

March 3, 2021

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairman Crandall 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 Chairman Corey Crandall and Commissioners Lane Anderson, Toney Krajewski, Joan Ervin and Dale Schroeder. Crandall acknowledged the Open Meeting Act was posted. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson and County Attorney Randy Fair. Ervin moved to approve the agenda, Krajewski seconded the motion. Schroeder, Anderson, Krajewski, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Krajewski moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Schroeder seconded the motion. Anderson, Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Anderson moved to approve the payment of claims, Krajewski seconded the motion. Schroeder, Ervin, Krajewski, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

General Fund

Gregory J. Beal, Services, \$1,236.50; Tracie Brueggeman, Cleaning, \$240.00; Bush Electric, Repairs, \$350.50; City of Ogallala, Service, \$437.61; Dept. Correctional Svcs, Housing inmates, medical, \$7,091.64; Tina DeVoe, Mileage, \$56.00; Eakes Office, Copier charges, \$124.85; Law Office of Steven E. Elmshaeuser, Services, \$4,505.00; Encartele, Calling cards, \$300.00; Hometown Leasing, Lease, \$136.48; Keith County Court, Uncollectible costs, \$1,146.00; Keith County News, Publishing, \$1,235.05; Legal & Liability Risk Mgt. Institute, Training, \$99.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Service agreement, \$24.00; NACO, Registration, \$35.00; NE Association of County Treasurers, Dues, \$50.00; NPPD, Service, \$1,643.09; Office Service, Supplies, \$116.32; Quality Farm & Ranch, Supplies, \$187.96; QFRC, Salt/sand spreader, \$349.99

Road & Bridge Fund

ATC Communications, Service, \$86.96; CHS Grainland, Fuel, \$269.20; Consolidated, Service, \$102.20; Fraser Welding, Supplies, \$27.17; Newman Signs, Signs, \$252.42; Potts Electric, Light bulbs, \$116.00; QFRC, Ice melt, \$49.98; Village of Brule, Service, \$79.50; Village of Paxton, Service, \$134.01; Wiest Hardware, Supplies, tools, \$66.85

Visitors Fund

Keith County Chamber of Commerce, Contract, \$2,070.60; Keith County News, Meeting notice, \$8.10; Lonergan Creek, Contract, \$1,400.00; NPPD, Service, \$75.43; Nebraska Printworks, Fast Facts sheet, \$822.02; Nebraska Travel Association, Marketing booklet, \$550.00; NRG Media, Radio ads, \$590.00; Prairie Mountain Media, Online ad placement, \$150.00; True West Publishing, Ad, \$525.00

Visitors Improvement Fund

Firespring, Web hosting fee, \$74.99; Keith County Chamber of Commerce, Contract, \$2,025.00; Lonergan Creek Media, Contract, \$1,544.44; Midwest Electric, Service, \$97.12; NPPD, Service, \$61.83; Alvin Siffring, Billboard lease, \$300.00; Brian Vasa, Billboard lease, \$650.00

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$4,620.81

Keith County resident James Biel spoke to the Board about a zoning issue with land he owns.

The Board heard the reports of Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan, Building and Grounds Director Chris Marlton, Head Jailer Travis Poncik, Chief Deputy Shawn Hebbert and Emergency Manager Dave Kling.

Poncik reported to the Board that there were thirteen prisoners in and fifteen prisoners farmed out.

Keith County Chamber of Commerce Director Karla Scott updated the Board on last week's Visitors Committee meeting.

Visitors Committee Chairman Deb Schilz appeared before the Board to speak about a Visitors Impact Study Grant Agreement they had been approved for. Anderson moved to approve this

agreement, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Krajewski, Schroeder, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to accept the resignation of Visitors Committee member Mark Baldwin and thank him for his service, Anderson seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Anderson, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Krajewski moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Siffring billboard lease agreement, Schroeder seconded the motion. Anderson, Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This agreement will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2021-20.

Schilz also spoke to the Board about the additional funding for the Keith County Chamber. Schilz told the Board that the Visitors Committee had unanimously approved to pay the Chamber of Commerce a lump sum of \$15,000.00 in March to cover the months of March through July and to begin paying \$3,000.00 per month in August until June of 2022 when the contract can be renegotiated. Scott told the Board that she had spoken to her Board and that her Board had decided that they would rather have her monthly contract increased \$3,000.00 than be paid the lump sum of \$15,000.00 to cover the months of March through July. Anderson moved to approve this increase in funding, Ervin seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

The Board discussed the FSA Optional COVID Relief Options that they had reviewed last week. Ervin moved to approve these Amendment #1, #2 and #5 with the extension for plan years 2020 and 2021, Krajewski seconded the motion. Schroeder, Anderson, Krajewski, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Anderson moved to appoint Emergency Manager Dave Kling to the Emergency Management Regional Group – North Central Region, Ervin seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

The Board received correspondence and gave reports. The Board received February's fee report from the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court's Office. The Board received January's fee report from the Treasurer's Office.

Anderson moved to approve the travel request of Emergency Manager Dave Kling to attend the North Central PET meeting, Krajewski seconded the motion. Schroeder, Ervin, Krajewski, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Schroeder moved to approve the travel request of Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan to attend the Nebraska Association of Highway Superintendent's meeting, Ervin seconded the motion. Anderson, Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Chairman
Corey Crandall

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

Amendment to Keith County Chamber Visitors contract.

New Business

LB updates.

