

July 9, 2024

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:30 AM and the meeting was called to order as advertised, with David McGregor, Dick Donner and Craig Bartels answering roll call. Also, present County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Chairman McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt presented inventories to each commissioner for them to review with their men to make sure they are accurate. She then opened discussion on a road in precinct 19 that was upgraded. Motion to pass Resolution 24-3 was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to upgrade the classification of 560 Ave between 865 and 866 Road from minimum maintenance to local. Motion carried 3-0. Schmidt presented summaries of STP and Bridge funds that are required to be reported to the state. Details for each district were shared with the board on funds received, spent, and current balances. Commissioners agreed with her numbers and she will send the certification in to the state.

Elaine Menzel, legal counsel with NACO was present to provide updates to the board. She shared upcoming events within NACO. She thanked the board for being a member of the National Association of County Officials and opened discussion with a legislative update. As inheritance tax continues to be debated, the goal is still to have sustainable replacement revenue. Interim studies are being done within her office to evaluate data for replacement revenue as well as unfunded mandates that could be eliminated. Special session for the Unicameral is expected to be called by the Governor July 25. LB938 is the county operations bill with changes for the current year. Finally, Elaine thanked the commissioners for communicating with our senators.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel presented the following building permits to the board: Douglas Hahne 40x28 commodity building, Leonard & Sharon Haas bathroom addition, Ron & Suzette LeFebvere bathroom addition.

At 10:00 AM, Chairman McGregor welcomed the library directors from the three libraries within Cedar County for a discussion on continued funding from the county. Tami Anderson, director of the Hartington Public Library presented information on the work they do. She stated her library is open 48 hours a week and circulates three times the amount of peer libraries. She asked the commissioners to reach out to rural taxpayers for their opinion on how the library should be funded. Tami is requesting 10% of their total budget, \$18,000 of the county. Lindsay Lenhoff, a rural patron and board member of the library, spoke on behalf of the library. She stated it is not only a place for her children to enhance their literacy but also a safe haven. Peggy Leiting, director from Randolph then presented and shared how their library is ran and highlighted some of the programs they have going. They are open 35 hours a week and are requesting either a 10% increase from last year (\$7,150) or align with Hartington's request of 10% of their budget, which would be \$8,860. Finally, Bob Parsons with the Laurel Community Learning Center shared how their library is a hybrid model since it is part of the school and shares personnel with the school. The school also maintains the facilities. He would like to use our continued funding to focus on promotion so more members of the community know they are there, as well as continued programming. Donner contributed that he felt funding based on a percentage of their respective budgets may be more fair. Their total budget is approximately \$36,000. A decision on funding was tabled until the next meeting.

At 11:00 AM, Donner made a motion to enter Board of Equalization and that motion was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried 3-0. Assessor Becky Dresden came in to present her recommendations to the board on the 19 protests filed with the Clerk. Upon hearing her recommendations, Donner made a motion to approve the recommended changes to parcels 26 and 2705 and deny the protests on parcels 3257,1869.02, 1875, 1922, 1869, 1855, 1871.01, 1869.01, 1866, 1863, 1862, 1624, 3930, 3931, 4081.01, 5055 and 199.01. This motion was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried 3-0. Assessor Dresden then submitted one Form 425 for destroyed property to the board for parcel 1968. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the Form 425. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to exit the Board of Equalization was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried 3-0.

Assessor Dresden then submitted her three year plan of assessment to the board and they reviewed it. Motion to accept her plan was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried 3-0. Dresden also submitted omitted personal property for approval on schedules 1271, 2124, 2506, 4143, 6105, 6923, 7261, 7331, 7372, 752, 7592, 7618, 7623, 7629, 7632, 7646, 7658, 7663, 7664, 7669, 7676, 7677, 7678, 7679, 7680, 7681, 7682, and 7683. Some schedules were for multiple years. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the omitted schedules. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Schmit presented information received from TextMyGov for a texting service for taxpayers on reminders, alerts, etc. At a price tag of a minimum of \$4,500 annually, commissioners decided to wait to implement such a service.

Clerk Schmit requested approval for a journal entry for Fund 2914 for \$22.14 due to Emergency Management exceeding their expenditure amount for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The journal entry would be effective June 30, 2024. Motion to approve the journal entry was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried 3-0.

Bartels reminded the board that today, July 9, was the effective date of County Attorney Nick Matney's resignation. Motion was made by Bartels to appoint Deputy County Attorney Ron Temple to fill that vacancy effective today. McGregor seconded that motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Monthly fee reports were presented and reviewed by the board.

With no further business or agenda items, the following claims were reviewed for payment and the meeting was declared adjourned.

**GENERAL FUND:** Total Salaries 193,987.71; Aflac 1,214.88; BCBS 64,156.48; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 1,703.48; Lincoln Ntl Life 855.97; Nationwide Retire 50.00; Nebr Dept of Rev 6,664.40; Retire Plans Div of Am 22,071.97; Security Bank 14,552.89; Security Bank 29,270.90; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; Appera 99.80; Arts Garb Svc 224.00; Bank of Hart 60.00; Ben Beckman 166.43; Blk Hills Eng. 100.76; Bruce Blatchford 285.00; Bomgaars 39.94; Carhart 47.98; Cedar Co CLK of Dist Court 36.00; Cedar Co Court 66.00; Cedar Co Sheriff 48.80; Cedar Co Treas. 750,000.00; Cedar/Knox Pub. PWR Dist 340.83; City of Hart 533.27; Comfort Inn 239.90; Cont. Alarm/Detection 812.50; Das State Acct Cent Finance 1,198.60; Dodge Co. 3,912.42; Double A Lawn Care 928.00; Becky Dresden 284.00; Eakes Off Sol. 1,968.98; EFMME 496.93; Farmers Union 205.34; field Fire 1,328.39; Floor Maint & Supply 123.99; Embassy- Lincoln 214.00; Farmers Union 80.40; Floor Maint. & Supply 370.91; Food Town 1,405.79; Grt. American Lease Corp 107.51; Green Dot 5,039.27; Megan Hanefeldt 136.68; Hartelco 1,801.15; NE Health & Human Svcs 186.00; Hometown Leasing 732.61; KPL LLP 5,185.22; David Koch 720.00; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; NPPD 2,493.32; NE Neb News Co 218.06; Sally Opfer 1,010.75; Peitz GMC Svcs 78.65; Mahaska 35.00; Quadient INC 525.30; Ramada GI321.00; Region IV Inc 3,195.50; Riverside Tec Inc 3,249.50; Jessica Schmit 259.96; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Jackie Steffen 609.87; Tri-State Turf 82.80; US Cellular 220.62; Verizon 476.51; Voyager Fleet Syst INC 1,650.88; Voyager Fleet Syst 150.48; Jean Wiebelhaus 221.10; Winkelbauer Repair 489.14; X-Pert Lawn & Land 386.65; Yankton Daily P&D 235.14

**ROAD FUND:** Total Salaries 133,176.44; Aflac 958.87; BCBS 46,270.69; Empower Retire 475.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept of Rev 5,114.17; Retire Plans Div of Am 14,802.37; Security Bank 11,583.40; Security Bank 20,232.80; A-OX Welding 43.67; Appera 384.01; Arnies Ford 65.10; Avera Med 119.00; Backus sand/Gravel 55,184.82; BLK Hills ENG 87.34; Chad Boeckman 270.00; Bomgaars 242.97; Cat Financial Svcs Corp 4,242.16; Cedar/Knox Pub PWR Dist 295.29; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 58.15; CVA 363.79; Christensen Well 2,676.22; City of Hart 110.07; City of Laurel 112.69; City of Randolph 41.46; Coleridge Welding Inc 25.13; Cornhusker Int. Inc. 100,238.96; Crowne Plaza 419.85; Detlefsen Const. 7,735.00; Farmers Union 9,138.71; Filter Care of NE 119.75; Fischer F&S 97.27; Fordyce Farmers Coop 101.41; Gill Hauling INC 27.93; Great Plains Com Inc 137.34; Grossenburg Imp 7,466.80; Hansen Bro Parts & Svcs 4,588.28; Hartelco 256.40; Hart Shopper 74.80; Hart Truck Auto parts Inc 73.15; Hefner Oil & Feed Co 8,318.79; Herbst Cost Inc 87,868.19; Pat Janke 12,832.92; Jerry's Svcs Inc 5,889.23; Kayton International (Crofton) 1,375.56; Knife River 56,624.34; Laurel True Value 94.99; Laurel Welding 11,424.89; Lawson Products Inc. 76.65; Leiting Auto Supply 48.50; LG Everist Inc 11,507.24; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 38,608.50; Medical Enterprises Inc 140.00; Napa Auto- Yankton 234.98; NPPD 145.60; NMC Exchange LLC 106.07; NMC Exchange LLC 2,557.64; NMC Exchange LLC 4,428.23; Nutr. Ag Sol. 482.85; Pauls Welding 42.20; Peitz GMS 481.54; Poms Tire 2,912.16; Randolph Farm Supply 5,477.13; Raths Mini Mart 558.08;

Riverside Hydraulics 737.77; Road Builders 3,332.20; Schmitt Const Inc 5,552.13; Shurco 244.00; Spencer Quarries Inc 1,653.90; Benjie Steffen 317.56; Steven Uhing 65.00; US Cellular 310.36; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager Fleet Systems Inc 286.49; Wattier True Value 29.97; Wiebelhaus PDR LLC 457.80; Wiebelhaus Trucking 300.00; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 826.04; Wynot Oil 11,778.83

**CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND:** Total Salaries 37,137.82; BCBS 7,639.74; First Concord Ben 354.16; NE Dept of Rev 906.70; Retire Plans Div of Am 4,062.12; Security Bank 1,495.93; Security Bank 5,627.90; Appera 94.12; Nolan Becker 500.00; Blk Hills Eng 51.11; City of Hart 114.78; Farmers Union 6,895.00; Folkers Bro Garage 368.62; Sheila Grinvold 37.33; Hartelco 102.94; NPPD 139.41; NE Neb News Co 63.08; NP Mart 3,283.83; Nikki Pinkelman 614.06; Raths Mini Mart 46.06; Verizon 347.85; X-Pert Lawn 462.00

**HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** Optk Networks 802.12

**INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Antelope Co Sheriff 135.00; Boone Co Sheriff Dept 1,885.00; State of NE Correctional Dept 3,285.46

**E911 FUND:** APCO Int. 513.00; Dell Marketing 2,241.40; Fastwyre 155.00; Great Plains Comm 169.44; Hartelco 445.02; NE Nebr Tele 353.26

**E911 WIRELESS FUND:** City of Norfolk 298.24; OPTK Networks 836.66

**Courthouse Bond Fund:** Knife River Midwest LLC 146,92.48

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McGregor, Board Chairman