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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – March 18, 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 March 18, 2024, 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 Amber Happold, County Assessor, were also present.

Advance notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Stanton Register on March 6, 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 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 February 20, 2024, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Amber Happold, county assessor, advised the board that there were no corrections sheets and/or no listings of clerical errors needing approval.

The hearing set for 8:10 AM on the correction to the Permissive Exemption Applications would not need to be held. The clerical errors were corrected on the forms approved at the February 20, 2024 meeting and resent to the Property Tax Assessment Division. No action needed by the board.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to adjourn and set the next meeting for April 15, 2024, 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 – March 18, 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 March 18, 2024, 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 March 6, 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.

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Damon Crawford, representative of the Stanton Register, 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 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 February 20, 2024, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: NNSWC – January Landfill Site Observation; NNSWC – February Landfill Site Observation; Katie Turner, NDOT Resource Manager – US-275 North, STP-15-3(120) Invitation to Participate; Joshua Thompson, US Land Representative – TC Energy Keystone Pipeline cathodic protection survey notice.

Mike Froberg, Emergency Manager, appeared before the board to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mike outlined the updates to the plan and asked if the board knew of any changes or new mitigation actions to be included in the proposed plan. It was noted that the main hazards in the county are due to chemical spillage, flooding and severe weather. No action taken by the board.

Mike Unger, county sheriff, joined the meeting and requested the board enter into a closed session to discuss personnel issues.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to enter into closed session at 8:35 AM for the protection or prevention of needless injury to the reputation of individuals. The county clerk remained per the request of the county board and all others in attendance left the meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board came out of closed session at 9:00 AM.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to resume the open meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Appearing on behalf of the North Fork Area Transit were Lacy Kimes, board president, Bob Bourne, mobility management, Miles Jenkinson, operations manager, Patty Skokan, board member, and Marjorie Goetsch, county resident. Ms. Kimes and Mr. Bourne addressed the board. Discussion continued on the re-establishment of prior services, local funding, transit services provided, and fees charged. The transit

agency is looking for annual local funding from surrounding counties, cities, major employers, and other organizations. Discussion was held on obtaining involvement from public schools, local business support and health organizations. The board stated there is a need for transportation but felt funding should not be from property tax dollars. They advised those present that they have received comments from county taxpayers not in favor of contributing to a private non-profit agency located in Madison County. Ms. Kimes requested the board to consider funding for North Fork Area Transit in the next budget cycle. No action taken by the board.

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 Prusa Lot Split located in the SW 20-22-2. The reason to vacate the Prusa Lot Split is to allow a new lot split to be approved.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to vacate the Prusa Lot Split located in the SW 20-22-2, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Kylee presented documentation on the need to vacate the Replat of the Prusa Lot Split located in the SW 20-22-2. The reason to vacate the Replat of the Prusa Lot Split is to allow a new lot split to be approved.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to vacate the Replat of the Prusa Lot Split located in the SW 20-22-2, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

Chairman Kment opened the hearing at 9:50 AM on the Residential Use Permit (RUP) application of Zackery and Susan Lindsley to construct a residence on property located in Lot 1 of the Zachery and Susan Lindsley Lot Split located in the SW 30-21-1, Stanton County, Nebraska. No one appeared for the hearing. Kylee explained the application and recommendations of the Planning Commission.

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

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Kment to approve the Residential Use Permit (RUP) application of Zackery and Susan Lindsley to construct a residence on property located in Lot 1 of the Zachery and Susan Lindsley Lot Split located in the SW 30-21-1, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Kment and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion continued on the Sorrick/Houghton access road. The proposed access road, culvert, and dirt work would be at an estimated cost of \$230,075.00. Mr. Lammler asked whether a low water crossing culvert could be installed for access to the Sorrick property instead of a ROW access road. Discussion was held on the requirements and conditions for a low water crossing. No action taken by the board.

Discussion continued on the Data Center noise study requested at the February meeting. Mr. Lammler to provide the name of an independent noise engineer to be invited to the next board meeting to discuss the process of a noise study.

Ramsy informed the board of the easements drafted for the C008404605, C-84(246) bridge located between 19-21-1 and 30-21-1. Bid letting will be set for April 15, 2024 at 10:30AM for the replacement of the bridge. Mainelli Wagner and Assoc to draft the Notice to Bidders and other necessary documents.

Gravel Bid Letting set for April 15, 2024 at 10:00AM.

Colette Hansen did not appear in reference to 561 Ave between 3&4-23-1.

The board reviewed the Federal-Aid Urban Area Boundary Update received from the Nebraska DOT. The change was due to the Norfolk Adjusted Urban Area Boundary which extends into Stanton County located in sections 8,17,18,19-24-1.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to authorize the chairman to sign the Federal-Aid Urban Area Boundary Update received from the Nebraska DOT. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve for the month of February the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$1,433.36; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$1,535.00; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$243.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$0.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$125.43; Passport fees in the amount of \$105.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 23935, 23937 – 24002, inclusive in the amount of \$1,560,404.35; County Treasurer's Closing Public Sale Delinquent RE Taxes; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

GENERAL FUND – Mark Albin atty, atty fees, 278.60; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 9452.55; Appera, services, 162.22; Applied Connective Tech, services, 4328.21; Axon Enterprises, fees, 495.00; Kim Bearnese, phone etc, 140.00; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 533.54; BCBS, ins-co shr, 34332.58; Card Services, meals etc, 24.20; Gary Carson, mileage, 62.98; Central Plains Valuation, contract, 16087.00; Cornhusker Auto Center, services, 96.45; Crowne Plaza, lodging, 434.85; DAS State Acct, fees, 1736.00; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 191.24; Egley Fullner Montag Morland, atty fees, 1096.00; Election Systems Software, supplies, 575.00; Ewalt Law Office, atty fees, 7643.68; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 472.55; First Concord Benefits Group, flex benefits, 35.00; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 77.87; Elgin Pharmacy, prescription, 51.96; Froberg Electric, services, 113.50; Generation Consultants, fees, 219.89; Great America Finac, rental pymt, 270.50; Amber Happold, office supplies etc, 805.51; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 10230.19; Jones Automotive, services, 631.77; Kahlo's Tree Service, services, 500.00; Aaron Kleensang, fuel etc, 163.92; Kylee Klug, mileage, 263.69; Kuehn's Auto Body, services, 75.00; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 11.47; Lammler Locke Beaudette, office allow, 975.00; Luedeke Oil Co, tires etc, 707.63; Madison Co Shf, boarding etc, 3734.35; Madison Natl Life Life Ins, ins-co shr, 38.96; Menards, supplies, 214.35; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr fees, 7357.00; Mid States Organized Crime Info Cntr, fees, 100.00; Midwest Spec Services, services, 214.60; MIPS, fees, 2924.35; Moyer Moyer, atty fees, 3620.15; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; NJ Criminal Interdiction, fees, 299.00; One Office Solution, supplies, 3173.26; The Apothecary Shop, prescriptions, 15.00; Michael Petersen, supplies, 40.65; Pilger Library, library supplies, 413.96; Pitzer Digital, services, 721.25; Prime Sanitation Service, services, 79.50; Region 4 Behavioral Health, 4th Qu pymt, 4599.50; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Stanton Co Clk Dist Crt, fees, 72.00; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 363.00; Stanton Co Imprest Acct, ach fees, 20.50; Stanton Co PPPD, utilities, 1168.23; Stanton Co Shf, fees, 61.70; Stanton Downtown Business Coalition, fees, 50.00; Stanton Telecom, services, 1866.88; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 88.04; State Nebraska DMV, fees, 4.00; State Nebraska-State Patrol, fees, 590.00; TeeCo, supplies, 53.95; Lil Store, fuel, 3161.93; Thurston Co Shr, boarding, 2280.00; Tri-State Comm, supplies, 477.00; Univ Nebraska Extension-Stanton Co, fees, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, services, 518.78; Wolfs Den, meals, 10.00; Cheryl Wolverton, prior service, 11.00; Loree Zach, supplies, 196.68;

ROAD FUND – Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 4259.93; ATCO Intl, supplies, 840.00; B's Enterprises, supplies, 28000.00; Backus Sand Gravel, gravel, 1872.45; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 560.39; BCBS, ins-co shr, 20837.50; Bomgaars, supplies, 1024.36; Century Link, services, 97.31; DANKO Emerg Equip, parts, 510.00; Johnson Trucking Sand Gravel, gravel, 1639.48; Doernemann Farm Service, supplies, 343.31; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Echo Group, parts, 245.57; Eisenmann Ag Supply, tools, 146.25; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 1798.72; Floor Maintenance Paper Supply, supplies, 55.15; Grubb Grinding, services, 5095.91; Hoskins Mfg Co, supplies etc, 345.84; Norfolk Daily News, services, 26.67; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 5083.12; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 4901.66; John Deere Finc, supplies, 9.54; Johnson Sand Gravel, gravel, 7293.38; K's Marketplace, supplies, 13.18; Overhead Door, services, 816.00; Kelly Supply, supplies, 85.10; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 34.86; LG Everist, rock, 20058.21; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc,

20927.36; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 8.64; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, fees, 9559.15; Martin Marietta Materials, gravel, 3026.31; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 5752.63; Christopher Mauer/CM Olivers, supplies, 2403.94; Medical Enterprises, fees, 123.75; Meisinger Oil, supplies, 273.90; Mel's Small Engine, services, 87.95; Menards, supplies, 146.80; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 4550.00; Midwest Service Sales, grader blades, 625.00; NMC Exchange, services, 4638.42; Joe Nelson, mower equip, 2000.00; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 4381.96; Pinkelman Truck Trailer, services, 3690.71; Powerplan, services, 2834.09; Prime Sanitation Service, services, 50.00; Ridge Road Repair/Stanton Auto Parts, services etc, 1687.26; Rons Ag Auto Repair, parts, 1043.35; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 580.79; Stanton Telecom, services, 222.70; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 46.10; TeeCo, supplies, 75.00; US Cellular, services, 137.26; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 823.40; Village Pilger, utilities, 127.39; Windshield Doctors, services, 1120.00; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND – AIRDATA UAV, dues, 720.00; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 365.63; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 143.91; Farmer's Coop, parts, 47.01; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 99.99; Mike Frohberg, dues etc, 657.65; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 513.77; Jones Automotive, parts, 82.86; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 99.44; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; One Office Solution, supplies, 16.35; Prime Sanitation Services, services, 37.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 84.88; Stanton Telecom, services, 59.35; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 43.00; State Nebraska-State Patrol, fees, 58.00; Lil Store, fuel, 454.96; Tri-State Comm, equip, 445.00; INHERITANCE TAX FUND – Stanton Co PPD, tower, 213.77; EMERGENCY 911 FUND – JP Electric, generator equip, 2050.00; City Norfolk, dispatching, 17488.39; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23; Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$209,094.13.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to adjourn to March 27, 2024 at 6:30 PM to attend the Joint Meeting with the Stanton City Council at the Stanton City Hall and set the next regular meeting for April 15, 2024, at 8:15 AM. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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