

January 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 by County Clerk per Statute 23-274 as advertised, with Craig Bartels, David McGregor and Dick Donner answering roll call. Also, present County Clerk David Dowling. Statement was made that open meetings laws are posted on the wall for public inspection.

County Clerk asked for a motion for chairman. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to appoint David McGregor as chairman and Craig Bartels as vice chair. Voting Bartels, yes; Donner, yes; McGregor, yes motion carried.

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 Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve minutes for the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Board member appointments were discussed and then a motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to make the board appointments as follows; District One has Region IV Northstar Disabilities, Missouri River Advisory Group, and National Scenic River. District Two has Region IV Mental Health and Northeast Nebraska Public Health Board; District Three has Landfill and solid waste, Transit Bus, Goldenrod Hills, HUD and Northeast Area on Aging. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to appoint Jessica Schmit to the vacated County Clerk position effective January 10, 2024. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was then made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to retain the following appointments: Carla Schmidt as Road Supt. and also County Road Overseer; Manager; Kevin Garvin as Emergency Management and Communications Director; Bob Hamilton as part-time emergency under direction and supervision of EM, Kevin Garvin; Justin Heikes as part-time Weed Supt.; Tim Gobel as Zoning Administrator. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to designate the Cedar County News, Laurel Advocate and Randolph Times and Cedar County Web Site as the legal newspapers for Cedar County. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to retain current time and days for meeting dates being the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:30 AM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the following legal holidays for 2024: January 1, New Years Day; Third Monday in January, Martin Luther King Day; Third Monday in February, Presidents Day; half day for Good Friday; Last Monday in May, Memorial Day; June 19th Juneteenth, July 4th, Independence Day; First Monday in September, Labor Day; Second Monday in October, Columbus Day; November 11th, Veterans Day; Fourth Thursday and Friday in November, Thanksgiving; December 25th, Christmas. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

January 1st	New Years Day
Third Monday in January	Martin Luther King Day
3rd Monday in February	Presidents Day
1/2 Day	Good Friday
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
June 19th	Juneteenth
July 4th	Independence Day
1st Monday in September	Labor Day
2nd Monday in October	Columbus Day
November 11th	Veterans Day
4th Thursday in November	Thanksgiving
4th Friday in November	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25th	Christmas

Motion was then made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to set the mileage reimbursement rate at 67 cents per mile traveled doing county business as stated by the State Auditor's Office. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the following depositories: Bank of Hartington; Citizens State Bank Belden; First State Bank of Randolph; Security Bank of Laurel, Coleridge, Hartington; Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Hartington; Cedar Security Bank Hartington, Fordyce and Wynot. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Supt., Carla Schmidt presented information to each board member for preparation of the one and six year road plan for 2024 with hearing to held in February. Carla then talked with the board on FEMA project from three years ago and that she is working on more paper work the she and the FEMA auditor is working on.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel presented one building permit he granted to Dean Jansen for an addition to a machine shed. A list of building permits granted for the year was presented to the board for review.

Motion by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve tax correction as presented by Deputy Assessor, Janell Heikes for parcel 6027. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed from the various offices as presented to the board.

Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus talked to the board about accepting taxes on parcels in different amounts. Motion by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to direct the County Treasurer to not take partial payments on taxes. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

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

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 195,376.45; Aflac 1,280.14; BCBS 61,729.49; Empower Retire 3,805.00; First Concord 1,703.49; Lincoln Natl Life 934.97; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept Rev 7,038.97; Retire Plans Div of Am 22,463.03; IRS 15,805.92; Soc Sec 29,490.73; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; Appeara 96.72; AT & T 83.52; Avera Medical Group 226.00; Ben Beckman 23.14; Black Hills Energy 327.62; Bomgaars 174.11; CC Clerk Dist Court 890.05; CC Court 68.00; CC Hist Society 16,000.00; CKPPD 274.90; Cen Tec Cast Metal Prod 527.54; City of Hart 470.51; Climate Sys 1,126.50; Cummins Sales & Serv 1,667.79; D & J Variety 125.93; DAS 1,187.60; Dixon Co Clerk of Dist Court 179.44; Becky Dresden 52.40; Eakes 311.40; Family 1st Dental 646.00; Farmers Union 140.23; Feilmeier Elec 10,953.50; Folkers Bros 305.06; Foodtown 2,461.04; Gaylen Boettcher Baier PC 3,264.86; Kevin Garvin 228.63; GOV Connection 399.60; Govt Forms & Supp 107.96; Gr Am Leasing 81.51; Megan Hanefeldt 90.08; Hartelco 1,801.95; NHHS 186.00; Justin Heikes 801.06; Hilltop Drugs 15.46; Hiway 84 Auto 61.00; Hometown Leasing 732.61; Kennedy Pier 6,218.57; Amy Kleinschmit 9.60; Kruse True Val 149.46; Landmark Surveying 227.40; Mary Leise 52.40; Matthew Bender & Co 1,847.24; MIPS 3,587.36; NACO 3,835.01; NDEE 115.00; NPPD 1,900.31; NECC 424.00; NENE News 219.05; Sally Opfer 83.46; Overhead Door Co 348.75; Peitz GMC 32.97; Pomp's 31.80; Region 4 Behav Health 7,049.25; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Security Shredding 100.00; Steffen Drug 89.88; Kelly Steffen 414.00; Jackie Steffen 345.22; Patricia Steffen 300.45; US Bank 6,280.65; US Postal Serv 30,000.00; US Cell 194.44; Verizon 399.08; Visual Edge 18.30; Voyager 1,746.59; Voyager 61.93; Cara Wiebelhaus 10.48; Janet Wiechelmann 16.99; X-Pert Lawn 390.00.

Road Fund: Total Salaries 111,845.81; Aflac 649.04; BCBS 45,767.54; Empower Retire 275.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept Rev 4,162.47; Retire Plans Div of Am 12,312.68; IRS 9,425.23; Soc Sec 17,011.70; A-OX Weld 39.54; Appeara 375.74; Arnie's Ford 71.60; Avera 25.00; B's Enterp 5,027.50; Backus Sand 23,279.55; Black Hills Energy 592.35; Bomgaars 362.69; Boyer Ridge Mfg 635.66; Carhart 150.64; CAT 4,242.16; CKPPD 183.68; CKRW 71.28; Century Link 94.62; Christensen Well 22,707.12; City of Hart 90.69; City of Laurel 142.90; City of Rand 102.84; Col Weld 936.28; Dendinger Trucking 7,463.50; Farmer's Union 9,346.55; Filter Care 239.55; Folkers Bros 382.60; Fordyce Coop 252.44; Gill Hauling 25.32; GP Comm 134.88; Grossenburg Imp 16,084.37; Hansen Bros 7,457.51; Hansen Rpr 344.42; Hartelco 251.40; Hart Truck & Auto 277.19; Hefner Oil 9,764.84; Jerry's Serv 3,012.72; Kayton Int'l 138.50; Kellen & Streit 10,474.20; Knife River 5,855.85; Laurel Feed & Grain 1,500.00; Laurel True Val 378.00; Lawson Prod 795.94; Leiting Auto 329.95; LG Everist 12,000.94; Mainelli Wagner 60,705.00; David McGregor 59.85; Medical Enterp 105.00; Murphy Tractor 2,214.22; NPPD 138.66; NMC Exch 860.21; NE Glass 8,000.00; NNTC 48.11; Overhead Door 48,632.00; Patent Elec 1,360.00; Peitz GMC 392.07; P & E 4,794.29; Pomp's 1,497.65; Rand Farm Supp 3,751.63; Rath's 391.13; Schmitt Const 22,577.12; Spencer Quarries 3,639.83; TMA 111.80; Truck

Center Co 1,458.83; Truck-Trlr Sales 278.55; US Bank 73.23; US Cell 388.55; Village of Wynot 113.00; Wattier True Val 22.96; Wieb Serv 77.75; Wiechelman Rpr 2,495.56; Wynot Oil 13,964.05.

Bridge Fed Aid Fund: A&R Const 238,801.17.

Transit: Total Salaries 36,555.09; BCBS 7,378.53; First Concord 354.16; NE Dept Rev 897.08; Retire Plans Div of Am 4,022.47; IRS 1,612.29; Soc Sec 5,538.72; Appera 117.48; Nolan Becker 200.00; Black Hills Energy 399.46; City of Hart 98.90; Farmers Union 5,080.74; Fordyce Auto Rrpr 624.72; Ashley Gowery 122.79; Hartelco 102.94; Kruse True Value 72.98; NPPD 105.58; Nikki Pinkelman 922.75; Pitzer Digital 66.00; StopNGo 2,334.83; US Bank 1,158.87; Verizon 347.79; X-Pert Lawn 65.00.

Homeland Security: Gov Conn 446.25.

Inheritance Tax Fund: Antelope Co Sher 1,200.00; Bucks Port Restroom 616.00; Electronic Eng 8,558.27; Hansen Lock 120.00; Kruse True Value 23.96; NE NE Pub Health Dept 125,000.00; Riverside Tech 3,249.50; Sante Fe Dist 4,262.31; Total Fire & Sec 5,560.99; Tri-State Comm 5,360.83.

Enhanced 911 Fund: Fastwyre 155.00; GP Comm 169.44; Hartelco 418.21; NNTC 353.26.

E911 Wireless Setback Fund: City of Norfolk 149.12; Hartelco Comm 166.62; Motorola 76,056.00.

Bond Fund: Knife River 261,718.60.

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

January 23, 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 Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Craig Bartels announced to the board that he has decided to retract his filing for District 2 Commissioner. He would like to complete his current term.

Tim Goebel presented three conditional use permits to the board. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the permits. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Carla Schmidt reminded the board that the hearing for their 1 and 6 year plans will be February 13. She also updated the board on the ongoing box culvert and bridge projects. Crews are scheduled to be back on site next week.

Extension educators Jackie Steffen, Ben Beckman, and Cara Wiebelhaus presented an annual summary to the board on the programs they have run and the highlights and accomplishments from 2023.

Special designated liquor licenses were presented to the board for the Bow Valley Park Association for an event at Diane's Greenhouse on March 1 and the fish fry for All Saints Catholic Church of Fordyce on February 16. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve the requested SDL's. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Board members discussed meetings for assigned agencies that were missed last week due to the snowstorm and the need to be working within their respective districts.

With no further business or agenda items, motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

February 13, 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 Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Tim Goebel, Zoning Administrator, had nothing to present to the board for approval.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, updated the board on ongoing projects. Pilings on Leise bridge are done. They are working on east end abutment. Whiskey bridge box culvert is being poured this week. Carla then went over bridge inspection recaps and pricing for 2024. Seventy-one bridges will be inspected in 2024. Of those bridges, only one is a special inspection. There are 18 fracture-critical bridges that will come due for inspection in 2025. Conversation was had regarding removing some of the bridges on minimum maintenance roads and replacing them with culverts or low water crossings, if possible. Additional information will be gathered by Carla and presented at the next meeting.

Monthly reports from various offices were presented and reviewed by the board.

Public hearing was held for the road department's one and six year plans. Carla Schmidt presented each commissioner with their respective district's information. This is a management tool used to keep track of the amount of work getting done that was planned. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to pass a resolution accepting the one and six year plans. Resolution 24-01 was passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

With no further discussion items, the following claims were paid and the meeting was adjourned.

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 265,839.25; Aflac 1,280.14; BCBS 59,571.83; Empower Retire 3,805.00; First Concord 1,703.49; Lincoln Natl Life 932.97; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept Rev 10,195.92; Retire Plans Div of Am 30,904.69; IRS 25,033.40; Soc Sec 40,274.40; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; All Hours Towing 250.00; Appera 96.72; AT&T Mobility 10.47; Avera Med 513.00; Stan Becker 52.01; Ben Beckman 158.79; Black Hills Energy 195.98; Bomgaars 11.99; CC Clerk Dist Court 138.00; CC Court 100.00; CC Treas 1,000,000.00; CKPPD 671.20; City of Hart 323.11; DAS 2,131.60; Des Moines Stamp 328.00; Gene Dickes 50.67; Eakes 2,327.52; Egley, Fullner, Montag 1,318.84; Family 1st Dental 509.00; Farmers Union 76.39; Fischer Feed 213.30; Floor Maint 1,109.72; Foodtown 2,235.22; Forvis LLP 9,000.00; Darla Frank 162.47; Gaylen Boettcher Baier PC 399.32; Tim Gobel 40.00; Gov Connection 1,004.19; Gr Am Leasing 81.51; Megan Hanefeldt 45.56; Hansen Bros 598.84; Hansen Locksmith 172.50; Hartelco 1,832.84; Hart Chamber 45.00; Hart Public Library 6,500.00; Hart Shopper 1,402.50; NHHS 372.00; Hiway 84 Auto 50.00; Hometown Leasing 625.88; Kardell's Auto 95.74; Kennedy Pier 5,009.87; Kruse True Value 257.43; Laurel Public Library 6,500.00; Dan Lipp 87.52; Mid-States ORG Crime Info 100.00; MIPS 5,381.85; Missouri Sediment. Action 1,000.00; NACDC 50.00; NACT 50.00; NPPD 3,421.56; NE State Patrol 436.50; NE Weed Control Assoc 325.00; NECC 294.00; NENE News 1,517.98; NE Weed Mgmt 100.00; Olson's 125.00; Quill 235.69; Randolph Public Library 6,500.00; Alex Reineke 85.00; Jessica Schmit 13.90; SOS 20.00; Steffen Drug 413.74; Jackie Steffen 101.88; John Steffen 55.36; Charlene Sudbeck 505.20; Thomson West 507.00; Tyler Tech. 898.00; US Bank 788.06; US Cell 359.30; Verizon 477.53; Visual Edge 17.79; Voyager 3,094.00; Voyager 132.70; Mick Wiepen 76.80.

Road Fund: Total Salaries 157,266.53; Aflac 649.04; BCBS 43,617.75; Empower Retire 275.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept Rev 6,582.26; Retire Plans Div of Am 17,422.50; IRS 15,979.40; Soc Sec 23,961.06; A-OX Weld 43.67; Appera 379.16; Arnie's Ford 75.50; Art Kathol Appl 35.44; B's Enterp 720.00; Craig Bartels 10.00; Black Hills Energy 1,992.37; Bomgaars 776.60; Brummels Trucking LLC 11,110.77; CAP Gravel 1,609.01; Carhart 88.99; Carlson Home 910.05; CAT 4,242.16; CC Treas 22.00; CKPPD 1,220.86; CKRW 57.49; Century Link 94.65; City of Hart 128.45; City of Laurel 241.62; City of Rand 131.33; CNH Indust. 124.76; Col. Welding 1,714.17; Cubby's 784.85; Deerfield Truck & Equip 6,227.50; Dendinger Trucking 1,376.00; Detlefsen Const 14,107.50; Ebberson Farms 8,825.00; Fair Mfg 19,337.00; Farmer's Union 3,373.14;

Filter Care 307.25; Fischer Feed 432.50; Folkers Bros 1,379.26; Gill Hauling 25.32; Tony Goeden 3,135.00; Gould Brothers 1,000.00; GP Comm 174.92; Grossenburg Imp 5,174.84; H&K Oil 717.00; Haisch Grain & Lvstk 18,880.00; Hansen Bros 2,862.32; Hartelco 256.47; Hart Shopper 528.80; Hart Truck & Auto 1,138.10; Hefner Oil 15,664.10; Herbst Const 240,830.10; Jerry's Serv 8,309.16; John Prouty Const 15,160.00; Kellen & Streit 1,351.60; Kruse True Value 141.98; Kvols Ag 2,000.00; Laurel True Val 85.31; Laurel Welding 2,281.14; Lawson Prod 129.50; Leiting Auto Supp 1,382.45; LG Everist 31,113.80; Beau Lubberstedt 225.00; Manelli Wagner & Assoc 29,080.00; Murphy Tractor 2,326.55; NACEHS 160.00; NPPD 279.86; NMC Exch 10,064.40; NE Glass 1,860.00; NNTC 48.12; NENE News 13.58; Paul's Welding 209.94; Peitz GMC 1,311.07; P&E 7,587.50; Pomp's 8,213.74; Rand Farm Supp 5,647.82; Rath's 543.76; Riverside Hydraulics 238.41; Road Builders 986.57; Schmitt Const 23,907.50; Spencer Quarries 12,707.32; TMA 279.49; Truck-Trlr Sales 29.88; US Bank 3,129.11; US Cell 332.75; Dan Vanderheiden 100.00; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager 228.88; Wattier True Val 20.48; Wiebelhaus Serv 996.12; Wiechelman Rpr 2,678.74; Windy View Ag 6,275.00; Wynot Oil 25,953.53; 13 Crushing 26,808.75.

Transit: Total Salaries 33,667.67; BCBS 7,378.53; First Concord 354.16; NE Dept Rev 954.98; Retire Plans Div of Am 3,697.64; IRS 1,730.38; Soc Sec 5,096.94; Anderson Body Shop 1,211.40; Appera 117.48; Black Hills Energy 852.75; Bomgaars 234.83; City of Hart 98.90; Farmers Union 4,143.39; Folkers Bros Garage 84.67; Hartelco 102.96; Hart Truck & Auto 19.14; Leise Lawn Care 1,060.00; NPPD 104.74; Olson's 70.00; Nikki Pinkelman 127.67; StopNGo 786.55; US Bank 776.40; Verizon 347.81.

Homeland Security: OPTK Networks 802.12.

Inheritance Tax Fund: Antelope Co Sher 1,240.00; Ehresmann Engineering 34,100.00; Riverside Tech 3,249.50; NE Dept of Corrections 2,800.85; Tri-State Comm 440.00.

Enhanced 911 Fund: Fastwyre 77.50; GP Comm 115.68; Hartelco 423.21; NNTC 353.26.

E911 Wireless Setback Fund: City of Norfolk 298.24; OPTK Networks 836.66.

Bond Fund: BOKF, NA 49,055.00.

ATTEST:



Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:



David McGregor, Board Chairman

February 27, 2024

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the District Court Room 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 door for public inspection.

Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels 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 information on low water crossings and discussion was held on replacing bridges on minimum maintenance roads. Questions were raised on the cost of engineering for various options.

Motion was made by McGregor seconded by Bartels to enter Board of Equalization. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. County assessor, Becky Dresden presented permissive exemption applications to the board. Motion was made by Bartels seconded by Donner to approve the exemptions. Applications were signed by Chairman McGregor. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to close the Board of Equalization. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Assessor Dresden also presented a tax correction to parcel 6507. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the tax correction. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Public hearing was held on the application of BV Buds for a Class C liquor license. With no public comment for or against the application, motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the liquor license. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Commissioners took some time to listen to the unicameral debate LB1067, a bill before the legislature regarding the elimination of the inheritance tax.

Tim Gobel, Zoning Administrator presented the following building permits to the board. Rosu LLC, 68x397' confinement cattle barn with a 30x40 lean to, Rosu LLC 42x96' Morten building with a 28x48' lean to, and Daniel Koch a 36x100' hoop barn.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Kevin Garvin presented the annual maintenance agreement for the 911 system to the board. This provides software updates and technical support. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the terms and agreement. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

McGregor made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

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

Clerk of the District Court, Janet Wiechelman, opened discussion with the board on the need to rent chairs for upcoming jury selection. It was decided if a nonprofit entity was the most economical and willing to rent their chairs to the county, the board was in favor of that.

Dick Donner informed the board he had a conflict with the next meeting and asked if we could start the meeting a couple hours later so he could attend. The board agreed and the meeting for March 26 will begin at 10:30 AM.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a right of way permit from Great Plains Communications from 2021 that they did not get to and plan to start next week for Districts two and three. She also let District one know about upcoming easements for fiberoptic lines. Carla then updated the board on the large road projects. Seeding still needs to be completed on the asphalt projects completed last fall.

Carla shared that she has been notified that maintenance work will begin in March on the Keystone Pipeline. She then presented overtime reports from 2023 to the board.

A quarterly safety meeting was held in Carla's office March 11th and she discussed some of the main topics that came out of that meeting. First aid kits have been purchased and distributed to the road department and a few will be ordered for the courthouse as well. Cones and barricades are being ordered for each road district and the road employees will attend CPR training next week. Discussion was held over the definition of appropriate dress for the road department.

Zoning administrator, Tim Goebel, presented the following building permits to the board: Sam Hochstein 52x34 detached garage, Tanner Fischer 20x30 carport, Kevin Becker moved in garage, Eric Schulte 60x80 machine shed, Douglas Miller 40x60 shed, Shane Pick 50x75 shouse, Ben Schroeder 20x22 lean-to on a garage, Haymaker Farms 14x12 screened in deck, 40x8 porch, and 6' privacy fence, Jeff Haberman 50x60 garage/shop.

Jessica Schmit presented special designated liquor licenses from Nissen Wine for private events on April 28, and May 3, 10, 17, respectively. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the licenses. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Monthly reports from various offices were presented and reviewed by the board.

Discussion was held on the upcoming County Government Day on Monday, March 18.

Unfinished business was the discussion of the climate control systems issue. Clerk Schmit updated the board on the recommendation from the company to have a separate switch for the air filtration system so each office could shut their fan off if necessary for a webinar, a customer at the counter, etc. The board agreed to have separate switches installed and expressed their desire to have the system running during the day for the sake of employee health and safety.

New business was presented by Clerk Schmit as a NDOT project at the Highway 81-12 junction. The board saw no problem with the proposed project.

Discussion was held on the lease of new skid steers with Nebraska Machinery for road districts one and two.

The following claims were reviewed and paid. With no further business, a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 140,344.32; Aflac 1,280.14; BCBS 59,269.98; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 1,703.49; Lincoln Ntl Life 919.66; Nationwide Retire 50.00; Nebr Dept of Rev 6,695.62; Retire Plans Div of Am 22,238.79; Security Bank 15,165.46; Security Bank 29,438.83; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; Appera 96.72; AT&T 104.16; Ben Beckman 16.05; Black Hills Energy 134.87; Bomgaars 536.51; Cedar Co

Ag Society; 1,157.45, CC Clerk of Dist Court 44.00; CC Court 46.00; CC Sheriff 684.63; CC Treas 500,000.00, CKPPD 281.39; City of Hart 328.71; D&J 64.95; DAS 715.60; Dell Mktng LP 1,544.95; Eakes 2,333.50; Farmers Union 94.33; Feilmeier Elect 310.96; Floor Maint 486.20; Food Town 1,234.11; Gov Connect 602.67; Gr Amer Leasing 81.51; Grossenberg 95.21; Megan Hanefeldt 139.36; Hartelco 1,975.30; Hart Chamber of Comm 45.00; Hart Shopper 547.90; Hiway 84 Auto 106.00; Hometown Leasing 625.88; Intoximeters 373.00; Kennedy Pier 5,009.87; Kruse True Val 14.99; Landmark Survey 985.60; MIPS 3,587.36; NE Assoc of County Assess 75.00; NPPD 3,970.68; NE State Bar Assoc 280.00; NE Nebr News 1,334.89; Sally Opfer 33.50; Peitz GMC 16.36; Mahaska 123.00; ProVantage 95.40; Quadiant 265.05; Quill 141.40; Region 4 Behave Health 7,049.25; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Sec Shred Serv 120.00; Spencer Quarries 5,494.60; Steffen Drug 108.84; Jackie Steffen 127.65; Stratton Delay 667.40; Thomson West 707.00; Tri-State Turf 320.00; US Bank 1,792.91; US Cell 497.18; Verizon 401.14; Visual Edge It 17.91; Voyager Fleet 1,548.15; Voyager Fleet 33.50; Cara Wiebelhaus 100.50; Winkelbauer Repair 314.43; Yankton Co Sheriff 120.00.

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 89,991.93; Aflac 649.04; BCBS 43,617.75; Empower Retire 275.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept of Rev 4,322.55; Retire Plans Div of Am 13,073.42; Security Bank 69,857.93; Security Bank 18,046.24; A-OX Weld 43.67; Anderson Body 496.50; Appeara 384.04; Art Kathol App 1,155.62; B's Enterprises 38,208.00; Backus Sand 951.97; Black Hills Energy 717.01; Bomgaars 2,105.64; Cap Gravel 4,343.93; Carlson Home 700.00; CAT 4,242.16; CKPPD 521.24; Cedar Knox Rural Wtr 71.28; Century Link 93.72; City of Hart 139.55; City of Laurel 206.50; City of Randolph 214.54; Coleridge Weld 503.83; Cubby's 7.28; Dkota Alignment 577.55; Detlefsen Construct 13,162.50; Farmers Union 9,994.33; Filter Care 134.70; Fischer Feed 192.00; Folkers Bros 1,056.97; G Works 541.00; Gill Hauling 25.32; Gov Connect Inc 170.05; Graham Tire 564.00; Gr Plains Comm 153.12; Grossenburg 174.18; H&K Oil 655.16; Hansen Bros 5,430.95; Hartelco 256.47; Hart Truck & Auto 605.70; Hefner Oil 6,902.92; Herbst Construct 207,531.45; Jerry's Serv 17,464.69; Kayton Intl 36.81; Kruse True Val 95.00; Landmark Surv 180.00; Laurel True Val 613.31; Lawson Products 657.61; Leiting Auto 162.54; LG Everist 181,961.13; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc 22,686.48; Murphy Tractor 4,632.22; NAPA 632.84; NPPD 396.62; NMC Exchange 4,860.57; North Central Blders 2,555.00; NE Neb Telephone 48.12; Patent Elec 815.00; Paul's Welding 442.85; Pearson Motor 120.03; Peitz GMC 379.04; Pinkelman Radiator Repair 1,911.03; Pomp's Tire 4,291.54; Randolph Farm Supply 4,427.51; Rath's Mini 367.20; Riverside Hydraulics 476.89; Road Builders 306.74; Spencer Quarries 25,120.22; Tri-State Comm 1,156.34; Tri-State Windshield 300.00; Truck Ctr Norfolk 324.55; Truck-Trailer Sales 4,405.70; US Cell 338.20; Voyager Fleet 126.84; Wattier True Val 203.53; Wiebelhaus Serv 44.40; Wiechelmann Repair 2,738.69; Wynot Oil 18,427.87.

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 19,569.17; BCBS 7,378.53; First Concord Ben 354.16; NE Dept of Rev 872.60; Retire Plans Div of Am 4002.10; Security Bank 1,450.72; Security Bank 5,511.06; Anderson Body 318.14; Appeara 111.75; Black Hills Energy 408.15; Bomgaars 286.88; Broadway Chrysler 450.01; City of Hart 106.59; D&J 61.79; Farmers Union 5,149.92; Folkers Bros 134.40; Hartelco 102.96; Hartington Truck 25.05; Leise Lawn 125.00; NPPD 124.86; Nikki Pinkelman 20.00; Randolph Farm Supp 44.50; Rath's Mini 98.85; Stop N Go 1,158.93; Tri-State Turf 147.00; US Bank 2,066.73; Verizon 347.81.

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Bucks Port Restrooms 226.00; Riverside Tech 3,249.50; State of NE Correctional Dept 2,800.85.

E911 FUND: Equature 4,650.00; Fastwyre 155.00; Great Plains Comm 61.92; Hartelco 423.21; NE Nebr Tele 353.26; Provantage 491.52.

E911 WIRELESS SETBACK FUND: City of Norfolk 149.12; OPTK Networks 836.66.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

March 26, 2024

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 10:30 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 Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Debbie Borg introduced herself to the Board of Commissioners as the contact for Agricultural and Northeast Nebraska Outreach for Senator Pete Ricketts. She was holding a mobile office hour for constituents but asked if anyone contacts the county with a Federal issue to have them reach out to her.

County highway superintendent, Carla Schmidt presented an aggregate bid to the board and information regarding Keystone Pipeline contractors. Lake Superior Consulting will be performing routine cathodic protection surveys and Midwest Services as well as S & P Clearing will be replacing signs and clearing brush along the pipeline from March to May. Carla then updated the board on the major road projects. The box culvert projects are now complete. The bridge east of the fairgrounds continues to progress with abutments currently being poured. Federal funds have come in and she presented the board with balances in the bridge federal aid fund and how those funds have been spent over the years. Discussion was held on which funds are budgeted to pay the balance remaining on these projects.

Tim Goebel presented the following building permits to the board. Jon Brandow 30x50 enclosed addition, Mike Meier a 20x15 house addition and 35x38 attached garage, and Nicholas Uhing two 24' grain bins.

At 11:00 AM, as advertised, McGregor made a motion to enter Board of Equalization and Donner seconded that motion. County attorney, Nick Matney, called and was placed on speaker phone to be a part of the conversation. As recommended by the state, the board reviewed the National Field Archery Association's claim to be charitable in nature and therefore exempt from real estate tax. Matney reviewed some case law with the board and stated that the law is narrowly applied. To be considered charitable, there must be no question regarding the organization's purpose. After further discussion with assessor Becky Dresden and her research into the Association, a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to reverse the decision of NFAA parcels 6.01 and 6.02 as exempt. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to leave the Board of Equalization. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented the results of her recent public auction tax sale to the board. This was the first year nobody attended the sale and nothing was sold. After discussing with other county treasurers that had the same thing happen, Jean stated they think this was largely due to the state changing the requirements for the buyers and some of the burden that is now placed on them. Discussion was held on the process for county tax sales and foreclosure. After the date of the public auction, five parcels were sold privately that totaled \$16,659.04. Only two parcels remain delinquent and the board gave authority to the treasurer to print those parcels as county tax sales.

Clerk of the District Court, Janet Wiechelman, discussed a computer program she is using in her office. It was brought into question because our contracted service provider for IT was not the one contacted to handle something within Janet's office. Janet shared with the board how she is using an old program with time sensitive information and she does have the state's approval to use it. This program is an alternative to a state-sponsored program that would be accompanied by a monthly service charge to maintain. Janet stated she will continue to use this program until the state mandates her to switch.

Discussion was then held amongst the officials about our current IT contracted service provider. Everyone seemed satisfied with them and agreed we need to contact them first with any issues.

Old Business. Discussion was held on designated snow routes. Clerk Schmit will work with Road Superintendent Schmidt to write something up that is not binding to the road department but also satisfies the requirements of hazard mitigation for FEMA.

New Business. Chairman McGregor stated he had received a report from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on Weed Superintendent, Justin Heikes. The state agreed with the board that Justin has done a very

good job. He was lacking some continuing education hours that he has already begun to get caught up on in 2024.

Clerk Schmit presented the board with a contract addendum for Schindler, the company that inspects our elevator. The board agreed to extend the contract for seven years to save on the annual contracted price.

The Board then reported on various meetings attended with nothing new to report from them. McGregor stated that was the last meeting to attend at the downtown location for the Area on Aging. They have relocated to 37th street on the west side of Norfolk.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Bartels made a motion and Donner seconded to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned by chairman McGregor.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

April 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 Bartels 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.

Discussion was held on opioid remediation money being received by the county and how it could be used. Commissioner Bartels expressed wanting to use it for a program aimed at protecting the youth of the county. Fentanyl detection devices and public speakers were also suggested. Clerk Schmit will do some additional research and discuss with other counties for ideas for use.

Road superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented information to the board she learned from the bridge conference she attended last week. The bridge inspection manual is being re-written and the program used for bridge management will be changing in the next couple of years. Documentation requirements for scour bridges are also changing and she will make sure our files are up to date. She also shared that the bridge match program with the state has had \$4 million allocated for 2025 and 2026 but they have not released information on the selection process yet. The earliest the selection process would happen would be January of 2025.

Project updates on major road projects are as follows. Construction is hoping to schedule the deck pour on the Leise bridge next week. Seeding on box culvert is done and final striping on asphalt projects from last fall should be happening soon. Seeding on bottom road may need to be done again.

Discussion was held on the lease agreement for a CAT M150-15 motor grader in District 2 that was delivered earlier this year. All commissioners agreed to the lease agreement as presented. Discussion was held on how the state bidding process works and how Sourcewell contributes to that process. Commissioners agreed on completing a formal bid process for all equipment leases going forward.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Goebel, presented the following building permits to the board: Jeff Leise 33x40' calving shed, Ken Schurman 48x50' machine shed, Jason Miller 77,000 bu grain bin, Derek Foxhoven 50x120' calving shed, John Lange, 38x40' porch and addition. Conditional use permits presented were for Charles Tramp splitting off 15.54 acres for their home place, and Brian & Tiffany Ebberson for splitting off 5.3 acres for a new house. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the conditional use permits. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on the issue of providing access to a property owner on 886 Road. Commissioners, road superintendent, and county surveyor have all been involved and a meeting with all property owners affected will be scheduled in the near term.

Clerk Schmit presented to the board the funds available in Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. These funds are not restricted by time or use, other than lobbying. Use of the funds is required to be reported. Discussion was held on possibly using these funds to finish the final expenses for the new tower site.

Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, stopped at the meeting and discussed the conferences she has attended and plans to attend this summer. The board requested Nikki to request approval to attend the conferences prior to registering and charging the county for them, even if they are expected to be reimbursed by the state.

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

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 133,210.89; Aflac 1,280.14; BCBS 58,199.02; Credit Mngmt Serv 552.60; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 1,703.49; Lincoln Ntl Life 911.10; Nationwide Retire 50.00; Nebr Dept of Rev 6,007.14; Retire Plans Div of Am 20,627.68; Security Bank 13,048.21; Security Bank 27,249.16; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; Appeara 96.72; AT&T 187.38; Avera Med Group 190.00; Lisa Becker 620.00; Black Hills Energy 121.46; Bomgaars 161.26; CC Court 117.00; CC Sheriff 410.75; CKPPD 281.21; City of Hart 317.31; Chad Claussen 162.00; Cummins Sales & Serv 1,593.14; Cvsoan 160.00; D&J 18.97; DAS State Acct 1,056.00; DAS State Acct 614.60; Dodge Co. 3,912.42; Eakes 831.99; Egley, Fullner, Montag 696.43; ES&S 4,849.78; Elgin Pharmacy 36.51; Farmers Union 202.35; Floor Maint 120.60; Food Town

1,880.58; Forvis LLP 9,500.00; Freedom Rentals 1,440.00; Kevin Garvin 135.47; Gov Connect 225.34; Dallas Graham 75.46; Gr Amer Leasing 81.51; Megan Hanefeldt 91.12; Hansen Bros 271.95; Hartelco 1,842.10; Hartelco Telecomm 750.00; Hart Post Office 2,000.00; NE H&H Serv 174.00; Heimes Trucking 1,701.40; Hiway 84 Auto 66.00; Hometown Leasing 625.88; Jeffrey Hrouda 2,322.50; Kardell's Auto 1,295.48; Kennedy Pier 5,009.87; Kruse True Val 25.98; Landmark Survey 1,187.40; Steve Leise 51.34; Ron Lundahl 84.84; Matthew Bender & Co 853.36; MIPS 3,587.36; Mobile Binders 1,191.13; NACO 450.00; NE Assoc of Clerks of Dist Crt 75.00; NE Notary Assoc 155.80; NPPD 2,723.55; Network Comp Sol 125.00; Rick Noecker 51.34; NE Nebr Econ Dev 920.00; NE Nebr News 1,397.49; NW Iowa Yes Ctr 4,791.75; Olson's Pest 130.00; Overhead Door 263.00; Peitz GMC 200.00; Terry Pinkelman 67.42; P&E 2,925.00; Pomp's 90.05; Quadient 525.30; Quill 85.95; Region IV Inc 3,195.50; Santa Fe Dist 436.14; Schindler Elevator 4,531.13; Jessica Schmit 49.58; Roger Schwartz 12.00; Jackie Steffen 263.10; Stratton Delay 3,141.62; Tessco Inc 29.91; Total Fire & Sec 430.00; US Cell 497.78; Verizon 323.81; Visual Edge It 36.26; Voyager Fleet 1,673.07; Voyager Fleet 134.45; Cara Wiebelhaus 456.76; Jean Wiebelhaus 93.80; Janet Wiechelman 67.00; X-Pert Lawn & Landscape 285.00; Yankton Co Sheriff 72.50; Yankton P&D 235.14.

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 79,007.81; Aflac 649.04; BCBS 43,617.75; Empower Retire 475.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept of Rev 2,950.95; Retire Plans Div of Am 10,233.26; Security Bank 6,748.09; Security Bank 14,183.72; A&R Construction 264,591.36; A-OX Weld 41.40; Anderson Body 980.00; Appera 379.91; Avera Med Grp 119.00; Backus Sand 4,404.00; Craig Bartels 1,137.16; Billerbeck Construct 75.00; Black Hills Energy 691.61; Bomgaars 240.52; Brunssen Rep 58.80; BV Auto 61.80; Cap Gravel 6,553.92; CAT 4,242.16; CKPPD 278.17; Cedar Knox Rural Wtr 78.30; Century Link 93.72; City of Hart 134.49; City of Laurel 175.93; Coleridge Weld 37.08; Concrete Indust 919.00; Dennis Anderson Constr 250.00; Detlefsen Construct 16,672.50; Farmers Union 12,975.28; Filter Care 263.80; Fischer Feed 98.95; Folkers Bros 1,776.34; Gary's Repair 2,800.00; Gill Hauling 25.32; Gov Connect Inc 400.47; Gr Plains Comm 149.14; Grossenburg 616.44; H&K Oil 3,253.50; Hansen Bros 2,592.68; Hartelco 330.47; Hart Shopper 249.00; Hart Truck & Auto 87.65; Hefner Oil 14,598.45; Jerry's Serv 6,394.39; Emmett Johnson 675.00; Kayton Intl 66.75; Kruse True Val 183.88; Laurel True Val 88.45; Leiting Auto 121.58; LG Everist 65,924.57; Mayer Signs 163.00; Medical Ent 140.00; Menford Elec 26,407.23; Murphy Tractor 4,678.08; NAPA 287.99; NPPD 186.98; NMC Exchange 1,393.49; NMC Exchange 1,904.01; NMC Exchange 13,133.46; NE Glass 2,520.00; NE Neb Telephone 47.95; NE Nebr News Co 204.72; Patent Elec 1,132.00; Paul's Welding 360.96; Peitz GMC 1,976.84; Pomp's Tire 3,606.82; Randolph Farm Supply 2,354.14; Rath's Mini 395.00; Heath Schmidt 638.72; Carla Schmidt 142.06; Sioux City Tarp 1,048.60; Spencer Quarries 13,590.87; Stern Oil 8,951.44; TB&K Const 2,584.00; Tessco 597.20; Truck Ctr Norfolk 123.09; Truck-Trailer Sales 201.63; US Cell 343.20; Village of Wynot 113.57; Voyager Fleet 412.15; Wattier True Val 66.01; Wiebelhaus Serv 196.96; Wiechelman Repair 1,276.39; Wynot Oil 9,350.25.

BRIDGE FEDERAL AID FUND: Herbst Construction 150,427.85

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 21,471.88; BCBS 7,378.53; First Concord Ben 354.16; NE Dept of Rev 1,050.89; Retire Plans Div of Am 4,591.65; Security Bank 1,783.79; Security Bank 6,312.86; Appera 94.12; Black Hills Energy 345.71; City of Hart 99.84; Farmers Union 4,740.09; Fischer Feed 159.85; Folkers Bros 385.73; Foodtown 62.51; Hartelco 102.63; Leise Lawn 100.00; NPPD 104.17; Olson's Pest 75.00; Nikki Pinkelman 1,334.87.00; Stop N Go 1,037.96; Verizon 347.77; X-Pert Lawn 345.00.

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Antelope Co. Sheriff 1,020.00; Boone Co. Sheriff 520.00; Bucks Port Restrooms 226.00; Cedar Co. Treas 500,000.00; Provantage LLC 443.47; Riverside Tech 3,249.50; State of NE Correctional Dept 2,620.15.

E911 FUND: Fastwyre 77.50; Great Plains Comm 61.92; Hartelco 420.54; NE Nebr Tele 353.26; Tri-State Comm 62.00

E911 WIRELESS SETBACK FUND: City of Norfolk 149.12; Motorola 7,492.31; OPTK Networks 836.66.

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

April 23, 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 Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented the new public defender contract to the board. The contract begins May 1, 2024 and ends April 30, 2025. The only change to the contract from previous years is the addition of interpreter fees being a cost to be billed separately to the county. The board agreed with the contract and Chairman McGregor signed it.

Discussion was held with Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt regarding a road issue in precinct nineteen, district two. Commissioner Bartels discussed his plan to fix the road in the short term while staying within our 66' road right of way. Schmidt will contact an engineer to evaluate the structure in question for future planning.

Carla Schmidt presented a new fiberoptic permit application in District 2 from Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company. Construction is planned to begin May 20 and run through October. Commissioner Bartels will review the maps and application. Carla then updated the board on road projects. Box culverts are completed. The deck was poured on the Leise bridge yesterday.

Carla presented the board with a breakdown of scour critical bridges in each district. She has a log that is recommended to keep track of the scour issue for each bridge. Discussion was held on how to monitor these bridges. We are to have a log in our bridge records for these bridges after a major rain event.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Goebel, presented the following building permits to the board: Matt Steffen house, Aaron Fuelberth house, Don Kathol garage, Michael Schmitz house addition and garage, Trevor Wakely pole barn, Doug Miller deck, Jeff Arens calving barn, Greg Pippit 2 bins.

Discussion was held on the matrix point system for setbacks for livestock operations. Current setbacks could be restrictive when considering the new way to build livestock confinements. Tim will attend a meeting with the northeast zoning administrators to discuss the new matrix and see how much of a change there is.

Shannon Jepsen, Aflac Representative, presented a guaranteed issue life insurance option for county employees to the board. This life insurance has no underwriting or blood screening and is portable for employees to maintain beyond their employment with the county. This insurance would be optional and deducted from payroll. The board approved adding this to the benefit package and Shannon will present it to employees as she begins to meet with them for an annual review.

Tourism Board Representative, Josh Rayford presented the board with information from that board's meeting on April 12. News Channel Nebraska has proposed making ninety second ads for various communities in the county. Ads would run from July to September on their network. Motion to approve the use of tourism funds for this purpose was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

A proposal for glass replacement for various areas within the courthouse was reviewed by the board. The windows are in good condition, only the glass needs to be replaced. The proposal was accepted as presented.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, could not be in attendance but provided paperwork for the board on a request for use of Homeland Security Grant Funds for IDEMIA mobile automated fingerprint identification systems. The purchase is for the region Kevin is responsible for as the fiscal agent, and therefore 6 of the systems purchased will be distributed to the other counties in the region and only one will remain within Cedar County. Motion to approve the use of the grant funds was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on the possible purchase or lease of a new motor grader for District 1. Road Superintendent Schmidt will advertise for bids for a lease or purchase of new or used equipment.

Clerk Schmit presented the board with a letter received from the Nebraska Cooperative Government regarding Keno being introduced within the county's jurisdiction. Chairman McGregor stated he was contacted

by a party that was interested in making this happen. The issue was tabled to give the clerk some time to do additional research into how this process works.

Clerk of the District Court, Janet Wiechelman, came to the board to express her thanks for assistance with the jury trial the preceding week. She also stated how appreciative she was for the use of the fire hall for jury selection at no cost to the county. It worked very well and everything went smoothly.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential District Court matters was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

With no further business or agenda items the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

May 14, 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 was 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. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Group Health Insurance renewal from Blue Cross and Blue Shield was reviewed by the board. The plan saw a 3.5% increase in the premium. Board approved maintaining the group health plan for the new fiscal year.

Public Defender, Nikki Brandt, had contacted the clerk regarding an error in the previously presented contract for her services. Nikki corrected the error and Chairman McGregor signed the updated contract that was approved at the previous meeting.

The maintenance agreement for the backup generator was presented for renewal to the board by Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin who was not present. The three year contract with annual service maintenance terms was approved by the board.

Discussion was held with zoning administrator, Tim Goebel. The following building permits were presented to the board: Gerald McGill, pole building; William Tramp, shop; Jason Harmelink, addition to calving barn; Don Kathol, house addition; Craig Lammers, hoop building; William Huss, lean-to addition; Allen Kleinschmit, bin; Roger Pehrson, hoop building; William Potts, calving barn; John Brodersen, pole building; Tim Schmit, storm shelter; Brian & Tiffany Ebberson, house.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented a bid from Backhaus gravel and updated the board on the ongoing road projects. Crews working on the Leise bridge are removing the temporary crossing and plan to work on guardrails next week. The Hartington asphalt project from last fall was seeded yesterday.

Carla also presented the board with the information regarding the bridge match funds for the box culverts recently completed. A total of \$200,000 will be reimbursed by the state for those projects. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve Resolution 24-02, certifying proper completion of the projects. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Sheriff Koranda presented an interlocal law enforcement agreement with Knox County. This agreement had expired so the Knox County Sheriff updated the agreement. The agreement allows both counties to provide mutual aid along and in close proximity to the county line. Board approved the interlocal agreement and was signed by Chairman McGregor.

The board reviewed monthly fee reports from various offices.

Motion by Bartels and second by McGregor to enter executive session to discuss personnel.

Motion by McGregor and second by Donner to exit executive session.

The following claims were reviewed for payment by the board and with no further agenda items, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 187,896.89; Aflac 1,280.14; BCBS 59,897.29; Credit Mgmt Srv 552.60; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 1,703.49; Lincoln Natl Life 828.51; Nationwide Retire 50.00; NE Dept Rev 6,329.29; Retire Plans Div of Am 21,540.19; IRS 13,732.78; Soc Sec 28,350.54; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; AA Lawn Serv 245.00; Nathan Anderson 248.24; Antelope Co Sheriff 135.00; Appera 145.08; Connie Arens 518.75; AT&T Mobility 176.85; Bank of Hart 54.00; Barco Mun. Prod 375.64; Black Hills Energy 123.36; Bruce Blatchford 967.50; Bomgaars 104.87; CC Court 86.00; CC Sheriff 483.54; CC Treas 500,000.00; CKPPD 264.17; Cen Tec Cast Metal Prod 2,162.52; City of Hart 330.91; Culligan 230.00; Josh Curiel 118.36; DAS 1,187.60; Dell Mrktg LP 4,511.32; Eakes 3,295.32; Egley, Fullner, Montag 2,923.63; ES&S 3,335.76; Farmers Union 123.34; Feilmeier Elec 192.17; Floor Maint 578.82; Foodtown 2,490.24; G Works 13,687.00; Gov Connection 280.43; Groves Emerg. Lighting 249.99; Megan Hanefeldt 45.56; Hartelco 1,834.28; Hartelco Telecomm 466.32; Hart Golf Club 382.00; Hart Post Office 3,430.00; NHHS 186.00; Hiway 84 Auto 48.75; Holiday Inn 481.80; Hometown Leasing 732.61; Janelle Gubbels 100.00; Jury Duty 7,336.98; Kaiser Heating & Cooling 3,110.65; Kardell's Auto 1,308.49; Keith's Pkg Liquor 72.00; Kennedy Pier 5,009.87; Kruse True

Value 346.79; Lancaster Co Sheriff 6.70; Landmark Surveying 180.00; Laurel Advocate 48.50; Loffler 491.88; Madison Co Dist Court 100.00; Madison Co Sheriff 59.80; Martin's Flag Company 1,271.40; Carol McGregor 518.75; Midwest Radar & Equip 287.00; MIPS 3,954.07; NACEB 100.00; NECA 105.00; NACT 150.00; NE Law Enforc. Train Center 160.00; NPPD 2,609.48; NE NE RC&D 1,500.00; NENE AAA 6,247.00; NENE News 4,426.54; Mahaska 55.00; Quill 91.33; Region 4 Behavioral Health 7,067.50; Sanford Health 2,152.00; Jessica Schmit 66.99; Roger Schwartz 24.00; Scott Stanton 492.16; Steffen Drug 228.80; Jackie Steffen 52.75; Thomson West 752.00; Tri State Turf 90.00; Trinity Lutheran Church 250.00; US Bank 1,637.28; US Cell 352.22; Ashley Verhoek 204.56; Verizon 322.89; Visual Edge 20.84; Voyager 1,546.52; Voyager 138.03; Kevin Warner 118.22; Wells Drug 42.60; Janet Wiechelman 200.39; Wintz Funeral Home 1,300.00; X-prt Lawn 285.00; Tyler Yow 333.56.

Road Fund: Total Salaries 96,770.51; Aflac 649.04; BCBS 43,617.75; Empower Retire 475.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept Rev 3,130.17; Retire Plans Div of Am 10,706.71; IRS 7,263.54; Soc Sec 14,705.04; A & R Const 62,262.28; A-OX Weld 43.67; Appeara 382.78; Avera 25.00; B's Enterp 11,993.50; Backus Sand & Gravel 5,572.79; Barco Mun. Prod 5,456.70; Black Hills Energy 306.07; Bomgaars 557.37; Brummels Trucking LLC 5,366.86; CAP Gravel 5,997.30; Carhart 79.99; CAT 4,242.16; CKPPD 623.73; CKRW 78.30; Century Link 61.75; City of Hart 130.25; City of Laurel 180.64; City of Rand 4.15; CNH Indust 3,801.25; Col. Welding 104.75; Dakota Align 2,988.08; Detlefsen Const 23,541.25; Fairfield Inn 139.95; Farmer's Union 5,932.24; Filter Care 133.35; Fischer Feed 137.90; Folkers Bros 1,978.01; Gill Hauling 25.32; GP Comm 158.15; Grossenburg Imp 678.11; H&K Oil 75.00; Hansen Bros 1,619.22; Hartelco 255.47; Hart Shopper 87.00; Hart Truck & Auto 77.93; Hefner Oil 9,736.31; Jerry's Serv 5,593.20; Don Jorgensen 2,000.00; Josh Jorgensen 2,000.00; Kayton Intl 1,398.86; Landmark Surveying 720.00; Laurel True Value 77.13; Lawson Prod 1,597.18; Leiting Auto Supp 421.53; LG Everist 24,290.56; Manelli Wagner & Assoc 41,806.61; Mayer Signs 55.00; Med Enterp 35.00; MP Concrete 1,430.00; Murphy Tractor 1,919.45; NAPA 82.99; NPPD 145.46; NMC Exchange 146.87; North Ctrl Bldrs 20,000.00; NENE News 178.72; Overhead Door 205.00; Paul's Welding 10.52; Peitz GMC 780.71; Rand Farm Supp 5,091.34; Rath's 433.61; Spencer Quarries 11,913.33; Benjie Steffen 69.00; TMA 374.35; Top Crop 3,330.81; Truck-Trailer Sales 4,556.49; US Bank 1,207.09; US Cell 342.99; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager 170.58; Wiechelman Rpr 225.01; Wynot Oil 14,160.36; Yankton Janitorial Supp 71.95.

Bridge Federal Aid Fund: Herbst Const. 346,457.40.

Visitors Promotion Fund: Brooke Kleinschmit 56.49; Jacie Burbach 46.44; Dawn Casey 25.00; Gary Howey 56.49; NCN 5,425.00; Donna Noecker 56.49; Chris Rasmussen 51.80; Josh Rayford 49.12.

Visitors Improvement Fund: Bow Valley Park Assoc 2,500.00; Hart Creative Council 819.52.

Transit: Total Salaries 32,504.25; BCBS 7,378.53; First Concord 354.16; NE Dept Rev 743.07; Retire Plans Div of Am 3,566.74; IRS 1,221.57; Soc Sec 4,919.00; All Hours Towing 550.00; Anderson Body Shop 354.40; Appeara 141.18; Black Hills Energy 127.96; City of Hart 100.90; Farmers Union 6,664.48; Folkers Bros Garage 3,889.23; Foodtown 14.58; Hartelco 102.63; Hart Shopper 112.00; Hart Truck & Auto 40.92; NPPD 99.08; Nikki Pinkelman 547.24; Rand Farm Supply 27.19; StopNGo 1,579.34; US Bank 2,383.94; Verizon 347.77; X-Pert Lawn 136.00.

Homeland Security: OPTK Networks 802.12; US Bank 239.68.

Inheritance Tax Fund: Boone Co Sher 1,950.00; Bucks Port Restrooms 356.00; Riverside Tech 3,249.50; NE Dept of Corrections 2,800.85.

Enhanced 911 Fund: Batt + Bulbs 271.55; Fastwyre 77.50; G Works 8,789.00; GP Comm 115.68; Hartelco 444.16; NNTC 353.26; United Comm Group 7,575.00.

E911 Wireless Setback Fund: City of Norfolk 298.24; OPTK Networks 836.66.

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

May 28, 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 was 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 Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk of District Court, Janet Wiechelman, came before the board to discuss the Judge's decision to move the trial for Jason Jones to Dakota County. She will be visiting locations in South Sioux City to determine if their facilities are adequate for jury selection. The board unanimously agreed to allow Janet to sign agreements and make arrangements as necessary for the upcoming trial.

Clerk Schmit presented special designated liquor licenses to the board on behalf of Russ Flaming for the Cedar County Ag Society and the Cedar County Fair. Two separate licenses were presented – one for the rodeo area and the other for the concert venue. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the SDL's. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the board with right of way permits for Districts 1 and 3. She also presented the summary decision of the NDOT bridge inspection program in which they found all of Cedar County's bridge records were sufficient. She provided an update on the new bridge which will be opening soon. They need to place guardrail and complete erosion control and seeding. Carla drove the asphalt projects from last fall with the engineer and found there are some seeding issues along the Bow Valley road. Commissioner Donner shared his disappointment in that new asphalt being very rough.

A list of obsolete electronic equipment was presented to the board by Kevin Garvin, Emergency Manager. He was asking permission to dispose of the old inventory. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to dispose of the property. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was then held regarding the dirt work and landscaping that needs to be completed at the tower site.

At 9:30 AM, sealed bids for a new and used motor grader for District 1 were opened. Bids were received from Murphy Tractor for a new motor grader and from NMC for a new motor grader and a used motor grader. A record of bids received is available in the clerk's office for inspection. Commissioner Donner stated he would like to visit the dealerships and look at the equipment before making a decision.

Commissioner Bartels reported on the mental health board meeting he attended with nothing new to report.

At 10:00 AM, as advertised, a public hearing was held for Cedar County Transit and the proposal for an adjustment on their fee schedule. Transit Manager, Nikki Pinkelman, was seeking approval to lower the rate for farther distances to make it more affordable for riders. Georgia Addison was present and spoke on behalf of the transit being a wonderful benefit as a Cedar County resident.

NDOT representatives, including Sarah Soula the Nebraska transit manager, were in attendance to help answer any questions the board had regarding the transit operations. Nikki Pinkelman shared some history of the transit system in Cedar County and current costs of operations. This cost is shared with Federal and State Departments of Transportation as well as Knox County. There was a time when the state was several months behind reimbursing the county for their share of the cost of operating the transit system, but we are currently up to date. Discussion was held on training opportunities for Nikki and her staff and state representatives shared what is mandatory and held in-state. Out of state training opportunities are not mandatory to attend, although they are reimbursed at 100% if approved prior to attending. Nikki stated all of the training attended last fall has now been reimbursed to Cedar County after a slight delay. The board then questioned Sarah regarding the ownership of the transit building and she said she would get back to the board with that answer.

Joan Brodersen, President of the Board of Trustees for the Hartington Public Library presented information regarding the library's operations to the board. Other representatives in attendance were

Leah Wiedenfeld, Tami Anderson, and Hartington Mayor Mark Becker. Joan shared that over half of the library's circulation is to patrons living outside of the Hartington city limits. For this reason, the library board is asking to increase the support from the county to around 10% of their total budget, or \$18,000 per year. She cited health insurance being a main factor driving up costs. The board stated they would consider the request but need to take into consideration the other public libraries within the county.

With no further business or agenda items the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

June 11, 2024

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at :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 Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on the Hartington Public Library's request for funding. The boards from both the Randolph and Laurel libraries will be invited to upcoming meetings. The decision has been tabled until the board hears from all three libraries.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented right-of-way applications for Hartelco to put in fiberoptic lines in the St. Helena, Fordyce, and Menominee areas. Work is expected to begin in the very near future. Discussion was held on where the lines are put, how deep they are, and who is responsible for repair if the lines are hit. Donner suggested having some kind of maintenance clause to ensure the lines do not become exposed during routine maintenance. Carla will make this suggestion to NACO who is working on a state-wide permit process.

Carla discussed other things learned at the conference she attended last week. STP and bridge funds estimated to be available in March of 2025 are \$168,000 and \$240,000, respectively. The first applications for these funds will be submitted in October of 2025 for early 2026 disbursement. Other information was presented on training opportunities coming up that Carla will look into hosting in Cedar County as well as signage changes that do not yet have an effective date.

Safety meeting was held Monday, June 17 in Carla's office. Discussion was held within the safety meeting to define appropriate dress within the road department. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to make an addition to the safety manual regarding long pants being mandatory to avoid occupational exposures. Motion carried with a 2-0 vote.

Discussion was held on the motor grader bids that were opened on May 28 for District 1. Commissioner Donner announced the bid was awarded to Murphy Tractor for the AWD new machine lease/purchase.

John Thelen was in attendance and brought several concerns before the board.

Monthly reports from various offices were reviewed.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, presented a quote to replace a broken horizontal/directional antenna on the new tower for \$2,880 from United Communications. Board approved the quote.

Chairman McGregor thanked the other road districts for their help offering manual labor to get rock in place at the tower site. He stated all men worked well together and the site looks very nice.

Assessor Becky Dresden came before the board to discuss flyover photos that are required in the new fiscal year. They are required every six years. The company that took the photos six years ago no longer offers this service. She has contacted a couple of companies and will see if they are able to come to the next meeting.

The following claims were reviewed for payment by the board and with no further agenda items, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

GENERAL FUND: Total Salaries 181,094.77; Aflac 1,246.08; BCBS 57,128.06; CRD, Mang. Service 582.14; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 1,703.49; Lincoln Ntl Life 908.92; Nationwide Retire 50.00; Nebr Dept of Rev 6,057.69; Retire Plans Div of Am 20,592.15; Security Bank 13,169.87; Security Bank 27,314.85; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; Appera 99.80; Arts Garb Svc 448.00; AT&T 83.10; Auto Hosp. 694.49; Ben Beckman 32.28; Blk Hills Eng. 100.80; Bruce Blatchford 277.50; Bomgaars 764.68; Bound Tree Med LLC 112.04; Carney Law PC 1,177.00; Cedar Co CLK of Dist Court 398.06; Cedar Co Court 85.00; Cedar/Knox Pub. PWR Dist 296.79; CVA 612.67; City of Hart 340.27; D&J Variety 29.99; Das State Acct Cent Finance 112.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Dell Mark. LP 1,770.74; David Dowling 5,000; Eakes Off Sol. 1,968.98; EFMME 496.93; Farmers Union 205.34; field Fire 1,328.39; Floor Maint & Supply 232.72; Folkers Bro Garage 598.37; Food Town 1,400.82; Kevin Garvin 46.94; Janie Gothier 272.36; Gov Connect Inc 406.63; GRT American Leas Corp 163.02; Megan Hanefeldt 152.76; Hansen Bros Parts & Svcs 92.95; Hartelco 1,827.58; Hartelco Comp 49.98; Hart Shopper 2, 120.0; NE Health & Human Svcs 180.00; Hwy 84 Auto & RV

Wash 98.00; Hometown Leasing 732.61; Justice Data Sol Inc 3,000; Kardell Auto 245.39; KPL LLP 5, 185.22; David Koch 1,336.00; Larry Koranda 195.00; Nicholas Matney 237.36; Max Inc 293.99; Midwest Card & ID Sol 1,750.00; MIPS Inc 7,553.19; NACO 2,387.16; NE Assoc County Assessors 25.00; NE County Attorneys Accoc 550.00; NE Notary Accoc 155.80; NE Public PWR Dist 2,071.41; NIRMA 86,694.70; NE Comm College 132.50; NE Ne News Comp 247.83; NSA/Poan Conf 200.00; Olsen Pest Tech 130.00; Omaha World-Herald 132.08; sally Opfer 65.66; Peitz GMC Svcs 16.36; Mahaska 105.00; Physicians Lab PC 1,000.00; Quadient INC 200.45; Quill Corp 734.64; Riverside HYD Inc 277.80; RR Connelley 138.93; Sante FE Disb 189.54; Schindler Elevator Corp 1,621.32; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Security Shred Svcs 140.00; Steffen Drug 17.98; Jackie Steffen 594.36; SDDC 5, 570.82; Stryker Sales Corp 1,980.55; Thomas Create Apparel INC 38.86; Tri-State Comm INC 536.90; US Cellular 206.22; Verizon 399.22; Visual Edge IT 18.02; Voyager Fleet Syst INC 1,650.88; Voyager Fleet Syst 264.77; Wells Drug 16.42; Cara Wiebelhaus 32.16; Janey Wiechelmann 322.94; Gary Wieseler 34.84; Wints Funeral Home INC 1,300.00; X-Pert Lawn & Land 560.00; Yankton Daily P&D 235.14

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 95,475.28; Aflac 745.37; BCBS 44,688.71; Empower Retire 475.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept of Rev 3,078.19; Retire Plans Div of Am 10,560.94; Security Bank 7,026.97; Security Bank 14,507.00; A-OX Welding 108.08; AA Lawn Svcs 560.00; Appera 555.49; Art Kathol Appliance 8,600.00; Avera Med 25.00; B's Enterprises NC 12,000.00; Backus sand/Gravel 44,706.64; BLK Hills ENG 88.79; Chad Boeckman 105.00; Bomgaars 920.16; Brummels Trucking LLC 4,068.53; Cat Financial Svcs Corp 4,242.16; Cedar/Knox Pub PWR Dist 285.63; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 64.28; City of Hart 127.55; City of Laurel 137.51; City of Randolph 53.96; CNH Ind Accts 39, 293.97; Coleridge Welding Inc 843.17; Colonial Research Chem Corp 613.80; D& 8.17; Dinkels 1,473.50; Farmers Union 10,567.55; Filter Care of NE 489.80; Folkers Bros Garage 171.45; Fordyce Auto 25.00; Fordyce Farmers Coop 1,935.73; gill Hauling INC 25.32; Graham Tir Co 1,829.36; Great Plains Com Inc 161.37; Grossenburg Imp 335.40; H&K Oil 45.00; Hansen Bro Parts & Svcs 3,087.23; Hartelco 255.47; Hart Shopper 261.00; Hart Truck Auto parts Inc 20.02; Hefner Oil & Feed Co 24, 329.24; Herbst Cost Inc 58,345.01; Jansen Const 13,200.00; Jerry's Svcs Inc 13,283.73; Kayton International (Crofton) 329.35; Knife River 13,839.92; Kruse True Value 34.98; Laurel Feed & Grain Co 1,500.00; Laurel True Value 94.72; Laurel Welding 3,921.99; LG Everist Inc 69,059.13; Medical Enterprises Inc 41.25; NE Pub Pwr Dist 146.12; Nirma 123, 630.00; NMC Exchange LLC 2,458.24; NMC Exchange LLC 6,985.73; Norfolk Shopper 231.75; North Cent Builders 15,725.00; NE Comm College 410.00; NE Glass 510.00; NE Neb News Co 178.72; Pauls Welding 25.26; Peitz GMS 440.85; Pumps Tire 263.33; Randolph Farm Supply 1,565.55; Rath's Mini Mart 491.43; Carla Schmidt 274.70, Schmitt Const Inc 7,482.50; Shurco 167.29; Spencer Quarries Inc 7,873.46; Stern Oil Co 7,551.78; RD Guy Const Co 12,227.05; TMA 20.80; Truck Tailer sales 11,364.81; US Cellular 342.99; Village of Wynot 114.76; Voyager Fleet Systems Inc 107.58; Wiebelhaus Svcs 536.81; Wiechelmann Repair 2,119.98; Wynot Oil 13,040.30

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 35,279.16; BCBS 7,378.53; First Concord Ben 354.16; NE Dept of Rev 817.91; Retire Plans Div of Am 3,878.54; Security Bank 1,329.02; Security Bank 5,343.04; Appera 94.12; Nolan Becker 1,300.00; Blk Hills Eng 1,300.00; City of Hart 78.83; Farmers Union 7,717.68; Folkers Bro Garage 1,573.18; Hartelco 102.63; Kaiser Heating/Cooling 195.00; Kruse Tru Value 18.99; NPPD 103.37; NIRMA 22,568.30; NE Neb News Co 33.49; Olsen Pest Tech 75.00; Nikki Pinkelman 22.00; Randolph Farm Supply 49.28; Rath's Mini Mart 109.93; Verizon 347.77; E-Pert Lawn 340.00

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Optk Networks 802.12; Pierce Vol Fire Dept 2,995.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Antelope Co Sheriff 1,160.00; Boone Co Sheriff Dept 2,015.00; Riverside Tech 3,249.50; SHI International Corp 6,331.30; State of NE Correctional Dept 2,710.50

E911 FUND: APCO Int. 513.00; Dell Marketing 2,241.40; Fastwyre 232.50; Great Plains Comm 169.44; Hartelco 433.77; Motorola 7,204.14; NE Nebr Tele 353.26; Sante Fe Dist 287.91; Tri Soft System 1,576.58; United Comm Grp Inc 7,575.00

E911 WIRELESS SETBACK FUND: OPTK Networks 1,673.32

E911 WIRELESS FUND: Cedar Co Treasurer 21.84

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

June 25, 2024

The Cedar County Commissioners met in the Boardroom of the Cedar County Courthouse at 8:00 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 Donner and seconded by Bartels to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Ryan Poots with Eagleview presented his imagery capture software for assessment purposes. Requirement is to have these images for the assessor's office every six years. Images would be required every two to three years for FEMA, if necessary, and would be very beneficial to the assessor's office to be taken that often. Upon further discussion with the assessor's office and emergency management, additional information will be sought from Eagleview as well as a competitive bid or two, if possible.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board to discuss the Motorola Services Contract that is expiring this year. The new contract, as presented, would extend another five years and would update the hardware and software every two years. If we did not have the service contract, the units would become obsolete and cost more to replace the unit in its entirety. The contract covers phone support but not on-site support or equipment failure. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the contract. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Ebmeier Farms 33,000 bu bin, Jane Winkelbauer 16,159 bu bin. Tim also presented the following conditional use permits. Newton Family Enterprises, ten acres split for residence, Charles Newton Family Trust, five acres split off to sell for residence, and Ty Dybdal, split five acres for residence. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve all conditional use permits. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt opened her discussion with the board by stating all the projects from the previous year are complete. The Leise bridge was opened May 31 and is seeded and all of the asphalt projects are complete as well. She asked the commissioners to start brainstorming ideas for new projects although the bridge match application process will not be opened for at least a year. Schmidt also presented data compiled on gravel purchases by each district for the fiscal year for budget purposes. District One had requested a traffic count south of Bow Valley and that count was 128 vehicles per day.

Clerk Schmit opened discussion on the upcoming joint public hearing postcards that are required by the state. She asked the board designate the printing company recommended by NACO to handle this work for us this year. Board agreed to designate CSG. Clerk Schmit had been contacted by an organization called TextMyGov as a way to communicate with citizens regarding issues and alerts as well as automatic responses to aid citizens in finding information quickly. Commissioners agreed to learn more as this would have application in the emergency management realm and has been on Kevin's radar. Schmit will set up a zoom with the organization.

The following claims were reviewed and approved for payment: General Fund: CC Treasurer 750,000.00, David Dowling 5,000, US Bank 339.85. Road Fund: Cat Financial 250,000.00, Cornhusker Int'l 66,000.00, Murphy Tractor 140,000.00, US Bank 229.99. Transit Fund: US Bank 449.02. Homeland Security: US Bank 402.32. Enhanced 911: US Bank 267.93.

Assessor's office employees came back to further discuss the Eagleview presentation. They told the board the 3" images would be worth the money compared to the 6" and that it would be very helpful for the sketching side of it. They discussed how the last time aerial photos were taken, tax revenue was gained because things had been built or added on to without building permits. These new photos would make that even easier. Dresden and Schmit will work together to reach out to cities within the county to see if they would be interested in using the technology.

Mark Mainelli, engineer for the Road Department, was in attendance for a discussion on various road questions/issues. The main focus was on troublesome bridges, culverts, and potential for low water crossings.

Weed Superintendent, Justin Heikes, came before the board to discuss the City of Randolph's drainage ditch that has noxious weed issues. Heikes had been awarded a grant to cover the spraying of that drainage

ditch but the money was re-allocated and pulled back from that grant. He is looking for a solution to spray phase one of that project in late summer and is working with the contractor for phase two as they are willing to do the work on phase two if the county supplies the chemical so it is in better shape next year at this time. The board agreed that Heikes needs to get it done and is hopeful there is some chemical left from last year.

Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to enter Executive session at 11:30 AM to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to exit Executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels at 12:00 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

Permission was granted to Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, to advertise for a vacancy in emergency management.

Chairman McGregor called a recess at 12:10 pm until 1:30 pm for lunch.

Chairman McGregor called the meeting back to order at 1:30 pm. Immediately a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to enter Executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried 3-0.

At 2:30 PM, motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to exit Executive session. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to accept the resignation of Nick Matney, County Attorney, effective July 9th at noon was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to table the discussion on the vacancy until July 9th was made by Donner.

Motion by Bartels to appoint Ron Temple as County Attorney, effective July 9th at noon was made.

Call for a second on each of the motions made was read. There was not a second to table the discussion. McGregor seconded the motion to appoint Ron Temple as County Attorney effective July 9th at noon. Motion carried 2-1. Aye – Bartels, McGregor, Nay – Donner.

Meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman McGregor at 2:45 PM.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

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

July 23, 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 were 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 Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator Tim Gobel presented the following building permits: Gary Woockman 15,000 bu bin, Joe Zimmerman 40x60' machine shed, Dean Steck 27x56' building. He then asked the board about zoning regulations in villages that are not included in the county's comprehensive zoning plan. County Attorney Ron Temple recommended to review the plan and make an amendment for villages, if necessary, and present it to each village for adoption or denial.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt brought resolutions to the board for adoption regarding two roads recently upgraded from minimum maintenance to rural local classification. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to upgrade a half mile of 869 Road between 562 and 563 Avenue. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to upgrade a quarter mile of 868 Road between 568 Avenue and Highway 57. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Schmidt then shared with the board that there is a motor grader training offer through LTAP and she is looking into hosting that for Cedar and surrounding counties. She also presented information gathered from the salary study completed by NACO for the road crew and Highway Superintendent.

Assessor Becky Dresden presented a list of parcels with changes made for 2024 after the March 19 deadline. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the changes. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Dresden was also seeking approval for an extension of time to apply for the homestead exemption for parcel #6805.00 due to extenuating circumstances. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve this extension of time to apply. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit called for a motion to approve the additional 1% available for the county budget. This motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit then presented to the board information from the Nebraska Cooperative Government as the new owners of Backroads Barbecue would like to have Keno in their establishment. After seeking counsel from the county attorney, the board decided to move forward with the resolution as presented by the Clerk. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to pass Resolution 24-6, calling for an election for the purpose of authorizing Cedar County to conduct a lottery. Motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote. This issue will be on ballot this fall for the General Election.

At 10:00 AM a public hearing was held for the liquor license application of EMR Ventures, LLC. Clerk Schmit presented information to the board for review including their business plan. Motion to approve the liquor license was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

At 10:15 AM, McGregor made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Bartels. Motion carried 3-0. At 10:48 AM, motion to exit executive session was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on transit management traveling out of state for a software conference. Motion to approve the travel was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried 2-1. Voting Aye: McGregor, Bartels. Voting Nay: Donner.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board seeking approval for the purchase of a transmitter for the paging system. The current system is at end of life and showing some beginning signs of failure. The Board gave the go ahead to purchase the transmitter. Discussion was then held on the open position in Emergency Management. The Board reviewed the applications Kevin has received and recommended that Kevin bring those individuals in for an interview. No decision was made as to whether the position would be full or part time.

Discussion was then held with Assessor Dresden and Kevin Garvin regarding the aerial photos as discussed in previous meetings. Dresden will request a contract from EagleView so the County Attorney has time to review it before the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the county contributions to the libraries within Cedar County. Budgets were requested from each library by Clerk Schmit and she presented these to the board along with a spreadsheet with percentages of contributions based on their respective budgets, as requested by the Chairman. After discussion regarding the differences between the libraries, a motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to allocate the funds as follows: Hartington \$13,500, Randolph \$7,500, Laurel \$3,500 for a total of \$24,500. Motion carried 3-0. The board is inclined to approve this budget line item when the rest of the budget is reviewed.

Commissioners discussed amongst themselves the total amount they can plan on for each of their budgets and if each district's budget should be equal. Historical data was reviewed regarding the disparity between the three districts over the years and the formula that was used to arrive at these budget totals. The Board agreed, subject to final budget approval by the Board, that District 1 may receive more budgeted funds than prior years, District 2 may receive more or less or remain equal in terms of budgeted funds than prior years, and District 3 may receive less budgeted funds than prior years.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman McGregor at 12:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

August 13, 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 were 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 Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Weed Superintendent, Justin Heikes, presented one constituent that has been given proper warning and notices and has not taken care of his noxious weeds. He asked the board for approval to do a force spray. Board approved and county attorney Ron Temple suggested sending a letter to give notice with a date that the spraying will happen, weather permitting.

County Attorney Ron Temple asked the board to table the approval of the EagleView contract because it was not received until late last week and he had not had an opportunity to review the contract. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner to table the discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Temple then discussed with the board the statute requiring publication of salaries annually. He said in the coming months employee job descriptions and classifications will be reviewed.

Clerk Schmit presented a purchasing policy for federal grant funds prepared by Kevin Garvin for approval. This policy is meeting a recommendation from our external auditors and puts in writing the procedures already being followed by Kevin when a federal grant is awarded to the county. McGregor made a motion to accept the policy and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried 3-0.

Heidi Borg, ag liaison for Adrian Smith gave an update to the board from Washington D.C. and reminded the board on what she is able to help people with. She hosted a mobile office hour upstairs after her presentation.

Zoning administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits to the board: Merlin Berteloth used mobile home, Frank Hochstein 10,000 bu grain leg, Brian Lange used 12,000 bu grain bin, Don Rowley 40x30' hoop building, Burbach Farms 35x45' commodity building, Quality Well Service 50x60' building addition.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, opened discussion with a resolution to grant authority to the board chairman to sign the annual certificate of compliance. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve Resolution 24-7. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Commissioners proceeded to sign the certification of program compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.

Schmidt then updated the board on the motor grader training that she had told the board about. It is sponsored by LTAP and being hosted by Holt county. No date has been set. She also brought to the board's attention that an abundance of road signs have been stolen recently. Discussion was then held on Legion members qualifying for military pay if they are volunteering to attend funerals as the color guard. Board agreed that employees would need to use PTO in this situation.

Schmidt she informed the board that Great Plains Communications had contacted her about installing additional fiberoptic line throughout District 1. John Strom, representative from Great Plains, came to thee meeting and presented the maps and layout for the construction. Board approved of the work and will get the formal permit to Carla.

County Assessor, Becky Dresden, presented omitted personal property schedules 4230; 6890; 7075, accelerated personal property schedules 4841; 6674 and accelerated real estate tax parcels number 9262100.02. Motion to accept the omitted and accelerated schedules was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Chairman McGregor opened up the room for public comment. Tim Jensen was present and had a couple of questions for the board. Discussion was held on county government and hauling gravel.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, came before the board to discuss the two applicants he interviewed. At 10:24 AM, McGregor made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel. That motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 11:15 AM, Donner made a motion to leave executive session and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was then made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to table any action on the Emergency Management position. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

County Treasurer, Jean Wiebelhaus, presented the distress warrants issued for the 2022 tax year. All but one of the warrants have been paid.

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 191,428.00; Aflac 1,424.96; BCBS 64,1376.28; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl Life 885.59; Nationwide Retire 50.00; Nebr Dept of Rev 6,299.10; Retire Plans Div of Am 21,652.23; Security Bank 13,817.93; Security Bank 28,819.16; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; All Season PWR Sports 393.36; Appeara 99.80; Arts Garb Svc 250.00; AT & T 10.48; Stan Becker 52.01; Ben Beckman 41.54; BLK Hills Energy 111.76; Bruce Blatchford 270.00; Bomgaars 65.94; Cap Gravel 5,973.60; Cedar Co CLK of Dist Court 213.06; Cedar Co Court 192.00; Cedar Co Sheriff 437.60; Cedar/Knox Pub. PWR Dist 336.02; City of Hart 608.07; CNT Wide Directory 366.00; CVSOAN 60.00; D&J 50.43; Das State Acct Cent Finance 1,133.00; Das State Acct Cent Finance 537.60; Dell Marketing 219.99; Gary Dickes 50.67; Dixon CO Sheriff's Office 34.38; Double A Lawn Care 570.00; Krista Dybdal 68.34; Eakes Off Sol. 3,641.16; EFMME 1,707.16; Family 1st Dental Hart. 690.00; Farmers Union 44.37; F, V & T 1,975.54; Floor Maint, & Supply 275.78; Food Town 2,088.66; G, B, B PC, LLO 2,298.91; Janie Gothier 210.38; Grt. American Lease Corp 55.51; Megan Hanefeldt 551.37; Hansen Lock Inc. 1,050.00; Hartelco 1,867.98; Hartelco Tele. 262.50; Hart Shopper 125.00; NE Health & Human Svcs 180.00; Hiway 84 Auto & RV Wash 170.00; Hometown Leasing 106.73; Jeffery Hrouda 3,167.79; Jaacks Uniform & Equip. 25.00; Kardel Auto 68.20; KPL LLP 5,185.22; David Koch 510.00; Austin Korth 76.80; Kruse True Value 772.05; Kathy Lammers 294.00; Lnd. Mark Survy. 480.00; Dan Lipp 87.52; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; NE Law Enf. Train Center 315.00; NPPD 2,500.83; NE Neb News Co 1,665.65; Olson Pest Tech 130.00; Mahaska 54.00; Quadient INC 33.00; Riverside Tec Inc 3,249.50; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Ron Stapelman 71.44; Mary Lou Steffen 144.00; Jackie Steffen 22.46; John Steffen 55.36; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson 29,448.68; US Bank 2,436.74; US Cellular 351.22; Verizon 477.47; Visual Edge It, Inc 37.63; Voyager Fleet Syst INC 1,388.48; Voyager Fleet Syst 134.96; Mick Wiepen 76.80; Winkelbauer Repair 1,195.79; X-Pert Lawn & Land 380.00

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 109,826.31; Aflac 1,210.34; BCBS 46,270.69; Empower Retire 475.00; First Concord 150.00; NE Dept of Rev 3,763.30; Retire Plans Div of Am 12,175.48; Security Bank 8,509.94; Security Bank 16,660.24; A-OX Welding 42.53; Appeara 256.04; B's Enter. Inc 22,427.00; Backus sand/Gravel 50,590.10; BLK Hills ENG 88,37; Bomgaars 822.95; Boyer Ridge Man. Inc. 1,734.50; Cap Gravel 14,559.47; Carhart 55.97; Cat Financial Svcs Corp 4,242.16; Cedar/Knox Pub PWR Dist 313.71; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 71.28; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 94.06; City of Randolph 80.59; CNH Ind. Accts 2,680.09; Coleridge Welding Inc 753.64; Colonial Res. Chem Corp 280.59; Dinkles 336.10; Farmers Union 849.79; Filter Care of NE 134.60; Fischer Custm Concrete 9,202.50; Folkers Bros Garage 405.61; Fordyce Farmers Nonstock Coop 1,494.41; Gill Hauling INC 27.93; Great Plains Com Inc 164.62; Grossenburg Imp 519.99; Hansen Bro Parts & Svcs 2,774.64; Hartelco 256.40; Hefner Oil & Feed Co 13,781.96; Jerry's Svcs Inc 18,902.37; Kaiser Appliance & Ref 27.99; Kayton International (Crofton) 1,898.28; Kimball Midwest 164.73; Knife River 56,239.42; Laurel True Value 126.76; Lawson Products Inc. 523.20; Leiting Auto Supply 312.15; LG Everist Inc 24,787.13; Menford Ele. LLC 6,715.19; Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. 3,737.87; Napa Auto-Yankton 13.48; NPPD 143.65; NMC Exchange LLC 4,095.33; Aaron Olson 134.00; Pauls Welding 1,042.28; Peitz GMS 785.82; Poms Tire 3,556.42; Randolph Farm Supply 2,687.39; Rath's Mini Mart 521.26; Road Builders 2,079.84; Schmitt Const Inc 10,510.00; Truck-Trailer Sales & SVS. Inc 21.88; Steven Uhing 128.39; US Cellular 294.65; Village of Wynot 113.00; Voyager Fleet Syst. INC 59.39; attire True Value 31.98, Wiebelhaus Svcs. 16.00; Wiechelman Repair Inc. 2,519.03; Wynot Oil 13,102.58

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 43,212.30; BCBS 7,639.74; First Concord Ben 683.32; NE Dept of Rev 1,108.03; Retire Plans Div of Am 4,753.33; Security Bank 1,926.81; Security Bank 6,506.94; Appeara 94.12; Blk Hills Eng 43.74; City of Hart 177.91; Farmers Union 5,230.23; Folkers Bro Garage 6,139.51; Hartelco 102.94; Hart Truck/Auto Parts Inc. 40.92; Mobility Sales/Rental 325.50; NATP 105.00; ;

NPPD 172.53; NP Mart 1,383.26; Olsens Pest Tech 75.00; Nikki Pinkelman 144.00; Randolph Farm Supply 54.36; US Bank 5,110.74; Verizon 1,089.16; X-Pert Lawn 272.00

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Boone Co Health Center 223.00; Boon Co. Sheriffs Dept 2,015.00; Elgin Pharmacy 27.29; State of NE Correctional Dept 2,715.30

E911 FUND: Fastwyre 155.00; Great Plains Comm 115.68; Hartelco 449.02; NE Nebr Tele 353.26; Tri State Comm. Inc. 832.00; US Bank 485.00

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk 149.12; OPTK Networks 836.66

Courthouse Bond Fund: BOKF, NA 359,055.00; Knife River Midwest LLC 39,819.34

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

August 27, 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 Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin, opened discussion on the history of Becker Flying Service's agreement for having an antenna on the county's emergency tower. FEMA and insurance companies have requested a written agreement in place. In exchange for search and rescue efforts as needed, when needed, they have put an antenna on our tower at Becker's expense. County Attorney, Ron Temple, suggested to have a contract drawn up but to leave informal agreements out of the contract. Kevin will talk with Becker's and get Ron in touch with their attorney so Ron can proceed with drawing up the contract.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits to the board: Brad Stolpe 40x64 pole shed, Randy Olson 36x65 house, Francis Tramp 30x40 shed, Charles Meirose garage addition. Conditional use permits presented to the board were Ron Lammers 8 acres to split off farm place and Greg Pippit to split 5 acres off for the farm place. McGregor made the motion, second by Donner, to approve the Lammers conditional use permit. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion by McGregor, second by Bartels, to approve Pippit conditional use permit. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was held on the PTO Policy and how to handle employees who were allowed an advance of PTO hours. An annual reconciliation was discussed as was an option of only reconciling upon separation. Ron Temple is going to work on some language for both reconciliations.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the permit for Great Plains Communications installing additional fiber optic lines that was discussed at the last meeting. Discussion was held on the gravel being used and replaced by Great Plains. Schmidt reminded the commissioners the 9th of September is a safety meeting.

Clerk Schmit then presented Resolution 24-8 to the board with the preliminary tax requirements of the county fire districts and the ag society. The resolution grants the authority to the subdivisions to levy the funds requested. Motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to adopt Resolution 24-8. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Annual inventories of physical assets were reviewed and signed by the board.

Clerk Schmit presented four Special Designated Liquor Licenses for upcoming events to the board. Two for the Bow Valley Park Association for events at Diane's Greenhouse and two for wedding receptions at Nissen Winery. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the SDL's. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Discussion was led by Chairman McGregor on a request for funds by the Cedar County Historical Society. Funds will be used for the operation of the Cedar County Museum. A motion by McGregor was seconded by Bartels to direct \$14,000 to the Historical Society in the budget. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Brief discussion was held on the open emergency management position and possible cooperation with Knox County. The conversations with Knox County are ongoing.

Clerk Schmit then opened discussion on the budget. Schmit proposed a \$75,000 cut to the budget in order to stay below the threshold of the joint public hearing to be held in September. Discussion was held on the health insurance line within the road fund as well as the quantity of vehicles being sought in the transit fund. The commissioners agreed these cuts were not negatively impacting the services provided and would keep the county below the required threshold. The suggestions were approved and the budget will be ready for public hearing on 9-10.

Clerk of the District Court, Janet Wiechelman, came before the board to discuss potential juror issues for the upcoming trial.

McGregor shared some comments about attending the groundbreaking event for the Public Health Department in Wayne.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

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

September 24, 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 Bartels and seconded by Donner to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Assessor Becky Dresden presented an amended Three Year Plan of Assessment to the board. It had to be amended because she had put the aerial photo cost in her budget and the board had decided to move that amount to the miscellaneous general function.

Clerk Schmit presented two special designated licenses to the board. One SDL was for a wedding at Nissen Wine and the other for a fundraiser dinner for All Saints Parish. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the SDL's. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Weed superintendent Justin Heikes was not present, but county attorney Ron Temple stated that he had asked Justin to send a second courtesy letter to the constituent needing remediation, and that had been done.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Doug Tunink house addition, Regg Pehrson 34x48 cabin with 24x24 garage, Francis Tramp 30x48 shop, Jim Leapley 60x100 pole barn.

McGregor opened discussion on a right of way issue where an irrigation center point has been set in the right of way. An easement was discussed releasing the county of liability if the structure is not moved. County Attorney Ron Temple recommended the operator dig out the center point and move it out of the right of way. Temple also suggested the county talk with the NRD and request that they let us know of any approved wells so we can ensure they are not set in the right of way. Tim will go out and find the section corners so a definite line for the right of way can be set on the one currently in question.

Discussion was then had on fines and penalties able to be charged for building permits that are not followed. Tim will look into the zoning regulations to see if it states anything. Temple stated we need a provision within the regulations to collect on the additional value built that was not on the building permit. Temple asked Tim to forward the building permit form to him for review.

Road Superintendent, Carla Schmidt updated the board on the bridge match program. Applications will need to be submitted by the end of November and she will bring more specifics to the next meeting. Cedar/Dixon county line road issue was discussed briefly. Dixon county has been contacted and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin presented information to the board on the system used for paging fire and EMS responders. The method that has been used to send pages to cell phones is being shut down by the cell phone providers. Kevin had a proposal for a contract from IamResponding to continue the same type of service which would be paid out of the 911 Fund. Motion made by McGregor to approve the proposed contract, seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Garvin also presented information to the board regarding a mass notification system for the general public. Board suggested that Kevin move forward with referrals and communication with municipalities about the possibility of sharing the services.

Nick Antrobus with Colonial Life came before the board to discuss the benefits available from their company and to give employees an option for those types of coverage. Everything would be employee paid. The board gave approval for Nick to present his information to employees and see if anyone is interested.

Clerk Schmit informed the board she had been contacted by Chris Rasmussen, head of the Cedar County Tourism Board, and they did not have any applicants for their fall meeting. They are focusing on outreach, so more people know about the grant opportunities they provide.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

October 8, 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 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 information she has started receiving from the local NRD regarding new center pivots and wells being installed so if they are next to a road she can reach out and ensure they know the right of way distances. She also presented a right of way permit from Plumbing and Electric for District Three. Schmidt then updated the board on the rural water project that is slated to begin this fall. She has not gotten any updates on the project nor received right of way permits for road crossings for the new water lines running parallel to the existing lines and will continue to try to get in touch with the project manager.

Schmidt read her report on a portion of 886 Road that needs to have a public hearing to be reclassified from a local road to minimum maintenance. Motion was made by McGregor, second by Donner to approve the reclassification proceed with advertising for a public hearing. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Schmidt then updated the board on the bridge match program from Nebraska Department of Transportation. Funds available are much less this year with eligibility of structures narrowing. Discussion was held on submitting one application for the county, potentially with more than one structure involved. Schmidt provided each commissioner with a summary of eligible structures within their district. Discussion was held on the bridge in Menominee and Carla was going to move forward with this application.

Schmidt opened discussion on having Wi-Fi installed at the county shops in District 1 for the purpose of doing locates and ordering parts. Donner gave Schmidt the go ahead to start the service in his shops.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Kelly Kaiser 50x85 house, Jason Heikes 16x58 machine shed addition, Lyle Lammers 33,000 bushel grain bin, Riverside Holdings, 130x44 storage units, Eric Dickes 190' feed bunks. Conditional use permits were presented separately. First conditional use permit was for Richard Donner for development of natural resources and extraction of raw materials such as rock, gravel, and sand. Commissioner Donner abstained from voting on this permit. Motion to approve the conditional use permit was made by McGregor. With no second, the motion was made two more times. Due to lack of a second motion, the motion failed to advance. Next conditional use permit was for Tim and Debbie Schrieber splitting 16 acres off for a residence. Motion to approve the Schrieber permit was made by Donner, seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Next was a permit from Austin Korth for splitting 11 acres off for the farm place. Motion to approve the Korth conditional use permit made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Finally, a permit was presented for Michael Korth splitting 16 acres off for the farm place. Motion to approve this Korth conditional use permit made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Clerk Schmit presented a copy of the newspaper article from the Press & Dakotan regarding the possibility of sharing emergency management personnel and a brief discussion was held on the differences between what Knox County is proposing and what the board has discussed with Kevin Garvin. Knox county representatives have been invited to the next meeting and more discussion will be held at that time when Garvin can be in attendance.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to enter Board of Equalization. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. 2024 levies were reviewed by the commissioners. Motion to approve the levies was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to go out of the Board of Equalization was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Schmit then asked the board for their approval of Operation Green Light again this year in support of Veterans. She will work with Pat Reineke to get the courthouse lit up green.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed and approved by the board.

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 184,610.81; Aflac 1,424.96; BCBS 53,736.54; Empower Retire 3,555.00; First Concord 2,170.99; Lincoln Ntl Life 828.35; Nationwide Retire 50.00; Nebr Dept of Rev 6,090.38; Retire Plans Div of Am 20,686.90; Security Bank 13,585.07; Security Bank 27,773.28; Washington Ntl Ins 27.35; Connie Arens 237.50; Arts Garb Svc 224.00; AT & T 187.40; Auto Hosp. 341.40; Avera Med GRP 235.00; Batteries Plus 91.19; Karen Becerra 12.50; Ben Beckman 389.61; Noah Behrens 33.40; Bruce Blatchford 3,795.00; Bomgaars 319.84 Round Tree Med. 113.43; Canon Fin. Serv. 55.51; Cedar Co Court 153.00; Cedar Co Historical Soc. 7,000.00; Cedar Co Sheriff 48.80; Cedar/Knox Pub. PWR Dist 307.62; City of Hart 595.27; City of Hart 125.00; Continental Alarm 450.00; Cummins Sales 2,001.34; Gail Curry 133.80; D & J 32.95; Dakota Co Dist Court 639.79; Deb Dannelly 128.13; Das State Acct Cent

Finance 756.50; Das State Acct Cent Finance 614.60; Dodge Co 4,189.84; Double A lawn Care 315.00; Eakes Off Sol. 2,604.30; EFMME 402.93; Election Systems 3,357.29; Athos Survival 54.35; Royce Fairley 76.95; Farmers Union 190.62; Ryan Fettig 76.28; Ann Fischer 67.00; Floor Maint, & Supply 356.66; Floral Designs 48.15; Food Town 1,084.46; Christine Cabig 112.56; Galyen Boettcher Baier 138.24; Kevin Garvin 105.84; Andrew Gothier 74.94; Francesca Grijalva 213.06; Megan Hanefeldt 44.54; Hartelco 1,858.69; Hart Post Office 1,500.00; Hart Shopper 1,77.70; Hart Truck & Auto Parts 30.99; Hiway 84 Auto & RV Wash 70.50; Hometown Leasing 106.73; Jared Irvine 149.98; Janelle Gubbels 125.00; Jonathan Pub. 150.00; Heather Jones 75.04; Jury Duty 28,335.79; KPL LLP 5,185.22; David Koch 495.00; Kruse True Value 117.51; Laurel Advocate 51.00; Maximus 652.00; MIPS Inc 3,636.54; Misty Miranda 77.62; Kevin Miserez 87.00; NACO 215.00; NPPD 2,699.54; NE Neb. News Co. 2,475.70; Sally Opfer 159.00; Sherry Pallas 80.30; Susan Paulsen 659.38; Vickie Prince 715.63; Provantage 195.88; Quadient Leasing 525.30; Michele Quick 625.01; Quill Corp 155.84; Randolph Farm Supply 24.00; Cindy Redlinger 465.00; Region IV 3,195.50; Riverside Tec Inc 3,249.50; Quin Rohan 462.50; Monica Rotherham 171.88; Santa Fe Dist. 466.49; Anthony Sattlefield 184.72; Jennifer Schaible 112.46; Jessica Schmit 59.63; Roger Schwarts 12.00; Sec. Of State Elections 20.00; Sec. Shredding Serv. 240.00; So. Sioux Marriott 7,652.05; Scott Stanton 247.20; Jackie Steffen 601.51; Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson 2,028.02; Total Fire & Sec. 668.00; Tri State Comm 90.00; Tri State Irrigation 40.50; US Bank 2,699.84; US Cellular 497.82; Verizon 324.16; Visual Edge It, Inc 22.87; Voyager Fleet Syst INC 1,171.94; Voyager Fleet Syst 183.73; Brian Welch 100.40; Cara Wiebelhaus 73.70; Jean Wiebelhaus 67.00; Ron Wieseler 1,600.00; Winkelbauer Repair 87.15; Marsha Wuebben 259.14; X-Pert Lawn & Land 380.00

ROAD FUND: Total Salaries 107,947.91; A-OX Welding 43.67; Arnies Ford 65.10; B's Enterprises Inc. 70,111.50; Backus Sand & Gravel 73,802.69; Bomgaars 804.56; Cap Gravel 8, 794.50; Carhart Lumber Co. 500.98; Cat Financial Svcs. Corp 4,242.16; Cedar/Knox Pub PWR Dist. 385.61; Cedar/Knox Rural Water Project 71.28; City of Hart 123.00; City of Laurel 94.85; City of Randolph 28.06; Clarks Rental 33.00; Coleridge Welding Inc 23.58; Detlefsen Const LLC 2,017.00; Farmers Union 747.52; Filter Care of NE 268.25; Fischer Feed 940.00; Folkers Bros Garage 3,006.32; Fordyce Auto Repair 225.78; Fordyce Farmers Nonstock Coop 48.75; G Works 579.00; Gill Hauling INC 27.93; Great Plains Com Inc 151.09; Grossenburg Imp 664.86; H&K Oil 67.00; Harmony Inn 214.00; Hartelco 257.16; Hart. Truck & Auto Parts INC. 347.25; Hefner Oil & Feed Co 13,635.34; Heimes Trucking 385.00; Jerrys Service 8,656.23; Jody Koch Const 300.00; Kayton International (Crofton) 24.00; Kimball Midwest 107.77; Myron Klug 2,700.00; Knife River 79,301.01; Koletzky Imp. 374.00; Laurel True Value 176.83; Laurel Feed & Grain 1,500.00; Leiting Auto Supply 139.29; LG Everist Inc 1,686.29; Mainelli Wagner & Assoc. 4,999.47; Menford Eec. 18,768.43; Murphy Tractor & Equip. Co. 113.56; NPPD 160.85; NMC Exchange LLC 560.55; NMC Exchange LLC 4,837.33; NMC Exchange LLC 1,383.04; Overhead Door 34,202.00; Pauls Welding 27.27; Poms Tire 428.83; Randolph Farm Supply 5,745.66; Raths Mini Mart 417.97; Schmidt Const. 680.00; Stalp Gravel 472.49; Top Crop Inc. 3,268.96; Tri State Comm. 889.34; Truck Trailer Sales & Srv. Inc. 1,360.59; US Bank 302.18 UC Cellular 294.65; Village of Wynot 114.90; Wattier True Value 104.73; Wiebelhaus Svcs. 258.73; Wiechelmann Repair Inc. 208.02; Wynot Oil 10,251.33; Aflac 1,210.34; Blue Cross Blue Shield 45,950.00; Empower Retirement 475.00; First Concord Benefits Group 150.00; NE Dept of Rev. 3,705.83; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 11,964.13; Sec Bank 8,399.41; Sec Bank 16,372.84

CEDAR COUNTY TRANSIT FUND: Total Salaries 37,339.14; Appera 94.12; City of Hart 185.19; Farmers Union 5,181.34; Folkers Bros Garage 1,073.79; Foxster Opco 8,820.00; Dan Gothier 46.93; Hartelco 103.19; Hartelco Computers 373.77; NE Public Power Dist. 153.48; NP Mart 3,998.43; Dave Owens 50.46; Stacie Pinkelman 45.04; Nikki Pinkelman 78.62; Raths Mini Mart 30.42; Ben Schmidt 400.00; US Bank 799.86; Verizon 187.44; X-Pert Lawn 272.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield 7,639.74; First Concord Benefits Group 683.32; NE Dept Of Rev. 881.14; Retirement Plans Div of Ameritas 4,110.68; Sec Bank 1,544.48; Sec Bank 5,608.34

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND: Midwest Card & ID Solutions 1,500.00; Optk Networks 802.12

INHERITANCE TAX FUND: Boone Co Sheriff's Dept. 1,950.00; State of NE Dept Correctional 2,979.54

E911 FUND: Art Kathol Appliance 192.16; Concept Seating 35.00; Fastwyre 155.00; Great Plains Comm 61.92; Hartelco 454.57; Motorola 6,102.36; NE Apco/Nena 200.00; NE Nebr Tele 353.26; Platte Valley Comm. 820.50

E911 WIRELESS FUND: City of Norfolk 149.12; OPTK Networks 836.66

County Visitors Promotion Fund: Brooke Kleinschmit 37.73; Jacie Burbach 25.00; Dawn Casey 41.08; Gary Howey 37.06; Donna Noecker 37.73; Chris Rasmussen 39.74; Josh Rayford 45.10

ATTEST:

Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED:

David McGregor, Board Chairman

October 22, 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 Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the October 8, 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.

County Assessor Becky Dresden presented omitted personal property tax for parcel numbers 7666 and 7580. Motion was made by Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the omitted statement for parcel 7666. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Motion to approve omitted statement for parcel 7580 was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels for parcel. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Zoning Administrator Tim Gobel presented the following building permits: Allen Kleinschmit 60x80 pole barn and John Pinkelman covered porch and deck.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the signing resolution for year-end certification for highway superintendents. Motion by McGregor to approve the Resolution 24-9 was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Schmidt will forward this resolution to the state to be eligible for reimbursement due to her certification.

Monthly fee reports were reviewed and approved by the board.

Emergency Manager, Kevin Garvin attended for discussion on the possibility of entering an interlocal agreement with Knox County for emergency management services. In attendance from Knox County was their current zoning administrator/EM Kelsy Jelinek and Board Chairman Jim Sokol. Garvin presented information on requirements for training to be certified from NEMA and FEMA to be eligible for funding from the state. Knox county wants to hire an assistant that would be available to both counties and they are then wanting Kevin's experience to help train. McGregor posed the question as to whether or not Kevin would be paid extra for training their new hire. Garvin stated that he discussed the proposal with the state agency and they thought if we play by the FEMA handbook an assistant would not be needed for both counties. Garvin stated that is not how rural Nebraska works and he spends a lot of time going to local people in villages, etc. because those people wear multiple hats and are unable to come to him. When Knox County learned that they would not be eligible for state funding if they did not have an EM director, their board chairman, Sokol, stated that may change this conversation and he would have to discuss further with the board. Garvin proposed hiring an individual whose time is split between both counties which would allow Knox County to still be eligible for the state funding if they are able to get a director hired and he could help train both of those individuals at the same time. Commissioner Donner asked if we need the state funding but Garvin stated the requirements to receive that funding don't add much to his plate but we could probably do without it. This year the funding is \$42,000. Our board will wait to hear the results of further discussion amongst the Knox County Supervisors.

Garvin then presented the board with four proposals for the mass notification system. He asked the commissioners to look over the proposals and by the next meeting he would like to have questions answered so it can be on the agenda and take action on it. Brief discussion was held on surrounding political subdivisions that use the various systems and Kevin's opinion of them. The City of Laurel went ahead and signed their own contract so they cannot be enveloped under ours. The commissioners will review and get in touch with Kevin with any questions.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

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

November 26, 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 and Dick Donner answering roll call. Also present, County Clerk Jessica Schmit. Commissioner Craig Bartels was absent. 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. Minutes from the November 12, 2024 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Donner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, updated the commissioners on new regulations for signage of bridges that have a weight limit posted to give advance warning of the bridge and give drivers a better opportunity to avoid the bridge if they are over the posted weight. This will require two additional signs for each bridge. These signs will start going up in the spring, most likely. Schmidt also asked the commissioners for ideas for topics or speakers for the annual safety meeting to be held early in the year. It has been a couple of years since they have had one. She will try to find a time in January or February to host the meeting.

Zoning Administrator, Tim Gobel, presented the following building permits: Diane's Greenhouse, addition to a building, Mark Koch 20x26' garage and 36x64' building moved in, and a lean-to on an existing garage, Tim Schrieber 63x30' pole building.

At 10:00 AM, Chairman McGregor made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Department of Labor Regulations and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried. At 10:30 AM, Donner made a motion to exit executive session and it was seconded by McGregor. Motion carried. Upon exiting the executive session, no action was taken.

With no further business or agenda items the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman

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

December 23, 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 Donner and seconded by McGregor to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Bartels and seconded by McGregor to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Chairman McGregor opened discussion on the contract for training for the assessor's office. He had spoken with Janelle Heikes, deputy assessor, about the benefits and value that will be garnered from the services. Motion to accept the contract with Lake Mac Assessment, LLC for \$2,500.00 was made by Bartels and seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Highway Superintendent, Carla Schmidt, presented the one and six year plans to each commissioner. She asked the commissioners have them completed and back to her by the 28th of January at the latest.

Chairman McGregor opened a letter of resignation from Assessor Dresden stating her resignation is effective January 2, 2025.

Deputy county assessor, Janelle Heikes, presented tax corrections on parcels 5569, 9361500.01, and 5250. Motion was made by Bartels to approve the tax corrections as presented. Motion was seconded by Donner. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote.

Motion was made by Donner and seconded by Bartels to enter executive session to discuss the assessor position opening at 9:05 AM. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. At 9:47 AM, motion was made by McGregor and seconded by Bartels to exit executive session. Motion carried with a 3 to 0 vote. Discussion was held on the timing of the appointment. A request was made by commissioner Donner to vote for the assessor appointment by paper ballot to be tallied by the clerk. Chairman McGregor asked for the vote and clerk Schmit stated the appointee would be Janelle Heikes by a 2 to 1 vote. With Dresden's resignation effective January 2, 2025, Heikes' appointment will be effective January 3, 2025.

With no further business or agenda items, the meeting was declared adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Schmit, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
David McGregor, Board Chairman