

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 8, 2021 for a regular business meeting. All members of the board were present: Steve Pearson, Dennis R. Tegtman and Mike Sexton. Chairman Sexton announced that the Open Meetings Act poster was correctly displayed and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting. Chairman Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. On a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Steve Pearson, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented by the County Clerk. RCV: Pearson, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Sexton. On a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Steve Pearson, the claims for this meeting were approved for payment. RCV: Pearson, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Sexton.

GENERAL FUND	
ACT repair building cameras	175.00
AG Valley Coop lawn mower tire	44.80
AG Valley Coop fuel	2179.16
Arapahoe Pharmacy jail meds	45.88
ATC internet services	137.85
Axon Enterprise body cams	7909.57
CAMAS subs., ads, notice	258.00
Cardmember Service jail supply	140.73
Consolidated Mgmt. training	12.68
911 Custom supplies	1187.70
D & D Service service/repair	379.22
EAKES Office supplies	1190.35
Engel's Sales parts	58.80
First Central Bank EM pickup	514.03
First Central Bk. Sheriff pickups	3258.83
Frontier Comm. telephones	1415.66
Furnas County Clerk bank fee	25.00
Furnas/District Court civil fees	141.00
Furnas County Court postage	33.30
Furnas County Sheriff CS service	228.40
Furnas Co. Treasurer envelopes	969.70
Fye Law Office County Court	228.40
Galls LLC supplies	389.66
Harlan Co. Treas. Ext. Asst. sal	2205.98
Hemelstrand's supplies	30.78
Hometown Agency bond fee	105.00
Hometown Leasing copier lease	600.18
Herchel Huff appeal expenses	142.15
JAC Storage 2 rentals	85.00
Jack's Uniforms supplies	114.89
Justice Data Solutions software	4700.00
Kelley's Supermarket grocery etc	634.41
Lincoln Co. Detention jail board	900.00
Whitney Lindstedt CS contract	2500.00

GENERAL FUND	
Makayla Livingston mileage	126.34
Madison Co. Sheriff CS fee	38.06
Nathaniel J. Mustion District Ct	167.98
NE Law Enforce Training class	460.00
Phelps Co. Sheriff service fee	18.50
Pinpoint Comm. tower lease	130.00
MIPS Inc. computer support	2430.31
Modern Marketing supplies	196.73
Platte Valley Comm. upgrade	356.67

Red Willow Co. Sheriff CS fee	6.59
RR Donnelly supplies	67.90
Saint Louis Univ. autopsy fee	260.50
Schaben Sanitation trash serv	1155.05
SIRCHIE supplies	1059.95
Becky Soderlund pt custodian	378.75
State Admin. Data service	270.04
State Admin teletype	448.00
Sunset Law Enforce. ammo	1403.70
Thomas & Thomas District court	684.51
VERIZON Business telephone	211.43
VERIZON Wireless cell/internet	535.08
Todd Weverka June cell phone	45.00
WEX Bank EM Mgr. fuel	172.15
WEX Bank Sheriff fuel	622.13
Yogi's Body Shop supplies	1125.50
Betty Oliver wages	144.10
Dorothy Bottrell wages	380.20
Ruth Ann Russell wages	768.00
Douglas Brown sheriff	2410.59
Connie Gustafson office mgr.	1383.30
Seth Gustafson deputy	2126.45
James Hudson deputy	2311.72
Alex Huntley deputy	2010.84

GENERAL FUND	
Mark Huntley deputy	1853.60
Colin Rogers deputy	1865.61
Anita Donovan jailer	1480.29
Penny Gardner jailer	1507.24
Tove Reiman jailer	1163.56
Jennifer Rickert jailer	1320.20
Jennifer Rickert jail adm.	240.00
Sabrina Speth jailer	1464.79

ROAD FUND	
AG Valley Coop fuel	8944.94
ATC Comm. video/dumpster	69.90
ATC Comm. telephone	93.42
Broeker Welding labor	35.00
CAMAS Clarion notices	37.06
Cambridge Telephone shops	55.78
City/Arapahoe utilities	158.99
City/Cambridge utilities	123.63
Frontier Comm. telephone	69.19

Hemelstrand's supplies	176.48
Husker Hardware supplies	23.47
NMC Exchange parts/labor	11805.28
Overton Sand gravel	25975.58
POWERPLAN parts	1363.13
S & W Auto Parts supplies	583.98
SouthernValley Diesel parts/labor	550.60
SW Farm/Auto parts	217.03
Titan Machinery oil & filter	40.36
Village/Wilsonville water/trash	70.82
Wagner's Supermarket supplies	9.19
WEX Bank fuel	199.59
Eric Youngquist mow shop yard	300.00

Kyle Woodring wages	1590.16
Eric J. Youngquist wages	1950.78

911 REGULAR ACCOUNT

Arapahoe Telephone 21% recur	29.52
ATC Comm. recur	40.00
Cambridge Telephone 21% recur	38.94
Century Link 21% recur	284.55
Frontier 21% recur	63.84
Roger Powell administrator	350.00

911 SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Arapahoe Telephone 79% recur	111.06
Cambridge Telephone 79% recur	146.49
Century Link 79% recur	1070.43
Frontier 79% recur	240.17

VISITORS PROMOTION

CAMAS Publishing ads/Come Home to Furnas County	550.00
Cambridge Chamber ads/Medicine Creek Days	1500.00

RECEIPTS

Furnas Co. Court fines/costs	626.00
Furnas/District Court fines/costs	931.00
NE Public Serv. Comm. 911 fees	4351.05
MCIMETRO ACCESS 911 fees	2.00
Bandwidth Inc. 911 fees	10.00
Furnas County Clerk copy fees	106.25

ROAD FUND

Mark Bose wages	1645.64
Tim Jauken wages	1673.38
Robert Johansen wages	1784.34
Cody Lambert wages	1351.50
Harold L. Linner JR wages	1617.90
Philip McInturf mowing	229.50
Justin Mowry wages	1728.86
Tony Whipple wages	1728.86
Tom White wages	1701.12

On a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Steve Pearson, the claim to Frontier Communications in the amount of \$2796.10, was denied. RCV: Pearson, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Sexton.

On motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Steve Pearson, tax list correction #2018-7 was approved, as presented by County Assessor, Melody Crawford. RCV: Pearson, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Sexton.

On a motion by Steve Pearson, second by Dennis Tegtman, the following resolution was adopted. RCV: Pearson, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Sexton.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED KANSAS NEBRASKA
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

WHEREAS; The Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership is pursuing a National Heritage Area Designation encompassing 49 counties (26 in Kansas and 23 in Nebraska equaling 35, 792 square miles with a population of 650,000; and

WHEREAS; The establishment of a 49 county National Heritage Area would adversely affect private property rights by influencing local officials to pass zoning laws or legislation not otherwise needed to accommodate a National Heritage

Area Management Plan developed by the National Park Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thereby altering well established processes for land use regulation; and

WHEREAS; Individuals developing the required National Heritage Area Management Plan must ensure the management plan complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal environmental protection laws; and WHEREAS; a National Heritage Area designation invites interference in local affairs by special interest groups who claim to be stakeholders, such as the National Park Service, Nature’s Conservancy, animal rights activists and environmental groups who do not have the historical perspective or deeply felt stewardship responsibility of owners who have worked the land over several generations; and

WHEREAS; The establishment of a National Heritage Area in order to leverage federal and local matching funds based upon private property, without owner knowledge or consent illustrates a violation of private property rights; The United States of America can no longer afford to borrow money to engage in endless expansion of dependency and regulation by the federal government and each of the 55 National Heritage Areas in existence today started out with sunset dates that were never enforced , resulting in chronic dependence rather than free market activity; and

WHEREAS; An unelected regional management entity has been identified to oversee and facilitate designation of a National Heritage Area which includes this County and all properties within the boundaries of this County; and

WHEREAS; a fundamental interdependence exists between individual liberty and the ability to own property, and the citizens of Furnas County are very concerned that a National Heritage Area Designation would deprive landowners of their ability to use and enjoy their property as they see fit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Furnas County Board of County Commissioners opposes the National Heritage Area Designation 49 county region aforementioned, and likewise opposes the inclusion of this county within the 40-county designation map. Further, this Board does not wish to confer to an unelected regional management entity the ability to establish or influence land use policy within the boundaries of this county.

Adopted this 8 day of June, 2021.

FURNAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Mike Sexton

Mike Sexton, Chairman

/s/ Dennis R. Tegtman

Dennis Tegtman

/s/ Steve Pearson

Steve Pearson

On a motion by Dennis Tegtman, second by Steve Pearson, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021_____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S “30 x 30” LAND
INITIATIVE AND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS, Furnas County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska for which the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Furnas County contains 461,439 acres of land, in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, many of Furnas County’s businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize privately owned lands and their resources, including livestock grazing, oil and gas exploration and production, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Nebraska economy, and are major Contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Furnas County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the “30 x 30” program; and

WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation’s lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

WHEREAS; there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Furnas County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and national forest system lands and preventing the productive use of these lands' resources; and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of some 680 million acres of federal lands from multiple use and placement of such lands in permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many central states, including Nebraska, and in particular rural counties such as Furnas County whose citizens depend on access to private lands for their livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at Sec. 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Furnas County, Nebraska, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes any unilateral special designations of public lands in Furnas County without full public participation and local support. Public and local involvement in designation for wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands must directly involve and defer to the preferences of our community.
3. The Board supports maintaining and enhancing public access to public lands and opposes road closures, road decommissioning, moratoria on road construction, and other limitations on public access for the purposes of fulfilling the 30 x 30 program's objectives.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Nebraska's water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Nebraska law.
5. The Board opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF June, 2021.

FURNAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Mike Sexton

Mike Sexton, Chairman

/s/ Dennis R. Tegtman

Dennis Tegtman

/s/ Steve Pearson

Steve Pearson

RCV: Pearson, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; Sexton, Aye. The motion was declared carried by Chairman Sexton.

Visitor during the meeting was Kathy Wilmot.

There was no further business before the board. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 or subject to call. Due to activity at the courthouse, the meeting will be held in the City Office of Beaver City, 401 10th Street, Beaver City.

Deputy Furnas County Clerk

Chairman of the Board