

(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk's office)

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – January 18, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on January 18, 2022, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner's room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were: Douglas Huttman, Dennis Kment and Duane Rehak, Board of Equalization. Kris Unger, Deputy County Clerk and Cheryl Wolverton, County Assessor, were also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on January 5, 2022, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance to the Board members, a copy of their acknowledgement of the receipt of notice and the agenda being attached to these minutes.

All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman Kment, who announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the commissioner's room and a copy may be obtained from the county clerk's office upon request.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the agenda.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment, and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022, meeting.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak, and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Cheryl Wolverton, county assessor, presented and explained the correction sheets for the month.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheets numbered 2022-01 – 2022-02 and place them on file.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There were no listings of clerical errors needing approval.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for February 22, 2022, at 8:00 AM.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Equalization, Stanton County, Nebraska
Attest: /s/ Kris Unger, Deputy

COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS – January 18, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on January 18, 2022, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner's room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were: Douglas Huttman, Dennis Kment and Duane Rehak, Board of Commissioners. Kris Unger, Deputy County Clerk was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on January 5, 2022, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance to the Board members, a copy of their acknowledgement of the receipt of notice and the agenda being attached to these minutes.

All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America the meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Chairman Kment, who announced that the open meetings act is posted on the wall in the Commissioner's room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk's office upon request.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the agenda.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022, meeting.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file:
Candace Meredith, NACO – Board Chair Workshop information
NIRMA – NIRMA's Safety Shorts Vol 10 No 1
Mike Frohberg – EMPG reimbursement

Sandy Zoubek, county treasurer, joined the meeting.

Gary Carson, Weed Superintendent, joined the meeting. The annual activity report, budget report, noxious weed infestation report, weed control authority board roster and Noxious Weed Control Plan were reviewed by the board. Discussion held on weed issues within the county.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to authorize the chairman to sign the annual reports for the weed department that need to be filed prior to January 31st.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried

Tony McPhillips and Ryan Wehrle, members of the safety committee joined the meeting. Tony informed the commissioners of an updated road safety manual which is nearing completion. Also discussed was the courthouse entryway, sidewalks and parking lot area needing repair or replacement. Specifications will be written up and a notice to bidders will be published in the paper.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to set the bid letting for February 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM for the repairs and/or replacement of concrete of the parking lot and sidewalks and construction of a handicap walkway.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment, and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on the semi-annual report for July – December, 2021.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve the Resolution for the County Treasurer's Semi-annual report:

RESOLUTION No. 2022.01 – 04:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board proceeded with and completed settlement with the County Treasurer for the six (6) months ending December 31, 2021 and found that all receipts and disbursements were properly accounted for as per statement on file at the County Clerk's office.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2022.

Board of Commissioners
Stanton County, Nebraska
/s/ Dennis Kment
/s/ Doug Huttman
/s/ Duane Rehak

Attest: /s/ Kris Unger, deputy [seal]
Stanton County Clerk

Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the Resolution to release pledged security:

RESOLUTION No. 2022.01 – 05:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Stanton State Bank, Stanton, Nebraska hereby wishes to release the following security held in escrow to secure deposits of this county in said bank, to-wit:

US Treas Note, No.9128285G1	Due 10/31/2020	\$200,000.00
US Treas Note, No.912828PC8	Due 11/15/2020	\$200,000.00

AND, that the same is hereby approved.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2022.

Board of Commissioners
Stanton County, Nebraska
/s/ Dennis Kment
/s/ Doug Huttman
/s/ Duane Rehak

Attest: /s/ Kris Unger, deputy [seal]
Stanton County Clerk

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

W. Bert Lammler, county attorney, joined the meeting.

Tom Schellpeper, Fair Board President, gave the commissioners an update on how funds from the Stanton County fair were used. Tom advised the board they ordered a new air conditioner for the community building. Mike Froberg asked Tom if the community building could be used for a vaccination center and if so, it may possibly qualify for ARPA funds but expenses can't be reimbursed. ARPA funds need to be applied to future expenses and not expenses already ordered or purchased. Also discussed was the sewer system at the Extension Office still freezing up. No action taken.

Mike Froberg, Emergency Manager, informed the commissioners that the guidelines for ARPA funding have eased up a little as to county calculations do not have to be based on lost revenue. He discussed possible uses for ARPA funds such as bunker gear and PPE (person protective equipment) for Stanton and Pilger Fire departments, replacing rescue units, purchasing and outfitting patrol units, replacing the outdated heating/air units at the courthouse which would also improve ventilation, and new generators at SID #1. No action taken by the board.

Mark Mainelli, highway superintendent, joined the meeting.

Walt and Justin Kennedy joined the meeting to discuss questions and concerns pertaining to the closed bridge on 839 Rd and asked why the decking was taken off. Doug Huttman said the decking was removed because even though the bridge was closed people were still trying to drive across it, so for safety purposes the road is now closed and the bridge is not crossable. A "flatcar fix" for bridges was discussed but deemed unacceptable by Mark Mainelli due to the procedure not meeting the standards for bridge replacement.

The bridge west of 563 Ave and 842 Rd was discussed. It was damaged when the weight limit was exceeded and a piece of equipment broke through the bridge planks. Discussion held on possible repair options. The bridge could be removed and culverts placed during the summer depending on the availability of supplies it could take from 30 days to 6 months to complete the project. A bridge located on 826 Rd in Ramshorn Precinct was discussed. No action taken by the board.

Discussion held on the 2-mile bridge. Mark advised the board that trees in the river are diverting water against the south bank and suggested that the county could excavate the trees without a permit from the Corp of Engineers but the county would need to get permission from the land owners. He also suggested the board check with the NRD before proceeding.

Mark advised one of the commissioners to attend the hearing on Monday, January 24th or send a letter regarding LB913. The State is wanting counties to pay for road return repairs up to the State ROW. He said the cost could be anywhere from \$8,000 – \$15,000 per repair. LB913 states the State would be responsible for repairing road returns.

Dennis Matthies of TWD Lock, Safe and Key presented a camera system to the commissioners for the county shops. The outdoor cameras are NDA compliant, have 30-45 days of record time, and record 24/7. They have 164' night vision capability and require minimum maintenance. Four cameras are suggested per shop. The cost for the cameras and installation is approximately \$2,690.00 per shop building at a total cost of \$8,070.00.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approved the purchase and installation from TWD Lock, Safe and Key for 3 sets of security cameras (4 cameras per set) for the 3 county shops at the cost of \$8,070.00.

Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on the salary of the maintenance/custodian department. The board was presented with information showing considerable savings to the county as to boiler maintenance, snow removal, mowing, painting and miscellaneous repairs completed by the maintenance/custodian.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to increase the hourly rate for maintenance/custodian position to \$23.00 per hour effective February payroll (January hours).

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Russ Stodola joined the meeting to discuss the ongoing problem he is having with his new Cat machine. The company has not been able to repair it after numerous attempts. The commissioners will address this in the near future.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve for the month of December the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$3,988.10; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$4,973.85; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$731.00; Game and Parks Agent fees in the amount of \$10.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$5.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$262.34; Passport fees in the amount of \$140.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 22259 – 22322, inclusive in the amount of \$660,220.59; and place them on file.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the following Accounts Payable claims as presented, except to add the claim of 911 Custom in the amount of \$2,531.00 and approve the Payroll claims as presented and order checks drawn on the various funds:

GENERAL FUND – 911 Custom, equip, 2531.00; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 8471.66; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding, etc, 943.00; Appera, services, 154.81; Applied Connective Tech, services, 1835.85; ASQ, supplies, 107.97; Kim Bearnese, meals etc, 176.75; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 647.77; Donna Bloom, mileage, 34.35; BCBS, ins-co shr, 30221.13; Card Services, meals, 70.01; Carrot-Top Industries, markers, 219.96; Gary Carson, dues, 135.00; Cornhusker Auto, services, 140.05; DAS State Acct, costs, 43.88; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Donna Dixon, prior service, 57.50; Eakes Office, supplies, 95.22; Electronic Engineering Co, services, 375.00; Ewalt Law, public defender, 3000.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 963.29; First Concord Benefits, flex fees, 55.00; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 125.94; Great America Finc Services, postage meter, 174.00; GWorks, services, 7856.25; Heartland Fire Protection, services, 117.50; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 9434.72; Jack Scherer LLC, services, 426.09; Jack's Uniform equip, supplies, 103.94; Jones Automotive, services, 92.58; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 84.21; W Bert Lammler Jr, office allow, 949.00; Law Office Kate Jorgensen, atty fees, 1467.80; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 251.17; Madison Co Shf, fees, 1160.00; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 29.06; Menards, supplies, 50.11; Judene Mewis, prior service, 69.24; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees, etc, 6304.00; Mid States Organized Crime, dues, 100.00; MIPS, supplies etc, 3205.04; Gilbert Morfeld, prior service, 23.08; Natl Assn Co Treas, fees, 100.00; Natl Shf Assoc, fees, 68.00; Nebr Assoc Co Officials, fees, 200.00; Nebraska Assoc Co Clk etc, fees, 75.00; Nebraska Assn Co Assessors, fees, 60.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior services, 17.00; NE Nebr Assoc Co Assessors, fees, 25.00; NE Nebr Juv Service, boarding, 4495.00; One Office, supplies, 2466.03; Pender Care Centre, services, 54.61; Michael Petersen, meal, 6.29; Pierce Co Shf Dept, boarding, 2300.00; Pilger Library, supplies, 229.24; Pitzer Digital, services, 168.28; Prime Sanitation, services, 39.75; Region IV, Qu pymt, 1874.50; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 848.77; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Edward Sokol, prior service, 115.40; Stanton Co clk, postage, 8.70; Stanton Co Clk Dist Crt, fees, 36.00; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 250.00; Stanton Co Imp Acct, fees, 20.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1084.03; Stanton State Bank, fees, 60.00; Stanton Telecom, services, 1786.29; Eric Stone, reimb, 212.87; Stratton Delay etal, atty fees, 4028.70; Teeco, supplies, 59.45; Lil Store, fuel, 3324.84; Univ Nebr Ext-Stanton Co, fees, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 440.11; Carla Vogel, prior service, 46.16; Wanek Pharmacy, prescriptions, 127.14; Winsupply, parts, 156.51; Cheryl Wolverton, mileage, 64.96; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, transfer etc, 555302.25; Sandra Zoubek, mileage, 182.56;

ROAD FUND – AKRS Equip, parts, 110.59; American Welding, services, 165.00; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 3875.91; Appera, services, 39.16; ATCO Intl, supplies, 2282.50; Rusty Nuts Repair, services, 1308.58; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 575.79; BCBS, ins-co shr, 18522.24; Bomgaars, supplies, 592.94; Century Link, services, 59.73; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 54.93; Janice Coates, prior service, 17.00; Stanton Lumber, lumber, 21.53; Doernemann Const, rock, 3365.49; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 5521.77; Farmers Un Coop, fees, 21.00; Grimes Asphalt Paving, asphalt, 99.20; Hoskins Mfg, supplies, 569.53; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 4488.05; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 215.00; John Deere Finc, parts, 247.08; K's Marketplace, supplies, 293.81; Northeast Glass, services, 1160.00; Kelly Supply, supplies, 7.47; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 145.61; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 236.48; Leigh Motor Service, parts, 36.00; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 12272.47; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 8.64; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, engineer fees, 41894.44; Martin Marietta Materials, gravel, 2850.48; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 11820.25; Menards, supplies, 68.00; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 3500.00; Midwest Service Sales, signs etc, 10362.85; NMC Exchange, services, 519.84; Norfolk Works, services, 50.00; NDOT, fees, 2272.13; One Office, supplies, 335.00; Pilger Concrete Recycling, gravel, 3587.76; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 3082.71; Pinkelman Truck Trailer, services, 902.83; PowerPlan, services etc, 2342.79; Prime Sanitation, services, 50.00; Stanton Auto Parts, services etc, 1383.47; Ron's Ag Auto Repair, supplies, 269.01; Rueter's Red Power, services, 1001.48; Pilger Sand Gravel, gravel, 1476.41; Stalp Gravel Co, gravel, 3692.12; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 637.73; Stanton Telecom, services, 219.31, Stanton Water Sewer, services, 40.70; Teeco, services, 41.00; Thies Garage, services, 195.00; Truck Center, services, 5.12; US Cellular, services, 61.32; Vic's Engine Service, parts, 78.76; Village Pilger, utilities, 129.75; Weldon Parts, parts, 101.87;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND – Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 309.37; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 117.39; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 516.07; Mike Frohberg, reimburse, 149.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 428.26; Stanton Hardware, parts, 38.98; Luedeke Oil, services, 450.18; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Nebr Assoc Emerg Mgmt, fees, 50.00; One Office, supplies, 253.00; Prime Sanitation, utilities, 12.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 83.61; Stanton Telecom, utilities, 56.10;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND – Stanton Co PPD, tower, 129.19;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND – City Norfolk, dispatching, 7939.69; J Vernon Davidson, rent, 120.00; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23;

Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$190,411.77.

Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for February 22, 2022, at 8:15 AM.

Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Stanton County, Nebraska
Attest: /s/ Kris Unger, Deputy