

December 10, 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 Craig Bartels, David McGregor, and Dick Donner 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 Bartels to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the November 26, 2024 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Brent Driver, 26x32 detached garage, Dan Fischer, 30x40 shop building, Mike Schurman 60x80 machine shed, Maxwell Rasmussen 40x46 house with a 30x40 attached garage.

At 8:45 AM, Ron Temple and Hanna Knox-Jensen joined the meeting via conference call. Ryan Cwach was in attendance at this time. Knox-Jensen introduced the situation with her client, Greg McQuay who owns an old church building in Magnet he would like to sell as a residential property but it is zoned as commercial. Tim Gobel shared that he does not believe there is a written interlocal agreement between the village of Magnet and Cedar County. Ron Temple shared that he believes Magnet would like to walk away from the zoning they have in place. Unless we have an interlocal agreement to manage the Magnet zoning he doesn't know how the county can have jurisdiction there. The village board would have the jurisdiction. Mr. Temple asked Gobel to look for any interlocal agreement or resolution in the zoning regulations that would give clear direction for the situation. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to table the discussion until 10:00 on January 14, 2025. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 9:12 AM, Chairman McGregor made a motion to enter executive session to complete a performance evaluation required for emergency management. The motion was seconded by Donner and the motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 9:22 AM motion was made by Donner to exit executive session and this motion was seconded Bartels. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. No action was taken.

Fee reports were reviewed by the board.

Clerk Schmit shared that the county was awarded a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for scrap tire collection in 2025. The county was approved for 1,000 tons. A brief discussion was held on the timeframe of when the collection will be held and how or if we need to try to keep better track of the volume being collected so we don't go over our limit. Most likely collection will be scheduled for June 2025.

Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, presented information on the Knox County Contract for the transit system. She shared how they have increased quantity of rides for Knox County residents and therefore feels a raise in the monthly fee for the contract is justified. Pinkelman proposed a \$400/month increase. McGregor made a motion to approve the increase from \$2,100 to \$2,500 for Knox County and Bartels seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Pinkelman has sent the Knox County clerk this information and will present it to their board tomorrow.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, updated the commissioners on irrigation well permits sent to her by the NRD. None of the permits appear to have the center point along a road so of no concern to the road department. Schmidt then discussed the safety meeting held Monday and the plans in process for the annual safety meeting in the new year. She invited the small safety committee to think of ideas for the annual meeting. She reminded the commissioners to start thinking about their One and Six year plans.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board and presented an updated contract for IamResponding due to a couple of errors. Kevin invited the commissioners to an emergency management preparedness exercise in Wayne January 9 from 10-2. On the 27th of January they are doing cybersecurity training from 1-4 PM, also in Wayne. Discussion was held on our insurance company's requirements for coverage of cybersecurity claims. Clerk Schmit will research if our policy has specific requirements and will coordinate with Kevin to be sure we are covered.

Clerk Schmit updated the board on the ongoing PTO discussion. After approval from the county attorney, the board also approved the updated policy as presented. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the policy as amended. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Assessor, Becky Dresden, came before the board to present a contract for training of all employees in the assessor's office with an individual they have used in the past. The board reviewed the contract but no action was taken on this contract. Assessor Dresden also announced to the board that she will be retiring after the first of the year.

Discussion was then held on whether to have a meeting on December 24. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Monday, December 23 at 8:00 AM.

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

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 203,539.37; Aflac 1,081.54; BCBS 58,829.70; Colonial Life 924.16; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl. Life 908.28; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept of Rev 7,050.10; Retire Plans Div of Am 23,198.56; Security Bank 16,479.39; Security Bank 30,574.49; Washington Ntl. Ins 27.35; Alcohol

Countermeasure Syst. 141.84; Nicole Allvin 53.60; Anderson Body Shop 1,000.00; Appera 99.80; AT & T 93.80; Avera Medic. Grp. 631.00; Bank of Hart. 18.00; Blk. Hills Eng. 99.95; Bruce Blatchford 2,430.00; Blue 360 Media 195.30; Bomgaars 379.97; B5 Aerial 400.00; Canon Fin. Serv. 92.00; Carhart 19.99; Cedar Co. Court 68.00; Cedar Co. Treasurer 230,00.00; CNPP. Dist. 253.32; City of Hart 338.87; Continental Alarm & Detection 810.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 1,133.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Des Moines Stamp 23.55; Becky Dresden 14.97; Eakes Off Sol. 502.53; E,F,M,M,E 1,964.18; Farmers Union 143.33; Ann Fischer 86.04; Floor Maint, & Supply 297.07; Food Town 1,216.10; Galyen Boettcher Bair 814.43; Gov Connections 175.21; Arianne Greiner 53.60; Hartelco 1,857.29; Hartelco Computers 84.83; Hartington Shopper 878.83; NE Health & Human Servs. 186.00; Janelle Heikes 231.49; Hiway 84 Auto & RV Wash 28.00; Hometown Leasing 765.99; Heather Jones 11.55; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 486.79; Kardell's Auto 70.49; KPL Law Office 1,192.59; KPL LLP 5,185.22; Kruse True Value 191.18; Landmark Surv. 240.00; MIPS Inc 3,707.19; NACO 2,452.16; NACO 450.00; Nat. Sherifs Assoc. 125.00; NE St. Fire Marshal Agency 120.00; NE Law Enforcement Train Cnt. 15.00; NPPD 2,078.70; NE Sheriffs Assoc. 260.00; NE State Bar Assoc. 280.00; NE Weed Control Assoc. 125.00; NMC 2,807.68; NE Neb. News Co. 213.71; Olsons Pest Tech 242.10; P.O.A.N. 20.00; MAHASKA 50.00; Deb Perk 362.10; Poms Tire 601.89; Quadient Inc. 249.90; Randolph Fam. Practice 195.50; Randolph Farm Supply 411.00; Riverside Tech. Inc. 3,249.50; Jane Sayler 32.00; Jessica Schmit 143.27; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Kelly Steffen 135.00; Jackie Steffen 237.18; Patricia Steffen 149.81; Sunset law Enf. 1,741.00; US Bank 764.98; US Cellular 196.54; Verizon 315.83; Visual Edge IT 41.66; Voyager Fleet Syst. 949.62; Wausa Med. Clinic 250.00; Cara Wiebelhaus 374.36; Xpert Lawn 380.00; Y&Y lawn 170.00

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 92,982.96; AFLAC 737.15; BCBS 44,841.13; Colonial Life 776.46; Empower Retirement 475.00; 1st Concord Group 150.00; NE Dept. of Rev. 2,928.13; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 10,280.57; Sec Bank 6,665.54; Sec Bank 14,055.42; A-OX Welding 43.67; Anderson Body Shop 4,720.00; Appera 383.60; Art Kathol Appliance 17.79; Backus Sand & Gravel 23,751.17; Blk Hills Eng. 783.28; Bomgaars 592.53; Cap Gravel 6,446.93; Cat Financial Svcs. Corp 45,042.16; CNPP Dist. 378.97; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 66.53; City of Hart 133.50; City of Laurel 133.89; City of Randolph 22.14; Coleridge Welding 46.43; Donner Industrial Dev. 265.00; Fairfield Inn 495.80; Farmers Union 9,179.33; Filter Care of NE 147.20; Fischer Feed & Supply 1,860.80; Folkers Bros Garage 2,533.53; Fordyce Coop 305.71; Gill Hauling INC 27.93; Great Plains Com Inc 128.86; Grossenburg Imp. 1,792.54; Hansen Bro. Parts 1,571.64; Hartelco 257.16; Hart. Truck & Auto Parts INC. 121.54; Hefner Oil & Feed Co 6,708.88; Jerrys Service 7,154.92; Kayton International (Crofton) 1,053.90; Kimball Midwest 1,502.13; Knife River 130,989.37; Kruse True Value 41.99; Laurel True Value 255.92; Laurel Welding 7,767.16; Lawson Products 728.58; Leiting Auto 330.80; LG Everist 42,128.96; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 1,224.94; Napa (Yankton) 34.99; NPPD 147.31; NMC Exchange LLC 12,648.65; NE Neb. News 52.00; Peitz GMC 963.45; Pinkelman Radiator Repair 517.09; Pomp's Tire 24,324.87; Randolph Farm Supply 1,405.56; Rath's Mini Mart 456.71; Riverside Hydraulics 116.04; Road Builders 6,010.91; Schmitt Construction 3,278.75; Spencer Quarries 756.16; Stern Oil 9,121.62; US Bank 36.95; Steven Uhing 84.95; US Cellular 294.80; Village of Wynot 132.38; Voyager Fleet Syst. 92.56; Wattier True Value 75.21; Wiebelhaus Service 79.82; Wiechelmann Repair Inc. 325.88; Winkelbauer Repair 94.80; Wynot Oil 17,278.23

CEDAR COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION FUND: Brooke Kleinschmit 25.00; Jacie Burbach 38.40; Dawn Casey 25.00; Donna Noecker 25.00; Chris Rasmussen 126.50; Josh Rayford 49.12

CEDAR COUNTY VISITORS IMPROVMENT FUND: Cedar County Historical Society 2,500.00; Village of Coleridge 2,500.00

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 39,890.39; Cross/Blue Shield 7,639.74; Colonial Life 107.83; First Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 976.82; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,397.72; Sec Bank 1,656.90; Sec Bank 5,982.14; Appera 95.60; BLK Hills Eng. 275.10; Bomgaars 16.47; City of Hart 78.83; Farmers Union 4,710.28; Hartelco 103.19; Hartelco Computes 607.20; Hartelco Tele. 125.00; Hartington Truck & Auto 40.92; Kruse True Value 14.99; NPPD 113.47; NP Mart 2,696.24; Overhead Door 672.00; Nikki Pinkelman 341.41; US Bank 48.38; Verizon 387.94; Xpert Lawn 367.00

DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND: Blue 360 Media 488.25

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Norfolk Police Div. 54,281.00; Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 1,950.00; State of NE Dept Correctional 2,807.54

E911 FUND: Electronic Engineering 13,874.82; Fastwyre Broadband 10.78; Gov. Connection 1441.73; Great Plains Comm. 169.44; Hartelco 445.95; NE Nebr. Tele 353.26

E911 WIRELESS FUND: OPTK Networks 836.66

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman