

March 27, 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 was County Clerk Sandra Olson. Ervin moved to approve the agenda, Crandall seconded the motion. Krajewski, Schroeder, Crandall, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Crandall moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Krajewski seconded the motion. Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Schroeder moved to approve the payment of claims, Ervin seconded the motion. Crandall, Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

General Fund

Adams Insurance Advisors, Notary, \$40.00; Banner Health, Medical, \$36.15; Bomgaars, Supplies, \$164.54; Cash-Wa, Board for Prisoners, provisions, \$532.70; Culligan, Water, \$30.00; Datashield, Shredding, \$105.36; Tina DeVoe, Mileage, meal, \$323.91; Dickinson Land Surveyors, Survey plat, \$225.00; Eakes, Copies contract, \$138.82; Kip Frates, Mileage, \$13.68; Holiday Inn Express, Lodging, \$107.00; Larry Holscher, Mileage, fee, \$19.42; Trent Holscher, Mileage, fee, \$17.01; Hometown Leasing, Printer lease, \$45.03; HTS Ag, Remote ID Beacons, \$574.90; Keith County District Court, Docket fees, \$256.00; Kent's Towing, Towing, \$479.00; Dept. of Revenue/PAD, Registrations, \$540.00; NPPD, Service, \$165.60; Olson's Pest Technicians, Pest control, \$190.00; Abby Patterson, Mileage, fee, \$52.12; Piepho's Plumbing, Repairs, \$132.00; Plastix Plus LLC, Center console, \$859.33; Rory Roundtree, Mileage, \$81.21; Stacey Schilling, Service fees, \$40.00; Mark Spurgin, Mileage, fee, \$44.88; Valley County Sheriff, Proof of service, \$19.90

Road & Bridge Fund

MCM Truck Repair, Parts, labor, \$2,880.24; NPPD, Service, \$125.63

Visitors Fund

Brooklyn Ann Photography, Hunting photo shoot, \$250.00; Flagship Publishing Inc., Advertising, \$2,798.00; Keith County Chamber, Meals, lodging, U-Haul, contract, \$14,292.97; Keith County News, Publishing, \$7.28; Midwest Electric, Service, \$94.93; Nebraska PrintWorks, 2024 Fast Facts, \$977.30; NPPD, Service, \$98.44; Prairie Mountain Media, Facebook campaign, \$250.00; Sowders, Voices of the Sandhills, \$115.00

Visitors Improvement Fund

Firespring, Web hosting, \$195.00; Keith County Chamber, Contract, program, \$7,974.00; Move Creative, Lake McConaughy app, \$825.00

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$7,716.54; Ogallala Community Hospital, Employee blood draw, \$3,046.00

Drug Fund

Intoximeters, Inc., Dry gases, \$373.00; Tri-County Crime Stoppers, Assistance, \$700.00

CAP Projects/Radio Fund

Absolute Solutions, Radios, \$6,677.16

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

Poncik told the Board he had seven (7) prisoners in and three (3) prisoners farmed out.

Zoning Administrator Cody Fenwick appeared before the Board with several Zoning items. The first item was for a request by D. J. Eihusen and Roger Rankin for a Final 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 Vista 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. Krajewski moved to approve this final plat based on the information on the statement of fact, Schroeder seconded the motion.

Crandall, Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. The resolution approving this final plat will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2024-22. The second items was a request by William Smith for a Conditional Use Permit(24-04) for a short term vacation rental, located at LOT 5 REPLAT OF LOTS B-3 THROUGH B-6 OF THE DUNES AT LAKE MC CONAUGHY PHASE 1 1.98A (31-15-39), Keith County, Nebraska. Crandall moved to approve this conditional use permit based on evidence provided by Fenwick, Ervin seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. The resolution approving this conditional use permit will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2024-23. The third items was for a request by Dan Hartman for a Conditional Use Permit (24-05) for a Second Accessory over 300 square feet, located at LAKE HOME (IOLL) LOT 50 K-1 4-14-38, more commonly known as 50 K-1 Road, Keith County, Nebraska. Owner Dan Hartman spoke in favor of receiving this conditional use permit. Ervin told the Board that they could not make a variance only the Board of Zoning Adjustment could do this. Ervin said that she felt that this should go on to BOZA and they could make the variance. Krajewski moved to approve this conditional use permit based on information provided, Schroeder seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski and Anderson voting aye; Crandall and Ervin voting nay; motion carried. The resolution approving this conditional use permit will be filed in the Resolution Book 2024-24. The fourth item was for a request by Michael Seeley and Harold Treptow for a Preliminary Plat of the Dunes at Lake McConaughy Phase 1 Restored Lots C1-C5, located in the NE ¼ section of 31, Township 15 N., Range 39 West of the 6th P.M., Keith County, Nebraska. Crandall moved to approve this preliminary plat based on the evidence provided by Fenwick, Ervin seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. The resolution approving this preliminary plat will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2024-25.

The Board gave reports and received correspondence.

Ervin moved to sign the Report of Public Tax Sales for Delinquent 2022 Real Estate Taxes, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Crandall, Schroeder, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

WCNDD Director Amber Kuskie appeared before the Board to discuss the Roscoe nuisance abatement. Kuskie told the Board she had planned to go out and take pictures to present but the snow had prevented her from doing this. Kuskie said that there had been quite a bit of clean done so far although one property with several vehicles that were part of the nuisance problem seemed to be moving the vehicles to another property and stated this was not allowable. Regarding trees on county property Surveyor Ryan Dickinson will be asked to verify whose property these trees are on before the county begins clean up. The Board will revisit this on April 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and will director Kuskie how to proceed with the abatement.

Keith County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director Shawn Rubek appeared before the Board to update them on last week's Visitors Committee meeting. Rubek also spoke to the Board regarding the grant for the Petrified Wood Gallery Improvement Grant request. Rubek told the Board the billboard sign for the Gallery had been repaired and placed back up. Rubek said the Visitor's Committee had voted to deny this grant as this was not a new sign which they felt made it a general operating expense, there was no recognition of the Visitors Committee on the billboard and the sign was not on site. Rod Ruzanic spoke to the Board in support of them approving the grant request. Krajewski moved to deny this grant request based on the regs at this time, Crandall seconded the motion. Schroeder, Ervin, Crandall, Krajewski and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

At 10:03 a.m. Crandall moved to go into executive to discuss personnel for the protection of an individual's reputation, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Krajewski, Schroeder, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Anderson stated the Board was going into executive session to discuss personnel for the protection of an individual's reputation. At 10:33 a.m. Crandall moved to return to open session with not decisions having been made, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder, Crandall and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin read a letter of resignation from County Assessor Renae Zink. The letter stated the resignation was effective March 22, 2024. Ervin told the Board that Zink had been unable to attend the meeting today because of prior commitments. Krajewski moved to accept the resignation of Zink, Schroeder seconded the motion. Crandall, Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

At 10:43 a.m. Schroeder moved to go into executive session for a strategy session regarding the appointment of an assessor, Ervin seconded the motion. Crandall, Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. At 11:40 a.m. Ervin moved to return to open session with no decisions having been made, Schroeder seconded the motion. Crandall, Krajewski, Schroeder, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to authorize Chairperson Lane Anderson to sign a letter requesting additional dates of testing be offered that is required to obtain an assessor certificate, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Crandall, Schroeder, Ervin and Anderson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

There was no action or discussion on the agenda item of Road's personnel.

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

New Business

Roscoe surveying by Ryan Dickinson.

Weeds Superintendent Jamie Moore – Weeds Annual Report Summary.