

Wayne, Nebraska
November 5, 2024

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Burbach at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in the Wayne County Courthouse courtroom. Chairman Burbach, Members Terry Sievers and James Rabe, and Clerk Joni Tietz were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on October 24, 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; motion carried.

Lisa Lindsay, County Treasurer, appeared before the Board for their approval of Form 457 for Providence Medical Center Home Health and Evangelical Covenant Church in Wakefield. Motion made by Rabe, seconded by Sievers, to approve the tax exemption. Roll call vote: Rabe, Sievers, Burbach -aye; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk

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The Wayne County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Sievers, Members Dean Burbach and Jim Rabe, and Clerk Joni Tietz were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on October 24, 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 October 15, 2024 minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Approve payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claim
- c. Approve fee reports: Diane Pieper, Clerk of District Court, Oct fees \$934.50; Jason Dwinell, County Sheriff, Sept fees-\$637.50

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

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

Dawn Nelson, a member of the Courthouse Q125 committee, updated the Board on the amount of funds spent in regard to the Christmas tree budget. As of this time \$865.21 of \$2,000.00 has been spent. The Committee has plans to purchase a few more decorations as well as provide a decorated tree for the Christmas on Main event being held November 21-23. The light estimate for illuminating the Courthouse remains the same at \$10,900.00. Burbach felt installation of lights wasn't necessary. Sievers requested Nelson give him examples of buildings nearby that he could visit and observe. The Chamber Coffee is still set for December 13 at 1:00. Bands and singers are scheduled to perform in the afternoon.

Casey Junck, City of Wayne Water/Wastewater Superintendent, appeared before the board to discuss the water meter/water line potential problem. Junck wanted the County to be proactive in addressing the antiquated water line. He feels the infrastructure is old, not functional, and needs to be replaced. Burbach questioned whether another location for the curb stop could be obtained but Junck dismissed that idea since it would include going under either Pearl or 6th street. Junck and Burbach will connect after the meeting to explore the options.

Bids were opened by Kyle Huff, Highway Superintendent, for materials for a CBMP Round 7 five site project that includes Madison County. B's Enterprises had the low bid of \$307,014.60. Huff will review the bid and confirm all specs were met. Upon Huff's recommendation the Board will approve the bid at the next meeting. A motion was made by Rabe, seconded by Burbach to approve Resolution 24-20 authorizing the signing of the Annual Certification of Program Compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Resolution No. 24-20: “Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendents(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent’s appointment, i.e. meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e. employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-end Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Wayne County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 5th day of November, 2024, at Wayne, Nebraska”

County Treasurer, Lisa Lindsay, came before the Board with several items to discuss. She will be ordering a paper folding machine for all offices. She also gave an update on the title fraud training her staff received on October 1. Lindsay presented the distress warrant certifications with 24 given to the Sheriff encompassing multiple years. As of October 31, 2024, 99.58% of taxes had been collected with only a little over \$123,000 remaining unpaid. Lindsay also informed the commissioners that interest income was down due to reduction of funds.

Since the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan Certification is due, the commissioners requested Amy Miller’s presence to explain in more detail the Child Support Agreement with the Dept. of Health & Human Services. She explained that she does not have the staff to direct the program and has contacted DHHS to revisit their agreement. However, they do not have a firm that is available to take over Wayne County. DHHS does reimburse the County’s direct and indirect costs depending on cases filed. The Federal Government also reimburses the County. At this time Miller is doing the work herself with help from the Norfolk office. Commissioners agreed that as Chairman, Terry Sievers, should cast the NACO Voter Registration for the December, 24, election.

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: \$85,866.50; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$158.13; Advanced Consulting Engineering Svs, CO \$1,735.38; Albin, Mark, OE \$571.11; AT & T Mobility, OE \$91.51; Black Hills Energy, OE \$175.33; Bomgaars, SU,RP \$296.64; Carhart Interior Designs, CO \$2,572.00; Cedar County Sheriff, OE \$100.00; Claussen & Sons Irrigation Inc., OE \$135.00; Dept. of Correctional Svcs, OE \$8,621.44; Eakes Office Solutions, SU,RP \$352.57; Election Systems & Software, OE \$8,240.74; First Concord Benefits Group, OE \$400.00; Floor Maintenance, SU \$143.91; Kone, RP \$2,712.00; Main Street Garage LLC, MA,OE \$325.46; Miller Law, OE,ER \$1,632.30; MIPS Inc., ER,SU,CO \$3,165.85; Nebraska Assoc. of County Treasurers, SU \$360.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services, OE \$612.00; Nebraska UC Fund, PS \$4,340.00; Ramirez, Shani, OE \$100.00; Region IV Inc., OE \$10.00; Schenk, Stacy, OE \$475.00; Sears Auto Sales & Towing, OE \$150.00; Security Shredding Services, OE \$100.00; The Station, MA \$33.28; Trane, RP \$9,691.00; Tri-State Communications Inc., CO \$234.00; U.S. Cellular, OE \$941.26; Verizon Wireless, OE \$40.01; Wayne County Clerk of Dist. Court, OE \$36.00; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$214.10; Wayne, City of, OE \$2,422.01; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$19,629.02; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$9,705.40;

County Road Fund: Payroll & Reimbursements: \$62,805.12; B’s Enterprises Inc., MA \$92,852.64; Barco Municipal Products, Inc., SU \$419.53; Black Hills Energy, OE \$47.67; Bomgaars, SU \$489.30; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$14.99; Filtercare of Nebraska, RP \$39.60; Grossenburg, RP \$314.37; Martin Marietta Materials, MA \$5,911.20; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc., MA \$5,696.60; Menard’s, SU \$159.19; Midwest, MA \$3,027.60; NMC Exchange LLC, RP,SU \$2,022.13; Northeast Power, OE \$172.30; SAPP Brothers Inc., SU \$3,753.96; Stanley Petroleum Maint. Inc., RP \$390.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$14,019.24; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,065.59; Husker Asphalt, MA,OE \$22,212.50; Scott’s Automotive, RP \$4,708.83;

Highway Bridge Buyback Fund: Graves Construction Co. Inc., CO \$219,100.11;

Lodging Tax Fund: Hometown Café, Tacos & More, OE \$54.09; Wakefield Community Club, OE \$1,000.00;

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

County Improvement Fund: Gerhold Concrete Company, Inc., CO \$1,710.77; Zach Heating & Cooling, CO \$9,923.76;

Meeting adjourned.

State of Nebraska)

County of Wayne) ss.

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subject included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of November 5, 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 prior to 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 prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of November, 2024.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk