

November 12, 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 Attorney Ron Temple and County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Chairman McGregor stated the open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the October 22, 2024 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt presented three right of way permits for District 1. All permits were approved as presented by Commissioner Donner. She then shared information received from the L&CNRD regarding irrigation wells that have been approved. All pivot points are planned to be in the middle of the section so there is no impact to the roads. Discussion was then held on the new rural water line being dug in District 1. Permits and a release of liability have been supplied by the contractor for all areas where they will cross the road or occupy the county's right of way. There are only four small areas they will occupy the right of way and it is due to a grove of trees or building site in the way to stay on private property. Commissioner Donner approved all the water line permits as presented.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following conditional use permits that had been approved by the zoning board: Richard Feilmeier, split off 5 acres, and Rodney Flaugh to split an existing house off, 7.93 acres. Motion to approve the permits as presented was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, came before the board to present her distress warrant certification. The total this year was \$30,809.92.

A bid for snow removal at the courthouse was discussed for the 24-25 winter. One bid was received by Opfer Construction. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to accept the bid. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. McGregor stated he would contact the company that handled snow removal at the transit building last year.

Clerk Schmit presented a design and estimate from xpert lawn and landscaping to plant new plants and shrubs in front of the old courthouse and in areas as needed around the new addition. It is too late this fall to plant anything so chairman McGregor will discuss with Brad and the commissioners will approve for spring planting.

Discussion was held on the mass notification system with information provided by Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, who was unable to be in attendance. Chairman McGregor led the discussion as he was able to meet with Garvin and learn more about it. There are four vendors being considered: ReGroup, HyperReach, Code Red/Onsolve, and Text my Gov. County Attorney, Ron Temple, shared his thoughts that this is something that is expected by constituents and not cost prohibitive. McGregor asked Sheriff Koranda if he felt it could be handled by dispatch and Koranda agreed. Motion was made by McGregor to move forward with HyperReach as mass notification system effective January 1 and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to enter executive session at 9:37 AM as requested by County Attorney, Ron Temple. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made at 9:50 AM by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Upon exit of executive session, no action was taken.

At 10:00 AM, Hartelco and their subcontractor for fiberoptic lines, EDD Construction, was to be in attendance but called last minute and the contractor could not be in attendance. Discussion was held on our utility policy and what the expectations are for contractors. The permits state that the applicant agrees to the occupancy in accordance with the terms and conditions of the utility policy and that the county requires the roadway be restored to its former condition and may require compaction, grading, and graveling as deemed necessary by the county.

Monthly reports were reviewed by the board. Claims were reviewed and approved for payment.

At 11:00 AM, the public hearing was opened for the Road Reclassification for 886 Rd beginning 650' W of Hwy 57, and continuing west 4,583' to 562 Ave. intersection has had very little use and has not been signed as minimum maintenance because it has been classified as a local road. The county has been treating it as a minimum maintenance road and would like to classify it as such so we can sign it as such. It will have a 40' right of way. Kelly Konken asked who took Samuelsen's fence out and who put it back in. McGregor stated Samuelsen paid for the wire and the county paid for the rest. Konken asked why his sister had to pay for her fence to come out and be put back in. Konken is asking for the trail from his pasture and to Gerard's farm be left as is because he is concerned someone will end up in the dam in the pasture. The reason the county offered to pay for part of Samuelsen's is because they were told by some Highway Superintendent Schmidt, stated that the entire purpose of the road classification is to get access to the Arens property. Arens asked who would be liable if someone would go through the dead end and end up hitting or in the dam. Konken continued to ask if the trail between the Arens and Konken property could be left alone as a trail. Schmidt stated the county needs to keep the road standards. Resolution 24-10 to reclassify the road was read by Schmidt. Motion to approve the resolution was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

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

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 188,140.96; Aflac 1,424.96; BCBS 61,376.28; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,270.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 882.66; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 6,217.33; Retire Plans Div of Am 21,107.28; Security Bank 13,652.45; Security Bank 28,316.22; Washington Ntl. Ins 27.35; Appera 249.50; Arts Garb Svc 224.00; AT & T 93.70; Stan Becker 52.01; Ben Beckman 40.20; Blk. Hills Eng. 193.13; Bruce Blatchford 832.50; Bomgaars 131.96; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Cedar Co Clerk of Dist. Court 110.00; Cedar Co. Court 127.00; Cedar Co Historical Soc. 7,000.00; Cedar Co Sheriff 328.92; Cedar Co. Treasurer 500,00.00; CNPP. Dist. 285.83; City of Hart 581.27; Chad Claussen 5.00; Climate Systems Inc. 1,160.50; Consolidated Management Co. 40.10; D & J 88.67; Das State Acct Cent Finance 738.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Gene Dickes 60.67; David Dowling 900.00; Eakes Off Sol. 569.87; Election Systems 7,395.58; Farmers Union 864.22; Feilmeier Elec. 2,201.05; Floor Maint, & Supply 190.70; Food Town 1,230.14; Forvis LLP 21,000.00; Kevin Garvin 54.16; Gothier Body Shop 80.00; Francesca Grijalva 222.60; Artic Hall 500.00; Jay Hall 500.00; Megan Hanefeldt 89.08; Hansen Locksmithing Inc. 32.80; Hartelco 1,852.69; NE Health & Human Servs. 180.00; Hiway 84 Auto & RV Wash 80.25; Hometown Leasing 1,425.25; Jack's Uniforms & Equip. 3,668.94; Johnsons Plumbing & Heating 133.55; Kardell's Auto 1,154.61; KPL LLP 5,185.22; David Koch 180.00; LaQuinta Inn 344.85; Dan Lipp 87.52; Michelle Loecker 62.91; Matthew Bender & Co. 2,171.83; MIPS Inc 4,754.54; NACO 1,1440.00; NE Assoc of Co. Treasurers 360.00; NPPD 2,102.12; NE Community College 800.00; NE Neb. News Co. 3,980.88; Olsons Pest Tech 130.00; Opfer Const. 3,200.00; Sally Opfer 528.06; Osmond General Hospital 1,225.00; Peitz GMC 494.23; Mahaska 67.00; Physicians Lab PC 1,000.00; Randolph Times 51.00; Randy Kathol 749.70; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,249.50; Sanford Health 1,255.00; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Scott Stanton 187.60; Ron Stapleman 71.44; Steffen Drug 248.74; Jackie Steffen 583.31; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson 24,891.34; Ronald Temple 211.04; Tri State Comm 90.00; Tri State Irrigation 712.50; US Bank 2,594.27; US Cellular 362.54; Verizon 322.73; Visual Edge It, Inc 18.65; Voyager Fleet Syst INC 1,153.37; Voyager Fleet Syst 120.33; Cara Wiebelhaus 118.59; Jean Wiebelhaus 214.40; Janet Wiechelman 383.82; Mick Wiepen 76.80

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 98,157.64; AFLAC 1,210.34; BCBS 45,950.00; Empower Retirement 475.00; 1st Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 3,205.95; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 10,862.71; Sec Bank 7,306.87; Sec Bank 14,875.00; A-OX Welding 42.53; Appera 818.48; Art Kathol Appliance 17,980.00; B's Enterprises Inc. 18,866.00; Backus Sand & Gravel 47,549.90; Blk Hills Eng. 265.05; Bomgaars 1,166.04; Cap Gravel 5,885.18; Carhart Lumber Co. 268.96; Carlson Home & Auto 804.56; Cat Financial Svcs. Corp 155,773.31; CNPP Dist. 503.14; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 66.53; Central Valley Ag 426.29; City of Hart 135.90; City of Laurel 96.47; City of Randolph 65.83; Colonial Research Chem. Corp. 513.36; Dinkels 595.55; Farmers Union 6,332.15; Filter Care of NE 390.55; Folkers Bros Garage 13,573.25; Gill Hauling INC 27.93; Grham Tire Co. 560.82; Great Plains Com Inc 125.32; Grossenburg Imp. 12,151.28; Hansen Bro. Parts 1,588.23; Hartelco 257.16; Hart. Truck & Auto Parts INC. 59.27; Hefner Oil & Feed Co 12,038.15; Melvin Jansen 4,132.94; Jerrys Service 8,196.06; Jim River Fencing 5,600.00; Kaiser Appliance 69.98; Kayton International (Crofton) 4,233.43; Knife River 37,301.46; Kruse True Value 259.98; Lawson Products 492.9; LG Everist Inc 26,682.27; Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. 5,286.53; Napa (Yankton) 29.98; NPPD 120.95; NMC Exchange LLC 1,239.28; NMC Exchange LLC 1,973.07; NMC Exchange LLC 477.57; Northeast Glass 4,530.00; NE Neb. News 91.44; NP Mart 76.88; Nutrient AG Sol. 752.00; Peitz GMC 507.00; Pomp's Tire 1,964.48; Randolph Farm Supply 1,384.56; Rath's Mini Mart 146.76; Road Builders 131.01; Ken Schmidt 992.50; Carla Schmidt 285.42; Sidedump'R Trailer 2,410.20; Titan Machinery (Yankton) 175.00; Top Crop 524.56; US Bank 120.83; US Cellular 289.80; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. 312.70; Wattier True Value 14.97; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 2,598.89; Wynot Oil 21,237.10

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 37,835.66; Cross/Blue Shield 7,639.74; First Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 913.75; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,166.53; Sec Bank 1,534.31; Sec Bank 5,684.34; Appera 145.62; BLK Hills Eng. 111.11; City of Hart 177.70; Farmers Union 5,565.70; Folkers Bros Garage 1,061.64; Ashley Gowery 285.51; Hartelco 103.19; Meyer Signs 688.00; NE Dept. of Transportation 15,308.00; NE Public Power Dist. 130.41; Olson's Pest 75.00; Nikki Pinkelman 621.24; Rath's Mini Mart 58.93; US Bank 1,521.38; Verizon 608.44

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Dell Marketing 38,531.05; Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 2,015.00; Elgin Pharmacy 27.29; State of NE Dept Correctional 2,715.73

E911 FUND: APCO International 108.00; Batteries Plus 175.03; Fastwyre Broadband 310.00; Gov. Connection 109.85; Great Plains Comm. 115.68; Hartelco 442.72; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26; US Bank 409.74; United Comm Group 3,200.00

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

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman