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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – August 15, 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 August 15, 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 and Cheryl Wolverton, County Assessor, were also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on August 3, 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.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of July 13, 2022 and July 18, 2022, meetings.

Cheryl Wolverton, county assessor, advised the board that there were no corrections sheets or no listings of clerical errors needing approval.

The 2022 review of ownership and use of Stanton County cemeteries has been completed by the County Assessor as per Nebraska Statute 77-202.10. The listing was presented to the board for review and placed on file.

Discussion held on the need to extend the filing deadline for Homestead Exemptions filed after June 30th. Applicant provided the reason for the late filing. Cheryl requested the board to extend the deadline to July 20, 2022 for this applicant. Motion made by Kment, seconded by Rehak to approve the extension of the deadline to July 20, 2022 for the Homestead Exemption filed after June 30, 2022.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for September 19, 2022, at 8:00 AM.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Equalization, Stanton County, Nebraska

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk

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COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS – August 15, 2022

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A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on August 15, 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 August 3, 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. Connie Reinke, Margo Chenoweth-Pospisil and Jeff and Kaytie Duda, members of the public, attended the meeting.

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 Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the minutes of July 13, 2022 with a correction to note check issued to the county treasurer for \$111.00 was voided and to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022, meetings.

Public comment was received by those in attendance on election integrity and security after the 2020 election. Documents presented to the board and discussion held.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Kathryn Liebers, Probation Officer – Dist 4 Probation Year End Review and Dept Budget Request 2022-2023; NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition – landfill site observations; Farmers Coop, Pilger – Propane Delivery Policy; Robert Cozad, representative Master Truck & Equip – brochure; NE Nebraska Econ Dev Dist – Annual Report 2021-2022.

The board reviewed the letter received from Jim Campbell, Chairman of Stanton County Veterans Service Committee, to fill a vacancy on the Veteran Service Committee board due to the resignation of Robert Spriek. The Veteran Service Committee approved the appointment of Keith Anderson, Stanton County resident and Vietnam veteran, to fill this vacancy. Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to appoint Keith Anderson as a member of the Stanton County Veterans Service Committee to fill the vacancy as approved by the Veteran Service Committee Board.

Cheryl Wolverton and LaLene Bates, safety committee members, and W. Bert Lamml, county attorney, joined the meeting.

Discussion held on the updated Safety Manual. It was suggested to include information on the 811 Diggers Hotline. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to add this information to the Safety Manual.

Discussion held on the start date for the walkway and parking lot on the south side of the courthouse. The original start date was the end of June but due to material shortage and staff issues the date has been pushed back. Commissioner Rehak to contact the contractor about the projected start date. The possible addition to the courthouse was discussed and suggested a committee look into the matter. An updated was given on the door security after close of business. Discussion on the liability issue of county buildings and equipment being used by county employees for personal use.

Tami Barth, representative of the Stanton Library, appeared and thanked the board for the continued support for the library. Tami presented the board with receipts for purchases made with the FY 2021-2022 funds provided to the library. Discussion held on the programs the library provides and on the renovation project of the library building. No action needed by the board.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-22 to add pledged security.

Preliminary levy allocation requests received from Stanton County Agricultural Society [General], Stanton County Rural Fire District [General] and Hoskins Rural Fire District [General, Sinking] were reviewed. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-23 for the tax allocations requested for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year for Stanton Co Ag Society in the amount of \$82,875.00; Stanton Co Rural Fire Dist in the amount of \$261,308.00; and Hoskins Rural Fire District in the amount of \$85,500.00.

Mike Unger, county sheriff, joined the meeting. Discussion held on the E-Citation equipment requirement. Mike advised the board there are two (2) vehicles that will need to be equipped with the E-Citation equipment and asked if the cost of the equipment could be paid out of the Miscellaneous General Fund because it is an unfunded mandate required by the State. Consensus of the board is to allow this cost from the Miscellaneous General Fund. General discussion held on department issues.

Ross Cohn and Deb Dreher appeared before the board to discuss the proposed cable franchise agreement with ALLO Communications to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system within Stanton County offering internet, fiber optics, television service and landline telephone service. Mr. Cohn advised the board that ALLO Communication is located in Imperial, Nebraska with a branch location in Norfolk, Nebraska. The agreement was reviewed by the board and approved by the county attorney. Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-24 for ALLO Communications to construct, operate and maintain a cable television system within Stanton County. Copy of ALLO Communications agreement on file in County Clerk's office.

Discussion held on the County Shop roof replacement project and contract.

Ramsy Robertson, representative of Mainelli Wagner and Assoc, joined the meeting. Discussion held on the bridge removal and culvert installation on 830 Rd west of 562 Ave in Union Creek Precinct, 22/27-22-1. On November 20, 2000, the road was vacated but the county retained the right of way and responsibility for the maintenance of the bridge (Resolution #829-00). The bridge is beyond its service life and cannot be repaired or replaced. Commissioner Kment advised that the bridge had been removed and a low water crossing culvert was installed. Mr. Lamli advised the board that a resolution will need to be drafted removing the responsibility for maintenance of the bridge by the county and indicate the maintenance of the culvert will be the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. A document will need to be signed by all affected landowners. Mr. Lamli to draft the necessary document.

Joining the meeting were: Lee Larson, Verlin Rosendahl, Richard Hake, Daryl Hake, Roger Bachmann, Glen Hake and Kevin Hake. Discussion held on Bridge C-84(246) located between sections 19/30-21-1. This structure is on the 1 Year plan to be repaired/replaced. Discussion held on the project in reference to the type of bridge and road repairs needed. Also discussed was C-84(247) located between sections 18/19-21-1 (bridge is located a mile north). This structure is on the 6 Year plan to be repaired/replaced. The highway superintendent to review the preliminary plans for these bridges.

Commissioner Rehak requested the board enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to enter into closed session at 11:00 AM for the protection or prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. The county attorney and county clerk remained per the request of the county board and all others in attendance left the meeting. The board came out of closed session at 11:40 AM. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to resume the open meeting.

LaLene Bates, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting. LaLene presented and explained the Burt Lot Split splitting 6.39 acres on property located in the S½ SE 18-24-2. No one appeared for the lot split. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the Burt Lot Split splitting 6.39 acres on property located in the S½ SE 18-24-2, as per Planning Commission recommendations.

The board reviewed the Resolution Interlocal Agreement between Colfax County, Nebraska and Stanton County, Nebraska to replace a bridge located on the Colfax/Stanton County line. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-25 for the Interlocal Agreement between Colfax County, Nebraska and Stanton County, Nebraska.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution No. 2022.08-26 to authorize the chairperson to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2022. Copy of County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2022 on file in County Clerk's office.

The board reviewed the annual certification for STP and HBP Buyout Funds from the Federal Funds Purchase Program Agreement with the NDOT for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Certification form to be signed by the Chairman and returned prior to September 30, 2022.

Mike Frohberg, emergency manager, and Cody Lanagan and Tyler Evans, sheriff deputies, joined the meeting. Mike advised the board the request of Nextlink to enter into an agreement for use and rental space on the communication tower owned by Stanton County located on Hwy 275. The rental agreement covers January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 (12 months) in the amount of \$3,000 payable in monthly payments of \$250.00. The agreement was reviewed by the board and approved by the county attorney. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve and sign the agreement with Nextlink for use and rental space on the communication tower owned by Stanton County for a twelve (12) month period beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$3,000.00 payable in monthly payments of \$250.00. Copy of Tower and Building Rental Agreement on file in County Clerk's office.

The board reviewed the proposed FY2022-2023 county budget with the county clerk. Discussion held on the budget and the FY2022-2023 proposed property tax request compared to the FY2021-2022 property tax request. Various funds were reviewed. A copy of the FY2022-2023 budget is on file in the County Clerk's office. The notice of budget hearing and budget summary will be published prior to the budget hearing. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to schedule the Budget Hearing and Budget Summary for September 7, 2022 at 8:30 AM and schedule the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request for September 7, 2022 at 8:45 AM (time approximate at the conclusion of the budget hearing) in the Stanton County Commissioner's room located in the Stanton County Courthouse, 804 Ivy St, Stanton, Nebraska.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve for the month of July the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$1,614.84; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,765.00; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$413.00; Game and Parks Agent fees in the amount of \$9.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$18.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$104.45; Passport fees in the amount of \$70.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 22762-22770 and 22772-22829, inclusive in the amount of \$511,816.30; Veterans Service Office 4th Quarter Report 2021-2022; and place them on file.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the following Accounts Payable and Payroll claims as presented and order checks drawn on the various funds: GENERAL FUND - Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 8532.88; Antelope Co Shf dept, boarding, 16125.00; Appera, services, 162.18; Applied Connective Tech, services, 2095.44; Kim Bearnes, meals etc, 408.50; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Big Red Printing, supplies, 833.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 72.54; Donna Bloom, mileage, 18.75; BCBS, ins-co shr, 36372.80; Central Plains Valuation, contract, 1073.00; Electrical Eng Equip, equip, 233.20; Consolidated Mngmt, meals, 93.42; Cornhusker Auto Cntr, services, 395.30; Co VSO Assn, dues, 60.00; State Acct, fees etc, 3857.76; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Doerr & Klein, atty fees, 256.50; Thomas Donner, atty fees, 1317.96; Eakes Office, supplies, 4201.23; Egly Fullner Montag etal, atty fees, 1296.09; Tyler Evans, supplies, 116.00; Ewalt Law Office, public defender etc, 4986.30; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 1555.40; First Concord Benefits, fees, 65.00; Mike Frohberg, reimburse, 15.83; Graham Tire, services, 80.68; Great Amer Finc, rental fees, 360.60; Debra Hoehne, reimburse, 2.72; Illinois Coroners/Med Exam, services, 475.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 9648.67; Jack B Scherer LLC, services, 182.36; K's Marketplace, supplies, 1.40; Diane Kander, mileage, 37.50; Kuehn's Auto Body, fees, 500.00; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 106.37; Lamli Locke Beaudette, office allow, 958.00; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 117.82; Madison Co Shf, boarding, 1450.00; Madison Co Treas, prob costs, 18597.34; Anthony McPhillips, meals, 231.50; Janet Meyer, service, 252.00; Mid-American Benefits, fees, 288.00; Midwest Special Services, transport fees, 579.25; MIPS, service etc, 2958.57; Motorola Solutions, radio equip, 72730.38; NACO, reg fees, 300.00; Nebraska Sec State, supplies, 20.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; NE Nebr Juv Service, boarding, 4495.00; NPZA, fees, 380.00; One Office, supplies, 934.02; Pilger Library, supplies, 233.48; Pitzer Digital, services, 1223.79; Platte Co Detention, boarding, 1500.00; Postmaster, fees, 580.00; Prime Sanitation, utilities, 39.75; Stanton Auto Parts, parts, 10.05; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Sioux Sales, supplies, 169.80; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 4.50; Stanton Co Clk Dist Crt, fees, 288.00; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 558.71; Stanton Co Imp Acct, ach fees, 20.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1784.62; Stanton Tele, services, 1712.66; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 271.85; Stratton Delay Doele etal, atty fees, 811.16; Teeco, supplies, 28.45; Lil Store, fuel, 5039.52; Thomson Reuters, supplies, 1417.00; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 1850.00; TWD Lock Safe Key, services, 150.00; Univ Nebr Extension, fees, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 480.14; Wanek Pharmacy, prescriptions, 119.13; Winner's Circle, supplies, 50.73; Cheryl Wolverton, reimburse, 104.99; Sandra Zoubek, reimburse,

1106.87; ROAD FUND - AKRS Equip, parts, 20.46; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 3856.27; Appeara, services, 41.90; ATCO Intl, supplies, 1195.04; B's Enterprises, supplies, 4776.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 106.59; BCBS, ins-co shr, 23047.66; Bomgaars, supplies, 1517.55; Century Link, services, 80.32; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 40.03; Janice Coates, prior service, 17.00; Doernemann Farm Service, supplies, 254.58; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 11763.05; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 127.44; GWorks, fees, 344.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 4493.25; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 49.60; Jones Automotive, services, 351.61; Kelly Supply, supplies, 23.09; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 51.49; William Krause, reimburse, 125.00; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 25.99; Lammers Trlr Repair, services, 969.63; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 16424.72; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, eng fees, 49906.25; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 19887.75; Medical Enterprises, fees, 120.00; Menards, supplies, 65.15; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 3250.00; Midwest Service Sales, supplies, 12648.90; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 7529.12; Pinkelman Truck Trlr, services, 5389.45; PowerPlan, parts, 332.95; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 1316.20; Ron's Ag Auto Repair, supplies, 133.68; Rueters Red Power, services, 1099.65; Pilger Sand Gravel, gravel, 23603.03; Seals and Service, services, 345.70; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 563.72; Stanton Telecom, services, 223.63; Stanton Water Sewer, services, 42.70; Teeco, supplies, 31.55; Topps Body Shop, services, 85.00; Truck Center, parts, 55.92; TWD Lock Safe Key, camera supplies etc, 2710.50; US Cellular, services, 54.40; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 823.40; Village Pilger, utilities, 128.32; Weldon Parts, services, 1186.15; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, fees, 10.00; EMERGENCY MGMT Fund - Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 327.94; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 36.07; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 356.63; Mike Frohberg, reimburse, 268.55; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 467.25; Jacks Uniform Equip, supplies, 139.90; Johnsons Ornamental Iron, services, 240.00; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 1048.04; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 288.48; Prime Sanitation, services, 37.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 134.80; Stanton Telecom, utilities, 56.16; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 40.25; Truck Center, supplies, 55.92; Weathertap, fees, 89.95; COVID-ARPA FUND - Reliable Electric, generator, 9700.00; INHERITANCE TAX FUND - City Norfolk, dispatching, 25393.74; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 117.19; EMERGENCY 911 FUND - Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23; Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$193,867.49.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for September 19, 2022, at 8:15 AM.

/s/ Dennis Kment, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Stanton County, Nebraska

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk