

**June 26, 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, Dale Schroeder and Joan Ervin. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson and County Attorney Randy Fair. Krajewski moved to approve the agenda, Crandall seconded the motion. Schroeder, Ervin, Crandall, Krajewski and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Ervin seconded the motion. Ervin, Schroeder and Anderson voting aye; Krajewski and Crandall abstain; none voting nay; motion carried. Crandall moved to approve the payment of claims, Ervin seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Salaries - \$248,968.96

**General Fund**

Albertsons/Safeway, Prisoner Board, \$173.92; The Arthur Enterprise, Advertising, \$35.70; AT&T, Service, \$33.98; Axon Enterprise, Holster, \$304.38; Annabelle Beckius, Uniform, \$129.98; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$348.69; Bomgaars, Supplies, \$78.99; Bosselman, Fuel, \$60.03; Charles J. Boettcher D.D.S., Inmate care, \$442.00; Brule Community Hall, Primary polling place, \$50.00; Buffalo County Sheriff Dept., Service fees, \$59.27; Gary Burke, Mental Health Board hearing, \$100.00; Dr. Matt Byre, Mental Health Board hearing, \$100.00; Card Services, Postage, supplies, \$3,010.67; Cash-Wa, Board for Prisoners, provisions, \$425.29; CenturyLink, Meraki, circuits, \$199.20; Cidnet, Inmate phone, \$750.00; City of Ogallala, Memberships, \$810.00; Consolidated Management, Meals, \$242.60; Crowne Plaza, Lodging, \$139.95; Culligan, Water, \$52.50; DAS State Acct-Central Finance, AS 400 hosting, lease, \$1,104.80; Datashield, Shredding, \$105.36; Dawson County Sheriff's Office, Inmate housing, \$360.00; Tina DeVoe, Mental Health Board hearings, \$300.00; Draucker Funeral Home, County burial, \$2,250.00; E-Logic, Tablet, \$674.00; Eakes, Maintenance agreement, \$131.99; Eichners Sales & Service, Mirror, \$67.15; Law Office of Steven E. Elmshaeuser, Services, Mental Health Board hearings, \$11,725.50; Joan Ervin, Mileage, \$201.00; Galls, Uniform, \$153.88; Robert S. Harvoy, Services, \$3,839.61; Julie Hiavaty, Mental Health Board hearings, \$200.00; Deon Hoffman, Mental Health Board training, \$250.00; Holiday Inn, Lodging, \$139.95; Ideal Linen, Supplies, \$88.20; Ronda Johnson, Mileage, meal, \$282.24; Keith County District Court, Docket fees, \$144.00; Keith County News, Subscription, \$59.00; Keith County Highway Dept., Reimburse weed sprayers wages, \$5,353.92; Kent's Towing, Towing, \$750.00; Keystone/Lemoyne Fire Hall, Primary polling place, \$50.00; Lincoln County Detention Center, Housing for inmates, \$4,400.00; Lincoln County Sheriff, Service fees, \$6.00; Lindemeier Law Office, Services, \$25.00; Maximus, Prep of Cost Allocation Plan, \$2,100.00; MIPS, Printing, postage, service, \$27,210.92; Nebraska Printworks, Envelopes, \$291.14; NCRAAO Conference, Registration, \$300.00; NPPD, Service, \$183.60; NSA/POAN Conference, Registrations, \$1,000.00; Office Service, Supplies, \$305.17; Paxton Community Hall, Primary polling place, \$50.00; Krista Shaul, Pierce & Shaul Law Office, Service, \$937.50; Pinnacle Bank, Charges, \$59.82; "R" Tire & Alignment, Tire, \$22.00; Ramada, Lodging, \$214.00; Revize LLC, Support, video streaming, \$2,100.00; Scotts Bluff County, Inmate housing, \$9,320.00; Verizon, Service, \$1,474.77; Cory Waychoff, Uniform, \$104.87

**Road & Bridge Fund**

Black Hills Energy, Service, \$149.95; Chief Sign Company, Signs, \$126.00; CHS Grainland, Fuel, \$605.35; Cobitco, Chip seal, \$80,886.37; Hi-Line Cooperative, Fuel, lube, \$18,004.44; John Deere Financial, Supplies, \$645.78; Medical Enterprises, DOT testing, \$35.00; Niobrara Lodge, Lodging, \$321.00; NMC, Motor grader, \$268,700.00; NPPD, Service, \$125.63; Scoular, Trucking, \$24,844.33; Spartan Roofing, Roof repair, \$83,576.00; Titan Machinery, Parts, \$56.45; Verizon, Service, \$42.86; Village of Brule, Service, \$95.00; WEX Bank, Fuel, \$124.92

**Highway Buyback Fund**

Cobitco, Chip seal, \$100,000.00;

**Visitors Fund**

Bonneville, Advertising, \$3,300.00; Certified Folders, Distribution, \$8,037.75; iHeart Media, Advertising, \$2,949.12; Keith County Chamber, Contract, misc., \$8,774.56; Keith County News,

Advertising, \$7.28; Jeffrey McPheeters, Photo license, \$30.00; Midwest Electric, Service, \$39.50; National Pony Express Assoc., Grant request, \$1,100.22; NPPD, Service, \$97.20; NE Travel Assoc., Dues, \$700.00; NRG Media, Radio ads, \$2,390.00; Prairie Mountain Media, Facebook campaign, \$1,650.00

**Visitors Improvement Fund**

Firespring, Web hosting, \$195.00; Keith County Chamber, Contract, \$7,875.00; Move Creative, Lake McConaughy App, \$825.00

**CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund**

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$538.06; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$165,274.25

**Emergency Phone 911 Fund**

Consolidated, Service, \$119.04

**Wireless 911 Services Fund**

CenturyLink, Viper internet connection, \$577.21

The Board heard the reports of Zoning Administrator Cody Fenwick, Building and Grounds Director Chris Marlton, Highway Superintendent Thomas Wilbur and Sheriff Jeff Stevens.

Ervin moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Paxton for police services, Schroeder seconded the motion. Crandall, Krajewski, Schroeder, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This agreement will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2024-38.

Ervin moved to transfer budget authority from General Miscellaneous to General Board in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), Krajewski seconded the motion. Schroeder, Crandall, Krajewski, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to designate CSG for printing service for the joint public hearing postcards, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Crandall, Schroeder, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Thomas Wilbur presented the road study he conducted on Berry Road. Keith County resident Jerry Kenning stated that he wanted it known that the residents of Berry Road were against the Board taking any action on Berry Road today. Wilbur stated he does not recommend the county taking over this road as it is a subdivision road. Keith County resident Jeff Cooley also spoke to the Board regarding this road. Schroeder moved to table discussion on Berry Road, Krajewski seconded the motion. Ervin, Crandall, Krajewski, Schroeder and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This discussion will be continued next week at 8:45 a.m.

Wilbur also asked the Board to look over the Broadband agreement with NACO and make suggestions as he would like to be the pilot county for this. This item will be placed on agenda for July 10, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.

West Central Nebraska Development District Director Amber Kuskie presented pictures of properties in the Roscoe Nuisance Abatement project. Carson Blackman spoke to the Board about his property. Schroeder moved to extend the abatement until September 25, 2024 as residents are working on their properties, Ervin seconded the motion. Crandall, Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Region II Services Executive Director Kylie Joyce and PAKS Director Mary Lawson presented the Board with their annual report.

Anderson noted that the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ogallala for Dispatch services had been signed by the City and returned. Anderson will sign and this agreement will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2024-39.

Krajewski moved to approve the Novo Benefits - 2024 0701 – Keith County Standard Life and Accident Application 2024-2025, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Crandall, Schroeder, Krajewski and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Krajewski moved to authorize HIPPA representative for the Board Joan Ervin to sign the Novo Benefits – Keith County PHI form, Crandall seconded the motion. Ervin, Schroeder, Crandall, Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to approve the Novo Benefits – Novo Renewal CSA Schedule of Services and Fees, Schroeder seconded the motion. Crandall, Krajewski, Schroeder, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to approve the Novo Benefits Cobra rates, Crandall seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Crandall, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to approve the Meritain Health Grandfather Plan Verification and Registration, Krajewski seconded the motion. Crandall, Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to authorize Olson to sign the Meritain Letter of Direction, the Prescription Care Management (PCM) Letter of Direction, the Novo Connection Administrative Services Agreement & Business Associate Agreement, Schroeder seconded the motion. Crandall, Krajewski, Schroeder, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Keith County Attorney’s Office Victim Witness Advocate/ Diversion Officer Mary Dickinson spoke to the Board about County burial guidelines, increasing the County burial funding from two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) and the County Attorney having control over county burial applications for victims of crime. Schroeder moved to let the County Attorney take over the applications for county burials for victims of crime and to raise the county burial rate to three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), Crandall seconded the motion. Ervin, Krajewski, Crandall, Schroeder and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Schroeder moved to allow Clerk of the District Court Tina DeVoe to Docu-Sign the DHHS contract for child support services, Crandall seconded the motion. Krajewski, Ervin, Crandall, Schroeder and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

The Board moved to the Courtroom for the Board/employee meeting. The Board discussed professional IT and HR services. Employees discussed problems they were having with current services.

The Board moved back to the Board room to continue their meeting.

The Board gave reports and received correspondence.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, July 3, 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.

**New Business**

Interlocal for Planning/Zoning in Brule.

8:15 a.m. – Keith County Chamber Tourism Director Shawn Rubek – 1. Visitors Committee update. 2. Kites and Castles grant request. 3. Ogallala Indian Summer Rendezvous grant request. 4. Ogallala Roundup Rodeo grant request.

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

8:45 a.m. – Discussion on Berry Road.