

COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS – March 28, 2022 - Special Meeting
(edited – official proceedings on file Clerk's office)

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on March 28, 2022, at 8:00 AM in the Planning and Zoning room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were: Douglas Huttmann, 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 23, 2022, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes and 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 March 24, 2022, 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.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America 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 Planning and Zoning room and a copy may be obtained from the County Clerk's office upon request.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to approve the agenda. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Ken Beaudette, representative of Murphy Tractor and Equipment Co, and Mike Frohberg, Emergency Manager, appeared for the meeting. No one appeared on behalf of CAT or Nebraska Machinery Co.

Discussion continued on the issues with the CAT machines purchased in 2019. No resolution information was received from CAT or Nebraska Machinery Co. It is the consensus of the board to keep the CAT machines for the time being and keep insisting that CAT resolve the software issue. The board discussed equipment due to be traded because of hours and age.

Discussion held on new machine purchase options with Mr. Beaudette. Ken presented state bid options for the purchase of 2 John Deere 772G Motor Graders with 6WD (\$326,356.00 per grader) and trade-in of a 2011 CAT 140M (trade - \$75,000.00) and 2012 CAT 140M (trade - \$60,000.00). Discussion held on the machines, warranty, service availability and possible delivery dates.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to purchase 2 John Deere 772G Motor Graders, 6WD with 7yr/6000hr extended warranty and trade-in of 2011 CAT 140M and 2012 CAT 140M in the amount of \$517,712.00 with a projected deliver date of October 2022. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Darrell Hansen, Bridge Foreman, joined the meeting. Discussion held on equipment, road issues and other department matters. Also discussed were possible repairs to the roof of the shop building. Quotes to obtained and presented at the April 18, 2022 meeting.

Discussion held on the request received from Sarah Soula, Nebraska Department of Transportation, to provide a Letter of Support for NDOT 2022 RAISE Grant Application for the US-275 Project. The board reviewed the drafted letter.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Support for the NDOT 2022 RAISE Grant Application for the US-275 Project. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried. [Letter of Support on file County Clerk's office]

Mike Unger, county sheriff, appeared before the board to continue the discussion on the patrol vehicles. Mike stated a dealership in Kansas located 2 law enforcement vehicles and requests permission to purchase the vehicles payable from miscellaneous general fund line item set aside for the replacement of the vehicles destroyed in the 2021 Omaha flood. The approximate cost of \$123,000.00 for the vehicles. Mike said the 2013 Dodge Ram pickup will be transferred to the road department instead of a trade-in of approximately \$15,000.00.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to allow the purchase of the vehicles and law enforcement up fitting out of the miscellaneous general fund. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Mike Frohberg, emergency manager, appeared before the board. Mike updated the board on the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Avian Influenza (bird flu), and grants available for emergency communications. Also discussed was the need for a weather alert siren at the Maskenthine Lake campground and Willers Cover housing development south of Pilger.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to approve the following Accounts Payable claims as presented and order checks drawn on the General Fund: Specialty Vehicle Source Corp, install equip-misc gen, 29809.00; Valor CDJR Inc, vehicles-misc gen, 92510.00. Voting: Ayes: Huttmann, Rehak and Kment. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to adjourn to next meeting set for April 18, 2022, 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