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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – October 18, 2021

(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 October 18, 2021, 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 posting in three (3) public places, those being the Stanton Courthouse in Stanton, SID No.1 Office in Norfolk and Cooper Community Center in Pilger, at least two (2) days prior to the meeting, on October 15, 2021, a copy of the proof of posting such notice is 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.

Cheryl Wolverton, county assessor, presented and explained the correction sheets for the month.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the correction sheets numbered 2021-13 to 2021-19 and place them on file. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There were no listings of clerical errors needing approval.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to adjourn and set the next meeting for November 15, 2021, 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 – October 18, 2021

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A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on October 18, 2021, 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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Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Mike Unger, Co Shf – dispatching Norfolk Police Division, Wisner news article; Lower Elkhorn NRD – Community Forestry Incentive Program; Nick Paden, Stanton Telecom – LB388 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act (ARPA funds); NIRMA – NIRMA Safety Shorts Vol.9 No.10; Rob Mercer, Solid Waste Supervisor – Landfill Site Observations; Michele York, Nebraska DNR – Upper Elkhorn Watershed, North Fork Elkhorn Watershed, Lower Elkhorn Watershed updates; Pam Anderson, Norfolk – letter potholes Broadmoor Dr entrance.

The board reviewed the Stanton County Central Services Cost Allocation Plan based on actual costs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 prepared by Maximus. [copy of Cost Allocation Plan on file in County Clerk's office]

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Certification of Cost Allocation Plan for expenses recovered from IV-D child support collections in the Clerk of the District Court's office. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the memorandum received from NACO on the Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers at the annual conference.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Rehak to designate Doug Huttman and Duane Rehak as alternates to cast the ballot for Stanton County if the county board chair is unable to attend the business meeting. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Rehak and Huttman. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Mike Froberg, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting. Discussion held on the Middle Northeast Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Antelope, Boone, Colfax, Madison, Pierce, Platte, Stanton and Wayne Counties. [copy of Plan on file in County Clerk's office]

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Middle Northeast Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Antelope, Boone, Colfax, Madison, Pierce, Platte, Stanton and Wayne Counties. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the agreement with Nextlink for use and rental space on the communication tower owned by Stanton County located on Hwy 275. The rental agreement is for July 2021 to December 2021 (6 months) in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable in 6 monthly payments of \$250.00. [copy of Agreement on file in County Clerk's office]

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and sign the agreement with Nextlink for use and rental space on the communication tower owned by Stanton County in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable in 6 monthly payments of \$250.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ryan Wehrle, Maintenance/Custodian, and Ken Jindra of KV Construction joined the meeting. Discussion held on ADA walkway/ramp replacement and/or repairs. The board viewed the site area on the courthouse lawn for possible installation of walkway/ramp. Discussion held on the current walkway and possible revisions/repairs. Mr. Jindra to draw a plan and submit estimate of cost for review to the board. No action taken.

Ryan presented the board with two quotes he received for a new fire alarm system. Discussion held on the quotes. The board asked Ryan to request the alarm companies appear at the November meeting to present their options as described in their respective quotes.

LaLene Bates, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting.

LaLene presented and explained the Noonan Lot Split splitting 5 acres on property located in NE NE 34-21-1. No one appeared for the lot split.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the Noonan Lot Split splitting 5 acres on property located in NE NE 34-21-1, as per Planning Commission recommendations. Voting: Ayes: Kment, Huttman and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on the email received from John Kuehn in reference to Navigator Ventures Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline project with a proposed route for the project crossing Madison/Pierce/Stanton/Wayne County boundaries. More information on the project will be presented to the communities via open house and information sessions in the coming months. No action needed by the board.

Mark Mainelli, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting.

Jarod Dendinger and Ed Knott, representatives of Applied Connective Technologies LLC, joined the meeting. Discussion held on the Email, Cyber and IT Services outlines received. Outlined were: Microsoft 365 and Exchange email services; Endpoint Management and Protection; Contract IT and Technical Services; and General Projects and Best Practices. The estimated costs of the services were discussed with the representatives. Mr. Dendinger advised the board that they currently provide IT services to approximately 40 counties within the State of Nebraska. Their main office is located in Albion with satellite offices in Columbus and Norfolk. [copy of Agreement on file in County Clerk's office]

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Managed Service Agreement with Applied Connective Technologies LLC to provide Email, Cyber and IT Services for Stanton County. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the utility permits received from Pierce Telephone Co to construct fiber optic lines on county road right of ways in the Spring Branch Precinct. Discussion held on the permits, proposed sites, permission from Wayne County because of 846 Road, and the permit fees charged for each road affected and not per permit filed.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the following utility permits to construct fiber optic lines along 845 and 846 Rds and 559, 560 and 561 Aves in Stanton County contingent on the payment of the \$500 permit fees and submission of a certificate of liability for the construction company and subject to requirements and provisions of the permit and with the following conditions: 1) the fiber line should be placed on the edge of the road (halfway between the edge of the road and the middle of the road), 2) the road needs to be returned to its original condition or the cost for repairs to fix the damages will be billed to the applicant, 3) if additional gravel is needed on the road after construction the costs may be charged to the applicant, 4) all culverts are to be bored under, not cut through, and 5) contact Darrell Hansen, bridge foreman, prior to beginning to be certain all culverts have been flagged and with any questions, or concerns. Utility Permit No. 20211018-1: 846 Rd (south side) start ¼ mi W 559 Ave to 561 Ave. STR 4-24-1, 5-24-1, 6-24-1; Utility Permit No. 20211018-2: 845 Rd (south side) between 559 Ave to 561 Ave. STR 8-24-1, 9-24-1; Utility Permit No. 20211018-3: 845 Rd/559 Ave N ½ mi (east side). STR 5-24-1; Utility Permit No. 20211018-4: 846 Rd/560 Ave S ¼ mi (east side). STR 4-24-1; Utility Permit No. 20211018-5: 845 Rd/560 Ave S ½ mi (east side). STR 9-24-1; Utility Permit No. 20211018-6: 845 Rd/560 Ave N ¼ mi (west side). STR 5-24-1; Utility Permit No. 20211018-7: 561 Ave (east side) between 845 to 846 Rd. STR 3-24-1, 4-24-1. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Mark Mainelli updated the board on road projects within the county.

The contract for Pilger Southeast, C-84(390), C008403535 was reviewed by the board.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Pilger Southeast, C-84(390), C008403535 contract. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board reviewed the proposed termination document of the haul route agreement of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline LP. TransCanada and Stanton County entered into the haul road agreement September 16, 2019 to govern TransCanada's use of county roads during construction of the Keystone Pipeline. TransCanada did not use or engage in any construction activities on roads as anticipated and will no longer require the use of county roads. [copy of Agreement on file in County Clerk's office]

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Acknowledgement of Termination with TransCanada Keystone Pipeline LP. Voting: Ayes: Huttman, Kment and Rehak. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve for the month of September the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$1,468.85; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,496.20; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$390.50; Game and Parks Agent fees in the amount of \$0.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$8.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$143.83; Passport fees in the amount of \$0.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 22070 – 22129, inclusive in the amount of \$664,677.78; County Treasurer's List Distress Warrants issued Oct 31, 2020 and returned from County Sheriff; County Sheriff's List Distress Warrants paid Oct 31, 2019 to Oct 2020; County Sheriff's List Distress Warrants paid Oct 31, 2020 to Oct 2021; 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 claims as presented, except to change the claim of GWorks in the amount of \$5,375.00 and approve the Payroll claims as presented and order checks drawn on the various funds: GENERAL FUND - 81 Auto Glass, repairs, 350.00; Ameritas, retire-co shr, 8210.96; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding etc, 6919.00; Antelope Dist Crt, fees, 5.63; Applied Connective Tech, fees, 42.10; Maxine Bauermeister, mowing, 300.00; Kim Bearnes, phone, 40.00; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Big Red Printing, supplies, 925.52; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 20.42; BCBS, ins-co shr, 30221.13; Cornhusker Auto, services, 1044.68; DAS State Acct, fees etc, 4567.88; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; James Duncan, mowing, 900.00; Eakes Office, supplies, 168.23; Egley Fullner Montag Morland etal, atty fees, 767.59; Ewalt Law, public defender, 2529.23; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 1513.29; First Concord Benefits, fees, 55.00; Floor Maintenance, supplies etc, 308.77; Francotyp-Postalia, fees, 468.00; Mike Froberg, meals etc, 135.06; GWorks, service, 5375.00; Wanda Heermann, reg fee, 40.00; Charles Hickman, fees, 100.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 9229.67; Jack's Unif Equip, supplies, 295.83; Aaron Kleensang, supplies, 152.77; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 25.00; W Bert Lammler Jr, office allow, 949.00; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel, 94.15; Madison Co Dist Crt, fees, 9.00; Madison Co Shf, boarding, 3100.00; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 33.38; Maximus, fees, 1550.00; Janet Meyer, services, 160.00; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr etc, 6304.00; Midwest Special Services, services, 192.00; MIPS, fees, 2776.30; Nebr Public Health Environmental Lab, fees, 105.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; NE Nebr Juv Service, boarding, 1450.00; One Office, supplies, 5547.80; The Apothecary Shop, services, 49.07; Pierce Co Shf Dept, boarding, 2100.00; Pierce Pharmacy, services, 51.86; Pilger Library, supplies, 430.66; Pitzer Digital, services, 1068.51; Prime Sanitation, services, 39.75; Profire Safety, fees, 89.00; Region IV, fees, 1874.50; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 8.28; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 411.00; Stanton Co Imprst Acct, ach fees, 20.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1629.02; Stanton Telecom, services, 1970.42; Stanton Water Sewer, services, 176.22; Eric Stone, supplies, 597.61; Teeco, supplies, 51.50; Lil Store, fuel, 2996.20; Thomson Reuters-West, supplies, 3684.00; Thurston Co Shf, boarding, 2900.00; Univ Nebr Lincoln Extension, fees, 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 440.77; Wanek Pharmacy, services, 69.90; Norman Weber, mowing, 300.00; Cheryl Wolverton, reimburse, 19.99; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, interest etc, 83.83; ROAD FUND - Ameritas, retire-co shr, 3663.16; Appera, services, 39.16; ATCO Intl, supplies, 650.00; B's Enterprises, culverts, 15488.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 18.84; BCBS, ins-co shr, 18034.03; BOKF NA, bond pymt, 589303.75; Bomgaars, supplies, 808.71; Century Link, services, 92.71; Janice Coates, prior service, 17.00; Cornhusker Intl Trucks, parts, 9.16; Dinkel Impl, parts, 217.81; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 5651.59; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 65.82; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 48.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 4246.92; John Deere, parts, 908.33; Kaup Forage Turf, seeding, 296.88; Kea Constructors, bridge repair, 215266.93; Kelly Supply, supplies, 106.17; Kimball Midwest, supplies, 158.73; LG Everist, supplies, 1291.48; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel etc, 14475.74; Martin Marietta, gravel, 3395.52; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 33436.34; Medical Enterprises, fees, 5.00; Meisinger Oil Co, supplies, 127.30; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 3500.00; Midwest Service Sales, culverts etc, 8953.50; NMC Exchange, services, 4664.15; Norfolk Works, fees, 111.00; One Office, supplies, 7.22; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 4649.25; Pitzer Digital, services, 51.03; Powerplan, services, 1432.04; Prime Sanitation, services, 50.00; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 111.53; Road Builders Mach, services, 4968.05; Ron's Ag Auto Repair, supplies, 139.41; Rueter's Red Power, services, 1636.06; Pilger Sand Gravel, gravel, 44758.48; Stalp Gravel, gravel, 3693.34; Stanton Co Clk, postage, 4.95; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 611.65; Stanton Telecom, services, 221.58; Stanton Water Sewer, services, 40.70; Teeco, services, 65.00; US Cellular, services, 60.56; Vic's Engine Service, services, 93.76; Village Pilger, utilities, 129.75; Weldon Parts, parts, 77.03; EMERG MGMT FUND - Ameritas Retirement, retire-co shr, 309.37; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 31.56; Cornhusker Auto, services, 308.00; Eakes Office, supplies, 49.42; Electronic Eng Co, equip, 449.08; Engelhardt TV Comm, equip, 174.95; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 939.26; Mike Froberg, meals etc, 295.32; Home Health Medical Equip, supplies, 28.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax pymt-co shr, 428.26; Jack's Unif Equip, supplies, 21.95; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 17.34; Menards, supplies, 230.18; One Office, supplies, 98.06; Prime Sanitation, services, 12.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 63.94; Stanton Telecom, services, 114.24; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 38.25; INHERITANCE TAX FUND - Stanton Co PPD, tower, 141.07; EMERG 911 FUND - City Norfolk, dispatching,

7939.69; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23. Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$184,580.06. Voting: Ayes: Rehak, Huttman and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for November 15, 2021, at 8:15 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