

**FURNAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, and WEED DISTRICT BOARD  
PROCEEDINGS**

**January 14, 2025 9:00 a.m.**

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 14, 2025 for a regular board meeting in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Courthouse. 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. Lois Bishop, County Clerk, 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, Ruth Russell, Treasurer office.

Ruth Russell, Treasurer office employee, told the Board she thought there should be carbon monoxide detectors in every office. Sexton stated they were already working on that and the Safety Committee is meeting tomorrow to address the situation further and order to battery operated testers for each room to be put up immediately until a more permanent solution is found. The board further discussed moving the heat pumps outside of the courthouse to help eliminate carbon monoxide exposure. Roger Powell, Emergency Manager will get some bids. Powell will also check on possibly adding CO2 detectors to the current fire alarm system.

**RE-ORGANIZATION FOR THE 2025 YEAR**

Lois Bishop, County Clerk, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the County Board of Commissioners. McCoy nominated Sexton for County Commissioner Chairman, Tegtman, seconded the motion. RCV: Ayes: Tegtman, McCoy. Abstained: Sexton. Motion passed. Tegtman nominated Allan McCoy for County Commissioners Vice-Chairman. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman. Abstain: McCoy. Motion carried. Clerk Bishop turned the meeting over to Chairman Sexton.

Chairman Sexton opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Board of Equalization. McCoy nominated Sexton for Board of Equalization Chairman, second by Tegtman. RCV: Ayes: Tegtman, McCoy. Abstained: Sexton. Motion passed. Tegtman nominated Allan McCoy for Board of Equalization Vice-Chairman. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman. Abstain: McCoy. Motion carried.

Chairman Sexton opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Weed District Board. McCoy nominated Sexton for Weed District Board Chairman, second by Tegtman. RCV: Ayes: Tegtman, McCoy. Abstained: Sexton. Motion passed. Tegtman nominated Allan McCoy for Board of Equalization Vice-Chairman. RCV: Ayes: Tegtman, Sexton. Abstained: McCoy. Motion passed.

After discussion, a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to Re-appoint the following people to these positions and Committees:

Overseers of Courthouse, Jail & Ground for 2025: County Commissioners  
County Highway Superintendent: Lance Harter, Oak Creek Engineering  
Investment Officer for 2025: Barbara Powell, Furnas County Treasurer  
Emergency Manager for 2025: Roger Powell  
Planning & Zoning Administrator for 2025: Roger Powell  
Veterans Service Officer for 2025: Michael Simmonds  
Safety Committee Chairman: Doug Brown  
County Commissioners members to the following Committees and Boards:

South Central NE Area Agency on Aging: Mike Sexton

Mid-NE Individual Services: Dennis Tegtman

Region 3 Governing Board: Dennis Tegtman

Furnas County Farm Consultant Manager: Dennis Tegtman

Liaison to Furnas County Extension Board: Allan McCoy

Central Community College Advisory Board: Allan McCoy

Land Valuation Board: Dennis Tegtman

Southwest NE Public Health Department: Mike Sexton

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to adopt Resolution 2025-1-14, Designation Banks as Depositories for Furnas County Calendar Year 2025: Banner Capital Bank, Beaver City; First Central Bank, Arapahoe, Cambridge & Edison; First State Bank, Cambridge & Holbrook; South Central State Bank, Oxford; Waypoint Bank, Cambridge; NFIT (NE Federal Investment Trust), Lincoln; NPAIT (PMA Financial Network), Naperville IL. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to designate Valley Voice Newspaper as the Official County Newspaper includes putting Notices on the Public Notices Online website and designate the Furnas County website [www.furnascounty.ne.gov](http://www.furnascounty.ne.gov) as an additional method of reporting meetings. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to add the closing at Noon on Christmas Eve to the Holiday Schedule for 2025 and to move the regular Board meeting scheduled on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, a scheduled Holiday, to Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman to certify the 2025 appointment of Lance Harter, as Contract Consultant basis, operating with Class A License, number S-1426, as Highway Superintendent for the calendar year, January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the purpose of the 2025 calendar year

Highway Incentive Payment, to be issued to Furnas County by the Nebraska Department of Transportation in February 2025. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION- There were no issues for the Board.

WEED DISTRICT BOARD- Weed Superintendent, Todd Weverka was ill. The meeting is rescheduled for January 28, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one from the public was present.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Minutes from the December 24, 2024, Commissioner Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

The following claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. 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 \$31,353.22 Aflac I \$349.97 Ag Valley Coop SC \$1,099.29 Amazon Capital Services SC \$159.99 Amazon Capital Services SC \$342.79 Amazon Capital Services SC \$38.97 ATC Communications SC \$50.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$8,118.06 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,213.61 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$2,395.12 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$3,356.97 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$362.87 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$120.20 Banner Capital Bank - Visa SC \$41.00 Black Hills Energy SC \$753.34 Brico Pest Control SC \$30.00 Broken Bar C Electric, LLC SC \$1,808.94 Bryan Heart SC \$74.79 C Durham Law Office LLC LF \$300.00 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$359.79 Cei Security And Sound SC \$879.00 D & D Service SC \$88.01 Daake Law Office, LLC LF \$150.00 Dawson County Sheriff SF \$45.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$457.54 Dept Correctional Svcs SF \$2,784.14 Dewald Deaver L'Heureux, Pc LLO LF \$1,322.60 Eakes Office Plus SC \$390.90 Eakes Office Plus SC \$118.46 Engel's Sales & Service SC \$60.94 Fgh Law Office, LLC LF \$485.04 First Central Bank LP \$3,791.61 Furnas County Clerk RF \$25.00 Furnas County Court - Postage P \$75.00 Furnas County Sheriff's Office LF \$136.60 Furnas County Treasurer-Postage P \$893.90 Harlan County Treasurer SSC \$68.23 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$24.99 Holiday Inn Express TR \$749.70 Hometown Leasing SC \$700.25 Jac Storage R \$155.00 Jack's Uniforms & Equipment SC \$150.84 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$775.59 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$13.82 Law Enforcement Systems Inc. SC \$146.00 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$141.50 Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc I \$9.74 Marks Pharmacy SC \$82.81 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$9,041.11 Mips Inc SC \$2,622.05 MouseI, Brooks, Schneider, Mustin & LF \$1,898.10 Naco Planning & Zoning SC \$40.00 Ne Assn County Assessors D \$100.00 Ne Assn Emergency Management D \$50.00 Ne Clerks Of District Court Assoc. D \$50.00 Ne Public Health Laboratory SC \$105.00 Oxford Locker Inc SC \$59.80 Ashtin N Pawloski SC \$196.95 Pinpoint Communications SC \$1,080.50 Quill Corporation SC \$124.77 Quill Corporation SC \$107.96 Red Willow Co Treasurer/Veterans C \$6,695.91 Region 3 Behavioral Health Services C \$3,000.50 River Valley Services SC \$200.00 Salzino Creations SC \$90.00 Laura Schneider-Reed SC \$660.00 Whitney A Schroeder LF \$2,500.00 Soarin Group SC \$10,681.50 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$537.60 Sherry Thooft RF \$101.00 Tk Elevator Corporation SC \$185.70 Tripe Motor Company Inc SC \$220.92 Urbom Law Offices, P.C. LF \$1,453.80 Usda, Aphis, General C \$3,272.53 Verizon Wireless SC \$419.93 Vision Service Plan I \$128.60 Wex Bank (Building & Grounds) SC \$51.68 Wex Bank (Em Mgr) SC \$115.37 Wex Bank (Sheriff) SC \$1,366.53 Total \$116,208.94 Roads Salaries W \$21,563.46 Aflac I \$381.18 Ag Valley Coop SC \$8,190.01 ATC Communications SC \$93.86 Banner Capital Bank T \$5,552.71 Banner Capital Bank T \$2,188.74 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,327.55 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,991.29 Black Hills Energy SC \$386.51 Cambridge General Store SC \$27.98 Cambridge Telephone SC \$55.82 CHS Agri Service Center SC \$3,306.42 City Of Arapahoe SC \$243.00 City Of Cambridge SC \$140.26 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$418.05 Engel's Sales & Service SC \$21.99 Fowlers, LLC SC \$1,406.24 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$2.69 Holdrege Auto Parts SC \$460.04 Husker Hardware SC \$216.76 Jim's Ok Tire Inc SC \$456.00 John Deere Financial SC \$242.41 John Deere Financial SC \$39.14 Kelleys Supermarket Inc SC \$13.65 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$167.00 NMC, Inc SC \$24,469.89 Pinpoint Communications SC \$134.16 Rdo Truck Centers SC \$343.58 Rdo Truck Centers SC \$40.80 Roy's Sales & Service SC \$473.52 S & W Auto Parts SC \$609.48 S & W Auto Parts SC \$1,202.77 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$5.99 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$204.95 Tripe Motor Company Inc SC \$148.14 Vision Service Plan I \$90.75 Wagners Supermarket Inc SC \$67.31 Wex Bank (Road) SC \$287.54 Total \$76,971.64 Arpa Funds Amazon Capital Services SC \$296.89 Cei Security And Sound SC \$2,082.00 Image Tech & Printing SC \$1,449.86 Platte Valley Communications SC \$16,474.21 911 Custom SC \$11,080.00 Total \$31,382.96 911 Emergency Salaries W \$307.36 ATC Communications SC \$40.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$26.89 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 Total \$396.71 911 Wireless Holding Platte Valley Communications SC \$109,990.06 Total \$109,990.06 Grand Total \$335,390.72.

Reports received: Fee Reports: ROD, Sheriff, District Court; Treasurers Revenue List and Monthly Operating Statement. Correspondence Received: Email from KC Pawling, NIRMA, County Shop & Sign Audit.

Two P Turf renewal letter for Turfgrass Care Program and Weed Control Program was reviewed. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approved the Two P Turf Programs with a one-time payment. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

Two Skid Steer leases from NMC were reviewed. Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to sign the leases. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, McCoy, Tegtman. Motion carried.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the Commissioners meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 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