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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – Tuesday, January 16, 2024
(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 Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were Douglas Huttman and Dennis Kment, Board of Equalization. Duane Rehak was absent. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk and Amber Happold, County Assessor, were also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on January 3, 2024, 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 and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

Amber Happold, county assessor, presented and explained the correction sheet for the month.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheet numbered 2023-25 and place it on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to adjourn and set the next meeting for Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 8:00 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. 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 – Tuesday, January 16, 2024
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A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were Douglas Huttman and Dennis Kment, Board of Commissioners. Duane Rehak was absent. Wanda Heermann, County Clerk was also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on January 3, 2024, 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.

Luke Stara, NCN reporter, attended the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America the meeting was called to order at 8:20 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 and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: ZELLE Intel – 2024 Compliance Checklist; Nebraska DOT – Project North STP-57-3(111) CN 32359; Casey Clausen – Straight Line Striping Inc.

Sandy Zoubek, county treasurer, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the semi-annual report for July – December 2023.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve Resolution No. 2024.01-02 for the County Treasurer’s Semi-Annual report ending December 31, 2023. Voting: Ayes: Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

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 Kment 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 and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

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

Appearing on behalf of North Fork Area Transit were Julie Sweeney, general manager; Corinne Donahue, NDOT mobility management team, Miles Jenkinson, operations manager, and three (3) board members: Chuck Waite, Brian Praeuner and Lacy Kimes. North Fork Area Transit is a private non-profit agency located in Madison County which provides general public transit. Discussion continued on the 2024 FY budget, local matching funds of 25% of total costs (approximately \$370,000), fees charged, and services provided. The transit agency is looking for partners for the local match by reaching out to surrounding counties, cities, major employers, and other organizations.

Discussion was held on the number of trips made into Stanton County, fees charged and the transit operating budget. The transit agency has requested a \$75,000 annual contribution from Stanton County to continue service for approximately 10-20 riders. Discussion was held on obtaining involvement from private businesses, individual budgeting and the scheduling of trips (rides) to be more cost effective. No action taken by the board.

Mark Fitzgerald contacted the clerk's office and requested to continue his agenda item on the data center until the February meeting. The matter will be continued to February 20, 2023 at 9:30AM.

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

Kylee presented documentation on the need to vacate the Replat of Lot 2 Steffensmeier Lot Split located in Pt NW NW 36-21-2. The reason to vacate the Replat of Lot 2 Steffensmeier Lot Split is to allow a new lot split to be approved.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttmann to vacate the Replat of Lot 2 Steffensmeier Lot Split located in Pt NW NW 36-21-2, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Kment and Huttmann. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

Kylee presented documentation on the need to vacate the Steffensmeier Lot Split located in NW 36-21-2. The reason to vacate the Steffensmeier Lot Split is to allow a new lot split to be approved.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to vacate the Steffensmeier Lot Split located in NW 36-21-2, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

Kylee presented the Alvin Steffensmeier Lot Split splitting property located in the NW 36-21-2 into 4 lots. No one appeared for the lot split. Kylee advised the board that all easements need to be obtained.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttmann to approve the Alvin Steffensmeier Lot Split splitting property located in the NW 36-21-2 into 4 lots contingent that all easements are obtained, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Kment and Huttmann. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

Dustin McAtee, representative of JigoWatt, joined the meeting.

Kylee presented the Application for a Zoning/Building Permit of JigoWatt of Lincoln NE to construct a modular data center on Lot 2 REA Addition Stanton County Nebraska located in Pt SW NE 6-23-1. Dustin McAtee explained the construction project, location of structures and future expansion. The projected start date for construction is February 1, 2024 and completion date is July 1, 2024. Kylee informed the board of the floodplain regulations, building setbacks and the need to have access approved by the county highway superintendent. Discussion held on the permit.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttmann to approve and authorize Kylee Klug, Planning and Zoning Administrator, to approve and sign the Application for a Zoning/Building Permit of JigoWatt of Lincoln NE to construct a modular data center on Lot 2 REA Addition Stanton County Nebraska located in Pt SW NE 6-23-1 contingent that flood plain regulations are met, building setbacks are in place and the access point has been approved by the county highway superintendent, as per zoning regulations. Voting: Ayes: Kment and Huttmann. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held 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. Kylee informed the board that the final location of the access road has not been completed. The applicant is requesting access using an existing access road temporarily. The consensus of the board is to allow this temporary access until permanent access is determined.

Bid Letting was held for a Cross Gate Trailer at 10:20AM. T J Novak, representative of RDO Truck Center of Norfolk, appeared. The chairman opened the sealed bids and read them aloud. Bids were received from the following: Iowa Trailer Mfg LLC Storm Lake IA, 2024 ITM 48' Crossgate Belly Dump, \$59,900.00, Trade-in 2009 Trailblazer Belly Dump, 14,600.00, Total \$45,300.00; RDO Truck Center Norfolk NE, 2025 R-Way Trlr Model 5626-XG, \$76,390.00, No Trade.

Discussion was held on the bids received, specifications and delivery dates. The board will review the bids received with Commissioner Rehak. No decision was made, matter to be continued.

Discussion was held with Ramsy on various road and bridge projects within the county. The board asked Ramsy to look into the design and cost for an access road and the cost to establish a one-mile road. No action needed by the board.

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 to 56275 827 Rd located in 7,8,9,10,11-21-1 in Dimick Precinct tabled until the road department could review the road right of way was discussed. No information was received from the road department prior to the meeting. The matter will be continued until the February meeting.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefits Services representative, appeared before the board to discuss health insurance offered by NACO. Discussion was held on the rates, increases, dental insurance available and additional life insurance available. No action needed by the board.

Mike Frohberg, emergency manager, joined the meeting. Mike updated the board on the recent snowstorm, road conditions, road closures and accidents. He advised the board of the Governor's Emergency Proclamation in regard to the winter weather. Discussion held on declaration of a disaster. The consensus of the board was not to declare a disaster declaration at this time.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Kment to approve for the month of December the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$1,740.83; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,433.50; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$387.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$0.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$301.93; Passport fees in the amount of \$315.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 23822 - 23877, inclusive in the amount of \$392,886.82; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

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

GENERAL FUND - Advexure LLC, drone etc, 13514.70; Ameritas, ret-co shr, 9346.72; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding, 640.00; Appera, services, 162.22; Applied Connective Tech, services, 2670.35; Kim Bearnes, phone etc, 53.70; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 802.95; Blue 360 Media, fees etc, 188.70; BCBS, ins-co shr, 36331.46; Candlewood Suites, lodging, 2159.10; Gary Carson, reg fee, 150.00; Cornhusker Auto Cntr, services, 904.24; DAS State Acct, fees, 196.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior svc, 12.00; Donna Dixon, prior svc, 57.50; Eakes Office, supplies, 377.06; Tyler Evans, postage, 12.45; Ewalt Law, public defender, 3850.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 362.61; First Concord Benefits, fees, 640.00; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 238.54; Foxfury LLC, supplies, 10760.87; Judy Funk, salary mileage, 17.62; Great Amer Finc Service, rental pymt, 373.66; Amber Happold, supplies, 60.92; Wanda Heermann, mileage etc, 241.41; Cynthia Herbolsheimer, prior svc, 80.78; Debra Hoehne, prior svc, 115.40; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 10044.50; Jack's Uniform Equip, supplies, 520.24; Scherer Law Service, services, 300.67; Mike Kabes, salary mileage, 30.72; Kylee Klug, mileage, 238.42; Craig Korth, salary mileage, 45.72; Kuehn's Auto Body, deductible, 750.00; Gerald Kuhn, salary mileage, 60.13; Russell Kumm, salary mileage, 48.34; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 259.39; Lammlie Locke Beaudette Law Office, office allow, 975.00; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel, 2502.87; Madison Co Shf, boarding etc, 11316.64; Madison Natl Life Ins Co, ins-co shr, 33.54; Judene Mewis, prior service,

69.24; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr etc, 7647.50; MIPS, supplies, 3389.85; NACO Planning Zoning, dues, 40.00; Nebr Clk Dist Crt Assn, dues, 50.00; Nebr State Fire Marshal, certificate, 72.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; Douglas Oertwich, salary mileage, 53.58; One Office Solution, supplies, 1890.80; Pilger Library, library supplies, 287.80; Pitzer Digital, services, 530.10; Platte Co Detention, boarding, 100.00; Prime Sanitation, services, 39.75; Region 4 Inc, Qu pymt, 1874.50; Stanton Auto Parts, repair etc, 936.15; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Edward Sokol, prior service, 115.40; Stanton Co Clk Dist Crt, fees, 108.00; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 327.00; Stanton Co Imp Acct, ach fees, 20.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1181.88; Stanton State Bank, box fees, 60.00; Stanton Telecom, services, 1625.91; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 104.42; Jeremy Svitak, salary mileage, 77.16; TeeCo, supplies, 62.95; The Lil Store, fuel, 3463.71; Tri-State Comm, parts, 207.25; Univ Nebr Lincoln Ext-Stanton Co, phone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 520.13; Carla Vogel, prior service, 46.16; Wayne Co Shf, fees, 18.50; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00; Sandra Zoubek, mileage etc, 238.76; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, interest etc, 505.10;

ROAD FUND – Ameritas, ret-co shr, 4206.56; Appera, services, 93.01; ATCO Intl, supplies, 1562.40; Bauer Built, services, 400.30; Behmer Trucking, hauling, 8100.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 687.76; BCBS, ins-co shr, 23713.16; Bomgaars, supplies, 449.52; Century Link, services, 71.31; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 21.06; Janice Coates, prior service, 17.00; Cornhusker Intl Trucks Inc, services, 708.10; Johnson Trucking Sand Gravel, gravel, 9818.17; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Farmer’s Coop, fuel etc, 6044.86; Tim Grubb, services, 1148.27; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 4924.82; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 292.92; Christopher Kallhoff, services, 175.00; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 178.04; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 24.31; LG Everist, rock, 3978.08; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 15569.79; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 8.64; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, engineer fees, 12470.00; Martin Marietta Materials, rock, 5306.56; Medical Enterprises, fees, 60.00; Meisinger Oil Co, supplies, 299.90; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 4900.00; Midwest Service Sales, supplies, 5270.95; NMC Exchange, services, 2930.10; Pilger Concrete Recycling, rock/gravel, 12520.05; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 1295.84; Powerplan, parts repairs, 50087.52; Prime Sanitation, services, 50.00; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 1644.16; Road Builders Machinery Supply, services, 430.42; Rons Ag Auto Repair, parts, 748.00; Stalp Gravel Co, gravel, 4504.80; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 665.32; Stanton Telecom, services, 222.60; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 46.10; Teeco, supplies, 35.25; The Windshield Doctors, services, 65.00; Truck Centers, services, 1937.16; US Cellular, services, 86.28; Verizon Connect, services, 823.40; Village Pilger, utilities, 127.39; Weldon Parts, parts, 489.75;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND – Ameritas, ret-co shr, 365.63; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 218.47; Candlewood Suites, lodging, 359.85; Cornhusker Auto Center, services, 72.00; Farmer’s Coop, fuel, 59.63; Mike Frohberg, meals etc, 81.74; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 513.77; Jones Automotive, services, 82.20; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 42.25; Madison Natl Life Ins Co, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 155.67; Nebr Assn Emerg Mgmt, dues, 50.00; Elwood Pilger Jr, reimburse, 105.93; Prime Sanitation, services, 12.50; Renegade, supplies, 399.94; Stanton Auto Parts, supplies, 41.20; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 90.55; Stanton Telecom, services, 58.85; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 43.50; The Lil Store, fuel, 422.72;

COVID – ARPA FUND – Rock River Industries, prtl pymt fire truck, 118956.50; Tri-State Comm, radio equip, 255.00;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND – Stanton Co PPD, tower, 201.59;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND – City Norfolk, dispatching, 17488.39; Jeanette Davidson, tower rent, 120.00; Stanton Telecom, utilities, 73.23; Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$205,027.35.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to adjourn and set the next meeting for Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 8:15 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Absent: Rehak. Motion Carried.

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

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk