

Wayne, Nebraska  
April 1, 2025

The Wayne County Board of Equalization meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Sievers at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Wayne County Courthouse courtroom. Chairman Sievers, Members Dean Burbach and James Rabe, Clerk Joni Tietz, Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on March 20, 2025. 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 Burbach. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers-aye; motion carried.

Dawn Duffy, Wayne County Assessor, informed the Board that the Village of Hoskins would be leasing out space to a taxable entity. Nine percent of the building was now taxable. Motion made by Rabe, seconded by Burbach to accept to the Assessor's decision. Roll call vote: Rabe, Burbach, Sievers-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 James Rabe at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Wayne County Courtroom. Chairman Rabe, Members Dean Burbach and Terry Sievers, Clerk Joni Tietz, Deputy County Attorney, Ted Lohrberg, and Sheriff Jason Dwinell were present. Notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on March 20, 2025. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted and accessible to the public.

Chairman Rabe presented the following consent agenda items:

- a. Act on March 18, 2025 minutes as printed in the Commissioners Record
- b. Act on payroll; commissioners abstain from approving personal claims
- c. Approve Fee Report of Jason Dwinell, Wayne County Sheriff, of \$1487.94

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

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

Heidi Borg, Ag Liasson for Representative Adrian Smith's office, appeared before the board to give an update on Representative Smith's intentions as a member of the Ways & Means Committee and Chairman of Trade Subcommittee. District 3 is the largest ag producing district. He has reintroduced legislation to promote a hydropower bill to expand investment tax credits. Smith is also a member of the Subcommittee on Health championing for lowering drug costs, expanding telehealth and giving citizens more control over their own health care.

The Board next heard from Doug Deck, Wayne County Weed Superintendent. Deck reported that infestations have been down due to helicopter spraying in the fall. He also reported he along with three others testified in support of LB145-Require Director of Ag to administer a grant program relating to noxious weeds. Weed districts are trying to secure funding through the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District to help manage Phragmites in aquatic acres. Deck will be hiring part-time help for the summer. He will continue to participate in the Yankton River Park Festival educating Junior High students.

Deb Hammer, Wayne County's representative on the Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership Board, presented an annual report. Fourteen counties are a part of the Partnership with 58 years of service. Working with a \$10 million budget including Headstart (75% of which are Hispanic) and immunization clinics, future federal funding may be in jeopardy due to the new administration. They will have grant money available through September. They are in the process of remodeling a former bank in South Sioux City. She will continue to keep the Board apprised of the financial situation of NNCAP.

Wayne County Attorney, Amy Miller, requested the Board's advice in hiring another person for her office. Her current employee was hired only through the school year. Dept. of Health & Human Services is trying to reach an agreement with a law firm in Omaha to take back Child Support collection. It is Miller's hope that by the end of the year Child Support will be back to DHHS. Due to the duties of County attorney Miller's current secretary, Cristy Jorgensen, many times the office is left unattended. She was authorized to advertise for help at a starting wage of \$18 with the potential of 32-37.5 hours per week.

Kyle Huff, Wayne County Highway Superintendent, presented two quotes for 7x40 metal culverts for Dist. 2. Midwest Service and B's Enterprises met the specifications with Midwest submitting a quote for \$19,938, 12 gauge headwalls. B's Enterprises submitted a quote for \$19,850, 8 gauge headwall. B's Enterprises was \$88 cheaper. Commissioner Burbach wants to have specs state corrugated sheet metal headwalls.

Wayne County Treasurer, Lisa Lindsay, presented the board with 2023 and prior unpaid taxes sold at public tax sale on Monday, March 3. In June anything unsold will be brought for County Tax Sale. She stated delinquent taxes never disappear. She also wanted Board to know that there are fees involved with tax sales.

Joining Lindsay was Wayne County Assessor, Dawn Duffy, to present information regarding security for their offices. Wayne County did receive permission from the State Historical Society to add security measures while maintaining the same stain and design of the baseboard. Four places had been contacted with two returning quotes for the project including Otte Construction and JMB Contracting LLC. Both would design off-site and the finished product would be brought in with a fall starting date. Sievers made a motion that JMB Contracting LLC be approved for the project if the Treasurer gets verbal assurance from JMB that everything would be same as quote from other contractor with a cost of \$36,673.30. Burbach seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-aye. Motion carried.

Four lawn care bids were opened. Two bids only included mowing, one bid included only spraying and one bid included both mowing and spraying. After contacting Chad Mackling from White Dog Lawn Service, to clarify spraying information, Burbach made a motion to accept the bid of \$200 per mowing and \$410 per spraying of a four step procedure from White Dog Lawn Service. Sievers seconded the motion. Other bids came from Y & Y Spraying, Ping Lawncare and Ryan Karsky. Roll call vote: Burbach, Sievers, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Pat Brentlinger, Wayne County Maintenance, reported he found mortar on the ground from losing some of the new stone and old tuckpointing. It was recommended by Sievers to contact architect, Jerry Berggren, regarding the problems that are occurring. Sievers will send an email to Berggren requesting direction to go for repair. Sievers had talked to Wayne Korth about staining the wood above the East entrance where the veneer has peeled. Nothing has yet been done.

Dean Burbach reported that he had been in touch with Hugo Plumbing & Heating regarding the water meter change. They would be completing Sheriff's Office first after they got the meter from the City of Wayne.

Motion made by Sievers and seconded by Burbach to approve the following claims after changing #25000031, line 3, from District 2 to District 3. Roll call vote: Sievers, Burbach, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

**General Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$68,939.92; Albin, Mark, OE \$5,239.74; AT & T Mobility, OE \$91.52; Bomgaars, SU \$34.46; Des Moines Stamp Mfg Co, SU \$66.00; Eakes Office Solutions, SU \$236.83; Ecolab Pest Elimination Service, OE \$65.11; Egley, Fullner, Montag, etc., OE \$5,043.39; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, etc., OE \$636.70; Floor Maintenance, SU \$204.11; Jorgensen Law, OE \$1,659.75; Miller Law, OE,ER \$1,630.65; NACO, OE \$275.00; Nebraska Assoc. of Co Engineers, etc., OE \$535.00; Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, OE \$175.00; One Office Solution, OE \$104.87; Platte County Detention Facility, OE \$550.00; Quadient Leasing, ER, \$1,049.70; Quality 1 Graphics, SU \$50.00; State Nebraska Bank, SU \$39.44; The Station, MA \$29.62; Wayne County Clerk of Dist. Court, OE \$112.00; Wayne County Sheriff, OE \$216.98; Schenk, Stacy, OE \$475.00; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$15,305.78; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$7,899.45;

**County Road Fund:** Payroll & Reimbursements: \$40,253.60; Ace Hardware & Home, SU \$13.22; Bomgaars, RP,SU \$804.02; Cornhusker International Trucks, RP \$557.64; Grossenburg Implement, RP,MA \$100.51; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc Inc, CO \$12,677.50; Martin Marietta Materials, MA \$3,838.95; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, SU \$260.82; Matteo Sand & Gravel Co Inc, MA \$18,586.26; NMC Exchange, RP,MA \$31,307.84; Northeast Power, OE \$223.32; Sioux City Truck Sales, RP \$167.06; RDO Truck Centers, RP \$970.04; Seals & Service Inc, RP \$2,564.94; Weldon Parts Norfolk, RP \$367.53; Nebraska Bank Acct #244-220, PS \$8,297.62; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, PS \$4,524.03;

Meeting Adjourned.

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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 April 1, 2025, 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 1st day of April, 2025.

Joni Tietz, Wayne County Clerk