

PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 8, 2023

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, July 27, 2023, issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas. Chairman Seitz opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023 Commissioner meeting. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

There was no discussion regarding ARPA funds. After review Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the correspondence from Schulz & Associates regarding the 2022-2023 Pawnee County Audit. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). The Board reviewed the July Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Treasurer and Treasurer July accumulated reports. There was no discussion regarding dispatch.

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

John Werner, Pawnee County Rural Hospital Administrator, and Jason Turnbull, EMS Coordinator, met with the Board to give updates on funds for the Pawnee County Emergency Services operations and the emergency manager.

Megan Buckley, Emergency Manager, met with the Board and gave updates and presented a new rural address request form.

Vickie Wiers, Assessor, met with the Board to give them a list of cemetery properties. Also, after discussion Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to sign the contract with Central Plains Valuation for the review of properties in the villages. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

Vickie Wiers, Assessor, and Nancy Tilton, Sheriff Admin. Asst., met with the Board to discuss courthouse safety procedures.

Emily Sisco, Attorney, met with the Board to discuss the Daikin proposal. No action taken.

At 10:30 a.m. the bid letting was opened for Project STWD-CBMP(6): C-67(172) on 706 Road between 629 Avenue and 630 Avenue in Pawnee County, C-49(272) on 616 Avenue between 735 Road and 736 Road & C-49(287) on 724 Road between 626 Avenue and 627 Avenue both in Johnson County and C-64(322) on 728 Road between 635 Avenue and 636 Avenue in Nemaha County. Adam Mace & Jordan Wachal, Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. opened the bids.

The following bids were received:

M.E. Collins Contracting Co. Inc., Wahoo, NE: Bid bond enclosed, start date of Spring 2024, no end date. Grand total: \$2,027,834.96

Gus Construction Co., Casey, IA: Bid bond enclosed, start date 9/1/2023, end date 7/14/2024. Grand total: \$1,643,971.00

Bauer Infrastructure Limited Liability Co, Martell, NE: Bid bond enclosed, start date 3/1/2024, end date: 10/31/2024. Grand Total: \$1,722,085.95.

Vogtscapes, Inc, Bennet, NE: Bid bond enclosed, start date 4/2024, end date 8/2024. Grand total: \$1,581,230.00.

After discussion Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve Vogtscapes, Inc, Bennet, NE in the amount of \$1,581,230.00 with a start date of 4/2024 and end date 8/2024. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Closed bid letting at 10:53 a.m.

Chris Rauner, Hwy Supt, met with the Board. Rauner gave the rock report, discussed equipment, various projects and personnel.

Braden Lang, Sheriff, met with the Board at their request, to discuss Sheriff salaries.

Braden Lang, Sheriff, and Nancy Tilton, Sheriff Admin. Asst., met with the Board and asked to enter into executive session for possible litigation. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to enter into executive session at 11:23 a.m. for the protection of the public interest. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to exit executive session at 12:06 p.m. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes). No action taken.

Candi Nicholas, Clerk, met with the Board and discussed the Ag Society and fire districts regarding their 2023-2024 allocation of funds request. After discussion Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve \$43,410.00 in funds to the Pawnee County Ag Board and to set the preliminary levy for the fire district at .02000 for 2023-2024. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 40798.47; FWH 4063.18; SWH 1878.04; FICA 6618.24; MICA 1547,76;
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 1400.00; RETIREMENT 6203.10; DELTA DENTAL 322.75; AMERITAS 104.90; AMERICAN HERITAGE 98.97; MADISON LIFE 84.17; UNITED HEALTHCARE 10800.17;
DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

GENERAL FUND:

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, 2023-2024 contribution 841.50; Capital Business Systems, Extension copier lease 170.00; Central Plains Valuation, 10% payment small town review 2900.00; City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 82.95; Cobblestone Hotel, Broken Bow, Wiers lodging 190.00; Eakes, courthouse supplies 204.00, Clerk supplies 109.04, Dylan L. Handley, court appt counsel 978.50; Kyle's Service Center, Sheriff repairs 688.00; Mid-American Research Chemical, janitor supplies 330.62; MIPS, programs & support 2298.18; Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, special prosecutor 541.50; NPPD 1091.03; Pawnee Republican, publishing 348.69; Poster Compliance Center, subscription renewal 74.95; SoarinGroup, IT support 753.00; Emily Taggs, mileage 55.50; TK Elevator, elevator maintenance 314.76; U.S. Bank, Treasurer postage 52.04; Sheriff postage, dues, equipment, repairs 1259.50; Windstream, courthouse telephones 889.99; Woods & Aitken, Board attorney 2390.00;

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 78.25; Eggers Bros, parts 442.60; Kyle's Service Center, repairs 5444.00; Martin Marietta, rock 37995.46; NMC, Inc, parts 2080.85; NPPD 165.98; OPPD 33.00; Rob Tichy, surveyor 750.00; Turnbull Ag, parts 210.00; US Bank, office supplies 147.33; Windstream, shop telephone 168.68;

COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Table Rock Community Club, improvements 4000.00;

ROD PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, programs & support 171.36;

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND:

U.S. Bank, Sheriff fuel 916.33.

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 12:10 a.m.

S/Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

