

September 10, 2024

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:00 AM and opened the Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as advertised in the legal newspapers of the county. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments and answer questions regarding to the budget.

At 8:30 AM the regular county board of commissioners 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 Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a recap of the safety meeting held Monday September 9. Schmidt then opened discussion on a road on the Cedar/Dixon County line that has not been used as a road for at least thirty years. Technically the road has not been legally vacated. She has spoken with our county attorney and he suggested setting up meetings with the land owners and Dixon County. That is where it stands and she will update the board as things move along. County surveyor, Tim Gobel, was in the room for this discussion and suggested if a road is to be vacated, that the section corners be located prior to the road closure for preservation of the stones that are present.

Schmidt then presented a compilation of budget information for the road department only as a requirement from the state. She also had an equipment repair expense report, including the hours of operation for equipment for the calendar year.

Chairman McGregor opened discussion with the board regarding spraying at the new tower site. Y & Y Lawn Service was contacted and will visit the site with McGregor later this week. Bids for spraying next year will be sought from Y & Y and the organization that sprays substations for CKPPD.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits to the board: Maxwell Rasmussen 30x27 house addition and 30x36 attached garage; Dennis Arens 10x20 shed; Ed Scdoris 30x60 machine shed; Mike Stone deck; Kevin Schieffer 30x36 machine shed addition.

Clerk Schmit stated County Attorney Ron Temple had gotten back to her and had reviewed the EagleView Contract for aerial photos. Temple had no reservations about the contract and asked Schmit to consult with assessor Dresden to ensure the product stated in the contract is correct. With that confirmation, the board approved and signed the contract.

Monthly fee reports were presented to and reviewed by the board.

Motion by Donner and seconded by McGregor to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Emergency Manager Kevin Garvin came before the board to discuss the EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant). This is a Federal grant that has quarterly and annual requirements in order to qualify for the funds. The application is due September 20 and he was seeking board approval to apply. The board approved this application process and Garvin will follow up with clerk Schmit for paperwork as needed.

At 11 AM a hearing was opened for setting the final tax request for 2024-2025 fiscal year. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, setting the County Levy at .243287. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

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

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 193,075.78; Aflac 1,424.96; BCBS 58,829.70; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl Life 885.59; Nationwide Retire 50.00; Nebr Dept of Rev 6,376.30; Retire Plans Div of Am 21,937.77; Security Bank 13,960.02; Security Bank 29,071.11; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; Appera 99.80; Arts Garb Svc 224.00; AT & T 93.70; Auto Hosp. 1,000.00; Stan Becker 52.01; Ben Beckman 219.09; BLK Hills Energy 85.70; Bruce Blatchford 540.00; Bomgaars 263.76; Canon Fin. Serv. 184.00; Cedar Co CLK of Dist Court 287.70; Cedar Co Court 83.00; Cedar Co Treasurer 500,000.00; Cedar/Knox Pub. PWR Dist 333.88; CVA 59.53; City of Hart 2,375.07; Das State Acct Cent Finance 1,133.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 112.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Dell Marketing 2,018.69; Gene Dickes 50.67; Double A

Lawn Care 570.00; Becky Dresden 49.58; Eakes Office Sol. 2,742.53; EFMME 772.44; Farmers Union 224.53; Floor Maint, & Supply 151.00; Food Town 102.05; Hartelco 1,822.48; Hartelco Tele. 262.50; Hart Truck 7 Auto Parts 148.99; NE Health & Human Svcs 372.00; Janelle Heikes 1,087.05; Hiway 84 Auto & RV Wash 58.00; Hometown Leasing 106.73; Kardel Auto 181.33; KPL LLP 5,185.22; Austin Korth 76.80; Kruse True Value 6.58; Laurel Advocate 51.00; Lynn Peavey Comp. 44.81; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; NACO 55.00; NPPD 2,974.64; NE Neb. News Co. 1,163.54; Mahaska 55.00; Region four Behavioral Health System 7,049.25; Riverside Tec Inc 3,249.50; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Ron Stapelman 71.44; Steffen Drug 33.89; Jackie Steffen 126.13; John Steffen 55.36; Diane Sudbeck 84.95; US Cellular 492.22; Verizon 407.53; Vets Info Serv. 65.00; Visual Edge It, Inc 24.91; Voyager Fleet Syst INC 1,412.38; Voyager Fleet Syst 97.94; Janet Wiechelman 143.28; Mick Wiepen 76.80; X-Pert Lawn & Land 740.00; Zero 9 Holsters 142.80

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 134,740.58; A-OX Welding 43.67; Appera 810.51; Auto Hospital 1,000.00; Avera Med. Group 94.00; B's Enterprises Inc. 14,912.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 35,308.04; BLK Hills Eng. 87.00; Bomgaars 1,597.89; Carhart Lumber Co. 2,373.58; Cat Financial Svcs. Corp 4,242.16; Cedar/Knox Pub PWR Dist. 158.77; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 64.28; CVA 4,114.24; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 94.06; Coleridge Welding Inc 759.07; Detlefsen Const LLC 2,210.00; Richard Donner 39.88; Farmers Union 16,386.97; Filter Care of NE 94.60; Folkers Bros Garage 6,339.52; Fordyce Farmers Nonstock Coop 1,227.89; Gill Hauling INC 27.93; Great Plains Com Inc 150.41; Grossenburg Imp 10,781.47; Kelly Hammer 100.00; Hansen Bro Parts & Svcs. 3,082.43; Hartelco 256.40; Hart. Truck & Auto Parts INC. 84.35; Hefner Oil & Feed Co 10,016.36; Melvin Jansen 2,935.80; JD Financial \$75,000.00; Kayton International (Crofton) 781.46; Knife River 34,680.53; Koletzky Imp. 152.10; Kruse True Value 2,229.76; Laurel True Value 176.83; Laurel Hometown Market 4.45; Leiting Auto Supply 20.92; LG Everist Inc 19,787.58; Meidcal Enterprises Inc 105.00; Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. 602.35; NPPD 177.61; NMC Exchange LLC 2,313.0; NMC Exchange LLC 4,076.83; NMC Exchange LLC 26,214.70; Peitz GMC 592.71; Poms Tire 184.00; Randolph Farm Supply 2,922.03; Raths Mini Mart 470.58; Riverside Hydraulics Inc. 251.46; Spencer Quarries Inc. 2,210.80; TD Gubbels Trucking 1,105.00; Top Crop Inc. 1,573.60; Truck Center Co-Norfolk 412.87; Truck Trailer Sales & Srv. Inc. 1,974.28; US Cellular 289.65; Village of Wynot 114.87; Voyager Fleet Syst. INC 219.47; Wiebelhaus Svcs. 73.59; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 914.24; Wynot Oil 19,022.24; Aflac 1,210.34; BC-BS 46,270.69; Empower Retirement 475.00; First Concord Benefits Group LLC 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 5,130.62; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 14,978.33; Security Bank 11,594.35; Security Bank 20,472.14

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 44,719.91; BCBS 7,639.74; First Concord Ben 683.32; NE Dept of Rev 1,143.23; Retire Plans Div of Am 4,941.03; Security Bank 2,114.90; Security Bank 6,737.64; Appera 94.12; Nolan Becker 1,200.00; Blk Hills Eng 48.04; City of Hart 162.93; Farmers Union 5,843.82; Hartelco 102.94; Hart Post Office 100.00; Hart Truck/Auto Parts Inc. 44.99; NE Public Power Dist. 193.12; Nikki Pinkelman 133.62; Raths Mini Mart 46.32; Verizon 387.92; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 1,229.28; X-Pert Lawn 435.00

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: II & Security LLC 19,000; Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Boone Co Health Center 2,015.00; Elgin Pharmacy 53.11; State of NE Correctional Dept 2,808.22

E911 FUND: Fastwyre 155.00; Great Plains Comm 61.92; Hansen Locksmithing Inc. 45.00; Hartelco 431.02; Lexipol 321.30; Motorola 44,638.00; NE Nebr Tele 353.26; Police Legal Science Inc 720.00

E911 WIRELESS FUND: OPTK Networks 836.66

County Visitors Promotion Fund: Rob Merrill 175.00

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman