

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – December 18, 2023
(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 December 18, 2023, 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 December 6, 2023, 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 Rehak by to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Wanda Heermann, county clerk, presented a correction sheet from Cheryl Wolverton, county assessor, for the month.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheet numbered 2023-24 and place it 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 statutory meeting for Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 8:00AM and set the regular meeting for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk

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COMMISSIONER’S PROCEEDINGS – December 18, 2023
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A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on December 18, 2023, 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.

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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.

W. Bert Lamli, county attorney, joined 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 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 November 20, 2023, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: NEMA – Federal Share pymt DR-4420 PW(s); NIRMA – recommitment dividend; NDEE – nitrate testing; Nebraska PPD – Norfolk-Stanton North Project; W. Bert Lamli – letter road access.

Discussion was held with Mr. Lamli on the Sorrick/Houghton access road. The board reviewed prior proceedings with the county attorney. It was suggested the board direct the highway superintendent to design a road and estimate the cost to establish a public road and bridge. No action taken by the board. A discussion was held on the current Data Center issues and possible future site within the county. Discussion held on the Stanton Water & Sewer Department/Disconnect Notice.

LaLene Bates, Tim Schellpeper and Mike Wilke appeared to update the board on the Stanton County Veterans Memorial Park. Discussion was held on the memorial area, playground future site and funding. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.2 million. The initial request for funding to start the project is at least \$400,000.00. Those present asked if the county would donate to the project. Concerns were raised on the legality of donating property tax funds. Other types of non-monetary assistance was discussed. No action was taken.

Carol and Steve Poellot of Woodland Park appeared before the board to discuss the procedure to change the SID No.1 Political Subdivision classification to a Village classification. A discussion was held on their request. The county attorney informed the board that a political subdivision is already established for this area and members of the SID board would need to dissolve the SID before the area can be considered as a Village classification. The board informed the Poellots that they have no authority to proceed with their request.

The 2024 contract for public defender was presented to the board for approval. The proposed contract is in the sum of \$46,200.00 annually by paying \$3,850.00 monthly. There was a 10% increase in the proposed fee for the contract.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the 2024 Agreement for Public Defender [copy of Agreement on file in County Clerk's office]. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on the contract received from Maximus Consulting to provide consulting services for recovery of indirect costs for the fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2025 [copy of Service Agreement on file in County Clerk's office]. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Service Agreement with Maximus US Services Inc. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve Resolution No. 2023.12-25 to add and release pledged securities at Stanton State Bank. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Kylee Klug, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and Ramsy Robertson, representative of Mainelli Wagner Assoc, joined the meeting.

Discussion was held on safety concerns with the removal of decommissioned bridges, wash stations located in county road buildings, load limit signs, hard hats and the need to replace 911 signs (estimated costs were reviewed).

Dick Johnson, representative of Mainelli Wagner Assoc, joined the meeting.

The chairman open the hearing at 9:45AM on the Conditional Use Permit application of Horvath Communications/T Bar One Farms Inc to erect a 300' self-support telecommunications tower on property located in the NW 11-21-1. Jerrod Foutes appeared for the hearing. Mr. Foutes explained the site area. Discussion was held on the sight distance needed for access to the tower site with Dick Johnson. Kylee informed the board that the site plan was not located in a flood zone, the application has met planning and zoning regulations, and the permit is contingent upon sight distance approval from the county engineer.

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

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Kment to approve the Conditional Use Permit application of Horvath Communications/T Bar One Farms Inc to erect a 300' self-support telecommunications tower on property located in the NW 11-21-1, as per Planning Commission recommendations contingent upon the sight distance approval. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the utility permit received from Mark Petersen of Great Plains Communications to construct a fiber optic line along the south side of 827 Rd from 558 Ave (Madison County line) east 56275 827 Rd located in 7,8,9,10,11-21-1 in Dimick Precinct. Discussion held on the permit, placement of line on the row line (33' out from centerline of road) or ditch affected. Matter tabled until the January 4, 2024 meeting to allow the road department to review the road right of way.

Discussion was held on various road and bridge projects within the county. Also discussed was the proposed Norfolk-Stanton North 115kV transmission line. No action needed by the board.

Discussion was held on quotes received for a cross gate trailer, trailer options for a cross gate trailer versus belly dump trailer and other trailer options. Bid letting set for January 16, 2023 at 10AM for a cross gate trailer.

Mike Froberg, emergency manager, joined the meeting and updated the board of county issues, surplus equipment donated for the mobile command trailer and information received at the NACO conference held in Kearney the prior week.

A General Assistance Application was reviewed by the Board. Discussion was held on the criteria to be eligible for benefits.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to deny the General Assistance Application because it does not meet the criteria of a life-threatening situation or medical emergency. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve for the month of November the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$1,092.89; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$1,645.00; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$251.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$7.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$184.81; Passport fees in the amount of \$140.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 23770 – 23821, inclusive in the amount of \$1,027,533.25; Veterans' Service Officer 2022-2023 4th Qu report; Veterans' Service Officer 2023-2024 1st Qu report; 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, ret-co shr, 9697.10; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding etc, 3225.00; Appeara, services, 162.22; Applied Connective Tech, services, 4086.29; Arkfeld Lock Security, services, 566.20; Badgeandwallet.com. supplies, 249.00; Kim Bearnes, phone etc, 182.12; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 80.22; BCBS, ins-co shr, 35827.94; Card Services, supplies, 86.75; Gary Carson, meals, 15.00; Clk of Courts, fees, 18.75; Cornhusker Auto Cntr, services, 252.30; CVSO Assoc-Nebr, fees, 100.00; DAS State Acct, equip fees etc, 196.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Eakes Office, supplies, 248.33; Egly Fullner Montag etal, atty fees, 1815.15; Emerg Med Products, supplies, 212.61; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 3500.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 751.30; First Concord Benefits, fees, 40.00; Floor Main, supplies, 128.36; Grafix Shoppe, supplies, 206.85; Great Amer Finc, rental pymt, 270.50; Groves Emergency Lighting, services, 150.00; GWorks, services, 140.00; Leslie Hasenkamp, fees etc, 335.50; Heartland Fire Prot, services, 275.75; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 10470.15; Vinyl Fire, supplies, 215.00; Jack's Unif Equip, supplies, 345.35; Kylee Klug, reimb, 90.00; Kubat Pharmacy, prescriptions, 336.58; Kuehn's Auto Body, deductible, 250.00; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 99.36; Lamlli Locke Beaudette, office allow, 975.00; Law Enforcement Seminars, fees, 425.00; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel, cust, 165.57; Lynn Peavey, supplies, 127.29; Madison Co Shf, boarding etc, 9580.86; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 22.70; CM Olivers, supplies, 44.70; Menards, supplies, 200.04; Janet Meyer, services, 210.00; Mid-Amer Benefits, hra fees-co shr etc, 15047.50; Midwest Health Partners, services, 894.00; MIPS, fees, 2924.35; Natl Assoc Counties, dues, 450.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; One Office Solution, supplies, 764.90; Pell Reporting, services, 157.50; Pilger Library, supplies, 592.93; Pitzer Digital, services, 523.12; Platte Co Detention, boarding, 150.00; Prime Sanitation, services, 39.75; Radar Shop, services, 814.00; Region 4 Beh Health Sys, qu pymt, 4599.50; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Ron's Ag Auto Repair, services, 105.50; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 7.95; Stanton Co Clk Dist Crt, fees, 148.00; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 349.00; Stanton Co Imp Acct, ach fees, 20.25; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1122.32; Stanton Telecom, services, 1820.77; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 133.28; Stratton Delay Dole etal, atty fees, 1712.23; Teeco, supplies, 26.95; Lil Store, fuel, 3747.44; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 120.00; Univ Nebr Ext-Stanton Co, phone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 520.15; Windshield Doctors, services, 60.00; Cheryl Wolverton, mileage, 114.95; Sandra Zoubek Co Trea, supplies, 55090.66;

ROAD FUND – Ameritas, ret-co shr, 4330.80; Appeara, services, 93.01; ATCO Intl, supplies, 780.00; B's Enterprises, supplies, 16416.00; Backus Sand Gravel, gravel, 14341.76; BCBS, ins-co shr, 23713.16; Bomgaars, supplies, 1068.87; Century Link, services, 73.81; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 33.74; Janice Coates, prior service, 17.00; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, services, 781.27; Johnson Trucking Sand Gravel, gravel, 4978.74; Doernemann Farm Service, supplies, 567.84; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Eisenmann Ag Supply, tools, 114.99; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 8962.21; Farmers Un Coop Supply, supplies, 246.18; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 5065.66; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 224.82; Johnson Sand Gravel, gravel, 472.13; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 98.03; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 1207.08; Leigh Motor Service, tools, 38.00; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 16588.27; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 8.64; CM Olivers, supplies, 364.05; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, fees, 21680.01; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 580.55; Medical Enterprises, fees, 120.00; Meisinger Oil Co, supplies, 379.89; Menards, supplies, 29.39; Mid-Amer Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 9150.00; Midwest Service Sales, supplies, 1308.80; NMC Exchange, services, 2617.50; Nebr State Fire Marshal-Boiler Div, inspect fees, 360.00; Pilger Concrete Recycling,

rock/gravel, 10685.80; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 3770.40; Powerplan, services, 4074.07; Prime Sanitation Service, services, 50.00; Private Line Locate, services, 63.20; RDO Truck, services, 80.33; Renegade, hard hats etc, 1679.20; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 401.14; Road Builders Mach Supply, services, 18511.09; Rons Ag Auto Repair, parts, 20.00; Rueter's Red Power, services, 5039.20; Stalp Gravel, gravel, 5452.38; Stanton Co PPD, utilities; 496.97; Stanton Telecom, services, 223.06; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 46.10; Teeco, supplies, 51.50; Theisen Construction, bridge C-84(315) pymt, 217434.47; Truck Centers Co, services, 1730.95; US Cellular, services, 101.17; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 823.40; Village Pilger, utilities, 122.94; W Theisen Grading Equip, asphalt millings, 4608.60; Weldon Parts, parts, 39.65;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND – Ameritas, ret-co shr, 365.63; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 39.91; Emergency Med Prod, supplies, 176.79; Mike Frohberg, meals, 61.73; Codmessaging.net, coding fees, 1320.00; Home Health Med Equip, supplies, 14.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 513.77; Jack's Uniform Equip, supplies, 23.40; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 80.63; Madison Natl Life Ins Co, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 133.84; Pflanz, supplies, 324.00; Pilger Store, supplies, 32.00; Prime Sanitation, services, 12.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 94.38; Stanton Telecom, services, 66.44; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 43.50; Lil Store, fuel, 658.81;

COVID – ARPA FUND – Tri-State Comm, radio equip, 6121.50;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND – Stanton Co PPD, tower, 154.46;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND – City Norfolk, dispatching, 17488.39; Frohberg Electric, services, 1181.72; Stanton Telecom, utilities, 73.23;

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT – Green Stripe, sprinkler repairs, 16200.00;

Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$212,479.28.

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

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk