

January 31, 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 Toney Krajewski, Corey Crandall and Joan Ervin. Commissioner Dale Schroeder was absent. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson and County Attorney Randy Fair. Krajewski moved to approve the agenda, Crandall seconded the motion. Ervin, Crandall, Krajewski and Anderson voting aye; Schroeder absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Crandall moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Krajewski seconded the motion. Krajewski, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; Ervin abstain; Schroeder absent; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to approve the payment of claims, Crandall seconded the motion. Krajewski, Crandall, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; Schroeder absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

General Fund

Blue 360 Media, LLC, Manual/book, \$187.85; Cash-Wa, Board for prisoners, \$543.06; Culligan, Water, \$21.00; Davis Design, Assessment, \$2,236.25; ES&S, Memory devices, \$460.00; Government Forms & Supplies, Business cards, \$53.00; Great Plains Reporting, Copy, \$95.55; John Deere Financial, Floor mat, \$22.99; Keith County Sheriff's Office, Service, \$24.44; Kent's Towing & Repair, Towing, \$260.00; NE Association of County Treasurers, Dues, \$50.00; Nebraska PrintWorks, Stamp, \$44.94; NWCA, Training, \$150.00; Pinnacle Bank, Deposit slips, \$80.21; Quality Farm & Ranch, Supplies, \$797.29; Software Unlimited Corporation, Database maintenance, \$3,484.80; Southwest Mutual Aid, Dues, \$100.00; Springer Appliance, Washer, \$200.00; Sterling Commissary, Commissary, \$53.10; Karen Tucker, Witness, mileage fees, \$30.72

Road & Bridge Fund

Consolidated, Service, \$102.31; Jonathan Wiebe, Fill dirt, \$1,080.00; Wyoming First Aid & Safety, Supplies, \$304.35

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC CBSA/Health Insurance, Health claims, \$45,067.40

Keith County Diversion Fund

Walmart, Gift card, \$300.00

Drug Fund

NE State Patrol Foundation, Fingerprint devices, \$9,200.00

Emergency Phone 911 Fund

ATC Communications, Data circuits, \$118.14; Consolidated, Address maintenance, \$36.00

The Board heard the reports of Highway Superintendent Thomas Wilbur, Building and Grounds Director Chris Marlton, Head Jailer Travis Poncik, Chief Deputy Shawn Hebbert and Zoning Administrator Cody Fenwick.

Poncik told the Board he had ten (10) prisoners in and six (6) prisoners farmed out.

Highway Superintendent Thomas Wilbur spoke to the Board regarding a cell phone stipend statement policy he had written and sent to County Attorney Randy Fair for review. Fair stated that his concerns were that this would open up requests by all department heads to receive a stipend for their use of their personal cell phone. Discussion included the differences between Roads and other offices that have access to landlines, desks and not all employees are 24/7 on call. It was also noted that it is not an uncommon practice for Roads Departments. More information is being sought. Fair asked that a couple of things be removed and Wilbur will make the corrections and bring back the policy next week.

Olson talked to the Board about a check that she received for a refund on premiums. Olson will talk to Auditor Don Wilson and do as he recommends to return refunded premiums.

County Attorney Randy Fail left the meeting.

Olson spoke to the Board regarding the employee handbook. She stated that on funeral leave some family members had been omitted that had previously been included. It was noted that the handbook had statements still marked in red. The Board stated that at this time the manual was final and all references will be addressed as they move forward.

Board reports were given and correspondence received.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Lane Anderson

Chairperson

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

Highway Superintendent Thomas Wilbur – Cell phone stipend policy.

New Business

Appointment of Thomas Wilbur as Keith County Highway Superintendent effective January 1, 2024.

8:30 a.m. – Zoning Administrator Cody Fenwick – 1. Request by Keith County Surveyor, Ryan Dickinson, for a Text Amendment of the Keith County Zoning and Subdivision Regulations pertaining to lot width and depth, specifically amending Article 8 Agricultural District (A): Section 4, the minimum lot depth from 500 feet to 300 feet and minimum lot width from 100 feet to 200 feet; and Section 4A, D. All lots shall have a minimum depth to width ratio of no more than three (3) times the depth to one (1) times the width. Adding “excluding parcels more than ten (10) acres in area.” 2. Request by DeAnna Elikier for a Conditional Use Permit (24-01) for additional intermodal containers in Agricultural Zoning District (A), located at E1/2NE1/4SE1/4 EX TRACT 3-15-40 14.77A, more commonly known as 129 Ivan Street, Keith County, Nebraska. 3. Request by Roger Rankin for a Change of Zone from Agricultural District (A) to Residential Rural District (RR), located at TR IN NW1/4 4-15-40 3.01A, AKA vacated lots 1-12 of Sunset subdivision, located in East ½ of Section 7 and the west ½ of Section 8, Township 14 North, Range 38 West of the 6th P.M., Keith County, Nebraska. 4. Request by Roger Rankin for a Preliminary Plat of Sunset Vista Subdivision, lots 1-4 and 6-12 and part of lot 4 Buffalo Replat#2, of vacated lots 1-12 of Sunset subdivision, located in East ½ of Section 7 and the west ½ of Section 8, Township 14 North, Range 38 West of the 6th P.M, Keith County, Nebraska. 5. Request by Keith County Highway Superintendent, Thomas Wilbur, for a Conditional Use Permit (24-02) to operate a sand/gravel mining operation, located at TRACT B13 13-13-41 615.44A, Keith County, Nebraska.