

May 5, 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, Joan Ervin, Toney Krajewski and Dale Schroeder. Crandall acknowledged the Open Meeting Act was posted. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson. County Attorney Randy Fair was in and out throughout the meeting. Anderson moved to approve the agenda, Krajewski seconded the motion. Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Anderson seconded the motion. Schroeder, Krajewski, Anderson, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Schroeder moved to approve the payment of claims, Anderson seconded the motion. Ervin, Krajewski, Schroeder, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Salaries - \$168,330.68

General Fund

Adams Bank & Trust, Checks, \$26.50; Banner Health, Inmate hospital visits, \$2,385.60; CenturyLink, Service, \$43.81; City of Ogallala, Service, \$448.88; Dept. Correctional Svcs, Inmate housing, medical, \$6,459.67; Eakes, Supplies, \$376.04; FP Mailing Solutions, Flexiscale, \$45.00; gWorks, Annual fee, \$4,500.00; Home Town Leasing, Printer lease, \$136.48; Keith County Clerk, Filing fees, \$44.00; Keith County Court, Uncollectible costs, \$962.00; Keith County District Court, Docket fees, \$396.00; Keith County News, Publishing, \$624.84; Kent's Towing and Repair, Towing, \$350.00; MOC #7, Publishing, \$100.00; NACO, Registrations, \$370.00; NACT, Registrations, \$100.00; NAPA Auto Parts, Battery, \$139.99; NPPD, Service, \$1,583.71; Office Service, Supplies, \$124.82; Quality Farm & Ranch, Supplies, \$864.56; "R" Tire & Alignment, Services, \$103.46; Realtime Technical Services, Microphone kit, labor, vehicle trip, \$464.00; The Hartford, Life insurance premiums, \$264.00; U-Save Pharmacy, Prescriptions for inmates, \$415.99; University of Nebraska, Computer, \$1,686.59; Verizon Wireless, Broadband service, \$40.01; West Central NE Dev Dist., Dues, \$2,730.00; West Side Builders, Towing, \$175.00; Wolf Auto, Services, \$460.93; Renae Zink, Mileage, \$56.00

Road/Bridge Fund

ATC Communications, Service, \$87.11; Big Mac Diesel, Parts, labor, \$238.00; City of Ogallala, Service, \$94.17; Consolidated, Service, \$102.35; Kelly's Trucking, Trucking, \$3,000.00; Office Service, Supplies, \$330.16; QFRC, Supplies, \$117.88; R&D Welding, Supplies, \$11.00; Simon, Gravel, \$27,449.10; The Hartford, Life insurance premiums, \$62.40; Village of Brule, Service, \$79.50; Village of Paxton, Service, \$133.44; Village of Paxton %Midwest Electric, Service, \$177.90; Wiest Hardware, Supplies, \$35.28

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$331.05; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Funds, Health claims, \$7,478.00; Meritain Health, Administration fees, \$34,326.46

Emergency Phone 911 Fund

ATC Communications, Exchange, \$40.00; Frontier, Connection to Viper, \$5.47; Glenwood, Exchange, tower rent, \$446.02; CenturyLink, Connection to Viper, \$91.23

Wireless 911 Services Fund

CenturyLink, Connection to Viper, \$478.93; Frontier, Connection to Viper, \$28.72

Anderson read a letter of appreciation sent to him from a veteran's spouse in appreciation of the service provided to her by Veteran's Service Officer Dan Nichols.

The Board heard the reports of Head Jailer Travis Poncik, Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan and Building and Grounds Supervisor Chris Marlton.

Poncik told the Board that he had eleven prisoners in and four prisoners farmed out.

Schroeder moved to authorize Chairman Crandall to sign the Noxious Weeds Reports and Requirements as presented by Noxious Weeds Supervisor Tim Ryan, Ervin seconded the motion. Anderson, Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

On the Keith County digital radios the Board discussed participating in the Big Give. Also discussed was each Commissioner going to individual groups to present and ask for donations.

Ervin wanted it noted in the minutes that the welcoming message grant that was approved last week was going on a privately owned building and that the Visitors Committee's regulations say this is not allowed. Ervin felt that the Board should have been informed of this. Crandall stated that he had talked to County Attorney Randy Fair who did not see a problem with this.

Ervin also spoke to the Board about the Impact Study application for the Visitors Committee. Ervin said she is worried where this contract is on another server and felt it should be retained in the administrative office.

Bids for the Lemoyne Senior Center roof will remain on the agenda as will the LB updates.

Elise Lockhart with Lonergan Creek Media updated the Board on the Visitors Committee promotion and content marketing.

The Board and elected and appointed officials discussed an HR position contract. Schroeder will try to get Zelle to Zoom into next week's meeting so they can answer official's questions.

Keith County Assessor Renae Zink appeared before the Board requesting approval for a contract with gWorks to add an Annotations Layer. As County Attorney Randy Fair had not reviewed the contract it will remain on next week's agenda under unfinished business.

Olson explained to the Board that as part of the American Rescue Plan Act Cobra that employees who lost coverage under the County's health insurance plan due to an involuntary termination would receive a notice alerting them to the availability of a Cobra subsidy. The County had one previous employee who would receive the notice and the Board needed to decide if they would allow this Assistance Eligible Individual (AEI) if they chose to enroll in coverage different for the coverage they had at the time of their qualifying event. Schroeder moved to allow AEI's to enroll in coverage different from the coverage they had at the time of their qualifying event, Krajewski seconded the motion. Anderson, Ervin, Krajewski, Schroeder and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Olson told the Board that an individual on the County's insurance had a prescription that the cost was above the limit that was set in the County's plan. In order for the individual to get the prescription the Board needed to approve a prescription cost override for this individual. Schroeder moved to approve this prescription cost override, Ervin seconded the motion. Krajewski, Anderson, Ervin, Schroeder and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Olson also told the Board that this time there was enough time for this override to go before the Board without disruption to the individual's prescription but this might not always be the case. Olson said that was why she was asking the Board to authorize both herself and Ervin to approve this particular prescription cost override. Krajewski moved to authorize both Olson and Ervin to approve just this particular prescription cost override with the override not to exceed \$3,500.00 otherwise it must come before the Board, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Schroeder, Krajewski and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

The Summary of Material Modification and Amendment #5 to the Keith County Employee Benefit Plan Group No. 12315 was placed on next week's agenda in order to allow time for Olson to e-mail the amendment to the Board so they can review it.

The Board gave reports and received correspondence. The Board received April's fee reports from the Clerk's Office and the Clerk of the District Court.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, May 12, 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.

Keith County digital radios.

Lemoyne Senior Center roof repairs bids.

Executive session – HR position contract.

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Summary of Material Modification and Amendment #5 to the Keith County Employee Benefit Plan Group No.12315.

County Assessor Renae Zink - Annotations Layer.

New Business

County Assessor Renae Zink – Comparable Sales Layer.

Vacation leave.

2021 Ballot for Election to NE Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors.

Raising of amount of prescription override authorization approval from \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00.

Executive session – Discussion of litigation strategy.

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8:30 a.m. – Zoning Administration for Keith County Amber Kuskie. Request by Keith County Planning Commission for a text amendment of current zoning regulations implementing regulations and issuance of Temporary Campground Permits from May 15, 2021 through September 15, 2021.

9:00 a.m. – Zelle HR contract via Zoom.

9:45 a.m. – Novo Benefits – Spencer Thomas – Health Insurance recommendation via Zoom.