

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

June 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Meeting Room, 3rd Floor in the Courthouse

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 25, 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, Patrick Calkins, County Attorney, Tiffany Burton, District Court Clerk, Jennifer Raburn, County Court, Doug Brown, Sheriff.

The agenda was approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Minutes from the June 11, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. The following 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; JD Jury Duty; E Equipment, F Fee's, PY Prior Year.

General Salaries W \$64,992.60 Aflac I \$1,191.52 Ag Valley Coop SC \$105.12 Badge & Wallet SC \$361.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$13,753.35 Banner Capital Bank T \$6,393.79 Banner Capital Bank - Other SC \$12.50 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$4,017.54 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$5,920.50 Black Hills Energy SC \$52.68 Mickayla Blender M \$45.56 Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska I \$52,878.79 Bomgaars Supply SC \$276.83 Denise Brown M/RF \$390.36 Douglas Brown RF \$65.75 Tiffany Burton RF \$100.00 C Durham Law Office LLC LF \$367.95 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice D/SC \$358.52 City Of Beaver City SC \$3,071.68 Credit Management Services G \$310.20 911 Custom SC \$340.00 Justin Daake (Public Defender) C \$5,407.50 Dead Sled Towing And Recovery LLC SC \$818.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$1,268.90 Dewald Deaver L'Heureux, Pc LLO LF \$560.30 Eakes Office Plus SC \$115.35 Eakes Office Plus SC \$180.44 Eakes Office Plus SC \$142.04 Empower Retirement R \$300.00 First Central Bank LP \$44,235.96 Fulmer U-Save Pharmacy SC \$31.96 Furnas County Clerk District Court LF \$36.00 Furnas County Court - Postage P \$46.85 Furnas County Sheriff-Postage P \$89.80 Furnas County Sheriff's Office LF \$356.80 Fye Law Office LF \$5,021.87 Hometown Leasing LP \$76.50 Jessica Huntley M/RF \$129.52 J R Audio Inc SC \$40.00 Kelley's Supermarket Inc SC \$64.01 Erin M Laborie M \$271.86 Norman D Lewis M \$80.00 Norman D Lewis M \$13.40 Makayla Livingston M \$124.10 Lynn Peavey Company SC \$118.31 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$159.25 Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc I \$33.24 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$10,163.75 Mousel,Brooks,Schneider,Mustin & LF \$450.00 Alan D Mues M \$80.00 Alan D Mues M \$20.10 Ne Public Health Laboratory SC \$105.00 Oxford Supermarket S \$13.89 Planet Technologies SC \$295.68 Barbara Powell M \$155.44 Roger Powell RF \$12.00 Ramada TR \$214.00 Laura Schneider W \$380.00 Soarin Group SC \$1,197.00 Merrill Stagemeyer M \$80.00 Merrill Stagemeyer M \$17.42 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$172.00 Wren Trosper M \$80.00 Wren Trosper M \$4.02 United States Post Office P \$204.00 UNL Print & Copy Services SC \$467.26 Urbom Law Offices, P.C. LF \$332.60 Us Postal Services P \$1,615.80 Vision Service Plan I \$298.05 Gentry Warner W \$480.00 Gentry Warner M \$21.60 Anthony T Weverka RF \$159.93 Anthony T Weverka RF \$332.39 Total \$232,080.13 Roads Salaries W \$16,369.44 Aflac I \$381.21 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,840.29 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,672.33 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,023.78 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,535.67 Black Hills Energy SC \$139.46 Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska I \$21,038.29 Bomgaars Supply S \$279.98 Bomgaars Supply S \$353.85 Broeker Welding SC \$86.72 City Of Beaver City SC \$86.08 City Of Cambridge SC \$136.91 Credit Management Services G \$247.39 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$418.11 Logan Hamness S \$500.00 Lance M. Harter, P.E. C \$645.83 John Deere Financial SC \$247.39 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$379.50 NMC, Inc LP \$65,344.01 Twin Valleys Public Power District SC \$110.22 Village Of Wilsonville SC \$74.27 Vision Service Plan I \$90.78 Eric J Youngquist W \$255.00 Total \$115,256.51 Visitor Promotion Lodging Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice D \$300.00 Cambridge Farmers Market DN \$1,820.00 Total \$2,120.00 Arpa Funds Secr Of State Interagency Billing SC \$2,371.20 Total \$2,371.20 911 Wireless Service CenturyLink SC \$3,580.83 Wahltek Payment Processing Center SC \$2,365.53 Total \$5,946.36 Grand Total \$357,774.20.

The following reports were received and placed on file: Treasurers Revenue List.

The following correspondence was received: Two packets were brought in from Steve Clason for the County Board.

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to designate NACO/MIPS to facilitate the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing postcards through CSG in September. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tegtman, seconded by McCoy, to recess the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:30 a.m. and enter into the Public Hearing to hear public comment on Reconsideration of

Permissive Exemption Forms 451 as requested by State for Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PERMISSIVE EXEMPTION FORMS 451

The Furnas County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, June 25, 2024 for a Public Hearing to hear public comments on the board's decision to reconsider whether or not to allow or deny Exemption Application on Real or Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations Forms 451 as requested by the Property Assessment Division. Notice of the meeting was published in the Valley Voice newspaper, posted on the County's website and the organization requesting the exemptions were sent a letter of the Notice of Public hearing by mail 10 days prior to the meeting. 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, Tiffany Burton, District Court Clerk, Jennifer Raburn, County Court, Doug Brown, Sheriff, Sherry Thooft, Assessor.

No others from the public were present for the hearing.

The Board discussed and reconsidered the changes requested by The Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (Hollinger Church).

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. to open the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

The Furnas County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 9:45 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 9:45 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, Tiffany Burton, District Court Clerk, Jennifer Raburn, County Court, Doug Brown, Sheriff, Sherry Thooft, Assessor.

No one from the public was present for the Hearing.

Motion made by McCoy, second by Tegtman to deny the requested Exemption Applications on Real or Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations Forms 451 for The Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (Hollinger Church) as it's intended use is for religious assembly however there are no religious services or meetings being held at this location. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Board of Equalization Meeting at 9:47 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Don Fryda joined the meeting and talked about USDA-APHIS-WS in Furnas and surrounding counties.

A motion was made by Tegtman, seconded by McCoy, to recess the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 10:00 a.m. and enter into the Public Hearing to hear public comment on the One & Six Year Road Improvement.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ONE & SIX YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Chairman Sexton called the Public Hearing for the One & Six year Road Improvement to order at 10:00. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present were County Clerk Lois Bishop, Patrick Calkins, County Attorney, Tiffany Burton, District Court Clerk, Jennifer Raburn, County Court, Doug Brown, Sheriff and Dayton Maul, Oak Creek Engineering. 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.

No others from the public attended the hearing.

Maul presented to the One & Six year plan, Resolution of Adoption / Proof of Posting for One & Six Year Road Improvement Plan.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m. to resume the regular board meeting.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve the One & Six Year Road Plan and sign Resolution 2024-6-25, Resolution of Adoption / Proof of Posting for One & Six Year Road Improvement Plan. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Maul discussed Bridge Inspection maps with the Board. Maul discussed Bridge Inspection maps with the Board.

Kyle Brown, USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services joined the meeting and discussed services being provided by him in the county, how the services work and an update to the numbers report the Board was given earlier.

Kathy Haas, Family Resource Center in McCook gave a presentation on their services and finance report on spending. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to increase payment to Family Resource Center to \$7150.00. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Lori Prestes, McCook Humane Society was rescheduled to July 9, 2024 meeting.

Doug Brown, Jennifer Rayburn and Tiffany Burton discussed court house security, mass communication, trouble buttons and other possible upgrades that could be made to the courthouse in case of emergencies. Brown will get ahold of NIRMA's safety person for possible grants and other suggestions for court house security. Motion by Sexton, second by Tegtman to use ARPA / LATCF funds for upgrading court house security. Brown also discussed the Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreements with cities and villages. The increase this year will be based off the BLS CPI of 3.5% as stated in the contracts.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. or subject to call.

Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk