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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS – Thursday, January 5, 2023
(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 Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner’s room in Stanton, Nebraska.

Present upon roll call were: Douglas Huttmann, 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 December 21, 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 Rehak, seconded by Huttmann to approve the agenda.

Stacie, Ginger and Daisy Huttmann attended the meeting.

Re-organization meeting was held in open session by law and as per Statute.

Nominations opened for Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak, to nominate Dennis Kment for Chairman, that nominations cease and Dennis Kment be elected by affirmation.

Nominations opened for Vice Chairman of the Board of Equalization. Motion made by Kment, seconded by Rehak to nominate Doug Huttmann for Vice Chairman, that nominations cease and Doug Huttmann be elected by affirmation.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttmann to adjourn and set the next meeting for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 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 – Thursday, January 5, 2023
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A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Stanton County, Nebraska was held in the open and public session on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner’s 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.

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Stacie, Ginger and Daisy Huttmann attended the meeting.

Re-organization meeting was held in open session by law and as per Statute.

Nominations opened for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to nominate Dennis Kment for Chairman, that nominations cease and Dennis Kment be elected by affirmation.

Nominations opened for Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Kment, seconded by Rehak to nominate Doug Huttmann for Vice Chairman, that nominations cease and Doug Huttmann be elected by affirmation.

W. Bert Lampli, county attorney, and Tony McPhillips, veterans’ service officer, joined the meeting.

The applications for County Depository Banks were reviewed. A Statement of Disclosure was given by Dennis Kment regarding the employment of his son, David Kment, at Stanton State Bank. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttmann to approve Resolution No. 2023.01 – 1 approving applications for designation of the depositories for Stanton County funds for 2023: Bank First Norfolk, Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust Norfolk, First Nebraska Bank Stanton, Midwest Bank NA Pierce Pilger Wisner, Stanton State Bank Stanton, NPAIT Lincoln.

Discussion held on the appointment of a County Surveyor and re-appointment of appointed officials for the years 2023 – 2026.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttmann to appoint LaVern Schroeder and Schroeder Land Surveying as County Surveyor for the term of 2023 – 2026.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to re-appoint the following appointed officials for the years 2023 – 2026: Emergency Manager - Mike Froberg, Highway Superintendent - Mark Mainelli, Planning/Zoning Administrator - LaLene Bates, Veterans’ Service Officer - Anthony McPhillips, Weed Superintendent - Gary Carson.

Discussion held on the salaries of the appointed officials for the year 2023.

Motion made by Huttmann, seconded by Rehak to re-visit the hourly rate for the Planning/Zoning Admin and Veterans’ Service Officer and to re-visit the salary for the Emergency Manager at the 2023-2024 budget approval and also to continue the Weed Superintendent annual salary at \$12,000.00 (\$1,000.00 monthly).

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Kment to recess the Board of Commissioner’s meeting at 8:30 AM to allow the oath of office to be taken. The chairman reconvened the Board of Commissioner’s meeting at 8:50 AM.

Committee appointments were discussed. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the appointments to various positions as follows: County Health Dept Board – Dennis Kment; County Health Dept Board – Kirk Van Pelt, county representative (non-elected); DOT regulations for Drug Free Workplace Supervisor – Duane Rehak; Emergency Planning Committee, local – Mike Froberg; NE Nebraska Community Action Partnership – Dennis Kment; NE Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Representative – Dennis Kment; NE Nebraska Dept Economic Development Representative – Douglas Huttman; NE Nebraska Dept Economic Development Representative – Chad Waldow, county representative (non-elected); NE Nebraska Juvenile Services Board – Dennis Kment, alternate – Mike Unger; Northstar Board – Douglas Huttman; Region IV Mental Health Board – Duane Rehak; Safety Committee – Douglas Huttman; alternate – Duane Rehak; NE Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board – Linda Hewitt, 3 yr term (2022-2024) (non-elected); NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board – Duane Rehak; alternate – Dennis Kment (Res No.2018.01-002, Jan 4, 2018); NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition Board – Gary Svitak, Maple Creek Township (Res No.2018.01-003, Jan 4, 2018).

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Kment to approve and place on file the following Stanton County Extension Board Members for the year 2023: Keith Drott, Pat Larson, Jackie Schapman, Kim Spence and Tim Stamm.

Motion made by Kment, seconded by Huttman to approve and place on file the following Stanton County VSO Committee Members for the year 2024: Robert Chilcoat and Clint Warnke, 2025: Jim Campbell, 2027: Keith Anderson and Bill Johnson.

Re-appointments to the Stanton County Planning Commission were reviewed. Members needing to be re-appointed for the year 2023 for a three (3) year term are: Mark Wieman, Judy Funk and Gerald Kuhn. Board members not needing re-appointment are: year 2024 – Robin Dolesh, Mike Kabes and Todd Zohner; year 2025 – Russell Kumm, Doug Oertwich and Gerald Podany. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Kment to re-appoint Mark Wieman, Judy Funk and Gerald Kuhn to a three (3) year term on the Planning Commission Board.

Re-appointments to the Stanton County Board of Adjustment were reviewed. Members needing to be re-appointed for the year 2023 are: Mark Wieman and alternate, Larry Schrage. Board members not needing re-appointment are: 2024 – Robert Lueninghoener and Ryan Simons; 2025 – John Gall and Robert Locke. Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Huttman to re-appoint Mark Wieman and alternate, Larry Schrage to a three (3) year term on the Stanton County Board of Adjustment.

The board reviewed the notice from the Department of Administrative Services adjusting the mileage rate to match the new IRS rate effective January 1, 2023. Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the revised mileage rate of \$.65½ cents/mile effective January 1, 2023 for all reimbursable mileage incurred by county employees; and further providing that the sheriff is permitted to charge an additional \$.03 cents/mile (\$.68½ cents)for paper service all as per NRS §81-1176.

Motion made by Huttman, seconded by Rehak to approve the legal newspaper as the Stanton Register for the year 2023, to set the legal radio stations as WJAG/KEXL and US92 for legal and weather-related announcements, and designate the Stanton County website (stantoncounty.nebraska.gov) as a means of publication of legal notices or other announcements.

Discussion held on the current HRA \$3,000 contribution per employee for assistance with the health insurance deductible. Contributions are submitted on a monthly basis during the year. Motion made by Kment seconded by Rehak to continue with the contribution of \$3,000 per employee eligible for insurance coverage through the county health plan to the Health Reimbursement Arrangement plan managed by Mid-American Benefits for the year 2023, and review during the renewal of the county health plan coverage.

Motion made by Rehak, seconded by Kment to adjourn and set the next meeting for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 8:15 AM.

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