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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – October 17, 2022
(edited proceedings – Official Proceedings on file in County Clerk's office)

A meeting of the Board of Equalization of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on October 17, 2022, 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 publication in the Stanton Register on October 5, 2022, 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.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022 meeting.

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

Cheryl presented a list of personal property changes and penalties to be applied for the tax year 2022 because the schedules were filed late. Discussion held on schedules. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to determine the change to the taxable values and penalties applied to the personal property tax returns filed late for the tax year 2022.

Tax dollar requests submitted by various governmental entities and calculated levies for the 2022-2023 fiscal year were reviewed.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve the Resolution 2022.10-30 adopting the levy rates for the fiscal year:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the following levies for Stanton County, Nebraska, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 are hereby adopted as follows: Subdivision: Stanton County – valuation 1,632,378,491; Total County levy 0.289478. Stanton Co Agricultural Society – valuation 1,632,378,461; General levy 0.005077. City of Stanton – valuation 80,599,149; General levy 0.337714. Village of Pilger – valuation, 23,328,630; General levy 0.499999; Bond levy 0.428084; Total Village of Pilger levy 0.928083. SID No.1 – valuation 82,433,127; General levy 0.378522. Stanton Co Rural Fire D#1 – valuation 816,358,877; General levy 0.015423; Bond levy 0.016586; Total Stanton Co Rural Fire D#1 levy 0.032009. Stanton Community School – valuation 638,064,607; General levy 0.891476; Spl Bldg 0.042426; Qu Cap Pur levy 0.035226; Total Stanton Community School levy 0.969128.

Levy Rates are set as cents per \$100 of Actual Valuation.

Dated and passed this 17th day of October, 2022.

Board of Equalization, Stanton County, Nebraska

/s/ Dennis Kment; /s/ Doug Huttman; /s/ Duane Rehak

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, Stanton County Clerk [seal]

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for November 21, 2022, at 8:00 AM.

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

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk

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COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS – October 17, 2022
(edited proceedings – Official Proceedings on file in County Clerk's office)

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on October 17, 2022, 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 October 5, 2022, 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 8:20 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.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022 and October 11, 2022, meetings.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Mike Drahota, Sparklight General Manager – upcoming adjustment Sparklight's modem and EMTA rates; LENRD – Community Forestry incentive Program; Martin Marietta – rate increase; Michele York, NDNR – Project Update for Upper Elkhorn Watershed, Lower Elkhorn Watershed and North Fork Elkhorn Watershed.

Ken Jindra appeared to update the board on the parking lot progress. Ken stated the last section was poured and advised that for ten (10) days no vehicles are allowed on the new concrete. Discussion held on chalking and sealing the concrete prior to re-opening. An estimated cost for sealant, chalking and labor \$1,200 to \$1,500. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to authorize Ken Jindra of KV Quality Construction to proceed with sealing and chalking the parking lot.

Sandy Zoubek, Cheryl Wolverton and LaLene Bates joined the meeting to update the board on the safety committee meeting discussion and concerns. Discussion held on safety during snowstorm activity. Also discussed was an increase to the yearly allowance of \$200 for safety coats, safety vests and steel toed boots for the road department. Motion made by Kment, seconded by Rehak to increase the yearly allowance to \$250 towards the purchase of safety coats, safety vests and steel toed boots for the road department effective November 1, 2022.

Discussion held on the possible judicial addition to the courthouse. This matter was placed aside during the COVID epidemic. Suggestions were made of possible sub-committee appointees to proceed with the addition. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to form a sub-committee to proceed with a possible judicial addition to the courthouse.

Cheryl, county assessor presented the board a change order to the GIS Data agreement approved at the September 19, 2022 meeting. The maintenance and support agreement was omitted from the Statement of Work agreement approved. There is no additional cost to add this agreement. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to authorize the chairman to sign the Change Order for Project Name: Standard Assessor GIS Data Maintenance and Support agreement approved at the September 19, 2022 meeting. [Change Order for Project Name: Standard Assessor GIS Data Maintenance and Support agreement on file in Clerk's office]

Tom Schellpeper, member of the Stanton County Fair Board, joined the meeting. Tom updated the board on the capital improvements completed with the funds received from Stanton County over the past 5 years and a discussion was held on the possible commitment to continue with the \$15,000 annual payment for additional capital improvements. Additional discussion held on building upgrades and improvements. No action taken by the board.

W. Bert Lammler, county attorney, and Ramsy Robertson, representative of Mainelli Wagner and Associates, joined the meeting.

The county clerk presented information received from the Nebraska Judicial Branch Courtroom Technology on the Courtroom audio/visual upgrade. The county will be responsible for additional electrical outlets or data parts, approve the MOU with the Judicial Branch for transfer of equipment after installation and provide access to the courtroom for installation work. The board reviewed the quote received for the data/voice cabling to the courtroom per the Judicial infrastructure checklist. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to proceed with the upgrades to the cabling and wiring within the courtroom per the Judicial infrastructure checklist.

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 Huttman 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.

LaLene Bates, Planning and Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting and updated the board on the memorial park project. No action needed by the board.

Ryan Wehrle, maintenance/custodian, and Dan Haig joined the meeting. Ryan advised the board that he has contacted Big Red Striping to stripe the new parking lot at an approximate cost of \$700.00. Consensus of the board was to proceed with the striping after the concrete is sealed and chalked.

Discussion held on the installation of hand rails along the new walkway. Dan Haig presented different options available. The board reviewed a quote received on the materials in an estimated amount of \$12,000 to \$15,000 needed for the project. The estimated cost for materials and labor is \$20,000 to \$23,000. An additional quote was requested but not received. Discussion held on the waiver of the bidding/quote requirement because of the necessity to complete the project as soon as possible for the safety of the public. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve and authorize Dan Haig to proceed with hand rails for the courthouse walkway.

The board reviewed the Agreement and Resolution received from the Nebraska Department of Transportation for highway improvements for Project No. STP-32-6(115) – N-57 East.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to approve Resolution 2022.10-31 to authorize the chairman to sign the Agreement for Project No. STP-32-6(115) – N-57 East. [copy of Project No. STP-32-6(115) – N-57 EAST Agreement on file in County Clerk's office]

The board reviewed the utility permit received from Stanton Telecom to construct utilities on county right of way with a 1" fiber optic cable along Crown Road located north of Hwy 24 in section 31, township 24, range 1 east. Discussion held on the permit and proposed sites. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve Utility Permit No. 20221017.01 for Stanton Telecom to install a 1" fiber optic cable located north of Hwy 24 in section 31, township 24, range 1 east, subject to the requirement 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 fiber line needs to be 4' (four feet) below the road and 4' (four feet) below any culvert, 3) 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, 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.

The board reviewed the utility permit received from ALLO Communications LLC to construct fiber optic lines on county road right of ways in the Spring Branch Precinct located near Woodland Park development. Discussion held on the permit and proposed sites, permission to be obtained from the Sanitary Improvement District No. 1 for proposed sites located within the Woodland Park Development, and the permit fees charged for each road affected and not per permit filed. Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve Utility Permit No. 20221017.02 for ALLO Communications LLC to install fiber optic cable only on right of way under the jurisdiction of Stanton County (old Hwy 35, N Eastwood St (south of Woodland Park, E Benjamin Ave) contingent on receipt of a revised map of the area affected, payment of the permit fees and submission of a certificate of liability for the construction company and subject to requirements and provision of the permit and with the following conditions: 1) only allows authority on Stanton County ROW, (a) provide revised map of the area only associated to Stanton County ROW (old Hwy 35, N Eastwood St (south of Woodland Park), E Benjamin Ave); 2) permit contingent on requirements listed in Appendix "A": (a) applicant shall furnish Certificate of Insurance, (b) all fees need to be paid prior to issuance of permit, (i) boring: \$50 per mile or part thereof, (ii) open trench: \$150 per mile or part thereof; 3) the fiber line needs to be placed as far away as possible from the road, not placed in any road; 4) the fiber line should be 4' (four feet) below the surface and 4' (four feet) below any culvert; 5) all culverts are to be bored under, not cut through; 6) all roads need to be returned to its original condition if damaged or the cost for repairs to fix the damages will be billed to the applicant; 7) if additional gravel is needed after construction the costs will be charged to the applicant, and 8) contact Darrell Hansen, bridge foreman, prior to beginning to be certain all culverts have been flagged and with any questions, or concerns.

Bid Letting was held at 10:40 AM on project "STWD-CBMP(5): Stanton County, C-84(392)". Appearing for the bid letting were: Dale Burkhead for Simon Contractors, Jessica Chicoine for KEA Contractors and Adam Gubbels for Theisen Construction. Bids were opened and publicly read as follows: Simon Contractors, North Platte NE, \$ 648,700.00, Start 4/2/2023 – End 6/1/2023; KEA Constructors, Milford NE, \$ 806,684.30, Start 2/1/2023 – End 90 days; Theisen Construction Inc, Norfolk NE, \$ 610,196.47, Start 3/28/2023 – End 5/26/2023. Ramsy Robertson, representative of Mainelli Wagner and Associates, reviewed the bids for accuracy. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$595,000.00. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to award the bid to Theisen Construction Inc of Norfolk Ne for the "STWD-CBMP(5): Stanton County, C-84(392)" project in the amount of \$610,196.47 with a start date of March 28, 2023 and end date of May 26, 2023.

Mike Froberg, Emergency Manager, joined the meeting. Mike informed the board that Stanton County was approved for the TC Energy grant for the cost of a new drone in the amount of \$15,000.00. The total cost for the drone, additional spotlight and loudspeaker from Fire Cam is \$17,492.00. Mike stated the additional cost of \$2,492.00 would be paid through the Emergency Management Fund and the \$15,000.00 would be paid through the General Miscellaneous Fund approved at the September 19, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to allow Mike to order the drone and additional equipment in the amount of \$17,492.00 and payment of \$15,000.00 will be paid through the General Miscellaneous Fund and the additional cost of \$2,492.00 will be paid through the Emergency Management Fund.

Mike advised the board that he submitted the 2022-2023 EMPG grant for reimbursement of eligible salary and operating expenses of the emergency management department. Discussion held on DHHS grant application for new ambulances and equipment, transfer of silver pickup to the road department, and new ¾ ton truck w/slide-in utility box capable of pulling a mobile command center trailer in the future. Mike to check on pricing and availability. Also discussed was an upgrade to the emergency management website and possible cost-share through a hazard mitigation grant.

Discussion held on the ARPA Fund request received from Hoskins Rural Fire District #3 for air packs in the amount of \$137,155.20 and half purchase price of a new tanker truck in the amount of \$124,054.40. The Hoskins Fire board approved the purchase of the air packs and tanker truck at their meeting and were awarded funds from Wayne County for half the tanker truck (\$124,054.40) and suggested submitting a request to Stanton County for the balance. Hoskins Rural Fire District's headquarters is in Wayne County with a station located in Woodland Park (Stanton County). The board would like to discuss the ARPA request with Hoskins Rural Fire District board members. Matter tabled until the November 21, 2022 meeting. No action taken by the board.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve for the month of September the Documentary Stamp Tax, co shr in the amount of \$2,909.71; County Clerk fees in the amount of \$2,184.85; P&M Fund fees in the amount of \$332.00; Game and Parks Agent fees in the amount of \$0.00; Misc Copy fees in the amount of \$39.00; Clerk of the District Court fees in the amount of \$57.81; Passport fees in the amount of \$245.00; County Treasurer's receipt of money received numbered 22891 – 22957, inclusive in the amount of \$956,776.12; and place them on file.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Rehak to approve the following Accounts Payable claims as presented, except to change ESS claim in the amount of \$4,252.96, add CA Enterprise claim in the amount of \$1,079.32 and add Fire Cam claim in the amount of \$17,492.00 and approve the Payroll claims as presented and order checks drawn on the various funds:

GENERAL FUND – Ameritas, retire-co shr, 8791.90; Antelope Co Shf Dept, boarding etc, 7690.00; Appera, services, 165.21; Applied Conn Tech, IT services, 2086.25; LaLene Bates, reimb, 35.19; Maxine Bauermeister, mowing, 300.00; Kim Bearnes, phone, 40.00; Shawn Beaudette, services, 103.00; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 72.53; BCBS, ins-co shr, 36973.90; Bomgaars, supplies, 39.31; CA Enterprises, envelopes, 1079.32; CWD Government, software, 1187.08; Town Country, services, 384.68; Elec Eng Equip Co, supplies, 161.33; Consolidated Mgmt, meals, 34.40; Cornhusker Auto Cntr, services, 220.25; Crowne Plaza, lodging, 499.80; DAS State Acct, equip fee, 43.88; Martha Detlefsen, prior service, 12.00; Du-Ha Inc, supplies, 1325.29; James Duncan, mowing, 900.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 49.75; ES&S, supplies etc, 4252.96; Electronic Engineering, supplies, 683.00; Ewalt Law Office, public defender, 3000.00; Farmer's Coop, fuel, 760.66; First Concord Benefits, flex benefits fees, 65.00; Fire Cam, drone equip, 15000.00; Floor Maintenance, supplies, 21.22; Francotyp-Postalia, postage equip, 395.40; Judy Funk, mileage etc, 17.34; Great America Finc, rent pymt, 267.30; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 9987.60; Jack Scherer, services, 237.00; Jack's Uniform Equip, supplies, 192.89; K's Marketplace, supplies, 11.48; Mike Kabes, mileage etc, 87.12; Diane Kander, mileage etc, 46.38; Kearney Co Dist Crt, fees, 12.75; Kylee Klug, mileage etc, 258.78; Gerald Kuhn, mileage etc, 28.45; Russell Kumm, mileage etc, 62.55; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 65.94; Lampli Locke Beaudette, office allow etc, 3439.00; Luedeke Oil Co, fuel, 147.25; Madison Co Shr, boarding, 1700.00; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 34.01; Maximus, fees, 800.00; Menards, supplies, 24.02; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr etc, 5796.00; Midwest Special Services, fees, 217.00; MIPS, supplies, 2859.25; Morrill Co Crt, fees, 3.25; NACO, reg fees, 600.00; Lavern Newkirk, prior service, 17.00; Norfolk Daily News, services, 373.35; NE Comm College, fees, 205.00; Douglas Oertwich, mileage etc, 76.59; One Office Solution, supplies, 1314.92; Pilger Library, supplies, 1774.44; Pitzer Digital, services, 1109.73; Platte Co Detention, boarding, 2600.00; Gerald Podany, mileage etc, 58.08; Profire Safety, services, 190.50; Radiology Assoc, services, 285.00; Region IV, 2nd quarter fees, 1874.50; Stanton Auto, services, 2495.14; Rita Roenfeldt, prior service, 20.00; Sioux Sales Co, supplies, 307.92; Stanton Co Clk Dist Crt, fees, 108.00; Stanton Co Crt, fees, 512.00; Stanton Co Imp Acct, fees, 20.50; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 1622.88; Stanton Telecom, services, 1818.74; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 263.52; State Nebr Dept Corr Services, boarding, 90.35; Stratton DeLay Doele, atty fees, 2413.40; Teeco, supplies, 115.20; Lil Store, fuel, 4750.69; Thomson Reuters-West, supplies, 706.00; Total Fire Security, services, 400.00; TWD Lock Safe Key, supplies, 6.00; Univ Nebr-Extension-Stanton Com feesm 45.02; Verizon Wireless, service, 480.12; Wanek Pharmacy, prescriptions, 259.92; Norman Weber, mowing, 300.00; Mark Wieman, mileage etc, 115.20; Winsupply, parts, 800.00; Wolf's Den, meals, 9.00; Cheryl Wolverton, reimb, 101.87; York General Hospital, services, 1670.75; Sandra Zoubek Co Treas, postage etc, 58.46;

ROAD FUND – Ameritas, retire-co shr, 3913.45; Appera, services, 85.04; ATCO Intl, supplies, 1091.65; B's Enterprises, supplies, 4200.00; Bahns Automotive Repair, services, 536.95; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 105.98; BCBS, ins-co shr, 21125.29; BOKF Finc, bond pymt etc, 590243.75; Bomgaars, supplies, 154.42; Century Link, services, 96.16; Janice Coates, prior service, 17.00; Doernemann Farm Service, supplies, 123.60; James Duncan, prior service, 16.00; Farmer's Coop, seeding etc, 9587.28; Farmers Un Coop Supply, seeding, 634.02; Mike Froberg, reimb, 295.39; Paul's Transmission, services, 125.00; IRS USA Tax Pymt, so sec tax-co shr, 4568.97; Island Supply Welding, supplies, 311.85; Kaup Forage Turf, seeding, 620.50; Stanton Hardware, supplies, 49.84; Luedeke Oil, fuel etc, 16166.10; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 8.64; Matteo Sand Gravel, gravel, 14524.05; Medical Enterprises, fees, 60.00; Meisinger Oil Co, services, 139.99; Mid-American Benefits, hra fees-co shr, 3250.00; Midwest Service Sales, supplies, 163.68; NMC Exchange, services, 15779.12; Norfolk Works, services, 25.00; Pilger Concrete Recycling, gravel, 6413.40; Pilger Store, fuel etc, 6335.91; Powerplan, services, 5163.74; Stanton Auto Parts, services, 2369.77; Ron's Ag Auto Repair, supplies, 674.73; Pilger Sand Gravel, gravel, 13159.63; Sahling Kenworth, parts, 122.13; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, 182.64; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 488.22; Stanton Telecom, services, 221.33; Stanton Water Sewer, services, 42.70; Teeco, supplies, 64.25; US Cellular, services, 62.40; Verizon Connect Fleet, services, 823.40; Village Pilger, utilities, 147.12;

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND – Ameritas, retire-co shr, 327.94; Andax, equip, 672.42; Black Hills Energy, utilities, 36.07; Farmer's Coop, fuel etc, 780.36; Fire Cam, drone equip, 2492.00; Mike Froberg, reimb, 382.75; IRS USA Tax Pymt, co sec tax-co shr, 467.25; Jacks Uniform Equip, supplies, 169.95; Luedeke Oil Co, supplies, 105.44; Madison Natl Life Ins, ins-co shr, 5.42; Menards, supplies, 63.60; NACO, reg fee, 150.00; Stanton Co PPD, utilities, 93.21; Stanton Telecom, utilities, 55.46; Stanton Water Sewer, utilities, 80.50; Nebr Dept Corr Services, equip, 170.00; Windshield Doctors, services, 40.00;

INHERITANCE TAX FUND – Gworks, GIS services, 21920.00; Stanton Co PPD, tower, 115.47;

EMERGENCY 911 FUND - City Norfolk, dispatching, 16666.67; Stanton Telecom, services, 73.23;

COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENT - KV Quality Const, concrete work, 86936.00;

Total aggregate salaries of all county employees \$199,474.82.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to adjourn and set the next meeting for November 21, 2022, at 8:15 AM.

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

Attest: /s/ Wanda Heermann, County Clerk