

July 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 Joan Ervin, Corey Crandall and Lane Anderson. Commissioner Kim Elder was absent. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson and the media. Crandall moved to approve the agenda, Ervin seconded the motion. Anderson, Ervin, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; Elder absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Crandall moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Ervin seconded the motion. Anderson, Ervin, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; Elder absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Anderson moved to approve the payment of claims, Crandall seconded the motion. Ervin, Crandall, Anderson and Krajewski voting aye; Elder absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

Salaries - \$178,778.93

General Fund

AT&T, Service, \$77.06; Albertsons/Safeway, Prisoner Board, \$117.90; Allo, Service, \$3,443.92; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$373.34; Cash-Wa, Prisoner Board, Commissary, \$908.38; CenturyLink, Service, \$450.67; CHS Grainland, Fuel, \$92.72; Consolidated Management, Meals, \$77.66; Culligan, Water, \$45.50; Datashield, Shredding, \$48.55; 5 Star Custom Designs, Uniform, \$149.25; Tania M. Fox, Transcript, \$75.00; Glacial Lakes Court Reporting, LLC, Transcripts, \$184.55; Robb Godfrey, Permit refund, \$412.80; Robert S. Harvoy, Service, \$125.00; Ideal Linen, Supplies, \$556.82; Keith County District Court, Docket fee, \$108.00; Keith County News, Publishing, \$1,020.82; Kent's Towing, Remove lights, decals, towing, \$650.00; Lincoln County Detention Center, Inmate housing, \$2,900.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Service agreements, \$24.00; Midwest Special Services, Prisoner transport, \$1,644.00; NE Institute of Forensic Sciences, Autopsies, \$2,000.00; Nebraska PrintWorks, Stickers, \$118.97; Office Service, Supplies, \$718.61; Pelster Law Office, Services, \$800.50; Pinnacle Bank, Charges, \$3,944.63; Platte Valley Communications, Services, \$1,432.61; Realtime Technical, Service, repair, \$490.00; Milissa Rosales, Certified mail, \$26.00; Steve's Body & Paint, Towing, \$200.00; Top Quality Mfg., Gloves, \$229.00; Union Supply Group, Jail Commissary, Prisoner Board, \$1,291.88; USDA, APHIS, General, Animal control, \$7,377.29; Verizon, Broadband, \$40.01; Westfield Pharmacy, Inmate prescriptions, \$1.38

Road & Bridge Fund

K&K Service, Parts, labor, \$651.04; Kelly's Trucking, Trucking, \$4,850.00; O'Reilly Automotive, Parts, supplies, oil, \$241.48; Olson Manufacturing, Supplies, \$48.27; Paulsen's, Gravel, \$320.07; Simon, Gravel, \$62,149.71; TO Haas Tire, Tire repairs, \$320.40; Kevin Tjaden, CDL license, \$31.00; Unitech, Misc lube, \$189.50; 21st Century Equipment, Parts, labor, \$2,413.91

Highway Buyback Fund

Shelco Construction, Repairs, \$2,600.00

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$1,151.13; KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$31.72

Veterans Aid Fund

Pinnacle Bank, Flags, \$271.70

Keno Fund

Western Resources Group, Recyclables, \$378.00

Emergency Phone 911 Fund

Allo, Internet, \$533.38; ATC Communications, E911 exchange, \$40.00; NRIN, Remote site connections, \$3,600.00

The Board heard the report of Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan, Communications Director Laurie Hood and County Surveyor Ryan Dickinson.

As prescribed in State Statute 23-122 the following are salaries paid to employees of Keith County. Elected officials and certain deputies have salaries set by resolution of the Keith County Board of Commissioners before each election cycle. Hourly salary ranges are \$12.74-\$18.30 for office clerks; \$15.00-\$20.05 for custodians; \$14.79-\$21.89 for road department employees; \$14.15-\$20.23 for EOC employees; \$16.32-\$23.61 for sheriff deputies; \$15.81-\$17.00 for jail officers, for Veterans Service Officer \$17.85. Employees paid on salary basis receive the following per two week pay period. Head Jailer \$1,550.40; Communications Director \$1,897.39; Emergency Manager \$1,922.31; Highway Superintendent \$2,245.48; Weeds Superintendent \$436.54.

Zoning Administrator for Keith County, CJ Poltack appeared before the Board with two (2) Zoning items. The first zoning item was a request by BW Real Estate to increase the number of parking spaces from two (2) to five (5) for their Dwelling Unit: Vacation Rental located at 1 Yucca Heights 2. Ervin moved to deny the request to increase the number of parking spaces to five (5) and remain at the two (2) parking spaces originally approved, Crandall seconded the motion. Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; Elder absent; none voting nay; motion carried. The second zoning item was a request by the Department of Environmental & Energy to provide comment for the Sarben Ranch feed lot expansion located 1.5 miles west of Sarben. No action was taken on this agenda item. The Board directed Poltack to send on her recommendations.

Poltack also spoke to the Board about an issue with a garage at Mako Chi Mni that does not have setbacks and is in the right away. Poltack was directed to have Ryan Dickinson as County Surveyor verify his current survey on this.

Rick Derr with Action Communications out of Scottsbluff, NE and Kent Sager with Absolute Solutions out of Cheyenne, WY spoke to the Board about upgrading the County's radio system. Region West Paramedic Jordan Meininger, Ogallala Fire Chief Dell Simmerman and Keystone/Lemoyne Fire Chief Ralph Moul spoke to the Board about the need for an upgrade to the County's radio system.

Ervin moved to authorize Chairman Krajewski to sign the COVID-19 Relief Assistance from Meritain Health, Crandall seconded the motion. Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; Elder absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

During the discussion regarding the COVID-19 reopening strategy Human Resources Director Laurie Jones asked the Board's permission to organize a group for planning. Ervin stated she wanted the Southwest Health Department included in this group. This item will remain on the agenda under unfinished business.

At 9:38 a.m. Crandall moved to go into executive session to discuss the County Road's building for purposes of negotiations with no decisions to be made, Anderson seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; Elder absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Krajewski stated the Board was going into executive session to discuss the County Road's building for purposes of negotiations with no decisions to be made. At 9:56 a.m. Ervin moved to return to open session with no decisions having been made, Crandall seconded the motion. Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; Elder absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

_____ Chairman
Toney Krajewski

_____ County Clerk
Sandra K. Olson

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 reopening strategy.

Budget questions.

New Business

8:15 a.m. – Zoning Administrator for Keith County, CJ Poltack, Zoning item. Request by Keith Kracke for an Administrative Replat of the W ½ of Lot 2, and Lot 3, and Lot 4, of Lakeshore Subdivision, located in Section 6, Township 15 and Range 40.