

December 6, 2017

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairman Johnson asked those attending to join in a moment of silence in support of the leaders and troops serving our country, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was answered by Caleb Johnson, Chairman, and Commissioners Toney Krajewski, C.W. Baltzell, Kim Elder and Lonnie Peters. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson and the media. Elder moved to approve the agenda, Baltzell seconded the motion. Krajewski, Peters, Baltzell, Elder and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Johnson noted that in last week's meeting the sentence that read: "Legal representative for Loy and Jean Bauman, Mike McQuillan, and Executive Director of Nebraska Land Trusts, Dave Sands, spoke to the Board regarding the Baumann Ranch Conservation Easement", the word Trusts should have been Trust. Krajewski moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended, Peters seconded the motion. Baltzell, Elder, Peters, Krajewski and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Peters moved to approve the payment of all claims except the Hartford claims upon review, Krajewski seconded the motion. Baltzell, Elder, Krajewski, Peters and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Krajewski moved to approve payment of the Hartford claims upon review, Peters seconded the motion. Elder, Baltzell, Peters and Krajewski voting aye; Johnson abstain; none voting nay; motion carried.

Salaries – \$160,563.02

General Fund

Adams Bank & Trust, Deposit slips, \$49.99; Albertsons/Safeway, Prisoner Board, \$361.37; All Star Auto Glass, Windshield repair, \$29.95; Allo, Service, \$3,227.79; CenturyLink, Service, \$56.53; CHS Grainland, Fuel, \$1,905.08; Culligan, Water, salt, \$49.40; DAS State Acctg - Central Finance, Monthly lease, \$704.00; Dragnet Enterprises, Control board, \$112.00; Eakes, Supplies, \$127.56; Five Nines, Maintenance, repair, \$4,500.00; Food Express, Jail Commissary, Prisoner Board, \$697.16; Aimee Gordon, Cleaning, \$150.00; Pamela Hicks, Medical jail coverage, \$1,200.00; Laurie Hood, Supplies, \$23.52; Rod Hopken, Inspections, labor, \$1,217.46; Ronda Johnson, Mileage, \$53.50; Keith County Court, Uncollectible costs, \$1,166.00; Gary Krajewski, Public Defender contract, \$6,250.00; Mobil Mec Mechanic Service, Towing, \$170.00; NACO, Dues, \$1,758.78; Nebraska State Bar Association, Dues, \$255.00; Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Service, Juvenile hold, \$765.00; NPPD, Service, \$1,743.67; Office Service, Supplies, \$304.04; Philip Pierce, Special Prosecutor, \$1,316.63; Plumber One, Repairs, \$295.00; Reynolds, Korth & Samuelson, Services, \$599.00; Sioux Sales, Pistols, \$4,450.00; Springer's Appliance, Repairs, \$45.00; T.O. Haas, Services, \$44.66; Eric Thacker, Postage, \$23.75; The Hartford, Life insurance premiums, \$213.60; Top Quality Mfg., Gloves, \$79.80; U.S. Post Office, Stamps, \$147.00; U-Save Pharmacy, Prescriptions for inmates, \$904.95; Verizon, Service, \$40.01

Road Fund

Allo, Service, \$130.15; Caterpillar Financial, Lease, \$11,600.00; CHS Grainland, Fuel, \$4,648.99; City of Ogallala, Service, \$39.83; Consolidated, Service, \$103.59; FarmTek, Supplies, \$53.90; Fraser Welding, Supplies, \$19.90; Humphreys Auto Supply, Parts, oil, supplies, \$640.57; Keith County News, Advertising, \$20.18; Ogallala Community Hospital, DOT testing, \$76.10; QFRC, Supplies, \$8.99; Sapp Brothers Petroleum, Fuel, repairs, \$6,295.85; Shell, Fuel, \$52.88; Simon Contractors, Gravel, \$2,600.17; T&C Service, Supplies, \$75.00; The Hartford, Life insurance premiums, \$62.40; T&A Alignment, Parts, labor, \$51.71; Village of Paxton %Midwest Electric, Service, \$151.22; Wiest Hardware, Supplies, \$90.22; 21st Century, Parts, \$70.44

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$22.26; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$14,841.01; Meritain Health, Administration fees, \$24,861.41

Emergency Phone 911 Fund

Allo, Internet, \$527.38; ATC Communication, Data circuits, \$118.14; Glenwood, Tower rent, service, \$446.02

The Board heard the reports of Sheriff Jeff Stevens, Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan and Extension Office Clerk Tammy Kutsch.

The Board gave reports and received correspondence. Krajewski moved to approve the travel requests for Extension Office Clerk Tammy Kutsch to attend two workshops, Elder seconded the motion. Peters, Baltzell, Elder, Krajewski and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

The Board received November fee reports from the Clerk's office, the Clerk of the District Court's office and the Sheriff's office.

The Board received motor grader bids from Murphy Tractor and NMC. Bids were given to Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan for his review and recommendation.

The Board heard Nebraska Extension updates on cropping systems from Perkins, Chase and Dundy County Extension Educator Strahinja Stepanovic.

Johnson spoke to the Board about the Visitors Committee Board positions. Johnson told the Board that Committee members Scott Eveland and Deb Schilz terms would end on December 31, 2017. The positions will be advertised and the Board will appoint Board members during their December 20th meeting.

Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan appeared before the Board with his recommendation for the motor grader bids. Krajewski moved to accept the bid from NMC in the amount of \$357,500.00 for two motor graders with \$178,750.00 to be paid by the Inheritance Tax Fund and with the other \$178,750.00 also paid by the Inheritance Tax Fund but to be paid back to the Inheritance Tax Fund with three payments of \$59,583.34 to be made in May annually, Peters seconded the motion. Baltzell, Elder, Krajewski, Peters and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. The resolution for this purchase will be signed by the Board on December 20, 2017 under Administrative Business. This resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2017-47.

County Attorney Randy Fair entered the meeting.

At 9:51 a.m. Baltzell moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the protection of the reputation of an individual with no decisions to be made and to go into execution session to discuss the county lawsuit as relates to litigation strategy, Elder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Peters, Elder, Baltzell and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Johnson stated the Board was going into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the protection of the reputation of an individual with no decisions to be made and to discuss the county lawsuit as relates to litigation strategy. At 9:56 a.m. County Clerk Sandra Olson and Deputy County Clerk Lindsey Krab entered the executive session. At 10:04 a.m. Olson and Krab left the executive session. At 10:35 a.m. Krajewski moved to return to open session, Peters seconded the motion. Baltzell, Elder, Peters, Krajewski and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

County Attorney Randy Fair explained to the Board that per state statute 23-1203 he can request that the Board hire outside legal counsel for the Keith County Lawsuit and as it was a professional service it did not require competitive bidding. Elder moved to authorize Chairman Johnson to sign the acceptance of entering into an agreement with Norman, Paloucek, Herman & Wurl Law Offices for legal counsel for the Keith County Lawsuit and to cut a check for a \$30,000.00 retainer fee to be paid out of the Inheritance Tax Fund as a miscellaneous line item, Peters seconded the motion. Krajewski, Baltzell, Peters, Elder and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will not meet next week so they can attend the Annual NACO Conference. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Caleb W. Johnson

Chairman

Sandra K. Olson

County Clerk

Agenda: Kept current in the office of the County Clerk. *Time of specific agenda items will run continuously thru the meeting and may occur earlier or later than estimated.

Unfinished Business

Keith County lawsuit.

Executive session – Keith County lawsuit.

New Business

Executive session – Personnel.

Personnel.

Visitor Committee Board Member appointments.

9:00 a.m. – Randy Saner – NE Extension updates.