

**FURNAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S  
and BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
PROCEEDINGS  
April 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.  
Commissioners Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Courthouse**

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 25, 2023 for a regular board meeting. Notice of the meeting was published in the Valley Voice newspaper and posted on the County's website. The agenda was emailed to each commissioner, posted on the County's website and kept current in the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Sexton opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present was County Clerk Lois Bishop and County Attorney Patrick Calkins. Chairman Sexton informed those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed on the wall and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Minutes from the April 11, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Sexton. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

*Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees, G Garnishments, P Postage, VP Visitor Promotion, W Wages General Fund Net Salaries W \$65,510.82 Aflac I \$881.21 Ag Valley Coop S \$343.81 At-Scene, LLC S \$1,625.00 ATC Communications S \$49.90 Banner Capital Bank T \$20,510.05 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement T \$9,794.74 Beaver City Manor S \$1,989.50 Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska I \$45,972.27 Douglas Brown M \$137.55 Civil Air Patrol Magazine S \$45.00 CRC, Inc LF \$558.20 Credit Management Services G \$210.19 911 Custom S \$660.00 Justin Daake (Public Defender) LF \$5,250.00 Rebecca Dahlgren M \$55.02 Datashield Corporation SC \$61.04 Dawson County Sheriff SC \$1,395.00 Dead Sled Towing And Recovery LLC S \$432.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$959.05 Empower Retirement I \$300.00 Encartele, Inc SF \$300.00 Family Advocacy Network SC \$1,000.00 Farm And Home Publishers, Ltd S \$500.00 For The Record, LLC LF \$61.10 Frontier S \$107.37 Furnas Co District Court-Petty Cash P \$17.10 Furnas County Sheriff's Office SF \$380.80 Furnas County Treasurer P \$200.00 Fyr-Tek S \$170.00 Seth Gustafson TR \$348.00 Harlan County Abstract SC \$400.00 Harlan County Treasurer S \$17.23 Hometown Leasing LP \$168.11 Sam Hunt M \$22.27 Erin M Laborie M \$422.43 Norman D Lewis M \$93.10 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$162.26 Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc I \$17.75 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$15,045.96 Midwest Special Services SF \$442.24 Alan D Mues M \$99.65 Naceb-Ne Assn Co Extension Boards D \$100.00 Norton County Sheriff's Office SF \$40.00 Gabriela Padilla C \$231.78 Patricia E. Dodson, Attorney At Law G \$275.00 Jennifer Rickert TR \$206.03 Charles M Schaepler DDS, Pc SF \$115.57 Merrill Stagemeyer M \$97.03 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$241.40 Hillary Stevens RF \$350.00 Norman F Trosper M \$80.00 Wren Trosper M \$83.93 Urbom Law Offices, P.C. LF \$429.47 Vision Service Plan I \$226.45 Amy Warner M \$10.48 Total \$113,692.04 Road Fund Net Salaries W \$14,437.54 Aflac I \$344.90 Banner Capital Bank T \$4,948.26 Banner Capital Bank-Retirement T \$2,267.24 Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska I \$17,764.79 Bomgaars Supply S \$518.94 Credit Management Services G \$241.64 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$300.60 Lance M. Harter, P.E. SC \$645.83 Nebraska Child Support Payment Ctr G \$379.50 Vision Service Plan I \$80.34 Total \$27,492.04 Visitors Promotion Cambridge Chamber Of Commerce VP \$1,500.00 Oxford Turkey Days Inc VP \$1,000.00 Total \$2,500.00 Grand Total \$223,632.44*

The following reports and letters were received, reviewed and placed on file: Treasurer - Revenue Listing. NE Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice – Annual Jail Evaluation Report; NPERS Final Audit Report.

Roger Powell, EM, brought the Norton County KS – Furnas County NE Border Bridges MOU, signed by Norton County KS. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve & sign the MOU for Border Bridges between KS-NE. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. He also updated the board on the HSIP Funding for STOP & STOP AHEAD signs. RaNaye Dunlap and Powell discussed the list of members for the Planning and Zoning Board. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve the names presented for the Planning & Zoning Board. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Calkins presented the new Furnas County Utility ROW Easement Permit. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the use of the Furnas County Utility ROW Easement Permit. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Bishop discussed the need to set up a committee to review and update the employee handbook. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to appoint a committee of the Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer, County Attorney and Commissioner McCoy to review and update the employee handbook. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

At 10:00, Sexton opened the floor for Public Comment. No one in attendance.

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel for NACO discussed NACO updates and legislation.

Tiffany Burton, District Court Clerk and Sherry Thoof, Assessor, brought furniture proposals from Eakes Office Solutions to the board. The Board discussed the use of ARPA funds for new furniture for the offices of District Court, Assessor and the County Attorney's offices. Burton told the Board her office is now open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, need of locks for the courtroom and need to hire a part time person to replace Naomi Russell. Thoof and Burton brought surplus Equipment List for their offices. After reviewing the lists Tegtman made a motion to approve both list, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to close regular meeting and open Board of Equalization Meeting. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:**

Chairman Sexton called the Board of Equalization meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Alan McCoy. Also present were County Clerk Lois Bishop and County Attorney Patrick Calkins. Chairman Sexton informed those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed on the wall and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting

Sherry Thoof, Assessor presented Tax List Correction 2022-6. Motion by McCoy and second by Tegtman to approve the Tax List Correction 2022-6. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

There was no further business before the Board of Equalization, Chairman Sexton adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and returned to regular meeting.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):**

Chairman Sexton reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:08 a.m. The Board did the jail visit in accordance with ss 47-109 and dismissed for lunch.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):**

Chairman Sexton called the Public Hearing for the New County Road Map meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioners: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Alan McCoy. Also present were County Clerk Lois Bishop, County Attorney Patrick Calkins, Highway Superintendent Lance Harter. Chairman Sexton informed those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed on the wall and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting.

Chairman Sexton opened the floor for public comment. Scott Fisher and Reg Warner pointed out a few roads that needed changes.

There was no further business before the Board for the Public Hearing, Chairman Sexton adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. The next regular Board of Commissioners will meet on May 9, 2023 or subject to call.

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Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

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Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk