

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

**February 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Commissioners Meeting Room, 3rd Floor,
Furnas County Courthouse**

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners, Board of Equalization and Weed District Board met Tuesday, February 25, 2025. Notice of the meetings were published in the Valley Voice newspaper and posted on the County's website. The combined agenda was e-mailed to each commissioner, posted on the County's website and kept current in the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Sexton opened the Board of Commissioners 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: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried.

The minutes for the February 11, 2025 meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried.

Claims listed below were reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. 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, GR Grant, BA Burial Assistance

General Salaries W \$74,741.63 Aflac I \$1,168.98 Ag Valley Coop SC \$46.08 Banner Capital Bank T \$16,392.81 Banner Capital Bank T \$7,379.03 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$4,550.89 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$6,669.28 Beaver City Manor SC \$702.00 Black Hills Energy SC \$838.56 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska I \$48,619.65 Blue to Gold Law Enforce. Training TR \$395.00 Douglas Brown RF \$25.00 Tiffany Burton RF \$25.00 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$29.66 Charm-Tex Inc SC \$121.80 Justin Daake (Public Defender) C \$5,569.67 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$1,184.74 Empower Retirement R \$500.00 Galls, LLC SC \$35.94 Garey Funeral Homes Inc BA \$1,500.00 Harlan County Abstract SC \$720.00 Hometown Leasing LP \$90.75 Erin M Laborie M \$304.20 Landmark Implement Inc SC \$110.92 Lockenour-Jones Mortuary BA \$1,500.00 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$166.04 Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc I \$77.84 Menards - Kearney SC \$123.99 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$12,484.18 Physicians Laboratory, P.C. SC \$2,930.00 Quill Corporation SC \$137.06 Quill Corporation SC \$114.99 Red Willow County Sheriff SC \$18.73 Laura Schneider-Reed C \$550.00 Smith Transcription Services SC \$25.00 Soarin Group SC \$1,197.00 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$172.00 Strayer Communications LP \$7,200.00 Vision Service Plan I \$279.13 Anthony T Weverka RF/M \$196.30 Total \$198,893.85 Roads Salaries W \$15,889.42 Aflac I \$381.21 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,673.30 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,580.04 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$924.49 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,386.74 Black Hills Energy SC \$774.83 Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska I \$19,048.42 Cat Financial Services Corporation LP \$51,209.10 Central States Aggregate LLC SC \$2,629.20 City Of Cambridge SC \$71.48 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$418.11 Lance M. Harter, P.E. C \$645.83 Integrated Security Solutions SC \$4,835.00 Modern Farm Equipment SC \$611.99 Modern Farm Equipment SC \$45.95 Ne Child Support Payment Center G \$167.00 Oak Creek Engineering, LLC SC \$3,817.80 Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$1,003.15 Vision Service Plan I \$90.78 Total \$109,203.84 Highway/Bridge Buyback Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$15,039.40 Total \$15,039.40 Visitor Promotion Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$336.00 Total \$336.00 Arpa Wahltek Payment Processing Center SC \$14,856.00 Total \$14,856.00 911 Wireless Service CenturyLink SC \$81.00 Total \$81.00 Grand Total \$323,554.09.

Reports received: Treasurers Revenue List. Correspondence: NIRMA- Preservation of Tangible Items; Figgins Construction- Work Schedule

Roger Powell, Building and Maintenance, discussed putting a snowplow on the Courthouse pickup for snow removal around the courthouse.

Motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy to recess the Commissioner meeting at 9:46 a.m. to go into Weed District Board. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried.

WEED DISTRICT BOARD:

Chairman Sexton opened the meeting at 9:46 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, Todd Weverka, Weed Superintendent.

Weed Superintendent Todd Weverka reported to the board on matching funds availability from Nebraska Environmental Trust. An Office Evaluation was done in January by Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture, he received 1,000 points out of the 1,000 possible points. He attended a conference in February for Continuing Education credits and will need to obtain more CE credits for the year 2025. The Board discussed opening communication and working relationship with the Road crews to help with better control and reporting of noxious weeds in the county. Weverka will set up a meeting/training with the Road Depts.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Weed District Board meeting at 10:15 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Public Comment: No one from public in attendance.

Kyle Brown, USDA APHIS- Wildlife Damage Control, updated the board on changes taking place in the Wildlife Management Program.

The Empower-Float Disclosure Document Amendment for signature was tabled until the March 11, 2025 meeting.

Surplus Equipment from various offices were approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-2-25: Creation of new fund # 9520- School Tax Credit Fund, was approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Ayes: Sexton, Tegtman, McCoy. Motion carried.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. The next meeting will be on March 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or subject to call.

Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk