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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – April 18, 2022
(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk’s office)

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on April 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. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk, was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on April 6, 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 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 March 21, 2022 meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The County Clerk advised the Board that there were no corrections sheets or no listings of clerical errors needing approval per the County Assessor.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to adjourn and set the next meeting for May 16, 2022, at 8:00 AM. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Equalization, Stanton County, Nebraska
Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk

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COMMISSIONER’S PROCEEDINGS – April 18, 2022
(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk’s office)

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on April 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. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on April 6, 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 Rehak to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022 and March 28, 2022, meetings. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Mike Froberg, Emerg Mngr – shop internet; TC Energy – Keystone Pipeline Co Cathodic Protection Survey; John Kuehn, Heartland Greenway – project update; NIRMA – NIRMA Safety Shorts Vol. 10 No. 4; NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition – landfill site observations; Tess Mayer, NACO coordinator – 2022 Co Brd Wrkshp Agenda; NE Nebraska Community Action Partnership – 2021 annual Report; Michele York, Nebraska Dept Natural Resources – Lower Elkhorn, Upper Elkhorn & North Fork Elkhorn Watershed project update.

Discussion held on the need for computers in the county shop buildings and cost of equipment. Matter continued to the May meeting.

The Stanton County Audited Financial Statement for the year ending June 30, 2021 was received from Morrow Davies and Toelle PC. A copy was given to the Board of Commissioner to review.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and place on file the year ending June 30, 2021 audit. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve Resolution 2022.04-14 to add pledged security held at First Nebraska Bank, Stanton Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve Resolution 2022.04-15 to add pledged security held at Stanton State Bank, Stanton Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

General discussion held on ARPA funds available for possible expenditure for a generator for SID No.1, sewer upgrade at the extension building and upgrade of air quality (heating and air conditioning) in the community building. No action taken at this time.

Mike Unger, County Sheriff, joined the meeting. Commissioner Huttman updated the board on a meeting held with the City of Norfolk concerning the dispatching contract which is due for renewal. Doug advised those present that there is going to be an increase in the contract due to increasing costs because of a new facility and salaries of employees. The estimated cost for dispatching to increase to \$200,000.00 annually with yearly increases thereafter based on the consumer price index during the term of the agreement. The current contract expires June 30, 2022. No action taken at this time until the new contract is received.

Sandy Zoubek, County Treasurer, joined the meeting.

Bid Letting was held at 9:00 AM on the "Concrete Removal and Installation at Courthouse Parking Lot/Sidewalk". Appearing for the bid letting was: Ken Jindra. Bids were opened and publicly read as follows: Laser Pro Platte Center NE, \$117,598.00 (Parking Lot \$94,857.00, Walkway \$22,741.00); KV Quality Construction Inc Clarkson NE, \$86,936.00 (Parking Lot, Walkway). Bids were reviewed.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to award the bid to KV Quality Construction Inc of Clarkson NE for the "Concrete Removal and Installation at Courthouse Parking Lot/Sidewalk" in the amount of \$86,936.00 with approximate start date June 2022. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

LaLene Bates, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting.

LaLene presented and explained the Kenneth W. Stevens' Lot Split splitting 6.84 acres on property located in the NW SW & Pt W½ NE SW 32-22-1. No one appeared for the lot split.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve the Kenneth W. Stevens' Lot Split splitting 6.84 acres on property located in the NW SW & Pt W½ NE SW 32-22-1, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

LaLene presented and explained the Wolff's Second Lot Split splitting 3 acres on property located in Pt E½ 6-23-1. No one appeared for the lot split.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the Wolff's Second Lot Split splitting 3 acres on property located in Pt E½ 6-23-1, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The chairman opened the hearing at 9:35 on the Residential Use Permit application of Kenneth Stevens to construct a residence on property located in Pt SW 32-22-1. No one appeared for the hearing. LaLene explained the application and reviewed the planning commission recommendations with the board.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to close the hearing. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the Residential Use Permit application of Kenneth Stevens to construct a residence on property located in Pt SW 32-22-1, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Mark Mainelli, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting.

Gravel bid letting was held at 10:05 AM. No appearances were made. The chairman opened the sealed bids and read them aloud. Bids were received from the following: S & S Willers Inc dba Pilger Sand & Gravel Pilger NE, Gravel - \$13.75 per ton, Armor Coat - \$13.75 per ton, Delivered Gravel by Precinct - \$18.75 to \$20.90; Matteo Sand & Gravel Norfolk NE, Gravel - \$15.00 per ton. Discussion was held on the bids received.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to accept all bids and to purchase gravel at the pits with the lowest price and where hauling is most economical and to purchase delivered gravel at the pit where it is available at the lowest price for purchase of delivered gravel. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion continued with Mark Mainelli on the vacated 830 Rd west of 562 Ave in Union Creek Precinct between section 22/27-22-1. The prior board proceedings were reviewed on the classification of the road and bridge after it was vacated in November 2000. The board directed Mark to look at the bridge and area for possible options. Matter continued to May 16, 2022 meeting.

The board reviewed the utility permit received from Cushing Construction Co LLC to construct an electric line on county road right of way in Kingsburg Precinct, south part of Section 35 NW¼ one fourth mile south of 835 Rd on 574½ Ave in NW quarter. Discussion held on the permit, proposed site and effect on the county road.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve the Utility Permit No. 20220418.01 to construct an electric line along 574½ Ave located in NW 35-23-3 in Kingsburg Precinct and subject to requirements and provision of the permit and with the following conditions: 1) the road needs to be returned to its original condition or the cost for repairs to fix the damages will be billed to the applicant, 2) if additional gravel is needed on the road after construction the costs may be charged to the applicant, 3) all culverts are to be bored under, not cut through, and 4) contact Darrell Hansen, bridge foreman, prior to beginning to be certain all culverts have been flagged and with any questions, or concerns. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

W. Bert Lammler, County Attorney, and Darrell Hansen, Bridge Foreman, joined the meeting.

Bid Letting was set for 10:30AM for a "New Dump Truck". No bids were received. No action taken.

Mark Mainelli updated the board on the 564 Rd reshape design near the new Data Center site and on the possible Crown Rd paving project.

Mike Froberg, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting. Mike presented the board a copy of the LEPC Hazard Communication Response Plan ANNEX F. He asked the board to review prior to approval by the board at their next meeting.

Discussion held on the possibility of additional alert sirens to be installed near Maskenthine Lake and Willer's Cove. The estimated cost for 2 sirens is \$53,134.60. Grant funding is available in the amount of \$37,500.00 (1 siren \$18,750.00). The approximate cost share to the county and subdivision would be \$15,634.60 (half share \$7,817.30). The board to draft a letter to the NRD to see if they would be interested in the siren and cost share. Additional discussions were held on sirens at Off-Road Ranch and the housing development on Eagle Ridge. Mike Froberg said he would need to submit an additional Notice of Interest with the State and see if they are still accepting them.

Mike presented the informal quotes received for the communication tower generator upgrade. The following quotes were received: JP Electric Dodge NE, \$36,407.00 – 10yr warranty (Includes installation, propane tank, poured pads, as well as remote monitoring); Cummins Sales and Service, \$30,075.00 – 2yr warranty (generator only, does not include installation); Froberg Electric Co Norfolk NE, \$45,450.00 – 2yr warranty. Quotes were reviewed. Mike advised the board that the County was awarded Homeland Security funds in the amount of \$43,500.00 towards the purchase and installation of the generator and costs for installation.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to accept the quote of JP Electric of Dodge NE for installation of the generator and propane pad in the amount of \$36,407.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Informal quotes received for repairs to the County Shop Building located at 11th & Elm St, Stanton NE. The following quotes were received: NENES Norfolk NE, \$32,450.00, Start Date: June; Armour Roof Co Omaha NE, \$33,950.00 – 10Yr, \$37,381.00 – 15Yr, Start Date: July; Tillotson Enterprises Lincoln NE, \$32,197.00, Start Date: August.

Discussion held on the quotes received. The board decided to set bid letting May 16, 2022 for the replacement of the roof instead of repairing the roof.

Members of the board received information from Nebraska Machinery, representative of CAT, to a proposed buyout of the 2019 CAT machines purchased June 2019. Issues with the machines have been ongoing since they were purchased and numerous attempts to resolve the issues have not worked. Discussion held on the buyout sum presented in the amounts of \$208,610.00 (2019 CAT 140 AWD) and \$173,420.00 (2019 CAT 140) for a total of \$382,030.00.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to accept the buyout from CAT because resolution of the issues with the machines does not seem to be corrected and the county needs reliable equipment. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on the replacement of the machines due to an emergency situation by purchasing used equipment when available.

Discussion held on the salary of the road department employees. The board reviewed the hourly rates/wages of the various offices/departments within the county.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Kment to increase the hourly rate for the road department employees to \$22.00 per hour and bridge foreman to \$24.00 per hour effective April 1, 2022 (May payroll) and set the new employee rate at \$20.00 per hour during the probation period (6 months). Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve for the month of March the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$2,787.72; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$3,220.75; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$489.00; Game and Parks Agent fees in the amount of \$9.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$7.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$356.59; Passport fees in the amount of \$140.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 22483 – 22560, inclusive in the amount of \$3,151,474.82; County Treasurer List Distress Warrants issued Oct 29, 2021 and returned from County Sheriff; County Sheriff 1st Qu report; County Sheriff List Distress Warrants paid Oct 2021 – Oct 2022; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the following Accounts Payable and Payroll claims as presented and order checks drawn on the various funds. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

General Fund – Ameritas, retire-co shr, 8468.69; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding, 6275.00; Appera, services, 154.81; Applied Connective Tech, IT service, 1835.85; Arkfeld Lock Security, services, 655.55; Kim Bearn, meals etc, 173.49; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 700.26; Donna Bloom, supplies, 10.58; BCBS, ins-co shr, 29541.31; CA Enterprises, supplies, 1865.09; Gary Carson, mileage etc, 422.77; Cornhusker Auto Cntr, services, 39.45; DAS State Acct, costs, 43.88; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 30.39; Egly Fullner Montag Morland etal, atty fees, 691.90; Election Systems Software, ballots etc, 2620.02; Environmental Sys Research, services, 400.00; Ewalt Law, public defender, 3000.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 1531.90; First Concord, fees, 55.00; First Nebraska Bank, loan pymt, 15000.00; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 292.52; Francotyp-Postalia, equip, 396.00; GR Emerg Veh Outfitters, services, 700.00; Grafix Shoppe, services, 2460.22; Great Amer Finc, postage meter, 174.00; IRS Tax Pymt, so sec-co shr, 9458.01; JW Auto Sales, 2020 Ford, 25500.00; K's Marketplace, meals, 15.57; Diane Kander, supplies etc, 121.39; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 148.81; Lamli Locke Beaudette, liability ins, 5247.20; W Bert Lamli Jr, office allow, 949.00; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 1870.43; Lynn Peavey, supplies, 87.94; Madison Co Shf, boarding, 1400.00; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 33.38; Marshall Swift/Boeckh, services, 664.20; Menards, supplies, 73.50; Mid-Amer Benefits, hra fees-co shr etc, 6038.00; Midwest Special Services, fees, 246.00; MIPS, fees, 2776.30; Morrow Davies Toelle, audit fees, 13200.00; NACO, fees, 25.00; Nebr Assn Co Treas, fees, 125.00; Nebr Notary Assoc, fees, 156.18; Nebr State Patrol, fees, 540.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; Norfolk Daily News, fees, 25.00; NE Comm College, fees, 48.00; NE Nebr Juv Service, boarding, 181.25; One Office, supplies, 9436.23; Pierce Co Shf Dept, boarding, 5700.00; Pierce Pharmacy, services, 57.72; Pilger Library, supplies, 596.25; Pitzer Digital, services, 1065.74; Prime Sanitation, utilities, 39.75; Priority Comm Solutions, fees, 125.00; Olsons Pest Tech, services, 330.00; Region IV Inc, 4th Qu fees, 1874.50; Ridge Road Repair, supplies, 15.90; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 11.60; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 179.00; Stanton Co Imprest, fees, 20.25; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1234.04; Stanton Telecom, services, 1993.91; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 86.79; Stephens Peck, supplies, 100.00; Eric Stone, reimburse, 25.99; Street Cop Training, fees, 249.00; Lil Store, fuel, 3832.51; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 750.00; Gannon Tighe, reimburse, 48.16; Michael Unger, meals, 140.00; Univ Nebr Extension-Stanton Co, fees, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 480.12; Wanek Pharmacy, services, 398.70; Washington Co Crt, fees, 3.00; Wolf's Den, meals, 18.00; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, transfer funds, 500000.00;

Road Fund – Ameritas, retire-co shr, 3796.94; Appera, services, 44.01; ATCO Intl, supplies, 970.00; B's Enterprises, supplies, 3505.00; Bauer Built, services, 327.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 580.81; BCBS, ins-co shr, 17842.42; BOKF NA, int pymt, 5243.75; Bomgaars, supplies, 1306.39; Century Link, services, 91.37; Janice Coates, prior service, 17.00; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, services, 455.78; Doernemann Farm Service, parts, 56.98; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Eisenmann Supplies, parts, 3.89; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 9239.13; Farmers Un Coop Supply, seeding, 232.58; GI Trailer, parts, 78.15; Heartland Fire Prot, services, 267.00; IRS Tax Pymt, so sec-co shr, 4400.95; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 327.90; Kaup Forage Turf, seeding, 1365.50; Kelly Supply, parts, 27.30; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 255.86; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 19.68; Leigh Motor Service, parts, 12.95; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 14564.15; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 8.64; Martin Marietta Materials, gravel, 6208.81; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 5884.97; Menards, supplies, 193.69; Mid-Amer Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 3250.00; NMC Exchange, services, 5524.20; Norfolk Works, fees, 74.00; Norfolk Auto Supply, parts, 13.14; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 5989.73; Pinkelman Truck Trailer, parts, 1197.66; PowerPlan, services etc, 281.89; Prime Sanitation, services, 50.00; Profire Safety, supplies, 129.00; Ridge Road Repair, services etc, 1201.93; Road Builders Mach Supply, parts, 474.78; Ron's Ag Auto Repair, supplies, 278.89; Pilger Sand Gravel, gravel, 2779.27; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 596.27; Stanton Telecom, services, 218.13; Stanton Water Sewer, services, 40.70; US Cellular, services, 61.52; Village Pilger, utilities, 125.99;

Emerg Mgmt Fund – Ameritas, retire-co shr, 309.37; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 122.99; Boarders Inn Suites, lodging, 288.00; Danko Emerg Equip, supplies, 150.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 443.74; Mike Froberg, reimburse, 96.06; IRS Tax Pymt, so sec-co shr, 428.26; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Marathon Press, supplies, 73.30; Prime Sanitation, utilities, 12.50; Ridge Road Repair, services, 575.82; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 78.02; Stanton Telecom, utilities, 54.83; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 38.25; State Nebr-NE State Patrol, fees, 48.00;

Inheritance Tax Fund – Stanton Co PPD, tower, 139.96;

Emerg 911 Fund – City Norfolk, dispatching, 7939.69; Norfolk Daily News, fees, 65.45; Pitzer Digital, services, 37.83; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23;

Courthouse Imp Fund – Johnson's Inc, boiler units, 21919.00;

Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$189,546.44.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for May 16, 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/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk