlays*

General Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$83,979.07; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$11.22; Albin, Mark, OE \$1,282.26; All Hours Towing LLC, OE \$600.00; Appeara, OE \$471.09; Applied Connective Technologies, OE, CO \$9,517.99; Arnie's Ford, RP \$86.44; AT & T Mobility, OE \$91.42; Big Red Printing, SU \$971.75; Black Hills Energy, OE \$735.41; Bomgaars, SU \$469.98; Claussen & Sons Irrigation Inc., OE \$238.90; Comfort Inn, OE \$479.80; Consolidated Management Company, OE \$11.35; Dept. Correctional Svcs, OE \$2,800.85; Eakes Office Solutions, SU, RP \$381.57; Election Systems & Software, OE \$4,859.40; Fairfield Inn & Suites, OE \$139.95; Floor Maintenance, SU \$182.91; GWorks, CO \$10,893.00; Holiday Inn Express & Suites, OE \$214.00; Holiday Inn, OE \$347.85; Hometown Café, Tacos & More, OE \$9.99; Jorgensen, OE \$2,346.16; Midwest Alarm, RP \$1,835.31; Miller Law, OE, ER \$1,700.63; MIPS Inc., ER, CO \$2,778.11; NACO, OE \$125.00; Nebraska Assoc. of County

Treasurers, OE \$150.00; Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging, OE \$4,617.00; Northeast Nebraska RC & D Inc., OE \$1,500.00; One Office Solution, SU \$203.24; Postmaster, OE \$1,000.00; SDS Weather, CO \$143.00; Security Shredding Services, OE \$120.00; Smith, Joseph, OE \$479.75; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson, et al., OE \$4,338.75; Tom's Body & Paint Shop Inc., RP \$1,338.63; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, OE \$10,684.86; Vakoc Builder's Resource, CO \$70.21; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Wattier, Patti, OE \$475.00; Wayne County Clerk, OE \$1,430.00; Wayne County Clerk of District Court, OE \$72.00; Wayne County Court, OE \$234.00; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$55.50; Wayne Herald/Morning Shopper, OE \$1,453.53; Wayne, City of, OE \$8,623.71; Y & Y Lawn Service, OE \$500.00; 2024 NCRAAO Conference, OE \$600.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$19,427.32; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$9,711.09;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$56,332.80; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$13.97; Advanced Consulting Engineering Svs, CO \$817.44; Appeara, OE \$130.75; B's Enterprises, Inc., MA \$5,400.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$30,777.60; Black Hills Energy, OE \$216.15; Bomgaars, SU, MA \$315.98; Carroll, Village of, OE \$109.50; Dinkel's, CO \$7,500.00; Fredrickson Oil Company, MA \$2,823.96; Gary Backhaus Gravel, MA \$39,002.58; Graves Construction Co. Inc., MA \$1,313.20; Grossenburg Implement, RP \$459.31; Hawthorne Industries LLC, CO \$4,300.00; Hireright, LLC, OE \$152.85; Mainelli, Wagner & Assoc. Inc., CO \$58,955.04; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., SU \$23.96; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$50,297.60; Menard's, SU \$14.80; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$2,447.87; Northeast Power, OE \$202.60; RDO Truck Centers, RP \$199.74; Wayne County Clerk, CO \$16.00; Wayne, City of, OE \$525.21; Kent & Carol Wilke, OE \$1,000.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$12,721.06; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$6,315.84;

Snow Removal & Equipment: NMC Exchange LLC, CO \$445,500.00;

Lodging Tax Fund: Hometown Café, Tacos & More, OE \$63.59;

ROD Preservation & Modernization: MIPS Inc., OE \$156.48;

County Improvement: Beiermann Electric, CO \$2,237.37; MSC Construction, CO \$56,773.70;

The meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

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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 May 7, 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 13th day of May 2024.

Debra Finn, County Clerk