

Wayne, Nebraska  
August 20, 2024

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the Wayne County Courthouse courtroom. Chairman Sievers, Members Dean Burbach and James Rabe, Deputy County Attorney Ted Lohrberg, Sheriff Jason Dwinell, and Clerk Joni Tietz were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on August 8, 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 minutes of August 6, 2024, as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll, with each commissioner abstaining from approving their own claim
- c. Approve fee reports: Clerk of District Court \$1,562.00; County Clerk \$14,861.50; County Sheriff \$969.80
- d. Approve addition of Security in BankFirst Cusip 78443FAF4 for \$500,000.00

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers - aye; motion carried.

A motion to amend the agenda eliminating Item #10 (Deb Finn recognition) was made by Burbach and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Burbach, Rabe, Sievers-aye; motion carried. Motion made by Rabe and seconded by Burbach to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Crystal Hestekind introduced herself as the new Chief Probation Officer for District #7 Probation. Also introduced were Candace Downey, office manager, and Bob Lowe, Chief Deputy Probation Officer. Hestekind gave an update of the growth of the probation district and their services. The office has a staff of 41 and is outgrowing their present buildings. Wayne County does contribute to the Probation Budget.

Merlin Felt, representing the Wayne County Fair Board, updated the Board of Commissioners on projects and buildings the Fair Board needs to work on. Therefore, the Budget request of \$200,000.00 included the amounts for repairs and improvements.

A motion was made by Burbach and seconded by Rabe to table the approval of the allocation resolutions until the budget work session at 12:30 p.m.

The Courthouse Maintenance Agreement with Trane was discussed since it is up for renewal for 3 years. As of now the yearly fee is \$9,560.00. During the next 3 years the fee will increase yearly to \$10,786.00 by 2027. It was moved by Burbach and seconded by Rabe to agree and approve the Trane Maintenance Agreement. Roll call vote: Burbach Rabe, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Kyle Huff presented an application for a fiber optic install by Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co. near 567<sup>th</sup> Ave & Hwy 98. He reported that the company had met all the requirements. Rabe made a motion to approve the application for the fiber optic install with Burbach seconding the motion. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:45 a.m. to be reconvened at 12:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner back room.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Terry Sievers, reconvened at 12:30 p.m. in the County Commissioner back room with commissioners Terry Sievers, Dean Burbach, James Rabe, County Clerk Joni Tietz, Treasurer Lisa Lindsay and Mike Pommer, CPA.

General discussion was held regarding the levy, valuations and department requests.

The following preliminary tax requests were approved on a motion made by Burbach and seconded by Rabe. Roll call vote: Burbach, Rabe, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

- b. Resolution No. 24-10 Carroll Rural Fire Protection, General Fund \$47,085.00, Bond Fund \$36,759.00
- c. Resolution No. 24-11 Wayne Rural Fire Protection, General Fund \$77,000.00, Bond Fund \$21,000.00
- d. Resolution No. 24-12 Hoskins Rural Fire District, General Fund \$55,000.00, Bond Fund \$30,500.00
- e. Resolution No. 24-13 Winside Rural Fire District, General fund \$39,021.00, Bond Fund \$20,000.00
- f. Resolution No. 24-14 Wakefield Rural Fire District, General Fund \$141,643.00
- g. Resolution No. 24-15 Wayne County Library Association, General Fund \$13,000.00

Discussion was held on Resolution 24-16. Since the Board of Commissioners was attempting to maintain their levy, they decided that a \$181,000.00 approved request would maintain the Ag Society's levy.

The following preliminary tax request was approved on a motion made by Rabe, seconded by Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

a. Resolution No. 24-16 Wayne Ag Society, General Fund \$181,000.00

Meeting was recessed until August 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

The Wayne County Board of Commissioner Chairman, Terry Sievers, reconvened on 1:00 p.m. in the County Commissioner back room with Commissioners Terry Sievers, Dean Burbach, James Rabe, County Clerk Joni Tietz and Treasurer Lisa Lindsay.

More discussion was held regarding the 2024-25 budget of some offices. The Commissioners agreed to limit their budgets to \$1.4 million each. No special pink postcard meeting is needed according to the figures given by Mike Pommer.

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

**General Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: Burbach, Dean, PS \$1,895.83; Sievers, Terry, PS \$1,895.83; Rabe, Jim, PS \$1,895.83; Finn, Debra, PS \$905.76; Tietz, Joni, PS \$4,984.45; Blake, Cally, PS \$2,154.00; Quinn, Tarrin, PS \$2,154.00; Lindsay, Lisa, PS \$3,270.83; Nelson, Dawn, PS \$2,009.25; Swanson, Angie, PS \$1,993.50; Herrig, Coen, PS \$515.84; Duffy, Dawn, PS \$3,270.83; Young, Ashley, PS \$2,110.50; Birth, Courtney, PS \$1,556.25; Pieper, Diane, PS \$3,270.83; Spieker, Jennifer, PS \$2,532.75; Bachman, Kimberley, PS \$2,255.00; Gansbom, Laurie, PS \$2,188.50; Brentlinger, Patrick, PS \$2,139.20; Dwinell, Jason, PS \$3,320.83; Bratcher, Clayton, PS \$2,600.21; Frank, Jesse, PS \$2,763.75; Claussen, Daniel, PS \$2,240.42; Doescher, Jan, PS \$1,452.75; Miller, Amy, PS \$3,270.83; Lohrberg, Ted, PS \$2,458.33; Nissen, Bailee, PS \$390.00; Jorgensen, Cristy, PS \$2,325.00; Kemnitz, Nic, PS \$2,415.20; Huff, Kyle, PS \$2,365.60; Deck, Doug, PS \$587.84; Keiser, Yancey, PS \$1,728.75; Miller, Amy, RE \$103.18; Allo Communications, OE \$3,690.42; Antelope County Sheriff, OE \$11,245.00; Applied Connective Technologies, OE \$3,811.88; Arnie's Ford, RP \$399.55; Cardmember Service, SU \$574.52; Cardmember Service, SU \$1,412.07; Carhart Lumber Company, SU \$156.97; Centec Cast Metal Products, SU \$237.28; Dakota County Court, OE \$1.00; DAS State Accounting, OE, ER \$206.00; Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co., SU \$255.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$366.70; Farmers Co-Operative, MA \$179.98; Floor Maintenance, SU \$55.81; Holiday Inn, OE \$269.90; Hometown Café, Taco's & More, OE \$47.96; Hometown Leasing, ER \$121.85; Interstate All Battery Center, SU \$522.90; Jorgensen Law, OE \$7,622.80; Lutt Oil, MA, RP, OE \$1,140.05; McDonald, Christal, OE \$823.55; Midwest Alarm, RP \$915.00; NACO, OE \$270.00; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., OE \$77.68; PIP Marketing Signs, SU \$24.02; Providence Medical Center, OE \$235.00; Trane, RP \$16.00; U.S. Cellular, OE \$470.63; U-Save Pharmacy, OE \$1,239.42; Visa, OE, SU \$174.55; Visa, OE, SU \$271.62; Visa, SU \$178.60; Warnemunde Insurance, OE \$269.00; Waste Connections of Nebraska, OE \$170.00; Wayne County HRA Account, PS \$41,247.24; White Dog Lawn Service, OE \$600.00; Woehler Trailer Court LLC, ER \$700.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$15,598.28; Aflac, PS \$716.68; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$357.64; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$2,743.28; Legal Shield, PS \$52.85; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$6,103.87; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$8,195.02; Vision Service Plan, PS \$265.30; Washington National Ins. Co., PS \$55.10; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,448.53;

**County Road Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: Heikes, Ronald, PS \$2,259.20; Beiermann, Todd, PS \$2,259.20; Doring, Brent, PS \$2,259.20; Harder, Zachary, PS \$2,259.20; Langenberg, Dustin, PS \$2,259.20; Tanderup, Robert, PS \$2,259.20; Brokaw, Coltin, PS \$1,581.30; Kampa, Caleb, PS \$1,807.20; Hefti, Travis, PS \$2,259.20; Hansen, Dallas, PS \$2,259.20; Hurlbert, Scott, PS \$2,259.20; Lange, Levi, PS \$2,259.20; Burbach, Ryan, PS \$2,259.20; Shultheis, Christopher, PS \$2,259.20; Carlson, Joel, PS \$2,259.20; Hefti, Eric, PS \$2,259.20; Davis, Rick, PS \$2,259.20; Jenkins, Todd, PS \$2,259.20; Rabe, Jerold, PS \$4,075.52; Appera, OE \$146.82; Backus Sand & Gravel, MA \$66,736.90; Farmers Co-Operative, MA, RP \$35,333.73; Gary Backus Gravel, MA \$4,621.86; Hansen Brothers Parts & Service Inc., RP \$433.90; Hireright LLC, OE \$273.75; John's Welding & Tool LLC, SU \$308.28; Martin Marietta Materials, MA \$4,974.07; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$6,188.40; NMC Exchange LLC, RP \$2,678.59; O'Reilly Automotive Inc., SU \$31.98; Sapp Brothers Inc., SU \$517.50; Stalp Gravel Company, MA \$35,261.20; Wayne Auto Parts, RP, SU, MA \$1,033.00; Weldon Part Norfolk, RP \$243.60; Winside, Village of, OE \$120.12; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$8,859.85; Aflac, PS \$303.94; Delta Dental of Nebraska, PS \$338.82; First Concord Benefits Group, PS \$1,129.32; Nebraska Department of Revenue, PS \$3,779.24; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,906.27; Vision Service Plan, PS \$57.93; Wayne County Treasurer, PS \$1,198.50;

**Highway Bridge Buyback Fund:** Graves Construction Co. Inc., CO \$85,925.61;

**Lodging Tax Fund:** Winside Pride, OE \$2,167.25;

**County Improvement:** Beiermann Electric, CO \$28,949.35; MCS Construction, CO \$176,128.04;