

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

DATE: January 17, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Logan County, Nebraska was held in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Stapleton, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in The Stapleton Enterprise in the issue dated January 11, 2024, and posting at least by the third day before the scheduled meeting at the Logan County Courthouse and the Stapleton Post Office and was simultaneously given to the Chairman all members of the County Board. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the notice and in the notice to members of the Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Agenda posted and open meetings poster is on wall in Commissioners Room.

Meeting was called to order by Scott Gaites

Roll call was answered as follows Scott Gaites, Board Member, Lee Wonch, Board Member and Debbie Myers, Clerk/Assessor.

Absent: Robert Doyle

Also present were: Dick Gewecke, Co. Treasurer, Andrew Van Velson, Co. Attorney, Rich Cook, Highway and Weed Superintendent, Sean Carson, Sheriff and Emergency Manager and Jon Hill.

Motion by Wonch seconded by Gaites to approve December 20, 2023 minutes without reading, as the Clerk had previously furnished each member with a copy thereof. Yeas: Wonch & Gaites. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Motion made by Gaites seconded by Wonch to appoint Wonch Chairman for 2024. Yeas: Gaites and Wonch. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None. Chairman Wonch took over the meeting.

Motion made by Wonch seconded by Gaites to appoint Gaites, Vice-Chairman for 2024. Yeas: Wonch and Gaites. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Clerk reminded the Commissioners of the February 16, 2024 County Board Chairman Workshop at the Younes Center South in Kearney and the March 28, 2024 West Central District Meeting in Ogallala.

Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to approve claims except claim 24010035 to deny the amount of \$245.64 for statute books and pay only the \$43.55 for mileage on County Attorney claim. Yeas: Gaites and Wonch. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Claims were audited and allowed as follows:

COUNTY GENERAL

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2,691.72
AT&T MOBILITY	SUBSCRIPTION	187.36
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	10404.65
BLUE 360 MEDIA LLC	SUPPLIES	184.45
BOMGAARS	EQUIPMENT	1999.88
BRUMMET, JACK	PRIOR SERVICE	13.00
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	4346.25
CARSON, SEAN	SALARY	640.00
CARSON, SEAN	MILEAGE	286.89
COCO, NATHAN	SALARY	344.00
CONNELL, KATHLEEN M	JANITORIAL CONTRACT	1200.00
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY, PHONE ALLOWANCE	1896.22
COOK, RICHARD	MILEAGE, REG, DUES	80.57
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND REPAIRS	570.66
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	249.85
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	LODGING	2024.25
DAN'S PROPANE INC	UTILITIES	1033.70
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINACE	DATA PROCESSING	367.00
DOYLE, ROBERT	SALARY	1894.60
DOYLE, ROBERT	MILEAGE	134.28
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE & JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	825.29
FREY, MARK	LAWN CARE & SNOW REMOVAL	60.00
FREY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLIES	45.63
GAITES, SCOTT	SALARY	1894.60
GEWECKE, RICHARD	SALARY	5496.88
GREAT PLAINS REPORTING COMPANY	DISTRICT COURT COSTS	517.00
HANSEL, KIRK	PART TIME SALARY	706.00
INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEMS	COMPUTER IT	2542.12
JORGENSEN'S LAWN SERVICE LLC	LAWN CARE	562.59
KEITH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS/911	911 SERVICE & TOWER	938.74
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	COUNTY & DISTRICT COURT COSTS	232.15
MIPS, INC.	SERVICE	1260.23
MYERS, DEBBIE	SALARY	4346.25
MYERS, DEBBIE	SALARY	425.00

NACO PLANNING & ZONING	DUES	40.00
NE CLERKS OF THE DISTRICT COURT	DUES	50.00
NE ASSN OF COUNTY ASSESSORS	DUES	75.00
NICHOLSON, JENNIFER	SALARY	2760.00
PETTY CASH FUND	TELE, UTILITIES, DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS & POSTAGE	1312.69
SANDHILLS RC&D	DUES	50.00
SELLERS, BILL	PART TIME SALARY	130.00
SHAW LAW OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	304.50
STAPLETON COOP MARKET & DELI	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	24.79
TRANSUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE	DATA PROCESSING	75.00
U. S. BANK	DUES, POSTAGE, TRAINING, SUPPLIES, LODGING	773.36
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	SALARY	2013.03
VAN VELSON, ANDREW	MILEAGE, DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	43.55
WEEMS, AMANDA	SALARY	4170.53
WONCH, CECIL	SALARY	1894.60
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	2417.23
GENERAL ROAD		
BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD	EMPLOYER SHARE	13.03
COOK, RICHARD	SALARY	2080.00
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	FUEL AND REPAIRS	959.59
CROELL INC	GRAVEL & BORROW	2156.52
CURTIS, KEVIN	PART TIME SALARY	1230.00
DAN'S PROPANE INC	PROPANE	575.98
EASTSIDE SERVICE	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	6299.05
FREY'S GENERAL STORE	SHOP SUPPLIES	18.14
GB AUTO SERVICE INC	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	1093.99
JM PARTS AND EQUIPMENT	SHOP TOOLS	615.04
KOVANDA, MICHAEL	SALARY	4532.19
KRAMER, ALAN	PART TIME SALARY	3220.00
MYERS, LARRY	SALARY	3435.22
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	3003.95
PETTY CASH FUND	TELE. AND UTILITIES & SUPPLIES	423.81
POWERPLAN	ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR	365.55
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	1108.06
COUNTY LIBRARY		
CREATIVE PRINTERS	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	15.00
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	91.30
RAMIREZ, JULIA	SALARY	746.88
U. S. BANK	EQUIPMENT	63.66
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	EMPLOYER SHARE OASI	57.14
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
PETTY CASH FUND	TELEPHONE SERVICE	62.96

TOTAL 98,703.15

Rich, Cook, Highway Superintendent, Sean Carson, Sheriff and Safety Committee Chairman, Richard Gewecke, Treasurer and Andrew Van Velson, Logan County Attorney gave monthly reports. No Commissioner reports were given.

The 2024 annual salary for County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Sheriff is set at \$52,155 and County Commissioners \$8,873.

Rates and salaries for the appointed officers are to be set as follows:

Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to set minimum wage \$17.00 per hour for occasional employment for equipment operators, Emergency Manager \$16.00 per hour, Highway Superintendent \$16.00 per hour, Noxious Weed for \$16.00 and County Surveyor at \$1.00 per annum. Rates for machine hire and operator \$200.00 per hour, rates for copies .25 per copy, emailed copies \$1.00 per copy and faxed copies will be \$2.50 for first page and \$1.00 for each additional page. Mileage rates are set by the State .67 cents per mile. Yeas: Wonch and Gaites. Absent: Doyle Nays: None.

Motion by Wonch seconded by Gaites to set the following appointments:

Petty Cash Officer – Dick Gewecke
 Noxious Weed Superintendent – Richard Cook
 Highway Superintendent – Richard Cook
 Budget Authority – Caleb Johnson
 Emergency Manager – Sean Carson
 County Physician- Dr. Loper

County Health Board-Dr. Loper, County Physician, Sean Carson, Sheriff and Debbie Myers, County Clerk. Cecil Wonch as Region II Human Services Governing Board Member and the West Central District on Aging Board, Cecil Wonch Board Member and Scott Gaites Alternate to the Lexington Landfill Board, Scott Gaites to the West Central Health Department Board for one year, Robert Doyle to the RC&D Board as the County Commissioner Member and Richard Cook to the Sandhill Weed Management Board. Yeas: Gaites and Wonch. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

County Surveyor was discussed and a motion was made by Gaites seconded by Wonch to appoint Ryan E Dickinson to the County Surveyor position.

Motion by Gaites seconded Wonch to designate The Stapleton Enterprise as the official newspaper of Logan County and the Logan County Website as the official website of Logan County. Yeas: Wonch and Gaites. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to set the date for the regular meeting of Logan County to be the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Yeas: Gaites and Wonch. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to designate the Courthouse, Post Office, Frey's General Store, Kimber's, Stapleton Cooperative Market, The Feed Bunk, Creative Printers and the Logan County Website as possible places to post notice of a meeting when it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable notice. Yeas: Wonch and Gaites. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Dick Gewecke, Logan County Treasurer made semi-annual settlement with the County Board and filed a statement showing the amount of money on hand belonging to the various funds. The County Board examined such settlement and found same to be correct and hereby entered and order to that effect. Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to approve the semi-annual statement. Yeas: Gaites and Wonch. Nays: None.

Motion by Wonch seconded by Gaites to set hearing date for the one-and six-year road plan for February 21st at 9:30 a.m. Yeas: Wonch and Gaites. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Road men wages were discussed. Motion by Gaites seconded Wonch to raise the road maintenance men from \$20.00 per hour to \$21.00 per hour. Yeas: Gaites and Doyle. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Annual signature report was signed by the County Officials and their Deputies.

Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Logan County, Amendment one. Yeas: Wonch and Gaites. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to approve the Jorgensen's Lawn Service for 2024 lawn care. Yeas: Gaites and Wonch. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Logan County Road Department has an outstanding invoice of \$600. for Matthew Mikolocyk for 3 hours of loader work to clear out snow to cattle from March 2023. Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to send out invoice and give Matthew until February 16, 2024 to pay. Yeas: Wonch and Gaites. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

The Logan County Planning Commission are recommending that Logan County Commissioners to put a Wind Turbine and Solar Farm moratorium for 9 months while the update regulations in the zoning book. Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to put a 12-month moratorium on wind turbine and solar farms. Yeas: Gaites and Wonch. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to appoint Rich Burnside, James Main and Max Lovitt back on the Planning Commission until 2026. Yeas: Wonch and Gaites. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

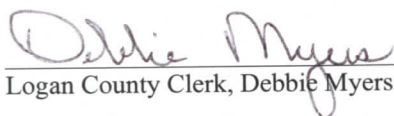
Motion by Gaites seconded by Wonch to appoint Richard Gewecke, Kendra Cutlet to Board of Adjustments until 2025 and Jason Trimble, Carry Schacher and Robert Blevins until 2026. Yeas: Gaites and Wonch. Absent: Doyle. Nays: None.

No further business meeting adjourned to meet February 21, 2024.



Chairman

Attest:



Logan County Clerk, Debbie Myers (SEAL)

