

**FURNAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BOARD OF EQUAIZATION and
PUBLIC HEARING
PROCEEDINGS**

May 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Meeting Room, 3rd Floor in the Courthouse

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, May 14, 2024 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 Mike Sexton opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and 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. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: Lois Bishop, County Clerk and Patrick Calkins, County Attorney.

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 23, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. The following claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. 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; JD Jury Duty; E Equipment, F Fee's, PY Prior Year.

General Salaries W \$28,196.23 Aflac I \$437.52 Ag Valley Coop SC \$1,852.37 Amazon Capital Services SC \$29.97 Amazon Capital Services SC \$71.63 Amazon Capital Services SC \$304.63 ATC Communications SC \$189.90 Banner Capital Bank T \$7,093.21 Banner Capital Bank T \$2,894.13 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,102.38 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,968.34 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$3,803.31 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$25.00 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$39.15 Black Hills Energy SC \$248.56 Mickayla Blender M \$105.99 Brico Pest Control SC \$140.00 Denise Brown RF \$30.00 Calkins Law Office R \$750.00 Patrick Calkins RF \$100.00 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$682.23 Cidnet SC \$300.00 City Of Beaver City SC \$3,142.92 Credit Management Services G \$310.20 D & D Service SC \$387.04 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$478.44 Dept Of Rev/Property Assessment Div TR \$300.00 Dewald Deaver L'Heureux, Pc LLO LF \$237.50 Eakes Office Plus SC \$3,666.06 Eakes Office Plus SC \$2,067.77 Election Systems & Software Inc SC \$3,840.97 First Central Bank LP \$3,480.16 Frontier SC \$107.37 Furnas Co District Court-Petty Cash P \$10.60 Furnas County Clerk F \$25.00 Furnas County Court - Postage P \$17.74 Furnas County Sheriff-Postage P \$96.30 Furnas County Sheriff's Office SC \$398.60 Fye Law Office LF \$252.12 Galls, LLC SC \$195.33 Holiday Inn Kearney TR \$249.90 Hometown Leasing LP \$174.81 Hometown Leasing LP \$78.95 IAPE D \$65.00 Jac Storage SC \$155.00 Kelley's Supermarket Inc SC \$230.26 Makayla Livingston M \$45.43 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$129.75 Marks Pharmacy SC \$26.25 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$33,800.24 Jayce Minarik M/RF \$178.62 MIPS Inc SC \$2,458.88 MIPS Inc SC \$194.18 Mousel,Brooks,Schneider,Mustin & LF \$1,216.54 Nebraska Assn Of County Treasurers TR \$150.00 Nebraska Assoc Of Co Extension Brds TR \$100.00 Pathology Services, Pc SC \$150.00 Phelps County Sheriff's Office SF \$1,975.02 Pinpoint Communications SC \$1,076.30 Planet Technologies SC \$427.68 Quill Corporation SC \$191.97 Rr Donnelley SC \$91.80 Laura Schneider W \$505.00 Whitney A Schroeder C \$2,500.00 Soarin Group SC \$1,875.50 Soarin Group SC \$10,212.00 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$687.60 Sherry Thooft M/RF \$257.53 Tk Elevator Corporation SC \$185.70 Urbom Law Offices, P.C. LF \$530.15 Verizon Wireless SC \$419.22 Vision Service Plan I \$138.25 Wex Bank (Building & Grounds) SC \$35.82 Wex Bank (Em Mgr) SC \$190.34 Wex Bank (Sheriff) SC \$1,140.52 Donald D. Wilson, CPA C \$8,800.00 Total \$142,022.88 Roads Salaries W \$21,171.05 Adam Marshall Land & Auction SC \$15,250.00 Aflac I \$359.28 Ag Valley Coop SC \$916.19 Ag Valley Coop SC \$12,856.24 ATC Communications SC \$92.96 Banner Capital Bank T \$5,754.69 Banner Capital Bank T \$2,210.01 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,336.55 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,004.81 Black Hills Energy SC \$305.83 Cambridge General Store SC \$75.93 Cambridge Telephone SC \$55.47 Central States Aggregate LLC SC \$535.50 CHS Agri Service Center SC \$5,655.51 City Of Arapahoe SC \$214.20 City Of Beaver City SC \$261.80 City Of Cambridge SC \$151.71 Credit Management Services G \$247.39 D & D Service SC \$4.38 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$366.60 Equipment Blades Inc SC \$3,259.40 Extreme Ag Inc SC \$193.55 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$104.16 Holdrege Auto Parts SC \$93.40 Husker Hardware SC \$161.04 Jim's Ok Tire Inc SC \$5,132.00 Kimball Midwest SC \$299.27 Modern Farm Equipment SC \$433.81 Nebraska Child Support Payment Ctr G \$379.50 NMC, Inc SC \$2,770.11 NMC, Inc SC \$2,109.98 Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$16,018.64 Paulsen, Inc. SC \$220.00 Pinpoint Communications SC \$133.76 Platte Valley Communications SC \$988.62 RDO Truck Centers SC \$2,535.31 RDO Truck Centers SC \$188.90 S & W Auto Parts SC \$194.85 S & W Auto Parts SC \$602.63 South Central State Bank LP \$35,880.36 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$453.96 Twin Valleys Public Power District SC \$116.18 Victory Three Seven Services, LLC SC \$1,200.00 Village Of Wilsonville SC \$72.82 Vision Service Plan I \$85.94 Wex Bank (Road) SC \$493.90 White's Auto Glass, Inc. SC \$544.21 Eric J Youngquist SC \$340.00 Total \$144,832.40 Visitors Promotion Lodging Holbrook Days DN \$1,200.00 Oxford Turkey Days Inc DN \$2,000.00 Total \$3,200.00 Visitor Improvement Main Street Revival DN \$3,000.00 Total \$3,000.00 Canine (K-9) Republican Valley Animal Center Pc SC \$198.74 Total \$198.74 Covid Arpa Funds SC Oxford Fire Dept - Scwtf DN \$12,000.00 Secr Of State Interagency Billing SC \$1,816.16 Total \$13,816.16 911 Emergency Salaries W \$307.15 ATC Communications SC \$40.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$27.10 Banner Capital Bank T \$26.78 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$15.75 Banner Capital Bank -

Retirement R \$23.63 Total \$440.41 911 Wireless Service Arapahoe Telephone SC \$140.58 Cambridge Telephone SC \$175.13 CenturyLink SC \$81.00 Frontier SC \$249.16 Total \$645.87 Grand Total \$308,156.46.

The following reports were received and placed on file: Fee Reports for ROD, Sheriff, District Court, County Court; Treasurers Revenue List, Monthly Operating & Pledged Security Report.

The following correspondence was received: ST of NE – Natural Resources- Resume Notice for 2 Reservoirs; Tax Equalization & Review Commission; NE Dept of Transportation, NE STIP & Program Book; Hazard Alert: Extreme Heat.

A motion was made by McCoy, seconded by Tegtman, to recess the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:30 a.m. and enter into Board of Equalization. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

The Furnas County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 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 Mike Sexton opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and 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. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: Lois Bishop, County Clerk, Patrick Calkins, County Attorney and Sherry Thooft, Assessor.

Thooft presented the Tax List Corrections 2021-4, 2021-5, 2022-12, 2022-13, 2023-10 & 2023-11. Motion by McCoy to approve Tax List Corrections 2021-4, 2021-5, 2022-12, 2022-13, 2023-10 & 2023-11, second by Tegtman. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Board of Equalization Meeting at 9:36 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

After reviewing two ROW Easements, motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve ATC ROW Easement Permit 2024-5-14 to plow fiber optic cable. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve Pinpoints ROW Easement Permit 2024-5-14A to bore/plow fiber optic cable. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed three quotes for the purchase of three planetary augers for skid steers. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve Titan machinery quote. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

The district court bailiff annual wage proposal from Judge Heng was approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

NACO Health Insurance was reviewed and approved for FY 2024-2025 on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

The annual 2022-2023 Audit has been completed. The Report prepared by Donald D. Wilson, CPA was reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. A copy is on file in the County Clerk's office. Motion by McCoy to sign the Audit Engagement Letter for the FY ending in June 30, 2024 to be done by Donald D. Wilson, CPA, second by Tegtman. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment time: No one from the Public was present.

Sherrif Doug Brown and Jail Supervisor Jennifer Ricketts joined the meeting. Brown brought the purchase order for the replacement vehicles for the board to review and sign. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve the purchase of two 2024 Ford pickups from Gene Steffy Auto Group. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Brown brought the quotes for the office furniture and flooring to the board. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve Eakes estimate for the furniture and Byrns for the flooring. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Brown and Rickert discussed an upcoming FBI Security Audit and possible changes that need to be made. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the purchase of FOB door lock for the server room on the second floor. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Jon Canon from the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) talked with the board about the updates, services and offerings NACO has for the Counties.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the Commissioners meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. or subject to call.

Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk