

PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 2, 2023

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, April 27, 2023, issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas, Ron Seitz was absent. Vice-Chairman Lang opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Commissioner meeting. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of John Samuelson, Chief Deputy, and Nancy Tilton, Admin Asst, during the 10:15 time of Sheriff Lang due to a clerical omission. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (absent). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent).

At 9:10 public comment was held. No public attended.

Susan Keholm, SENCA, Amanda Palmerton, SENCA Housing Development Director, and Danyel Lewis, SENCA Family Development Specialist, met with the Board and gave annual updates. Palmerton, gave updates on the housing assistance, Keholm gave updates regarding housing, jobs, finances, community economic development, CASA program. After discussion Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to proclaim May as Community Action month. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent). Lewis gave updates on family development and public relations.

John Werner, Pawnee County Rural Hospital Administrator, and Jason Turnbull, EMS Coordinator, met with the Board to give updates on the ambulance fleet. The hospital is looking for funding of \$370,000.00 for two new units to replace older ones, they will receive \$75,000.00 from the State of NE if they receive \$105,000.00 in donations by the end of 2023. They are wanting to have an EMT class for new applicants, they are looking for people that are interested.

Terry Kerl, Weed Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the annual State of Nebraska weed evaluation. After discussion Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the Reports and Requirements Summary. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (absent).

Braden Lang, Sheriff, John Samuelson, Chief Deputy and Nancy Tilton, Admin Asst, met with the Board to discuss outfitting the new vehicle, credit card limit for equipment and equipment procurement. Samuelson and Tilton discussed getting the new vehicle equipped and credit

card limit raised to purchase equipment. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to raise the Sheriff limit to \$8,000.00 per month for May, June and July for the outfitting of the new vehicle. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent). The Sheriff can utilize the new vehicle line item for up to \$10,000.00 for outfitting the new vehicle. Tabled discussing Willey outfitting the new vehicle until the May 16th meeting.

Emily Sisco, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss inheritance tax worksheets and foreclosures. After discussion Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve Resolution 23-13 authorizing Weaver & Merz on behalf of Pawnee County to approve all inheritance tax worksheets submitted to the county court by Donahue and Sisco. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent). There are three parcels that can be foreclosed on by the County, after discussion Heidemann moved and Lang seconded for the County Attorney to foreclose on Parcel ID 670000004, 670000463 & 670003859. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (absent).

Pam Bourne, NIRMA attorney, met with the Board by telephone to discuss a conflict of interest between Woods & Aitkin having a construction client, Midwest Infrastructure, Inc, that has a conflict with Pawnee County. Bourne needs a conflict waiver request to continue to represent Pawnee County for labor and employment services and another attorney in their firm in another department to continue representing Midwest Infrastructure. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the waiver. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to go into closed session under the threat of litigation at 11:31 a.m. with the attendance of Candi Nicholas. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (absent). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to exit executive session at 11:39 a.m. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (absent). No action taken.

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 38544.97; FWH 3560.87; SWH 1686.48; FICA 6208.34; MICA 1451.96;
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 1400.00; RETIREMENT 5973.26; DELTA DENTAL 322.75; AMERITAS
104.90; AMERICAN HERITAGE 98.97; MADISON LIFE 84.17; UNITED HEALTHCARE 10697.76;
DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

GENERAL FUND:

Capital Business Systems, Extension copier payment 170.00; Constellation, heat 273.10; Eakes, Clerk supplies 33.88; Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts & Ziskey, court appt atty 1520.00; Braden Lang, meal reimbursement 126.87; MIPS, programs & support 2234.50; NPPD 493.83; Pawnee County Treasurer, transfer to Bridge/Road from General Fund 98088.84; Pawnee Republican, publishing 179.71; Virginia Pippert, mental health board training 100.00; Security Equipment, security services 480.00; Seneca Sanitation, garbage 108.00; SoarinGroup, IT support 825.00; Mark Tegtmeier, mileage 13.10; Tyler Technologies, veteran service renewal 449.00; U.S. Bank,

Sheriff equipment and training meals 270.99 & Treasurer postage 58.19 & supplies 779.90;
Woods & Aitken, board attorney 65.00;

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Caterpillar, cat payment 5034.31; Haug Communications, repeater rent 450.00; Kyles Service Center, tire repairs 150.00; Martin Marietta, rock 18493.76; NMC, repairs 1533.05; NPPD 191.81; Seneca Sanitation, garbage 108.00; Speers Truck Repair, repairs 1950.95; U.S. Bank, fuel 60.00;

ROD PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, programs & support 171.36;

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND:

U.S. Bank, Sheriff fuel 1150.31.

Vice-Chairman Lang adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

S/Jan Lang

S/Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk