

FURNAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
PROCEEDINGS

October 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Courthouse

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, October 8, 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 September 24, 2024 Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request; Special Budget Hearing & Budget Summary; Special Meeting to Set Final Tax Request & Adopt 2024-25 Budget and the September 24, 2024 Regular Commissioner 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 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; 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 \$18,340.75 Aflac I \$349.97 Ag Valley Coop SC \$1,141.41 Amazon Capital Services SC \$90.27 Amazon Capital Services SC \$142.92 ATC Communications SC \$50.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,946.79 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,819.15 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,350.78 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,900.20 Banner Capital Bank - Visa S \$514.57 Banner Capital Bank - Visa S \$39.15 Beaver City Manor SC \$2,112.32 Black Hills Energy SC \$40.09 Mickayla Blender M \$109.88 Douglas Brown M \$96.48 Bryan Health SC \$72.00 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$549.53 Charm-Tex Inc SC \$1,559.20 City Of Beaver City SC \$3,462.00 Consolidated Management Company SC \$109.70 D & D Service SC \$128.52 Daake Law Office, LLC LF \$137.50 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$439.09 Dept Correctional Svcs SC \$3,239.43 Eakes Office Plus S \$1,419.89 Eisenhart, Eric B. #11157 LF \$2,623.20 Election Systems & Software Inc SC \$3,973.10 Election Systems & Software Inc SC \$148.62 First Central Bank LP \$3,791.61 Furnas County Clerk F \$25.00 Furnas County Clerk District Court P \$36.00 Furnas County Clerk's Office P \$35.20 Furnas County Court - Postage P \$150.00 Furnas County Sheriff-Postage P \$77.50 Furnas County Treasurer-Postage P \$905.20 Fye Law Office LF \$18,175.00 Garey Funeral Homes Inc SC \$462.50 Gworks (Gis Workshop, LLC) SC \$1,098.00 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$37.18 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$63.99 Hometown Leasing LP \$697.80 Hometown Leasing LP \$78.95 Cheryl Huxoll M \$150.60 Jac Storage R \$155.00 Kelley's Supermarket Inc SC \$1,650.96 Kelley's Supermarket Inc SC \$11.04 Makayla Livingston M \$513.38 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$141.50 Marks Pharmacy SC \$245.93 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$8,181.01 Mid-American Research Chemical S \$174.44 Midwest Special Services SC \$60.18 MIPS Inc SC \$2,605.80 Mousel,Brooks,Schneider,Mustin & LF \$412.50 Ne Law Enforcement Training T \$575.00 Phelps County Sheriff's Office SC \$2,529.27 Pinpoint Communications SC \$1,079.87 Roger Powell RF \$10.88 Quill Corporation SC \$142.98 Quill Corporation SC \$130.58 Red Willow Co Treasurer/Veterans C \$6,695.91 Laura Reed C \$500.00 Charles M Schaepler Dds, Pc SC \$1,425.77 Whitney A Schroeder LF \$2,500.00 Shaw Law Office LF \$713.89 Smart Vending Services SC \$382.57 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$559.60 Tk Elevator Corporation SC \$185.70 Urbom Law Offices, P.C. LF \$1,331.50 Verizon Wireless SC \$82.94 Vision Service Plan I \$123.79 Wex Bank (Building & Grounds) SC \$93.99 Wex Bank (Em Mgr) SC \$111.76 Wex Bank (Sheriff) SC \$1,112.90 Total \$110,131.68 Roads Salaries W \$18,244.08 Aflac I \$381.18 Ag Valley Coop SC \$15,856.31 ATC Communications SC \$93.74 Banner Capital Bank T \$4,110.50 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,824.32 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,113.19 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,669.77 Black Hills Energy SC \$40.09 Breinig Farms Inc SC \$17,000.00 Cambridge General Store SC \$27.49 Cambridge Telephone SC \$55.77 CHS Agri Service Center SC \$3,773.68 City Of Arapahoe SC \$212.26 City Of Beaver City SC \$145.86 City Of Cambridge SC \$123.82 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$418.05 Extreme Ag Inc SC \$117.60 Hamel Repair SC \$2,399.93 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$34.28 Husker Hardware SC \$38.48 Jim's Ok Tire Inc SC \$8,328.00 Modern Farm Equipment SC \$2,850.85 Modern Farm Equipment SC \$109.06 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$379.50 NMC, Inc SC \$2,531.41 Pinpoint Communications SC \$134.10 R&L Anderson Livestock, LLC SC \$1,370.00 Roy's Sales & Service SC \$252.59 S & W Auto Parts SC \$82.60 S & W Auto Parts SC \$159.19 Sappa Valley Farm & Auto, LLC SC \$65.53 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$257.02 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$76.07 Titan Machinery - Holdrege SC \$350.00 Tripe Motor Company Inc SC \$426.48 Vision Service Plan I \$90.75 Wex Bank (Road) SC \$245.96 White's Auto Glass, Inc. SC \$791.07 Eric J Youngquist SC \$100.00 Total \$86,280.58 Bridge Buyback Ace Irrigation & Mfg Co SC \$87,910.80 Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$39,342.72 Total \$127,253.52 911 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 Arapahoe Telephone SC \$140.58 Cambridge Telephone SC \$175.13 CenturyLink SC \$81.00 Frontier SC \$249.37 Geo Comm Inc SC \$2,462.25 Total \$3,108.33 Grand Total \$327,214.52.

Reports received: Fee Reports: ROD, Sheriff, District Court; Treasurers Revenue List and Monthly Operating Statement. Correspondence Received: NE Dept of Natural Resources- Dam Owner Workshop.

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to recess the regular meeting at 9:27a.m. and go into the Board of Equalization. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

#### **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

The Furnas County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, October 8, 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 9:27 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, Sherry Thooft, Assessor and Barbara Powell, Treasurer.

Assessor Sherry Thooft presented a correction for Valuation for personal property and real estate. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the Valuation Change for Real Estate. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer Barb Powell presented a Form 457, Application for Exemption for Mid-NE Individual Services, Inc., for 2024 Ford F250. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve the application. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 9:33 a.m.

#### **COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):**

Treasurer Barb Powell presented Resolution 2024-10-8A- Direct County Treasurer to Issue County Tax Certificates for the 2022 & Prior Delinquent Taxes. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy approve Resolution 2024-10-8A. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. She then presented Resolution 2024-10-8B- To Allow the County Attorney to Foreclose on County Tax Sales. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve Resolution 2024-10-8B. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Powell then presented a Pledged Collateral Report.

Public Comment time: Connie Gustafson, Sheriff office manager, discussed getting a larger blue sign on north side of building stating Handicapped parking and elevator available on south side of building. Commissioners will have Roger Powell order and place new sign.

The Board reviewed the Figgins Construction Co., Inc. bid for armor coating the north parking lot at the Courthouse. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the bid of \$4,922.75 using ARPA/LATCF funds for armor coating the north parking. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Jennifer Raburn, County Court Clerk presented the Norton Glass estimate for glass installation for the front window in her office for security purposes. Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the estimate of \$1,498.48 for the laminated glass addition using ARPA/LATCF Funds. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

2024 Culvert Bids were received from Lance Harter, County Highway Superintendent. One bid was received from Ace/Eaton Metals for \$36,320.00. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve the bid from Ace/Eaton Metals. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-10-8, Resolution to Declare Furnas County, Nebraska as a "NON-SANCTUARY" County, was approved on motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

LPA Annual Certification Form for FY 2023-2024 was signed by Chairman Mike Sexton.

The board discussed sign damage being done in the county. Sexton stated he had talked with Sheriff Doug Brown. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve a \$500 reward for information leading to the conviction of person/persons involved. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Sheriff Brown will put information on social media.

Roger Powell discussed the bi-annual fire alarm checks done in the courthouse. The company used prior has gone out of business. He presented a proposal for Electronic Systems, Inc. to do bi-annual checks. The board agreed and Chairman Sexton signed the Proposal. He also discussed the application submitted in March 2023 for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant. The board ask Powell to order a large blue sign to be placed on the north side of courthouse stating handicap parking and elevator are located on the south side of courthouse.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the Commissioners meeting at 11:15 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. or subject to call.

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Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

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Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk