

March 31, 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. Krajewski moved to approve the agenda, Anderson seconded the motion. Schroeder, Ervin, Anderson, Krajewski and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Anderson, Schroeder, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Anderson moved to approve the payment of claims, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Krajewski, Schroeder, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

General Fund

Cash-Wa, Supplies, \$1,110.81; CenturyLink, Service, \$43.71; DAS State Acctg-Central Finance, Lease, \$704.00; E-Logic, Port switch, \$63.13; Encartele, Calling cards, \$300.00; FR Customs, Light bar repair, \$50.00; K-Lawn, Lawn care, \$949.00; Keith County Court, Uncollectible costs, \$695.00; Keith County District Court, Docket fee, \$72.00; Mighty Clean and Clear View, Senior Center cleaning, \$2,250.00; MIPS, Receipts, \$248.30; NE Institute of Forensic Sciences, Autopsies, \$2,000.00; Quality Farm & Ranch, Supplies, \$697.75; "R" Tire & Alignment, Services, \$662.85

Road & Bridge Fund

Beaver Bearing, Supplies, \$1.62; CHS Grainland, Fuel, \$551.54; Consolidated Telephone, Service, \$102.20; Fraser Welding, Supplies, \$26.82; QFRC, Supplies, \$84.91; Barb Shaffer, Ethernet cable, \$5.97

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$227.53; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$116,046.40

Emergency Phone 911 Fund

ATC Communications, Data circuits, \$118.14; CenturyLink, Viper internet connection, \$90.61; Consolidate, Address maintenance, \$36.00

Wireless 911 Services Fund

CenturyLink, Viper internet connection, \$475.71

The Board heard the reports of Head Jailer Travis Poncik and Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan.

Poncik told the Board that he had twelve prisoners in and seven prisoners farmed out.

Brian Cox with the Extension Office spoke to the Board about his position as an Engagement Zone Coordinator. Cox explained to the Board who he is, what he does and what his role is.

Ervin moved to approve and authorize Chairman Crandall to sign the Steverson Lake Nebraska and the Hecla Nebraska tower lease termination letters, Anderson seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Anderson, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Zoning Administration for Keith County Amber Kuskie appeared before the Board with a letter on the Board of Commissioners stationary to Nebraska Department of Revenue requesting who has Keith County lodging tax permits so they could keep current with the vacation rentals in the County. Krajewski moved to approve Kuskie sending this letter, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Schroeder, Krajewski and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Kuskie told the Board that Bob Josjor and Kathy Wood terms to the Keith County Board of Zoning Adjustment would be expiring and both had expressed interest in remaining on the Board. Kuskie also told the Board that Tom Elliott, Mark Spurgin and Dean Koontz terms with the Keith County Planning Commission would be expiring and all three had expressed interest in remaining on the Board. Kuskie said she was asking the Board to reappoint these Board members. Anderson moved to reappoint Bob Josjor and Kathy Wood to the Keith County Board of Zoning Adjustment and Tom Elliott, Mark Spurgin and Dean Koontz to the Keith County Planning Commission, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin questioned whether or not this should not be two motions as it was two different Boards. Anderson amended his motion to reappoint Bob Josjor and Kathy Wood to the Keith County Board of Adjustment, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to reappoint Tom Elliott, Mark Spurgin and Dean Koontz to the Keith County Planning Commission, Krajewski seconded the motion. Anderson, Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Keith County Treasurer Ronda Johnson presented the Board with a resolution for stricken taxes. Ervin moved to adopt this resolution, Anderson seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2021-33.

The Board exited the Courthouse along with all visitors for a fire drill.

Ervin presented the Board with a letter she had written up in opposition of LB 408. Ervin said that most of Board members only had two full years of experience that she felt that if she had met with officials who had more experience she would have had more material for opposition. Ervin stated that she feels that the Board should be having a monthly meeting with officials so the Board could be more aware of what is going on with departments and different ideas of the officials. Anderson moved to authorize the Chairman signing this letter of opposition, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Krajewski, Schroeder, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin told the Board that she had not had time to check on funding for planting another tree. This agenda item was tabled and will be placed on next week's agenda under unfinished business.

No new information was presented on the agenda item of LB updates and it was requested that this item remain on the agenda under unfinished business.

Olson told the Board that previously they had talked about looking at other health insurance companies and if that was the case they would not want to sign the renewal verification form with Meritain Health for the Flexible Spending and Dependent Care Account. The consensus of the Board was to stay with the County current health insurance provider. Ervin moved to authorize the Flexible Spending and Dependent Care Accounts renewal verification form, Krajewski seconded the motion. Schroeder, Anderson, Krajewski, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin told the Board that originally three people had been interested in serving as a Southwest Public Health representative and they were Kim Elder, Linda Baldwin and Brian Wilson. Ervin told the Board that Elder had withdrawn his name. Anderson moved to appoint Brian Wilson as the Southwest Public Health representative, Krajewski seconded the motion. Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

The Board discussed with Zoning Administration for Keith County Amber Kuskie, Keith County Chamber of Commerce Director Karla Scott and Keith County Area Development Executive Director Mary Wilson the Lake Advisory committee. Ervin said that she felt representatives from Zoning, Roads, Fire and Sheriff should be on the committee.

No executive session to discuss Planning and Zoning – Visitors coordination was held.

Anderson moved to adopt the resolution approving the Community Plan of the Southwest Nebraska Juvenile Services as presented by Keith County Deputy County Attorney Rory Roundtree, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2021-34.

Anderson moved to approve a new fund number 2580 COVID American Rescue Plan, Revenue Code 339.25 American Rescue Plan Act, Ervin seconded the motion. Krajewski, Schroeder, Ervin, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

The Board received correspondence and gave reports. The Board received March's fee report from the Sheriff's Department.

Krajewski moved to approve the travel request of Emergency Manager Dave Kling to attend the Nebraska Association of Emergency Managers Conference, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Schroeder, Krajewski and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

At 10:21 a.m. the Board recessed to conduct a shop visit. At 1:15 a.m. the Board reconvened with Board members Lane Anderson and Dale Schroeder absent.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, April 7, 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

LB updates.

New Business

Powertech service agreement.