

December 16, 2020

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairman Krajewski asked those attending to join in a moment of silence in support of our armed services and first responders serving our country, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Krajewski acknowledged the Open Meeting Act was posted. Roll call was answered by Chairman Toney Krajewski and Commissioners Kim Elder, Joan Ervin, Lane Anderson and Corey Crandall. Also attending the meeting was County Clerk Sandra Olson. County Attorney Randy Fair attended the meeting via Zoom. Ervin moved to approve the agenda, Crandall seconded the motion. Anderson, Elder, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Elder moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Ervin seconded the motion. Anderson, Crandall, Ervin, Elder and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Crandall moved to approve the payment of claims, Elder seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Elder, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Salaries - \$175,268.80

General Fund

Banner Health, Inmate hospital visits, \$438.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,271.51; Cash-Wa, Prisoner Board, Commissary, supplies, \$979.43; CenturyLink, Service, \$280.52; Charter Communications, Charter fees, \$20.36; DAS State Accounting, AS 400 hosting, radio fee, \$140.88; Eakes, Maintenance agreements, \$135.71; Law Office of Steven E. Elmshaeuser, Fees, \$4,150.00; Garden County Sheriff's Office, Inmate housing, \$2,700.00; Great Plains Uniforms, Uniform allowance, \$153.99; Holdrege Family Dental, Inmate dental work, \$303.00; K & K Service, Oil change, \$168.96; Keith County District Court, Docket fees, \$360.00; Becky McCracken, Transcript, \$176.75; Microfilm Imaging, Service agreement, \$70.00; Midwest Card and ID Solutions, LLC, Tag renewal, \$500.00; MIPS Inc, Real estate receipts, \$72.33; Nebraska Institute of Forensic Sciences, Autopsies, \$2,000.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal, Annual inspection, registration, \$240.00; Palmer Monument, Plaque installation, \$187.50; Pelster Law Office, Services, \$336.00; Pinnacle Bank, Charges, \$3,606.67; RR Donnelley, Gun applications, \$88.71; Union Supply Group, Jail Commissary, Board of Prisoners, \$134.18; Verizon, Service, \$1,030.96

Road & Bridge Fund

Big Mac Diesel, Supplies, \$74.23; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$398.50; John Deere Financial, Charges, \$149.20; LCL Truck Equipment, Parts, \$160.40; Pinnacle Bank, Charges, \$103.82; Verizon, Service, \$41.06; Yant Equipment, Fuel decals, \$204.60

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$895.15; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$10,204.88

Inheritance Tax Fund

Pinnacle Bank, Desktop barriers, \$1,369.70

Emergency Phone 911 Fund

CenturyLink, Service, \$160.09; Consolidated, Service, \$119.04

Wireless 911 Services Fund

CenturyLink, Service, \$840.48

The Board heard the reports of Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan, Head Jailer Travis Poncik and Clerk of the District Court Tina DeVoe.

Poncik reported to the Board that he has eleven prisoners in jail and eleven prisoners farmed out to other jails.

The Board gave reports and received correspondence. Elder moved to approve the travel request of Emergency Manager Dave Kling to attend the Regional PET meeting, Crandall seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Crandall, Elder and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Anderson moved to appoint Doug Davis and Richard Gibson to the Planning and Zoning Board, Crandall seconded the motion. Elder, Ervin, Crandall, Anderson and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Fair told the Board that everyone needed to be aware that given the nature of Davis's work, Davis might have possible conflicts of interest.

The Board discussed what budget the electric and water bills received for the newly purchased impound building should come out of. Ervin said she felt that these bills should come out of the Sheriff's budget which was whose building this is. Ervin said that she was aware that the Sheriff had not planned for this expense and there would probably have to be adjustments made at the end of the budget year. The rest of the Board agreed with Ervin and the Clerk's office will create a new line item out of the Sheriff's budget for these specific costs.

Amber Kuskie, Zoning Administration for Keith County, appeared before the Board with three resolutions. The first resolution was for change to administrative procedure to proceed with abatement for Case No. 2019 001 N – 398 McGinley, Keystone. Ervin moved to adopt this resolution, Crandall seconded the motion. Anderson, Elder, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This Resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2020-155. The second resolution was to rescind declared nuisance for Case No. 2019 002 N – 285 McGinley, Keystone. Crandall moved to adopt this resolution, Elder seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Elder, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This Resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2020-156. The third resolution was to rescind declared nuisance for Case No. 2019 003 N – 230 McGinley, Keystone. Crandall moved to adopt this resolution, Elder seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Elder, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This Resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2020-157.

Kuskie also spoke to the Board about abatement fees. The Board told Kuskie they had spoken to Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan and vehicles would be stored on his lot. Kuskie will work up a Resolution for these fees and it will be placed on next week's agenda.

As Mary Wilson was unable to appear for Keith County Housing Development Corp Rural Workforce Housing Fund Grant Application Sarah Havermann appeared before the Board and Lisa Kraus appeared before the Board via Zoom. Both spoke to the Board regarding this grant. Havermann told the Board that this grant was a matching grant and they were trying to raise \$250,000.00. Havermann stated that funds need to be received by the end of the year. This item will be on next week's agenda for both executive session and open session at 9:00 a.m.

Caleb Johnson spoke to the Board regarding their Hartford life insurance. Johnson told the Board that for two years the rates would remain the same. Krajewski asked if there needed to be a motion and was told unless the Board said they would no longer want this life insurance it would automatically renew.

Crandall moved to approve the Maximus Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services, Ervin seconded the motion. Elder, Anderson, Ervin, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This Agreement will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2020-158.

Crandall told the Board that Ogallala Fire Chief Dell Simmerman gave a great presentation to Chad and Todd Adams who are the Administrators of the Harold Hanich Charitable Trust Fund. Crandall said now they will just wait to hear on it.

At 9:36 a.m. Ervin moved to go into executive session to discuss the Public and Alternate Public Defender's contracts for the purposes of contract negotiations, Crandall seconded the motion. Elder, Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Krajewski stated that the Board was going into executive session to discuss the Public and Alternate Public Defender's contracts for the purposes of contract negotiations. At 10:02 a.m. Ervin moved to return to open session with no decisions being made, Crandall seconded the motion. Anderson, Elder, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to reject both the Public and Alternate Public Defender's contracts submitted, Crandall seconded the motion. Elder, Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to not seek another Public or Alternate Public Defender and have the judge appoint attorney's at his discretion, Elder seconded the motion. Crandall, Anderson, Elder, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Under the COVID-19 strategy Ervin told the Board she had moved ahead with the purchase of a fogger for all of the county offices use.

Elder passed out information on the Keith County Jail Planning Committee. Elder said he would like all the Board to review this information and hopefully be ready to make a decision next week.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Toney Krajewski

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

COVID-19 strategy.

Trust Application.

Keith County Jail Planning Committee – Discussion and approval.

9:00 a.m. – Executive session – Mary Wilson – Keith County Housing Development Corp Rural Workforce Housing Fund grant application.

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New Business

Budget discussion.

Executive session – Courthouse parking.

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8:15 a.m. – Keith County Chamber of Commerce Karla Scott – Visitors Committee meeting update.

8:30 a.m. – Zoning Administration for Keith County Amber Kuskie. Zoning items. 1. Request by Jerry and Kathy Kuenning for a Conditional Use Permit for a Dwelling Unit: Vacation Rental located in Lot 4A Stewards 1st Replat of Lot 4 and Pt Lot 5 Block 2 John Berry's Subdivision, more commonly known as 22 Berry's, located in 17-15-39, Keith County, Nebraska. 2. Request by John and Steph Welsh for a Change of Zone for Tr in Lots 16 and 17 including vacated street of Payne's Subdivision, more commonly known as 199 Keystone 1 Road, located in 5-14-37, Keith County, Nebraska. 3. Resolution for abatement fees.