

**April 17, 2024**

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairperson Anderson 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 Chairperson Lane Anderson and Commissioners Joan Ervin, Toney Krajewski, Corey Crandall and Dale Schroeder. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson and County Attorney Randy Fair. Crandall moved to approve the agenda, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Krajewski, Schroeder, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Krajewski moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Ervin seconded the motion. Crandall, Schroeder, Ervin, Krajewski and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to approve the payment of claims except portions of the claims to Pierce & Shaul which were for services performed over ninety (90) days prior and that a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board stating claims for services performed over ninety days prior to claims being filed will not be paid be attached to the check for explanation as to why the full amount of claims submitted was not being paid, Krajewski seconded the motion. Schroeder, Crandall, Krajewski, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. The Board instructed Fair to move forward with filing this with District Court.

Salaries - \$236,832.34

**General Fund**

Albertsons/Safeway, Prisoner Board, \$108.78; ASAP, Snow removal, \$75.00; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,176.87; City of Ogallala, Ambulance agreement, \$14,368.76; Comfort Inn, Lodging, \$359.85; Culligan, Water, \$22.50; DAS State Accounting, AS400 hosting, radio, \$260.00; Draucker Funeral Home, County burial, \$1,776.39; E-Logic, Onsite tech assistance, \$134.62; Law Office of Steven E. Elmshaeuser, Services, \$4,750.00; Mathew Forney, Boots, \$34.75; Robert S. Harvoy, Services, \$875.00; Ideal Linen, Supplies, \$88.86; Keith County Sheriff, Sheriff's fees, \$1,305.40; Kent's Towing, Towing, \$235.00; Lindemeier Law, Services, \$1,184.86; MOCIC, Membership, \$100.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Training, \$142.00; Nebraska PrintWorks, Copies, cards, \$65.70; Nebraska.Gov, Transcripts, \$8.50; Office Service, Hole punch, \$28.48; Olsons Pest Technicians, Pest control, \$190.00; Pinnacle Bank, Charges, \$4,078.05; Quadient Leasing, Postage meter lease, \$608.17; University of Nebraska Lincoln, Computer accessories, \$156.42; Verizon, Service, \$907.75; Wolf Auto, Repair, \$2,018.05

**Road & Bridge Fund**

Ace Irrigation, Culverts, bands, \$12,060.00; Big Mac Diesel, Parts, \$49.58; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$507.17; CHS High Plains, Fuel, \$523.12; Hi-Line Coop, Fuel, \$19,840.71; John Deere Financial, Parts, supplies, \$338.31; NPPD, Service, \$125.63; Sun Auto & Tire, Tire repair \$291.99; Verizon, Service, \$42.86; Village of Brule, Service, \$92.00; WEX Bank, Fuel, \$195.63

**CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund**

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$881.44

**Keith County Diversion Fund**

Ogallala Post Prom, Post prom, \$200.00

**Keno Fund**

Western Resources, Recyclables, \$325.00

The Board heard the reports of Building and Grounds Supervisor Chris Marlton, Highway Superintendent Thomas Wilbur, Zoning Administrator Cody Fenwick, Chief Deputy Shawn Hebbert and County Surveyor Ryan Dickinson.

Hebbert told the Board that he had nine (9) prisoners in and seven (7) prisoners farmed out.

The Meritain Health 2023 07 Keith County Summary Plan Description had not been completely reviewed yet so it will remain on the agenda under unfinished business.

Ervin moved to approve the IRS maximum allowable amount of three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00) for employee's flexible spending accounts and authorize Chairman Anderson to sign the renewal, Crandall seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Crandall, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Olson told the Board that a property valuation protest form had been received outside the filing timeline of June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> which would make it rejectable, and wondered if a hearing still had to be heard. Fair stated that the Board still had to have a hearing for this protest and the protester needed to be notified of the hearing date. Olson will send a letter notifying the protester of the hearing date and a copy of the statute stating the timeline for filing property valuation protests.

NACO Legal Counsel Elaine Menzel gave the Board a NACO update.

Keystone/Lemoyne Fire Chief Ralph Moul, Ogallala Fire Chief Del Simmerman and Brule Fire Chief Lonnie Olson appeared before the Board regarding fire protection regarding subdivisions. Moul told the Board that he felt that zoning regulations needed to be changed so roads could be used by emergency vehicles to get in and turn around in new subdivisions, Moul said water supply was also an issue. Simmerman said that property owners needed signage so the correct location could be found in an emergency situation. Both Moul and Simmerman said they realized that subdivisions already established would not have these regulations in place and it would be up to the property owner to take steps to make sure emergency vehicles could get to their property in an emergency situation.

At 10:02 a.m. Ervin moved to go into executive session to discuss hiring for the appraisal position in the Assessor's Office for the protection of the reputation of an individual with the inclusion of Deputy County Assessor Amanda Harger, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Crandall, Schroeder, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Anderson stated that the Board was going into executive session to discuss hiring for the appraisal position in the Assessor's Office for the protection of the reputation of an individual. At 10:21 a.m. Crandall moved to return to open session with no decisions having been made, Ervin seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin stated that Harger had done as the employee manual stated, showed no nepotism and had done her due diligence in the hiring process. Ervin moved to approve Harger hiring the person she felt most qualified for the position, Crandall seconded the motion. Krajewski, Schroeder, Crandall, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

The Board gave reports and received correspondence. The Board received March's fee report from the Treasurer's Office.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson  
Lane Anderson

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

**Old Business**

Meritain Health - Keith County Summary Plan Description.

**New Business**

Pinnacle Bank credit card for the Noxious Weeds Department.

Keith County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director Shawn Rubek. 1. Visitors Committee update. 2. Youth Outdoors Nebraska Promotion Fund grant request. 3. National Pony Express Association Promotion Fund grant request.

8:30 a.m. – Zoning Administrator Cody Fenwick – Nuisance grant request.

9:00 a.m. – WCNDD Director Amber Kuskie – Roscoe nuisance abatement.