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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – May 20, 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 May 20, 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 May 8, 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 Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

The county board reviewed the Findings and Orders document received from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission and placed it on file. The Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission finds that no order proposing an adjustment of the value for a class or subclass of real property in Stanton County for the tax year 2024 shall be entered and no further proceedings shall be held to determine whether an adjustment should be made. The order is effective May 13, 2024.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for June 17, 2024, at 8:00 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

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COMMISSIONER’S PROCEEDINGS – May 20, 2024
(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 May 20, 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 May 8, 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.

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 the April 18, 2024, meeting. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Elaine Menzel, NACO Legal Counsel – 2024 Open Meetings Act update; B’s Enterprises Inc – Grand Opening Flyer; Jill Kuhel, Nebr DOT – FY2025-2028 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and FY2025-2029 Nebraska Surface Transportation Program Book; John Deere – Emissions Warranty Information (2 notices); Office of US Senator Pete Ricketts – Mobile Office Hours May 29, 2024; Stanton Co Veterans Memorial Park – Ground Breaking Ceremony May 27, 2024 11:45AM; NNSWC – Landfill Site Observations; Chappell Fire Dist – Notice Seal Bid awarded.

Dustin Will, representative of Benefit Management of Lincoln, appeared before the board to present a comparison of health insurance benefit plans available. A discussion was held on the different insurance plans, insurance rates, deductibles associated with each plan, and drug plan rates and coverage. No action taken by the board.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the Resolution No. 2024.05-6 to add and release pledged securities held at Stanton State Bank, Stanton Nebraska. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Kylee Klug, member of the safety committee, appeared before the county board. Kylee advised the board that the 911 signs have been completed and that there are radios in need of repair or replacement located at the Pilger Shop. Discussion was held on the accident involving a county owned pup trailer.

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

Fourteen (14) members of the public and a KTIV news representative joined the meeting for the informational discussion on a sound study procedure. The chairman advised those present that no hearing was being held and the purpose was for information only. Andrew

Kowalyshyn, Wave Engineering acoustical consultant, joined the discussion via videoconference call. Andrew explained the three (3) options presented to the board at the April 15, 2024 meeting. Discussion was held on the optional services available listed on the proposal received, possible location sites, filtering of everyday sounds (competing noise sources), decibel standards, duration of study, additional site cost or type of study conducted, and the timeframe of evaluation. The county board and members of the public asked Mr. Kowalyshyn questions during the discussion and received comments and/or details of the study. Andrew advised that he will submit an estimate of additional costs for another location and a computer model and site expansion predictions. The county board thanked Mr. Kowalyshyn for taking the time to appear via videoconference to answer questions. No action taken by the board.

Mark Mainelli, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting.

Kylee Klug, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting.

Chairman Kment opened the hearing at 10:20 AM on the renewal of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application of Derreck Marx to apply wastewater from a livestock facility through a center pivot on property located in the NE 26-23-2. Derreck Marx appeared for the hearing. Kylee explained the application and recommendations of the Planning Commission and made reference to a 10-year review. A discussion was held with Derreck on the application. No opposition was received.

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

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application of Derreck Marx to apply wastewater from a livestock facility through a center pivot on property located in the NE 26-23-2, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Kment opened the hearing at 10:30 AM on the Residential Use Permit (RUP) application of Timothy Larson/Lee Larson to construct a residence on property located in PT W½ SW 14-21-1. No one appeared for the hearing. Kylee explained the application and recommendations of the Planning Commission.

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 Rehak to approve the Residential Use Permit (RUP) application of Timothy Larson/Lee Larson to construct a residence on property located in PT W½ SW 14-21-1, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Sarah Dickmeyer, representative of Schneider Geospatial/Beacon, and Amber Happold, county assessor, joined the meeting to discuss GIS services. Ms. Dickmeyer explained the GIS technology and services provided. Discussion was held on the current GIS provider and costs associated with their service versus the costs associated with the services provided by Schneider Geospatial/Beacon. Amber advised the board she would like to move to the new GIS format. Discussion was held on buy-out requirements of current GIS provider, the offer of flexible payment terms of Schneider/Beacon, waiver of setup costs, no additional software needed because service is web based, possible new Beacon website and GIS service beginning July 1, 2024, and the annual fee is waived (no payment due until July 1, 2025). The county board requested Amber to inquire on the penalty for terminating the current GIS service.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to move forward with changing the GIS service provider to Schneider Geospatial/Beacon effective July 1, 2024 and sign the Professional Service Agreement presented. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to remove the claim of gWorks in the amount of \$22,584.50 (ck24050192). Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held with Mark Mainelli on current road and bridge projects. Mark advised the county board that bid letting can be set for the FEMA Bank Stabilization projects – Site 18 (569 Ave/837 Rd – north of the Elkhorn River) and Site 22 (837 Rd/568 Ave – south of the Elkhorn River).

Bid letting set for June 17, 2024 at 10:30 AM for the FEMA Bank Stabilization projects – Site 18 (569 Ave/837 Rd – north of the Elkhorn River) and Site 22 (837 Rd/568 Ave – south of the Elkhorn River).

Discussion continued on the repairs needed for the courthouse north parking lot, west entrance and east entrance stairs. Also discussed was the need for a railing to the west entrance, east entrance stairs and possible additional railing on the south walkway. Quotes will need to be obtained for the railing before proceeding. Discussion continued on the quote for the concrete work received at the April 15, 2024 meeting. A second quote was received but was unable to obtain a third quote.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to proceed with the concrete repairs to the north courthouse parking lot, west entrance and east entrance stairs quoted by KV Quality Construction of Clarkson Nebraska in the estimated amount of 38,000.00 subject to revisions suggested by the county board at the April 15, 2024 meeting. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the gravel contracts received from Matteo Sand & Gravel of Norfolk and Backus of McLean.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and sign the gravel contracts received from Matteo Sand & Gravel and Backus Sand & Gravel. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on the NACO Health Insurance Pool with Blue Cross Blue Shield letter of April 30, 2024. The NACO Board of Directors has made a final determination that the rates for 2024-2025 will have an increase of 3.5% for health insurance. Being part of the NACO pool allows counties to accumulate the risk together as a group. The new rates effective July 1, 2024 will be \$901.15 for an employee only plan, \$1,808.97 for an employee/spouse or employee/child plan and \$2,069.64 for an employee/family plan. The county pays for full family insurance at this time which is a benefit to the employees. There will be no change to the current county deductible with this renewal. The deductible will remain \$6,100.00 employee/\$12,200.00 family. Also discussed was the current HRA \$4,200.00 contribution per employee for assistance with the health insurance deductible and other medical costs. The annual HRA contribution per employee will remain at \$4,200.00.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to proceed with the renewal of the county health insurance with NACO BCBS PPO \$6,100.00 QHDHP Plan effective July 1, 2024 and that the county will continue to pay the full family insurance for employees at this time, will continue the current HRA \$4,200.00 contribution per employee enrolled in the county health plan to assist with the insurance deductible, will continue to offer cash in lieu of insurance and authorize the county clerk to sign the BCBS subgroup application. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The county board reviewed the NACO Section 125 plan re-enrollment notice received from First Concord Benefits Group. For 2024 the IRS has announced an increase to the healthcare flexible spending account. The annual limit increased to \$3,200.00. Discussion held on the plan.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttmann to increase the FSA maximum annual limit to \$3,200.00 as per the IRS index amount. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttmann and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a/k/a ARPA Funds, reporting requirement. The annual report of March 31, 2022 was submitted with no obligated or spent funds. The annual report of March 31, 2023 contained five (5) projects approved and funds disbursed in the amount of \$460,081.56 and was filed April 21, 2023. The annual report of March 31, 2024 containing seven (7) projects approved and funds disbursed in the amount of \$484,638.39 was reviewed by the county board. This report was filed April 25, 2024. The county board also reviewed the list of projects approved in the amount of \$190,583.00. These funds will be allocated upon receipt of an invoice for payment and reported on the March 31, 2025 annual report. The balance of unallocated funds is \$14,588.05.

Discussion was held on the possible purchase of a 2023 or current year motor grader/maintainer and a new 36,000 lb wheel loader. Bid letting set for June 17, 2024 at 10:45 AM.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttmann to approve for the month of April the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$459.45; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,578.20; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$381.50; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$0.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$252.32; Passport fees in the amount of \$0.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 24072 – 24135, inclusive in the amount of \$1,420,696.48; Veterans' Service Office 2023-2024 3rd Quarter Report; County Sheriff's 1st Quarter Report 2024; and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttmann and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to approve the following Accounts Payable claims as presented, except to remove the claim of gWorks in the amount of \$22,584.50 and approve the Payroll claims as presented and order checks drawn on the various funds. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

GENERAL FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 10512.53; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding etc, boarding, 5800.00; Appera, services, 162.22; Applied Connective Tech, services, 2837.05; Kim Bearnes, phone etc, 213.55; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Big Red Printing, supplies, 1054.05; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 256.23; BCBS, ins-co shr, 34332.58; Blue to Gold, fees, 175.00; Bomgaars, tools, 129.99; Derek Bosler, uniform supplies, 1093.69; Card Services, transport etc, 323.94; Connected Solutions, supplies, 3233.50; Consolidated Electrical Distributor, supplies, 157.05; Cornhusker Auto Cntr, services, 79.95; DAS State Acct, equip fee, 150.00; Jack's Uniform Equip, supplies, 10.95; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Eakes Office, supplies, 378.46; Egley Fullner Montag etal, atty fees, 813.06; Electronic Engineering, services, 720.96; ESS, elec supplies, 4251.80; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 3850.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 1134.02; First Concord Benefits, fees, 30.00; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 183.21; Elgin Pharmacy, supplies, 178.15; Froberg Electric, services, 3940.73; Gene Steffy, vehicle, 42676.00; Great Amer Finc Svc, rental pymt, 274.02; Great Plains Uniforms, supplies, 1779.00; Groves Emergency Lighting, services, 41281.18; GT Distributors, supplies, 335.50; Amber Happold, mileage etc, 134.63; Wanda Heermann, ZOOM fees, 319.80; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 722.70; Huse Publishing, services, 50.00; Intl Assoc Prop Evidence, fees, 65.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, co sec tax-co shr, 11279.42; Jack Scherer Lawn Service, services, 401.08; Kaiser Appraisal Service, services, 1960.00; Diane Kander, supplies, 380.56; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 36.78; Walter A Lammler Jr, mileage meals, 276.84; Lammler Locke Beaudette Law, office allow, 975.00; Cory Locke, mileage meals, 246.57; Luedeke Oil Co, tires fuel, 1187.76; Madison Co Shf, boarding etc, 6386.30; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 44.38; Rose McPhillips, mowing, 1800.00; Menards, supplies, 1464.53; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 7320.50; Midwest Music Center, equipment, 599.00; MIPS, fees, 2863.45; Motoplex. Parts, 68.85; Nebraska Assoc Co Treas, reg fee, 150.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; City Norfolk, training, 25500.00; NE Nebraska Juv Serv, boarding, 1035.00; One Office Solution, supplies, 2295.46; Paper Tiger Shredding, supplies, 600.00; Michael Petersen, meals, 16.34; Pierce Co Shf Dept, boarding, 200.00; Pilger Library, library supplies, 492.37; Pitzer Digital, services, 767.97; Postmaster, postage, 68.00; Prime Sanitation, services, 79.50; Stanton Auto Part, services, 2100.00; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Ron's Farm Repair, services, 111.50; Spectrum Graphics Signs, services, 89.20; Stanton Clk Dist Crt, fees, 72.00; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 329.00; Stanton Co Imp Acct, ach fees, 21.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1432.53; Stanton Telecom, services, 1864.10; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 165.00; Stratton DeLay Doele etal, atty fees, 8612.98; Sunset Law Enforcement, supplies, 958.70; Teeco, supplies, 62.90; The Lil Store, fuel, 3647.74; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 2520.00; Tri-State Comm, equipment, 9485.64; U Save Pharmacy, supplies, 213.42; Kristin Unger, meals, 35.28; Mike Unger Co Shf, meals etc, 1093.17; Univ Nebraska AEM Business Center, program, 299.50; Univ Nebraska Ext Stanton Co, phone, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 515.26; Cheryl Wolverson, prior service, 11.00; Loree Zach, reimbursement, 385.14; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, transfer postage etc, 755014.00;

ROAD FUND

Advance Auto Parts, parts, 34.95; AKRS Equipment, parts, 631.63; Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 4758.87; Appera, services, 44.12; ATCO Intl, supplies, 1399.55; B's Enterprises, supplies, 13950.00; Behmer Trucking, hauling, 5625.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 293.93; BCBS, ins-co shr, 20837.50; Bomgaars, supplies, 1173.49; Century Link, services, 94.13; Chappell Rural Fire Dist, 1999 Chev 3500, 24125.51; Clarkson Plbg Htg, supplies, 379.10; Colonial Research, supplies, 1501.07; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, parts, 85.90; Johnson Trucking Sand Gravel, gravel, 14179.57; Doernemann Farm Service, supplies, 264.85; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 4097.98; Farmers Un Coop Supply, supplies, 753.13; Fastenal Co, supplies, 18.40; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 47.51; Leona R Hake Rev Trust, easement fees, 2500.00; Hoskins Mfg Co, supplies etc, 51.67; IRS USA Tax Pymt, co sec tax-co shr, 5747.95; John Deere Finc, supplies, 304.13; Johnson Sand Gravel, gravel, 8859.74; Overhead Door, services, 140.00; Kaup Forage Turf, seeding, 900.00; Kelly Supply, supplies, 70.79; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 188.15; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 84.91; LG Everist, gravel, 1956.64; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 19748.77; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 22.70; Mainelli Wagner Assoc, eng fees, 21912.67; Martin Marietta Materials, gravel, 3057.45; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 56932.95; Meisinger Oil Co, supplies, 273.90; Menards, supplies, 12.99; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 4550.00; Midwest Service Sales, equipment, 18837.57; NMC Exchange, services, 7893.85; Norfolk Works, fees, 15.00; One Office Solution, supplies, 438.77; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 4845.81; Pitzer Digital, services, 60.68; Powerplan, services, 13107.48; Prime Sanitation Service, services, 50.00; RDO Truck Centers, services, 4819.07; RF Machine Works, services, 225.00; Ron's Farm Repair, supplies etc, 2329.22; Sioux City Truck Sales, services, 763.38; Stanton Co Clk, fees, 28.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 494.38; Stanton Telecom, services, 222.92; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 46.10; Teeco, supplies, 87.75; Dean Thies, reimbursement, 250.00; Topp's Body Shop, services, 1018.64; Tri-State Comm, equipment, 350.00; US Cellular, services, 134.49; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 823.40; Village Pilger, utilities, 127.39; Weldon Parts, supplies, 845.87;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Ameritas Retirement, ret-co shr, 365.63; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 86.73; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 40.05; Mike Froberg, dues etc, 667.02; IRS USA Tax Pymt, co sec tax-co shr, 513.77; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 65.88; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 134.85; Prime Sanitation, services, 12.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 116.93; Stanton Telecom, services, 58.43; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 43.50; The Lil Store, fuel, 548.18;

COVID-ARPA

Groves Emergency Lighting, equipment, 9440.00; Sid Dillon Chevy, 2024 Chev Tahoe, 50560.00;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Stanton Co PPD, tower utilities, 143.76;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND

City Norfolk, dispatching, 17488.39; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23;

Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$231,499.95.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttmann to adjourn and set the next meeting for June 17, 2024, at 8:15 AM. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttmann and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk