

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

August 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Meeting Room, 3rd Floor in the Courthouse

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 13, 2024 for a regular board meeting. Notice of the meeting was posted in the Courthouse, Post Office, Banner Bank and 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.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Minutes from the July 23, 2024 Board meeting and the August 6, 2024 Budget Workshop 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 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; GR Grant; 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 \$26,035.84 Aflac I \$349.97 Ag Valley Coop SC \$1,392.59 Amazon Capital Services SC \$37.78 Amazon Capital Services SC \$409.18 ATC Communications SC \$48.46 Banner Capital Bank T \$6,537.49 Banner Capital Bank T \$2,653.19 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,967.79 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,760.30 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$440.00 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$39.15 Beth Bauer SC \$225.00 Beaver City Manor SC \$2,576.00 Black Hills Energy SC \$40.16 Brico Pest Control SC \$30.00 Buffalo County Sheriff SC \$27.52 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$287.37 City Of Beaver City SC \$3,513.08 Katherine Collins SC \$100.00 D & D Service SC \$570.58 Daake Law Office, LLC LF \$325.00 Dawson County Sheriff SC \$270.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$439.09 Eakes Office Plus SC \$535.57 Faw'S Garage Inc SC \$475.40 First Central Bank LP \$2,575.39 Frontier SC \$54.36 Furnas County Clerk F \$25.00 Furnas County Clerk District Court LF \$252.00 Furnas County Clerk's Office P \$82.85 Furnas County Sheriff's Office LF \$235.50 Fye Law Office LF \$14,232.56 Galls, LLC SC \$53.80 Harlan County Sheriff's Office SC \$1,775.00 Hometown Leasing LP \$1,273.07 Hometown Leasing LP \$78.95 Jac Storage R \$155.00 Jack's Uniforms & Equipment SC \$4.00 Kelley's Supermarket Inc SC \$1,234.94 Kelley's Supermarket Inc SC \$5.49 Erin M Laborie M \$242.54 Law Enforcement Systems Inc. SC \$426.00 Michael Lawson SC \$100.00 Makayla Livingston M \$28.01 Stephen Lowe SC \$100.00 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$141.50 Marks Pharmacy SC \$239.35 Sharon Mauler SC \$100.00 Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc LP \$696.00 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$15,946.97 MIPS Inc SC \$2,525.65 Mousel,Brooks,Schneider,Mustin & LF \$1,950.86 Ne Assn County Assessors D \$10.60 Ne Public Health Laboratory SC \$105.00 Nsa / Poan Conference D \$200.00 Pathology Services, Pc SC \$83.00 Phelps County Sheriff's Office SC \$565.00 Phelps Memorial Health Center SC \$1,248.28 Pinpoint Communications SC \$1,078.40 Red Willow County Sheriff SC \$7.40 Region 3 Behavioral Health Services GR \$14,665.38 Region 51 Emergency Management D \$75.00 Charles M Schaepler DDS, Pc SC \$104.13 Laura Schneider W \$720.00 Whitney A Schroeder LF \$2,500.00 Secretary Of State-Election S \$20.00 Smart Vending Services SC \$301.50 Soarin Group SC \$2,091.50 St. Charles County Sheriff SC \$33.75 Cheryl Stabenow SC \$60.00 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$687.60 Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters SC \$224.19 Tk Elevator Corporation SC \$185.70 Twopturf, LLC SC \$241.78 Urbom Law Offices, P.C. LF \$1,497.80 Verizon Wireless SC \$419.54 Vision Service Plan I \$123.79 Gentry Warner W \$192.00 Gentry Warner M \$43.00 Wex Bank (Building & Grounds) SC \$52.17 Wex Bank (Em Mgr) SC \$180.54 Wex Bank (Sheriff) SC \$1,518.48 Total \$125,856.83 Roads Salaries W \$24,170.40 Aflac I \$381.18 Ag Valley Coop SC \$3,096.00 Ag Valley Coop SC \$14,611.38 Amazon Capital Services SC \$52.00 ATC Communications SC \$93.40 Banner Capital Bank T \$6,600.82 Banner Capital Bank T \$2,498.53 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,509.80 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,264.67 Barco Municipal Products Inc SC \$308.37 Black Hills Energy SC \$80.25 Breinig Farms Inc SC \$3,000.00 Cambridge General Store SC \$22.68 Cambridge Telephone SC \$55.64 Central States Aggregate LLC SC \$14,551.32 CHS Agri Service Center SC \$6,329.60 City Of Arapahoe SC \$177.12 City Of Beaver City SC \$141.87 City Of Cambridge SC \$132.42 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$418.05 Husker Hardware SC \$111.96 Jacobs Auto Sales & Service SC \$104.00 Jim's Ok Tire Inc SC \$1,500.00 John Deere Financial SC \$1,981.69 Michael Todd Industrial Supply SC \$2,194.81 Modern Farm Equipment SC \$2,226.68 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$379.50 NMC, Inc SC \$15,916.14 Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$11,953.58 Gary Percival SC \$1,062.00 Pinpoint Communications SC \$133.96 S & W Auto Parts SC \$334.83 S & W Auto Parts SC \$47.46 Sappa Valley Farm & Auto, LLC SC \$117.11 Southern Valley Diesel LLC SC \$85.00 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$595.99 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$52.25 Titan Machinery - Holdrege SC \$411.95 Twin Valleys Public Power District SC \$111.61 Vision Service Plan I \$90.75 Wex Bank (Road) SC \$358.19 Eric J Youngquist SC \$80.00 Total \$120,344.96 Visitors Promotion Arapahoe Chamber Of Commerce GR \$1,750.00 Furnas County Ag Society GR \$5,000.00 Total \$6,750.00 Visitor Improvement Furnas County Ag Society GR \$20,000.00 Total \$20,000.00 911 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 CenturyLink SC \$7,388.24 Total \$7,828.65 911 Wireless Service Arapahoe Telephone SC \$140.58 Cambridge Telephone SC \$175.13 CenturyLink SC \$81.00 Frontier SC \$249.37 Total \$646.08 Grand Total \$281,426.52.

The following reports were received and placed on file: Fee Reports: ROD, Sheriff, District Court; Treasurers Revenue List.

The following correspondence was received: Letter from Steve Clason; Email from NE Board of Engineers & Architects, Public works exemption level increase; Email – NIRMA Top 7 Security Assessment & First Amendment Auditor Information.

A motion by Tegtman, seconded by McCoy, to recess the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:36 a.m. and enter into Board of Equalization:

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Chairman Mike Sexton opened the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:36 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 and Sherry Thooft, Assessor.

Thooft presented the Contract for Pritchard & Abbott for review of valuations of minerals. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the contract. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Barb Powell, Treasurer, presented an Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. for eleven motor vehicles. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve the exemptions. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Minutes from the July 23, 2024 Valuations Protest Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Board of Equalization Meeting at 10:42 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

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

An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement 2024-8-13, with Red Willow County to allow Veterans Service Officer to also serve as County Veterans Service Officer for Furnas County. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the agreement. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Gene Witte, Furnas County Veterans Service Committee Chairman was also present and signed the agreement.

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve a Right of Way Permit 2024-8-13, for ATC to install Fiber Optic cable. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-8-13, Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024 and the County Annual Certifications of Program Compliance to NE Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2024 were approved and signed on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

A Letter of Agreement between the Regional Governing Board for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Furnas County was reviewed and signed on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Drew tenBensel representing HEA Rural Fire District #5 joined the meeting in person and Caleb Johnson, J13 Enterprises, joined the meeting telephonically to discuss the Resolution Requesting a Preliminary Levy Allocations from the County Board by HEA Rural Fire District #5. After discussion, the Board of Commissioners and HEA Rural Fire District #5 agreed to change allocations to: General to \$67,320.00, Sinking fund to \$20,400.00, with the Bond remaining the same at \$61,200.00. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve allocations agreed upon. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed repairs for two of the Road trucks used for hauling gravel. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to do a lease to purchase of a 2017 Freightliner from Breinig Farms, Inc. for the interim. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. They further discussed repairs needed for other county equipment.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the Commissioners meeting at 10:45 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. or subject to call.

Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk