

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, January 6, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said at the prior BOE meeting. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Love, Giese, Launsby. Absent: Van Berkum. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

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 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – December 23, 2024
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for December 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims (if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Pat Wojcik, Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking, requesting the Board adopt a Proclamation making the month of January Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.
 - b. Board to approve providing a letter of support to SIMPCO/SRTS in their efforts to apply for a RAISE grant to expand their facility in Sioux City, IA and build a satellite location in Le Mars, IA to benefit the Tri-State area and approve Chair to sign.
 - c. Board to review and approve/not approve snow removal contracts for 2025.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. M Avenue Project (ARPA) – Discussion regarding width concerns. Board to take action if any changes are to be made.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Swearing in of New Commissioners is Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Love to excuse Commissioner Van Berkum from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment on any item not on the agenda. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein advised that he went through the payroll claims. The jail claims were turned in late and he will review those after the meeting. If any discrepancies he will report at next meeting. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – December 23, 2024; (b) approval of payroll claims for December 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims (if any). ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund: Gross Salaries-\$206,890.04; Net Pay-\$148,533.59; Total Retirement-\$14,980.36; Total FICA-\$15,350.46; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$215.49; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.48; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.73; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.48; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.48; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.48; Cherie Conley-\$2,550.04; Robin Hansen-\$1,538.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,700.16; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,550.04; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,550.04; Melissa Collins-\$1,806.86; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,550.04; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.78; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,548.80; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$3,059.00; Shaun Bird-\$3,693.64; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,922.42; Brian Ellinger-\$3,808.30; Penny Epting-\$3,330.20; Brian Fernau-\$833.22; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,643.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$3,124.91; Martin Guerrero-\$3,351.04; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,663.31; Jason James-\$3,653.64; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,011.08; Jared Junge-\$2,563.99; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.71; Jose Magana-\$3,255.45; Keaton Mueller-\$3,149.17; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,830.91; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,611.87; Mardi Schnee-\$1,393.46; Ryne Sell-\$696.90; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,096.55; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.60; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,380.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,816.35; Summer Adair-\$1,567.08; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,546.25; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$2,489.16; Rebecca Broer-\$2,308.50; Ismael Castro-\$2,414.88; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,541.30; Charlotte Coleman-\$803.60; Ruby De La Torre-

\$2,373.42; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$807.60; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$2,559.72; Rebekah Epting-\$2,556.72; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,849.76; Jonathan Gray-\$1,951.20; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,689.12; Todd Hammer-\$2,536.11; Adam Hough-\$2,898.00; Dustin Johnson-\$2,523.60; Terry Johnson-\$2,559.72; Brandon Long-\$2,820.63; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,878.42; Skyler Miner-\$2,201.82; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,910.61; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$1,567.08; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,845.60; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,868.46; Michele Rohde-\$1,704.80; Jeremy Russell-\$2,770.92; Jerry Santos-\$2,566.08; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,764.86; Armando Valerio-\$1,829.16; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,174.18; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,881.02; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,620.03; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$14,253.53; State Tax-\$7,033.90; Soc Sec-\$12,440.93; Medicare-\$2,909.53; Extra Fit-\$1,531.00; Extra Sit-\$475.00; Retirement-\$10,384.08; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$546.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$690.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$401.22; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$147.44; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,005.25; Net Pay-\$16,486.86; Retirement-\$1,485.33; Total FICA-\$1,676.17; Health Plan-\$5,040.00; Dental Plan-\$180.00; Life Insurance-\$22.06; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Lance Jacobsen-\$5,461.56; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,429.72; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; Scott Stolze-\$1,496.37; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,668.05; State Tax-\$788.07; FICA-\$1,358.46; Medicare-\$317.71; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$990.27; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$35.10; Flex Plan Medical-\$0.00; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$19.16; Legal Shield-\$58.34; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$27.50; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$106.65; Medicare-\$24.94; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,647.00; Net Pay-\$1,365.18; Retirement-\$111.17; Total FICA-\$123.19; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,647.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$47.85; FICA-\$99.84; Medicare-\$23.35; Retirement-\$74.12; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66; **Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,186.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$15,784.53; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$215.49; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,508.90; Principal Life – premiums - \$2,964.70; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25,364.44; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$30,700.92; VSP, premium-\$548.66. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$201.00; Health Plan, premium-\$5,040.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,693.05; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.34; Life Insurance, premium-\$22.06; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$788.07; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,475.60; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,352.34; VSP, premium-\$44.66; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits, admin fees - \$33,209.30; Mid-American Benefits, medical claims-\$36,719.04; Point C FSA – withdrawals - \$1,540.45; VSP- COBRA pymt - \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA Acct, deduction - \$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life, premium - \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life, premium - \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.85; Principal Life, premium-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$185.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$246.38; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the request from Pat Wojcik, Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking to adopt the Proclamation making the month of January Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Giese-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Proclamation for Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month

Whereas, the United States was founded under the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right to freedom, and added the 13th amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal;

Whereas slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of forced labor and sex trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence and organized crime, and debases our humanity;

Whereas this problem is found even within our community;

Whereas every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problems of internet sex trafficking and pornography; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions;

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, acknowledge January as Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month, and encourage our citizens to become more familiar with the problem and to work toward solutions.

Proclaimed this 6th day of January, 2025.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve providing a letter of support to SIMPCO/SRTS in their efforts to apply for a RAISE grant to expand their facility in Sioux City, IA and build a satellite location in Le Mars, IA to benefit the Tri-State area and approve Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Love-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve the snow removal contracts for 2025 from Oban Construction, Steve Harris Construction Inc. and Lux Bros should their services be needed. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-Yes, Giese-Yes, Launsby-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for December 22, 2024 to January 4, 2025. Total road maintenance-90.75 hours; Salt and Sand Hauling-4 hours; Snow Removal-22 hours; Garbage pickup-4 hours; Gravel Hauling-18 hours; total tons hauled-73.9; Sign repair/barricading-12 hours. Grading concerns- 270th St.

M Avenue width discussion - Josh Keithley with MEI explained to the Board that the width is currently contracted at 28 feet wide. Minimum width per State standards is 24 feet. This road could be pushed to 30 feet wide, and the ditches would be reduced from 8 feet to 6 feet. The road study showed approximately 150 cars on average travel this road per day. The Board requested that MEI contact the contractor and see what the change order would be to make the adjustments to 30 feet and report back.

Chair Hohenstein advised the Board that the Road Foreman had resigned, and the Weed/Sign Employee was no longer with the County. Both positions will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Chair Hohenstein thanked the outgoing Board Members for their dedication and service to Dakota County.

Mail/Emergency business: None.

Commissioner Love moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 6, 2025 at 3:24 p.m. All in favor.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
3:00 p.m. – Re-organizational Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the BOE meeting prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

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 - a. Nominations for Chairperson §23-156
 - b. Nominations for Vice-Chair
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 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
 - f. Approval of Quarterly Reports - Jail and Sheriff
 - g. If changes are made to Chairperson, approve the removal of prior Chair from the accounts at F & M Bank, Siouxland Bank, BankFirst and add new Chairperson, and keep Cherie Conley, County Clerk as primary signer and Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk as secondary signer.
 - h. Approval to designate the following banks as depositories for Dakota County with the maximum deposit being governed by securities pledged by each institution: First Community Bank, Homer; F&M Bank, South Sioux City; First Nebraska Bank, Valley; BankFirst Bank, South Sioux City; Siouxland Bank, South Sioux City; Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln.
 - i. Approval of the date and time of regular Commissioner meetings as bi-weekly starting from today; start time as 3:00 PM. with meetings to be held on Monday, or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday. Chair reserves the right to make exception for an unforeseen circumstance (Nov 24 & Dec 22, 2025 move meeting to 9:30 a.m. as they are Holiday weeks.)
 - j. Approval and establishment of the following dates for County Holidays in 2025:*

Jan 1, 2025 – New Year’s Day	Nov. 11, 2025 – Veterans Day
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Feb. 17, 2025 – President’s Day	Nov. 28, 2025 – Day after Thanksgiving
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3 personal days + birthday in birthday month (4 days)
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 - k. Approval of posting the Board’s agenda on County website www.dakotacountyne.org
 - l. Approval and designation of County Government Day as Wednesday, October 8, 2025.
 - m. Approval of the Dakota County Burial Policy last revised January 30, 2017.
 - n. Approval of the following Appointments:
 - Nicholas Nieman, Veterans Service Officer
 - Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, License #S-1698, Class A, Calendar Year 2025
 - Deanna Hagberg, Emergency Management Director
 - Theresa Grove, Health Department Director
 - Joe O’Neill, Planning & Zoning Director
 - Dr. Wentz, Health Board Doctor Advisor

4. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS

- a. Board Chair to make appointments for members/employees/public to serve on the following boards and working committees:

Advisors to Various Boards:

- ❖ Area Agency for Aged Advisory Board (3-yr term to 2027) – Shawna Messerlie
- ❖ Area Agency on Aging Governing Board
- ❖ County Health Board
- ❖ Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency Governing Board (Res.25C-001)
- ❖ Goldenrod Regional Housing Agency (formerly NE Nebr. Joint Housing agency)
- ❖ Northstar (formerly Region IV Developmental Disabilities)
- ❖ Planning & Zoning
- ❖ RC&D (Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council)
- ❖ Region IV Mental Health Board
- ❖ SIMPCO Board of Directors
- ❖ SIMPCO Transportation MPO Policy Board

Member of Working Committee:

- ❖ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ❖ Civil Defense (LEPC, PEP)
- ❖ Dakota County Rural Economic Development
- ❖ Emergency Closings
- ❖ Finance/Budget
- ❖ Growing Community Connections
- ❖ Highway 35 Committee
- ❖ KNNB (Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful)
- ❖ LEC (Law Enforcement Center)
- ❖ LEC (County Representative on the Joint Law Enforcement Center Board)
- ❖ Legislative
- ❖ Merit Commission
- ❖ Personnel/Policies
- ❖ Press Committee
- ❖ Property/Space Utilization
- ❖ Road Committee
- ❖ Safety Committee
- ❖ Storm Water Advisory Board
- ❖ Veterans Oversight Committee

- b. Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension Office-Dakota County, to present the 2024 Annual Report.
- c. Approve Resolution 25C-001 to make the appointment of the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency.
- d. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, semi-annual report showing receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer's Office for the last preceding six months ending December 31. §33-117(3) .
- e. Board to appoint one member to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments.
- f. Civil Engineering to discuss issues with the Likuwanta Drive project and Board to take any action necessary.
- g. Board to discuss the Road Department positions of Road Foreman and Weed/Sign employee and make decisions on how to proceed.

5. OLD BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent - Road Report
- b. Sheriff Kleinberg / Elizabet DeRoin– Quarterly Jail Report (October, November, December).
- c. County Board shall make quarterly visit to county jail. §47-109
- d. Board to designate March 10, 2025 for the Joint City/County/School Annual meeting and appoint committee members to help organize.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for nominations for Board Chairperson. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to nominate Martin Hohenstein as Board Chairperson (no other nominations were made). ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to nominate Rick Bousquet for Vice-Chair (no other nominations were made). ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Meeting dates were discussed. Due to holidays Commissioner meetings on November 24 and December 22 will start at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Bousquet suggested making December 24 full day holiday. After discussion it was left as is. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the consent agenda items: a. Approval of the previous minutes – January 6, 2025; b. Board to approve the payroll claims for January 5 to 18, 2025; c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d.

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- Dr. Wenthe, Health Board Doctor Advisor

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$179,469.33; Net Pay-\$129,636.00; Total Retirement-\$12,853.17; Total FICA-\$13,252.52; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$215.49; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,540.57; Paola Ledesma-\$1,679.04; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,856.75; Joseph O’Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,596.80; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,060.80; Shaun Bird-\$2,657.66; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$2,681.93; Brian Fernau-\$833.22; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,488.55; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,443.65; Martin Guerrero-\$2,423.52; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,536.11; Jason James-\$2,435.67; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,033.95; Jared Junge-\$2,516.80; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,217.59; Keaton Mueller-\$2,060.80; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,270.40; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,198.46; Mardi Schnee-\$1,389.13; Ryne Sell-\$232.30; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,250.63; Jacob Acero-\$1,818.10; Summer Adair-\$1,717.70; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,670.00; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,708.56; Rebecca Broer-\$85.05; Ismael Castro-\$1,733.76; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,785.72; Charlotte Coleman-\$806.60; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,301.38; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$811.35; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$2,224.74; Rebekah Epting-\$1,857.96; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,063.11; Jonathan Gray-\$2,036.57; Kara Groetken-\$1,898.64; McKenna Hammer-\$1,687.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,520.46; Adam Hough-\$2,028.00; Dustin Johnson-\$1,754.76; Terry Johnson-\$1,818.84; Brandon Long-\$2,033.87; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,086.18; Skyler Miner-\$1,886.00; Kelsey O’Neill-\$1,964.76; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$1,677.52; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,862.90; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,932.94; Michele Rohde-\$1,704.80; Jeremy Russell-\$1,960.80; Jerry Santos-\$1,869.61; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,835.32; Armando Valerio-\$1,748.74; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,364.18; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,517.51; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,613.96; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$10,341.80; State Tax-\$5,711.63; Soc Sec-\$10,740.65; Medicare-\$2,511.87; Extra Fit-\$1,506.00; Extra Sit-\$500.00; Retirement-\$8,874.07; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$546.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$690.00; Garnishments-\$1,649.41; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$401.46; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat’l Pretax-\$112.07; Liberty Nat’l Post tax-\$41.97; VSP Vision Base-\$147.62; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$15,383.22; Net Pay-\$11,507.35; Retirement-\$1,038.34; Total FICA-\$1,168.22; Health Plan-\$5,040.00; Dental Plan-\$180.00; Life Insurance-\$22.06; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Lance Jacobsen-\$105.30; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,660.32; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,102.49; State Tax-\$516.98; FICA-\$946.79; Medicare-\$221.43; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-

\$692.27; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$35.10; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$19.18; Legal Shield-\$58.36; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$27.54; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,632.54; Net Pay-\$1,229.61; Retirement-\$110.20; Total FICA-\$121.07; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,632.54; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$102.69; State Tax-\$55.71; FICA-\$98.12; Medicare-\$22.95; Retirement-\$73.46; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,734.84; Net Pay-\$1,346.54; Retirement-\$117.10; Total FICA-\$129.91; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,734.84; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$96.16; State Tax-\$47.50; FICA-\$105.29; Medicare-\$24.62; Retirement-\$78.07; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,647.00; Net Pay-\$1,365.18; Retirement-\$111.17; Total FICA-\$123.19; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,647.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$47.85; FICA-\$99.84; Medicare-\$23.35; Retirement-\$74.12; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,186.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$11,847.80; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Hawkeye Adjustment Service, garnishment - \$318.35; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$215.49; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,211.63; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,727.24; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$26,505.04; VSP, premium-\$549.08. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dental Account, premium-\$201.00; Health Plan, premium-\$5,040.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,127.49; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$58.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$22.06; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$516.98; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$1,730.61; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,336.44; VSP, premium-\$46.72; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$17,451.32; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$102.69; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.71; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$183.66; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.14; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$96.16; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$195.17; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$259.82; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.85; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$185.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$246.38; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$339.03; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$624.75; Gretchen Hirschbach, prior year service-\$69.24; Martin Hohenstein, mileage-\$308.20; Troy Launsby, mileage-\$288.10; Cherie Conley, mileage-\$296.81; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$374.85; Leaf, copier contract-\$163.47; One Office, toner-\$272.14; US Bank, meal-\$9.62; DAS State Acct, software-\$540.50; Des Moines Stamp, stamper-\$27.10; Stephanie Gatzemeyer, mileage-\$313.66; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$68.50; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$374.85; MIPS, software-\$1,036.68; NACT, dues-\$75.00; One Office, supplies-\$1,567.09; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, gas-\$20.00; Mark Dorecy, annual prior year service-\$46.16; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Cardinal Assessment, building permits, sales reviews-\$20,650.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; Marshall & Swift, res books-\$503.95; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; NE Assoc of Co Assessors, dues-\$100.00; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval-\$18,766.00; Scott Bousquet, mileage, meeting-\$17.01; Ron Collins, mileage, meeting-\$34.69; Tim Decker, mileage, meeting-\$55.73; Ron Gill, mileage, meeting-\$41.26; Jolene Gubbels, setup meetings-\$100.00; Gordon Hegge, mileage, meeting-\$47.42; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; Steven Lieber, mileage, meeting-\$27.06; Dick McCabe, mileage, meeting-\$65.64; Harold Moes, mileage, meeting-\$48.76; One Office, copies-\$24.72; Martin Rohde, mileage, meeting-\$25.72; RTI, IT support-\$5,319.20; CDC Association, dues-\$50.00; Dakota Co District Court, deposit slips-\$105.07; Janet Engel, annual prior year service-\$34.62; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$249.90; Leaf, copier contract-\$94.03; MIPS, software-\$793.33; US Bank, meals-\$39.03; Des Moines Stamp, stamper pads-\$95.10; Marco, copier contract-\$359.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$402.19; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fee-\$225.00; US Bank, dues-\$393.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,221.40; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$330.70; District Court, court fees-\$436.00; Egley Fullner Montag Morland, atty fees-\$869.55; Randy Hisey, atty fees-\$760.00; Kate M Jorgensen, atty fees-\$6,580.96; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$818.75; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Richard Thrammer, atty fees-\$1,140.00; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$6,387.55; Berkins Fire & Safety, annual maintenance-\$207.65; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$199.42; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$665.68; G&R Control, building service-\$990.14; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; Menards, building tools & supplies-\$132.06; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,092.98; NPPD, utilities-\$1,421.55; One Office, supplies-\$35.05; Robertson, tractor repairs-\$549.15; Schumacher Elevator, annual elevator maintenance-\$2,374.56; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$25.20; Tremby, pest control-\$55.00; Wilmes, supplies-\$2.76; Angela Abts, mileage-\$383.91; Dakota County Star, publications-\$12.61; Leaf, copier contract-\$129.90; One Office, copier contract-\$543.60; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; So Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, dues-\$90.00; Patricia Stingley, annual prior year service-\$103.86; Arthur Gallapher Risk, notary bonds-\$100.00; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, supplies-\$352.29; Billion, vehicle repair-\$331.78; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,126.48; Fremont Tire, tire repair-\$1,608.14; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$1,194.74; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,032.20; MOCIC, annual fee-\$150.00; Shane's Towing, towing-\$250.00; TransUnion Risk, searches-\$120.00; US Bank, LE supplies, fuel, uniforms, misc-\$1,982.56; James Wagner, annual prior year service-

\$46.16; Menards, shelves-\$268.00; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$24.50; Security Shredding, shredding-\$120.00; US Bank, phones-\$87.12; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.36; AT&T, phones-\$47.04; Charm-Tex, prisoner supplies-\$813.76; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,747.90; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$218.58; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$1,610.38; Drain Specialist, building repair-\$200.00; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, mics-\$2,113.03; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; Guarantee Roofing, jail roofing repair-\$600.00; Hobart Sales & Serv, dishwasher basket-\$300.00; Hot Water, plumbing parts-\$3,380.16; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$495.50; McKesson Medical, medical supplies-\$1,140.20; Menards, building supplies-\$59.35; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,974.21; NPPD, utilities-\$2,383.64; Plumbing Pros, toilet repairs-\$276.00; R Rohan Electric, install body scanner-\$595.26; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Siouxland FCU, hinges, interest-\$381.68; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Services, inmate labs-\$99.59; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, prisoner medical-\$301.50; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$28,505.18; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$1,875.38; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-\$49.96; WITCC, first aid training-\$52.00; Dodge County, quarterly county billing-\$14,314.44; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$374.85; US Bank, meals-\$24.24; Verizon, phones-\$42.94; Hampton Inn, lodging-\$374.85; Scott Stolze, mileage-\$284.08; US Bank, meals-\$68.52; Verizon, phones-\$43.03; Availity, medical billing-\$128.75; Gloria Dwyer, annual prior year service-\$11.54; Marco Technologies, copier contract-\$280.96; US Bank, supplies-\$177.13; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$464.00; US Bank, supplies-\$76.47; US Bank, online legal research-\$393.00; Bort Auto Body, FBI reimbursed county for deductible-\$2,500.00; Cray Huff Law Firm, employee dispute investigation-\$3,775.50; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, monitoring-\$29.95; F&M Bank, services fees-\$59.02; Groves Emergency Lighting, new vehicle equipment-\$9,346.00; Im On, phones-\$662.31; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, checks, W2s-\$1,223.51; Norm Waitt, membership-\$143.50; Quadient Leasing, property tax recovery-\$107.65; Region IV Inc, services for developmentally disabled-\$5,320.25; US Bank, misc, supplies-\$530.07; Waterbury Funeral, cremation-\$1,800.00; General Fund Transfer, inter fund transfers-\$17,200.00; **Road Fund:** Anderson Ford of Lincoln, pickup-\$62,552.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$5,327.84; Blackstrap Inc, chemical salt-\$6,423.30; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$3,302.25; Dakota County Star, publications-\$13.11; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$7,046.08; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; H204U, water-\$52.00; Heavy Metal Repair, parts, labor-\$9,524.66; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$49.00; J&M Repair, parts, labor-\$754.49; K&K Hubbard Mart, fuel-\$498.98; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$2,564.17; Richard McNear, annual prior year service-\$57.70; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$500.72; Midwest Svc & Sales, blades-bits-\$3,119.84; Miller Tire, tires-\$64.00; NPPD, utilities-\$111.61; North American Truck & Trailer, parts-\$24.70; Northeast NE Telephone, phone-\$121.30; Northeast Power, utilities-\$488.95; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$8.67; Tanya Orr, reimbursement-\$110.00; Power Plan, parts, labor-\$1,074.50; RC Customs, steel shoes for v plows-\$1,402.47; US Bank, parts, cdl drug testing, misc-\$823.10; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$41.65; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$41.65; Wilmes, supplies-\$34.72; Ziegler's, supplies, parts, labor-\$7,752.84; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$23,356.59; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **Health Grant 2504:** Heartland Counseling Services, wellness for schools-\$3,300.00; US Bank, supplies, website-\$1,453.11; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; 2507 **Juvenile Grant 2507:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$427.00; **DCHD Covid fund 2508:** Ford Motor Credit, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, phones-\$102.94; **ARPA Fund:** Albireo Energy, smoke evac system-\$62,831.00; American Underground Supply, road dept project M ave ditches-\$7,040.00; Claypool Bros, new door for old firehall-\$1,950.00; Curry Floor, ROD flooring-\$3,228.00; DSG-Sioux City, plastic culverts-\$18,000.00; Knife River, gravel-\$16,395.94; One Office, county clerk office furniture-\$9,100.00; Plumbing Pros, install new water lines in jail-\$4,747.07; Steffen Truck Equip, saltlogg-\$7,750.00; Triview Comm, road dept camera-\$3,937.50; **E911:** City of So Sioux City, E911 2 Qrt monies-\$6,257.97; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$37,776.90

Board Chair Hohenstein made the following appointments for members/employees/public to serve on the following boards and working committees:

DAKOTA COUNTY	2025
*Appointments of Advisors to Various Boards	
Area Agency for Aged Advisory Board (3-yr term to 24-25-26)	Shawna Messerlie
Area Agency on Aging Governing Board	Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
County Health Board	Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency Governing Board (Resolution)	Jeff Reed
Goldenrod Regional Housing Agency (formerly NE Nebr Joint Housing Agency)	Joe O'Neill
Northstar (formerly Region IV Developmental Disabilities)	Jeff Reed
Planning & Zoning	Rick Bousquet
R C & D (Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council)	Brian Van Berkum
Region 4 Behavioral Health Services Board	Martin Hohenstein
SIMPCO Board of Directors	Brian Van Berkum
SIMPCO Transportation MPO Policy Board	Brian Van Berkum

Appoint Members to serve on Working Committees Name of working committee	2025
Americans w/ Disabilities Act (ADA)	Kim Watson, County Attorney
Civil Defense/(LEPC,PEP)	Brian Van Berkum
Dakota County Rural Economic Development	Rick Bousquet
Emergency Closings	Kleinberg/Hohenstein/Reed
Finance & Budget	Martin Hohenstein & Rick Bousquet
Growing Community Connections	Brian Van Berkum
Highway 35 Committee	Jeff Reed
KNNB (Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful)	Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
LEC (Law Enforcement Center) Joint Board	Rick Bousquet /Jeff Reed / At Large Randy Groetken
Legislative	Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
Merit Commission	Jeff Reed
Personnel/Policies	Martin Hohenstein & Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos
Press Committee	Martin Hohenstein & Cherie Conley
Property/Space Utilization	Brian Van Berkum & Rick Bousquet
Road Committee	Brian Van Berkum & Jeff Reed
Safety	Brian Van Berkum & Jeff Reed
Storm Water Advisory Board	Rick Bousquet
Veterans Oversight Committee	Martin Hohenstein

Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension Office-Dakota County, along with Julie Boyle, Amy Topp and Lynn Stolze presented the 2024 Annual Report and describes some of the many projects they do throughout the county. The Board thanked the Extension staff.

Brett Langley, Civil Engineering Construction, reported to the Board that the Likuwanta Drive project is mostly complete and came in under budget. The issue with the waterlines is ongoing and a resolution needs to be discussed. During the engineering phase the water and sewer lines were found to be under the county road and/or in the county ROW. After the road and ditches were constructed it was found that the water lines were not deep enough. The County Road Department did place dirt back on top of the water lines to keep them from freezing. Commissioner Hohenstein mentioned that he has had a conversation with Lance Oelrich with the Rural Water Department and they are planning to replace the waterlines but not sure when. Mr. Langley reported that the water lines wind all over the place and are hard to trace and Rural Water did not have a map of the lines. Mr. Langley is requesting that Steve Harris Construction be paid the final payment. Relocating the waterlines in the Spring will need to be addressed and resolution as to how this is done and who is responsible for the financial portion will need to be decided. Commissioner Hohenstein suggested waiting until further discussion with Rural Water was had to see their plans. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to move forward with paying Steve Harris Construction the final payment. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Resolution 25C-001 to make the appointment of the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency as Commissioner Jeff Reed. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 25C-001
RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT**

DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AGENCY

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) has an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency (Agency), and;

WHEREAS, a resolution of appointment is required to appoint a County representative to the governing board of the Agency.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Dakota County, Nebraska, to appoint Jeff Reed, an elected and currently serving official of the County, to serve as the County representative on the governing board of the Agency.

Passed and approved this 21st day of January, 2025.

Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, presented the semi-annual report showing receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer's Office for the last preceding six months ending December 31, 2024. §33-117(3)

Commissioner Rodriguez moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to appoint Daniel Rohde to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-No. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to advertise for both Road Department positions, Road Foreman and Weed/Sign employee, in the Dakota County Star, County Website and Indeed. Taking application until the positions are filled. The interview committee will consist of Commissioners Van Berkum and Reed, Highway Superintendent, and a member of the County Attorney's office. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for January 5, 2025 to January 18, 2025. Total Road Maintenance - 48.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 2 hours; salt and sand hauling – 21 hours; snow removal – 11 hours; gravel hauling – 65 hours; total tons hauled – 88.49. Road concerns: Grading – 230th St, O Ave, 240th St.

Elisabet DeRoin presented the Board with the Quarterly Jail Report for October, November, and December 2024. 2023/2024 Fiscal Average: Inmates per day: County-97, Federal-14, Juveniles-0, Total In-House-111. Federal Income: Fiscal Marshalls - \$212,173.23, ICE - \$6,334.90, OMMS/SDMS - \$800.00 (2024 Calendar Federal: \$416,299.47). Fiscal County Contracts: \$110.00. The jail is at 46% of the total estimated yearly budget or 7% under budget for the fiscal year.

Board designated March 10, 2025 for the Joint City/County/School Annual meeting and Chair Hohenstein and Commissioner Van Berkum volunteered to help organize. Chair Hohenstein will check with the Dakota City Fire Department to see if they would be interested in letting us host in their facility and provide the meal.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Chair Hohenstein reported that he attended the Region IV meeting and is on their advisory Board.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None

Commissioners all went on the quarterly jail tour pursuant to 47-109.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 21, 2025, at 4:50 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, February 3, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet Absent: Reed and County Attorney, Kim Watson. Also present was Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – January 21, 2025.
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for January 19 to February 1, 2025.
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims(if any)
 - e. Approval of Quarterly Report – Veterans Service Officer
3. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Aaron Clark, Nextlink Internet, to present updates on the buildout progress of the Broadband Development for Dakota County.
 - b. Brent Niese, Summit Carbon Solutions, to provide the Board with an update on the Summit Carbon Solution’s project.
 - c. Kim Hansen, Dakota County Victim Assistance Program, requesting approval to apply for the VOCA Grant and Chair to sign resolution.
 - d. County Treasurer Office requesting Board approval of Resolution 25C-002 releasing pledged securities.
 - e. Board to approve Resolution 25C-003 Rescinding Resolution 25C-001 as Jeff Reed is already on the Rural Fire Agency board.
 - f. Approve Resolution 25C-004 to make the appointment of the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency-Martin Hohenstein.
 - g. Andrew Forney, D.A. Davidson, requesting approval of Resolution 25C-005 approving, adopting, ratifying, and affirming the execution of a lease-purchase agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation for acquisition of property—Road Dept lease purchases for a Case Wheel Loader 921 G2 ZBAR (\$244,477.00) and a 2025 John Deere 772GP 275HP Motor Grader (428,095.00) for a total of \$684,203.47 with expenses at 4.5% interest.
 - h. Approve renewal of the EAP (Employee Assistance Program) contract for services between Dakota County and MercyOne Occupational Health effective March 1, 2025, to March 1, 2026 and continue offering 6 counseling sessions at \$2.06 per employee per month.
 - i. Board to approve Planning & Zoning membership appointments – one appointment to the following geographical areas: (1) Village of Hubbard, (2) Rural/Village of Homer and (3) Village of Jackson for a 3-year term February 2025 to February 2028.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Theresa Grove, Health Department Director – Quarterly Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to excuse Commissioner Reed from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment: Lou Franco-South Sioux City addressed the Board regarding her concerns with the current Joint County/City of South Sioux City Law Enforcement Center Agreement. She questioned Article 5 purchasing agreement, how the ½ share costs are being tracked and the County should be reviewing all claims paid as these are taxpayer dollars.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and accounts payable claims and everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – January 21, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for January 19 to February 1, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of

accounts payable claims-none; and (e) Approval of Veterans Office quarterly report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$197,160.50; Net Pay-\$141,381.20; Total Retirement-\$14,153.14; Total FICA-\$14,606.71; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$217.40; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,652.64; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,817.95; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,606.78; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,447.20; Shaun Bird-\$2,938.16; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$2,681.93; Brian Fernau-\$2,237.35; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,790.90; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,828.71; Martin Guerrero-\$2,722.72; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,880.52; Jason James-\$2,856.70; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,134.60; Jared Junge-\$2,563.99; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,565.80; Keaton Mueller-\$2,447.20; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,781.24; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,567.14; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,155.70; Debra Schmiedt-\$10,559.84; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,380.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,845.63; Summer Adair-\$1,687.56; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,921.25; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$2,123.28; Ismael Castro-\$1,986.66; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,046.36; Charlotte Coleman-\$809.60; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,889.16; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$810.35; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$2,291.40; Rebekah Epting-\$2,308.38; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,265.37; Jonathan Gray-\$2,140.22; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,694.14; Todd Hammer-\$2,567.42; Adam Hough-\$2,070.00; Dustin Johnson-\$2,012.76; Terry Johnson-\$2,637.54; Brandon Long-\$2,349.34; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,398.27; Skyler Miner-\$1,967.40; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,570.83; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$1,699.56; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,885.97; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,049.24; Michele Rohde-\$1,715.46; Jeremy Russell-\$2,105.28; Jerry Santos-\$2,141.04; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,105.91; Armando Valerio-\$1,827.60; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,174.18; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,500.20; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,565.42; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$13,275.05; State Tax-\$6,599.60; Soc Sec-\$11,838.12; Medicare-\$2,768.59; Extra Fit-\$1,506.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$9,776.03; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$546.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$690.00; Garnishments-\$1,538.07; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.64; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$147.44; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$15,347.10; Net Pay-\$11,551.12; Retirement-\$1,035.90; Total FICA-\$1,168.05; Health Plan-\$4,480.00; Dental Plan-\$160.00; Life Insurance-\$19.51; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,729.50; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,110.42; State Tax-\$519.44; FICA-\$946.65; Medicare-\$221.40; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$690.65; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$19.16; Legal Shield-\$38.89; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$14.64; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,910.10; Net Pay-\$1,503.82; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$143.31; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$153.30; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$116.15; Medicare-\$27.16; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,667.25; Net Pay-\$1,381.99; Retirement-\$112.54; Total FICA-\$124.74; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,667.25; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$48.83; FICA-\$101.10; Medicare-\$23.64; Retirement-\$75.03; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,186.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,781.05; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Hawkeye Adjustment Service, garnishment - \$207.01; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$217.40; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,089.60; Point C COE, renewal premium - \$327.00; Principal Life, premiums-\$2,691.59; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,929.17; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$29,213.42; VSP, premium-\$549.08. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,135.42; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.89; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$519.44; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$1,726.55; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,336.10; VSP, premium-\$33.80; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits, administrative fees-\$31,531.24; Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$86,275.44; Point C FSA WD, flex spending-\$1,505.76; VSP-Cobra-\$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life, premiums -\$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-

\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life, premium-\$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$286.62; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.83; Principal Life, premium-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.57; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$249.48; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Aaron Clark, Nextlink Internet, presented updates on the buildout progress of the Broadband Development for Dakota County. He explained the government programs in place to help with this project.

Brent Niese, Summit Carbon Solutions, provided the Board with an update on the Summit Carbon Solution's project as they continue to work on getting proper permits and working with first responders and Boards across Nebraska.

Kim Hansen, Dakota County Victim Assistance Program, not able to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 25C-002 Releasing Pledged Securities to Bank First. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-002

APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES RELEASE

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that **BANK FIRST** be permitted to Release the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip # 78442GJH0
Amount \$2,000,000.00
Maturity Date 12/17/2068

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of February, 2025.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 25C-003 Rescinding Resolution 25C-001 as Jeff Reed is already on the Rural Fire Agency board. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-003

RESOLUTION OF RESCINDING RESOLUTION 25C-001

APPOINTING DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AGENCY

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) has an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency (Agency), and;

WHEREAS, a resolution of appointment is required to appoint a County representative to the governing board of the Agency;

WHEREAS, the County Board desires to rescind Resolution 25C-001 as the original appointment of Jeff Reed will be reassigned.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Dakota County, Nebraska, hereby **rescinds** the original Resolution 25C-001 appointing Jeff Reed, as the elected official of the County, to serve as the County representative on the governing board of the Agency as he already serves in this capacity for the Rural Fire Department Agency.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of February, 2025.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-004 to make the appointment of the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency-Martin Hohenstein. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-004

RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT

DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AGENCY

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) has an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency (Agency), and;

WHEREAS, a resolution of appointment is required to appoint a County representative to the governing board of the Agency.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Dakota County, Nebraska, to appoint Martin Hohenstein, an elected and currently serving official of the County, to serve as the County representative on the governing board of the Agency.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of February, 2025.

Andrew Forney, D.A. Davidson, appeared before the Board with the lease purchase information and requested approval of Resolution 25C-005 approving, adopting, ratifying, and affirming the execution of a lease-purchase agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation for acquisition of property—Road Dept lease purchases for a Case Wheel Loader 921 G2 ZBAR (\$244,477.00) and a 2025 John Deere 772GP 275HP Motor Grader (428,095.00) for a total of \$684,203.47 with expenses at 4.5% interest. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 25C-005 approving, adopting, ratifying, and affirming the execution of a lease-

purchase agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation for acquisition of property—Road Dept Case Wheel Loader 921 G2 ZBAR (\$244,477.00) and a 2025 John Deere 772GP 275HP Motor Grader (428,095.00) for a total of \$684,203.47 with expenses at 4.5% interest. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**THE COUNTY OF DAKOTA, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 25C-005**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING, ADOPTING, RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE EXECUTION AND PERFORMANCE OF A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH NACO LEASING CORPORATION FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of The County of Dakota, Nebraska (the “County”), that this Board hereby approves and authorizes the acquisition of wheel loader and a motor grader by the County through a Lease-Purchase Agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation. The Lease-Purchase Agreement shall include the following terms, with such changes as are deemed reasonable or necessary by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

1. Principal Amount: \$684,203.47
2. Interest Rate: 4.500%
3. Payment Amount: Not to exceed \$78,248.20
4. Term: February 13, 2025 through January 15, 2030
5. Payment Frequency: semiannually on July 15 and January 15, beginning July 15, 2025

Settlement and closing of the Lease-Purchase Agreement shall be on or about February 13, 2025. NACO Leasing Corporation shall send payment to the equipment vendor or owner for acquisition of the property on the date on which NACO Leasing Corporation receives the signed Lease-Purchase Agreement and accompanying documents from the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Lease-Purchase Agreement and related certificates and documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax-Exempt Financing Compliance Procedure presented to the Board is hereby adopted and approved.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and all resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This Resolution may be executed by electronic transmission and shall be regarded as an original.

PASSED: February 3, 2025, at Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the renewal of the EAP (Employee Assistance Program) contract for services between Dakota County and MercyOne Occupational Health effective March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026 and continue offering 6 counseling sessions at \$2.06 per employee per month. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to appoint Planning & Zoning memberships as follows: Village of Hubbard – Ronald Collins, Rural/Village of Homer – Harold Moes; and Village of Jackson – Ron Gill for 3-year terms - February 2025 to February 2028. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for January 19, 2025 to February 1, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 89 hours; gravel hauling – 85 hours; total tons hauled – 1440.37. No Road concerns. The new motor grader and wheel loader should arrive in April. Chair Hohenstein asked that Commissioners Bousquet and Reed meet with Ms. Gubbels to look at K Avenue water issue and research possible fixes.

Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, gave a quarterly report. Last quarter they vaccinated 414 kids/adults. They continue to work on grants with a couple ending soon. Received a \$10,000 grant which will enable Heartland Counseling to go into schools to help children cope with issues. They will also be receiving a grant for \$337,795.04 from the state to help with infectious diseases and conditions of public health significance. They have partnered with Nebraska Cancer Coalition to help provide outreach for cancer patients and survivors.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Chair Hohenstein reported that he attended the Veterans Oversight meeting and reported that Nick Nieman is doing a great job.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Board received a copy of a letter from the Nebraska Judiciary Committee regarding the possibility of the State taking over the Clerk of District Court office, a letter from SIMPCO regarding next years dues, and a copy of the annual Jail Standards report.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 3, 2025, at 3:50 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, February 18, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – February 3, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for February 2 - 15, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Dakota County Extension and 4-H Ambassadors to present 4-H Month Proclamation and request Board acknowledgement and approval.
 - b. Property/Space Utilization Committee to report and discuss drainage issues around different areas of the jail and courthouse and possible concrete removal/replacement. Board to decide how to proceed if necessary.
 - c. Board to go into Closed Session to discuss employee health information and possibly early return to work from FMLA leave.
 - d. Board to come out of Closed Session from discussing employee health information and possible early return to work from FMLA leave.
 - e. Board to decide and vote on whether or not employee may return to work early from FMLA leave.
 - f. Discuss possible change orders for M Avenue ARPA project and Board to approve or not approve any changes.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he and Commissioner Reed had gone through the claims and payroll. Everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – February 3, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for February 2 - 15, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; and d) Approval of accounts payable claims; Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodrigues-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$182,374.07; Net Pay-\$132,232.26; Total Retirement-\$13,093.24; Total FICA-\$13,475.53; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$217.40; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,668.48; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.01; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.41; Rodney Soole-\$2,436.98; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,611.77; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,060.80; Shaun Bird-\$2,579.12; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$2,690.03; Brian Fernau-\$2,098.48; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,443.65; Martin Guerrero-\$2,887.28; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,567.42; Jason James-\$2,405.60; Kimberly Johnson-\$878.40; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,190.28; Keaton Mueller-\$2,060.80; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,596.77; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,362.32; Mardi Schnee-\$1,393.46; Ryne Sell-\$232.30; Sarah Hammond-

\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,173.90; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,380.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,821.10; Summer Adair-\$1,707.90; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$488.16; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,457.50; Dillon Blackbird Villacres-\$1,988.22; Ismael Castro-\$1,765.10; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,770.57; Charlotte Coleman-\$806.60; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,779.09; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$809.85; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,754.76; Rebekah Epting-\$1,754.76; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,011.04; Jonathan Gray-\$2,308.18; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,206.65; Todd Hammer-\$2,567.42; Adam Hough-\$2,040.00; Dustin Johnson-\$1,764.71; Terry Johnson-\$1,780.56; Brandon Long-\$2,118.69; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,707.02; Skyler Miner-\$1,943.82; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,987.69; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$1,220.40; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,949.42; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,723.16; Michele Rohde-\$1,704.80; Jeremy Russell-\$1,754.65; Jerry Santos-\$1,763.16; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,650.79; Armando Valerio-\$1,779.63; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,263.59; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,557.90; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,547.21; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$10,460.85; State Tax-\$5,841.32; Soc Sec-\$10,921.38; Medicare-\$2,554.15; Extra Fit-\$1,506.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$9,048.74; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$546.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$690.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.87; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.07; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.97; VSP Vision Base-\$147.62; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$16,083.85; Net Pay-\$12,077.61; Retirement-\$1,085.65; Total FICA-\$1,224.40; Health Plan-\$4,480.00; Dental Plan-\$160.00; Life Insurance-\$19.51; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$2,131.50; Kimon Litras-\$2,319.78; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,948.57; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,194.84; State Tax-\$555.71; FICA-\$992.33; Medicare-\$232.07; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$723.80; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$19.18; Legal Shield-\$38.91; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$14.67; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,868.46; Net Pay-\$1,467.65; Retirement-\$117.84; Total FICA-\$140.13; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$122.64; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,745.82; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$97.42; State Tax-\$48.04; FICA-\$113.57; Medicare-\$26.56; Retirement-\$78.56; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,755.00; Net Pay-\$1,454.82; Retirement-\$118.46; Total FICA-\$131.46; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,755.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$53.08; FICA-\$106.54; Medicare-\$24.92; Retirement-\$78.98; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,186.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$11,966.85; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$217.40; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,331.32; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,141.98; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$26,951.06; VSP, premium-\$549.49. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,219.84; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.91; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$555.71; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$1,809.45; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,448.80; VSP, premium-\$33.85; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$76,874.19; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$97.42; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.04; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$196.40; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$53.08; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.44; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$246.92; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$750.79; Rick Bousquet, mileage-\$310.10; Comfort Inn, lodging-\$330.00; Martin Hohenstein, Mileage-\$308.00; NACO, county board handbook-\$100.00; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos, mileage-\$393.40; US Bank, meal-\$23.84; Crown Plaza, lodging-\$249.90; Dakota County Star, publications-\$90.24; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$267.59; NACREC, dues-\$50.00; NACO, workshop-\$30.00; One Office, office supplies-\$39.55; US Bank, office supplies-\$39.98; Dakota County Star, publications-\$288.00; DAS State Acct, state printers-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$68.82; MIPS, state printings-\$9,751.67; One Office, office supplies-\$1,204.80; One Office, misc supplies-\$24.64; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$308.29; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval-\$18,766.00; US Bank, postal service-\$68; Dakota County Treasurer, postage-\$7.07; Dakota County Star, publications-\$79.00; Joe O'Neill, Mileage-\$137.49; US Bank, workshop-\$235.00; Brite Upstate, 8 vehicle computers, office computer-\$16,292.00; RTI, IT support-\$8,687.20; Leaf, copier contract-\$94.03; MIPS, scanning-\$68.00; One Office, copier contract-\$35.88; AJ Phillips Publishing, tinted window envelopes-\$1,230.00; DAS State Acct, office depot-\$361.80; Data Source, toner-\$966.95; Marco, copier contract-\$359.87; Microfilm

Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$722.68; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$487.50; Leaf, copier contract-\$369.64; One Office, office supplies-\$234.25; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$2,206.94; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,248.82; District Court, court fees-\$942.00; Egley Fullner Montag Morland & Easland, atty fees-\$1,435.10; Kate M Jorgensen, atty fees-\$7,843.34; Sophia LeMoines, hearing-\$450.00; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$1,026.25; Runge Law Office, atty fees-\$1,000.00; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$10,675.59; Woodbury Sheriff, sheriff fees-\$10.00; Bekins Fire & Safety, extinguisher services-\$165.70; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$210.09; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$346.89; G&R Control, building service-\$811.31; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; Glover Painting, painting clerks office-\$1,438.00; Menards, building supplies-\$44.95; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,095.38; Midwest Alarm Service, fire alarm system inspection-\$691.68; NPPD, utilities-\$1,582.77; Robertson, tractor repairs-\$341.58; Royal Seamless Gutters, gutters-\$300.00; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$15.40; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel, building supplies-\$112.28; Wilmes, building supplies-\$120.85; Angela Abts, mileage-\$135.36; Dakota County Star, publications-\$13.62; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copier contract-\$98.02; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; US Bank, parking-\$80.00; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; Billion, vehicle repair-\$1,282.20; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,579.93; E-470 Public Hwy Authority, tolls-\$22.25; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-\$17,365.22; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$356.17; Groves Emergency Lighting, reprograming controller-\$2,513.80; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$684.25; NE Public Health Enviromental Lab, labs-\$105.00; Sandhills Sate Bank, 1st lease payment on 2024 tahoe-\$21,896.49; TransUnion Risk, searches-\$120.00; US Bank, LE supplies, fuel, uniforms, misc-\$1,559.03; Woodhouse, oil change-\$84.60; Chestermans Co, misc-\$44.00; Marco, copier contract-\$215.16; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$68.00; SSM Health, toxicology-\$209.75; US Bank, phones, office supplies, misc-\$691.09; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.36; Brite Upstate, in car camera-\$7,000.00; Jack's Uniforms, vets-\$1,787.21; Associated Fire Protection, quarterly inspection-\$534.00; AT&T, phones-\$47.04; Bunkers Feed & Supply, softener salt-\$187.20; Charm-Tex, prisoner supplies-\$1,583.88; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,747.08; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$442.92; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$1,869.23; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, mics-\$1,312.24; Farmers Pride DBA Battle Creek, diesel-\$395.76; Fremont Tire, oil change-\$129.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Hot Water, plumbing parts-\$4,726.97; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,299.69; Menards, building supplies-\$124.50; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,974.03; NPPD, utilities-\$2,170.21; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab, inmate labs-\$163.37; St. Lukes Regional Medical, prisoners medical-\$11,325.99; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$28,673.73; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$2,966.87; Visual Edge IT, copier lease-\$78.02; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$30.16; US Bank, oil change, tv for office-\$310.92; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copier contract-\$15.45; Verizon, phones-\$42.94; Verizon, phones-\$43.03; Availity, medical billing-\$123.96; Marco Tech, copier contract-\$343.56; Nurse Serivce, nursing insurance-\$2,512.00; US Bank, copier contract, EPI pens, needles, renewal, misc-\$1,096.80; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$383.60; US Bank, supplies-\$175.98; US Bank, online legal research-\$393.00; Brite Upstate, vehicle computers sheriff dept-\$64,530.00; DCVSO, veterans aid fund-\$4,500.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Eakes, copy paper-\$849.80; Electronic Engineering, monitoring panic buttons-\$174.95; Im On, phones-\$802.16; Justice Benefits, scaap collection fee-\$3,097.16; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, checks, W2s-\$670.71; Norm Waitt, membership-\$102.50; One Office, chairmat in ROD, disassemble&install furniture-\$269.90; Quadient Leasing, lease payment-\$1,088.49; Triview Comm, phone systems-\$55.00; US Bank, postage ink, AED superstore-\$1,651.90; General Fund Transfer, inter fund transfers-\$67,863.81; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$317.40; Blackhill Energy, utilities-\$216.13; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$4,620.36; Cornhusker International, parts-\$23.18; Dakota County Treasurer, title, tire-\$52.99; Engel's Heating & Cooling, building repair-\$220.00; Frame Aligners, labor-\$329.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; H204U, water-\$8.50; Bob Hacker, reimbursement-\$32.09; Heartland Tire, tires-\$775.00; Hydraulic Sales, parts-\$180.73; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$88.03; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$207.05; Knife River, gravel-\$574.64; Lowes, lumber-\$97.62; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$141.01; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$326.92; MEI, bridge inspection-\$4,595.00; Midwest Wheel, parts, supplies-\$551.10; NITZ Equipment, D7 flat bed-\$7,020.00; NPPD, utilities-\$114.98; North American Truck & Trailer, parts, supplies-\$4,576.31; Northeast NE Telephone, phone-\$120.54; Northeast Power, utilities-\$473.75; Northside Glass, parts, labor-\$625.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$221.53; Power Plan, parts-\$565.01; Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, fire extinguishers, inspection-\$701.00; Sapp Bros, supplies, misc-\$822.79; Sioux City Truck Sales, supplies-\$1,783.00; Siouxland Hydraulics, oil change-\$68.00; Team Trouble Chaser, door decals installed-\$60.00; Titan Machinery, parts-\$124.15; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$42.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$42.92; Warren Oil, diesel-\$4,479.25; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-\$355.18; Ziegler's, supplies, parts, labor-\$1,113.91; **0302 Hard Surface:** Steven Harris Construction, Likuwanta paving-\$69,889.70; **Road & Bridge Improvement:** MEI, S ave & Hwy 35-\$12,204.75; Steven Harris Construction, S bluff culvert ext- Homer-\$55,659.06; **Visitor Promo:** -, SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$16,481.03; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **2502 Health Grant:** US Bank, conferences, supplies-\$634.35; **2503 Health Grant:** US Bank, office supplies-\$147.59; **2504 Health Grant:** US Bank, supplies, website-\$839.69; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$793.00; **2508 Health Grant:** Ford Motor Credit Company, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, phones, fuel-\$172.59; **ARPA Fund:** American Underground Supply, metal culverts road dept-\$17,350.20; Brite Upstate, sheriff dept body cameras-\$66,282.00; Dakota Comfort Heating, DMV heater repairs-\$5,375.00; Knife River, gravel road dept-\$56,204.06; One Office, county clerk office furniture-\$451.00; RTI, microsoft surface pro 10 tablets-\$3,592.92; Walthill Service, new tractor-\$26,558.00; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$43,516.48

Angela Abts, Dakota County Extension, Lisa Bousquet, 4-H Leader, and Alexis Jessen, 4-H Ambassador, presented the Nebraska 4-H Month Proclamation declaring February as the 4-H month. The National 4-H Theme is "Beyond Ready"- 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and equipping young people with skills for the future. New members of the Dakota County Extension Board are Donna Habernick, Edward Finck and Leah Russell.

Commissioner Bousquet on behalf of the Property/Space Utilization Committee reported that there is concrete on the north side of the jail that is sloping down towards the jail walls causing water to drain into the elevator shaft. He suggested getting estimates to repair this issue. Possibly having the concrete pump jacked and caulked or replaced. The Board agreed to get quotes before moving forward. Commissioner Bousquet will work on getting quotes and bring this issue back to the Board.

Chair Hohenstein announced that the employee that was out on FMLA leave has been released back to work with no restrictions.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, asked the Board if they wanted Josh with MEI to move forward with getting change order quotes to have M Avenue Road at 30 feet vs 28 feet. The Board wished to move forward with getting the change order quotes. Ms. Gubbels asked the Board if they would be interested in getting quotes to have Cooney Fertilizer Inc. disk, roll and pack the concrete base before putting gravel on top to help with stabilization of the road. The Board agreed and requested estimates.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for February 2 to February 15, 2025. Total Road Maintenance - 52 hours; Overtime hours – 42.5 hours; culverts/RD projects – 16 hours S Bluff; snow removal – 165 hours. Road concerns: Grading – L Ave, Nodaway Rd, Elgin Ave. Gravel Bids and Bridge Inspection Bids will be opened on February 27th and presented at the March 3rd meeting. Chair Hohenstein informed that interviews for the Road Foreman will take place next week and brought before the Board on March 3rd. Road Operator and Weed/Sign interviews will take place after the Road Foreman is appointed.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed reported that he attended the Emergency Manager training/exercise session and learned a lot. He believes the County should work on a mutual aid agreement with Emergency Managers from Union County, SD and Woodbury County, IA. Commissioner Hohenstein reported that he attended the Board Chair workshop in Kearney and the new budget reforms are going to make it hard for counties to budget. Commissioner Rodriguez reported he attended the Health Board meeting, and the department will be helping the fire departments obtain PPE with the grant they recently received.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Commissioner Hohenstein read a letter he received from a local veteran regarding the stellar work of Nick Nieman and how thankful he was.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 18, 2025, at 3:32 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 3, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Board of Equalization meeting. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Reed. Absent: Bousquet. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – February 18, 2025.
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for February 16 to March 1, 2025.
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Lori Warner, SSC Convention & Visitors Bureau update on tourism in Dakota County.
 - b. Review and award bid for Dakota County Bridge Inspections in 2025.
 - c. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requests Board to review and approve gravel pricing bids for March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026.
 - d. Board to discuss Grievance Board procedures and designate a list of 15 members to serve as potential Grievance Board members as set forth in the Employee Handbook approved 1-22-2024. This will be done at the reorganizational meeting each year following this 2025 resolution. Resolution to be approved at next meeting.
 - e. Board to review and approve or deny the new YMCA Membership Agreement going into effect April 1, 2025 for the Employee Wellness program.
 - f. Board to appoint Road Department Foreman.
 - g. Board to discuss the Road Department backhoe and decide what action to take on repairs.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Reminder - Joint City-County-School meeting March 10th at the Knights of Columbus Halll at 5:30 p.m.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to excuse Commissioner Bousquet from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment: There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and accounts payable claims and everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – February 18, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for February 16 to March 1, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$194,513.89; Net Pay-\$140,301.67; Total Retirement-\$14,047.86; Total FICA-\$14,406.16; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$214.85; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,689.60; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.41; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,596.80; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,369.92; Shaun Bird-\$3,656.24; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$3,257.26; Penny Epting-\$2,827.77; Brian Fernau-\$2,391.65; Tyler Fulkerth-

\$3,457.67; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,502.89; Martin Guerrero-\$2,917.20; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,958.80; Jason James-\$2,886.77; Kimberly Johnson-\$635.93; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,142.79; Keaton Mueller-\$2,447.20; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,937.33; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,778.79; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Ryne Sell-\$487.83; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,137.50; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Alexandra Wolf-\$1,354.13; Jacob Acero-\$2,089.62; Summer Adair-\$1,928.64; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,708.56; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,700.00; Ismael Castro-\$2,234.01; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,148.06; Charlotte Coleman-\$809.60; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,821.52; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$810.60; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$2,136.60; Rebekah Epting-\$2,136.60; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,274.15; Jonathan Gray-\$2,431.77; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.70; McKenna Hammer-\$1,687.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,567.42; Adam Hough-\$1,920.63; Dustin Johnson-\$2,260.44; Terry Johnson-\$2,471.16; Brandon Long-\$2,511.13; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,380.72; Skyler Miner-\$1,919.49; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,648.90; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$1,464.48; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,845.60; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,049.24; Michele Rohde-\$1,710.13; Jeremy Russell-\$1,981.44; Jerry Santos-\$2,162.28; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,665.60; Armando Valerio-\$2,187.72; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,344.62; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,557.90; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,492.61; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,319.93; State Tax-\$6,466.81; Soc Sec-\$11,675.65; Medicare-\$2,730.51; Extra Fit-\$1,506.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$9,730.30; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$525.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$690.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.64; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$142.56; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$16,682.08; Net Pay-\$12,503.95; Retirement-\$1,126.03; Total FICA-\$1,270.15; Health Plan-\$4,480.00; Dental Plan-\$160.00; Life Insurance-\$19.51; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$2,222.85; Kimon Litras-\$2,245.34; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,028.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$2,277.26; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,177.43; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,264.14; State Tax-\$585.71; FICA-\$1,029.41; Medicare-\$240.74; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$750.71; Health Plan-\$0.00; Dental Plan-\$0.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$19.16; Legal Shield-\$38.89; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$14.64; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$106.65; Medicare-\$24.94; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,836.00; Net Pay-\$1,521.99; Retirement-\$123.93; Total FICA-\$137.65; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,836.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$57.08; FICA-\$111.56; Medicare-\$26.09; Retirement-\$82.62; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,145.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,350.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,825.93; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$214.85; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,956.81; Point C COE, renewal premium - \$80.50; Principal Life, premiums-\$2,712.74; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,778.16; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,812.32; VSP, premium-\$534.20. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,289.14; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.89; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$585.71; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$1,876.74; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,540.30; VSP, premium-\$33.80; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits -medical claims \$49,408.31; Point C FSA WD, flex spending-\$1,912.24; VSP-Cobra-\$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA—medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life, premiums -\$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life, premium-\$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$57.08; Principal Life, premium-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$206.55; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$275.30; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Lori Warner, SSC Convention & Visitors Bureau, provided an update on tourism in Dakota County. She discussed some upcoming events that are planned and events they are currently working on to build more tourism in Dakota County. Commissioner Hohenstein did mention that the tourism money brought into Dakota County is set up as a "pass through" with the County Budget. Visitor Bureau monies come in from the State to the County and then are given to the Visitor Bureau monthly. The County does not keep any of these funds.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, advised Dakota County has 5 fracture critical bridges that need routine inspections in 2025. Two (2) bids were received: Mainelli Wagner for \$5,250.00 and MEI for \$8,225.00. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to award the bid to Mainelli Wagner for \$5,250.00 to inspect the 5 fracture critical bridges in Dakota County for 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, advised there were 6 gravel bids received: Backus Sand and Gravel-McLean, NE; Floyd River Materials-Sioux City, IA; 2 from Knife River-Sioux City, IA; Matteo Sand & Gravel-Norfolk, NE, and L.G. Everist-Iowa locations. Chair Hohenstein explained that the County usually accepts all bids to lock in prices and then use whichever location has the rock we need and the logistics. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the gravel pricing agreements received from Backus Sand and Gravel-McLean, NE; Floyd River Materials-Sioux City, IA; 2 from Knife River-Sioux City, IA; Matteo Sand & Gravel-Norfolk, NE, and L.G. Everist-Iowa locations for March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein explained the Grievance Board procedures and asked that each Commissioner obtain 3 individuals that would be willing to serve as potential Grievance Board members as set forth in the Employee Handbook approved 1-22-2024 and provide those names to the County Clerk. A resolution will be approved at the next meeting with the 15 member list.

County Clerk, Cherie Conley, explained that the YMCA was changing their memberships to sponsorship levels instead of individual member benefits. The County has on average only 5-7 employees using the current membership where the County pays \$20.50 per month toward the employee's membership. The new YMCA Membership Agreement is going into effect April 1, 2025 has sponsorship levels; the lowest being the Bronze for \$2500 per year which gives the employees a 10% discount on their membership fees. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to not approve moving forward with the YMCA Membership Agreement as the benefits to the employee and County has changed. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Road Department Foreman position – Chair Hohenstein explained that the committee started off with 4 applicants to interview. 2 declined being interviewed as they changed their minds. Of the 2 applicants interviewed 1 of them took another job. The remaining applicant is very much in the running, but he would like to open the application process up for a couple more weeks. The Board was in favor of doing this.

Chair Hohenstein suggested Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Van Berkum and Highway Superintendent Jolene Gubbels move forward with interviewing for the 2 open motor grader positions and the weed/sign position so that these jobs can be filled, and we do not lose a qualified applicant while waiting to appoint the Road Foreman. The Board was in favor.

Highway Superintendent, Jolene Gubbels, explained that the backhoe needed a new transmission. Mr. Beaudette with Murphy Tractor addressed the Board and stated this machine is old and on average gets used approximately 80 hours per year. He provided 3 quotes: a new transmission approximately \$24,976; rebuilt transmission with 1 year warranty approximately \$14,724 or a used transmission with no warranty approximately \$14,000. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to move forward with repairing the Road Department backhoe for approximately \$14,724. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for February 16, 2025 to March 1, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 123 hours; overtime hours – 65.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 21 hours; salt/sand hauling – 14 hours; snow removal – 105.5 hours; gravel hauling – 19 hours; total tons hauled – 196.14 on roads. Road concerns-I Ave, Grant Rd, Jewel Ave, F Ave, Ithica Way. The Salt/Sand dump truck broke down and it is not worth putting more money into fixing. Will budget for a new/used dump truck. Chair Hohenstein visited with Rural Water regarding Likuwanta Drive and will discuss at next meeting. Board agreed to pay CEC for engineering costs to date with the March accounts payables.

Commissioner Committee Reports: There were none.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Reminder the 47th Annual Joint City/County/School meeting is Monday, March 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, So Sioux City.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 3, 2025, at 3:36 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 17, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 3, 2025.
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for March 2, 2025 to March 15, 2025.
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Brian Pearson, SIMPCO Facility Director/Transit Director, requesting Board to approve funding the Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) busing in the amount of \$15,000 per year to assist with the expense of 1500 rides per year in rural Dakota County effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to renew in writing annually.
 - b. Rural Water representative to give updates on Likuwanta Drive water line. Board review options and decide how to move forward if possible.
 - c. Board to review quotes on change orders for the M Avenue project and make decisions on how to proceed.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the accounts payable claims and payroll. Everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 3, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for March 2 - 15, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; and d) Approval of accounts payable claims; Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

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Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,145.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,350.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,501.77; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$214.85; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$690.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,503.26; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,584.23; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,440.60; VSP, premium-\$534.60. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,330.94; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.91; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$594.37; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$1,896.05; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,566.60; VSP, premium-\$33.85; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-medical claims \$42,406.84; PointC-administrative fees, \$27,003.74; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$100.36; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$54.70; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$181.38; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$239.02; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$49.24; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$297.78; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$61.12; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$215.67; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$287.68; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Crowne Plaza, lodging-\$179.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$242.14; Des Moines Stamp, commissioners stamps-\$226.75; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; One Office, office supplies-\$297.49; Dakota County Star, publications-\$2,817.98; DAS State Acct, state printers-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$67.54; MIPS, state printings-\$1,115.84; One Office, office supplies-\$1,073.30; Recording Printing, envelopes-\$346.00; US Bank, workshop-\$30.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; Innovative Appraisal, re-assmnt fld hrs-\$2,148.25; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; One Office, office supplies-\$50.58; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval/maint-\$18,766.00; Crowne Plaza, lodging-\$619.80; Dakota County Star, publications-\$12.10; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; Joe O'Neill, mileage, meals-\$473.43; One Office, copies-\$19.25; US Bank, workshop-\$235.00; RTI, IT support-\$10,727.20; GreatAmerica Financial, copier lease-\$93.04; MIPS, scanning-\$68.00; One Office, office supplies-\$88.02; Des Moines Stamp, date stamp-\$76.00; Dakota County Court, deposit slip-\$90.00; Government Forms & Supplies, probate/guardianship floders-\$671.74; Marco, copier contract-\$359.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; US Bank, supplies, water-\$83.75; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$168.75; Brimer Francis, interpreter fees-\$100.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$204.50; Victoria Mendiola, interpreter fees-\$50.00; One Office, office supplies-\$74.79; Thomas Reuters-West, NE court rules & procedure-\$1,026.05; Maggie Cook, mileage, mental health hearing-\$124.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$952.15; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,117.24; District Court, court fees-\$832.00; Randy Hisey, atty fees-

\$978.50; Kate M Jorgensen, atty fees-\$4,979.35; Linda Kastning, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$812.50; Robyn Newbrey, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, atty fees-\$904.50; Richard Thramer, atty fees-\$6,697.50; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$10,332.33; 24/7 Locksmith Service, lock repair-\$95.00; Burke Engineering, bathroom mirrors remodel-\$540.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$204.01; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$863.07; J&M Auto Repair, plow truck repair-\$372.75; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; Lyles Garage Door, repairs-\$572.80; Menards, building supplies-\$311.81; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$1,367.04; Modlin Construction, additional plumbing, painting, flooring-\$1,311.30; NPPD, utilities-\$1,461.39; NE State Fire Marshal, boiler annual certification-\$108.00; R Rohan Electric, outlet repairs to clerks office-\$1,118.15; Schmitz Pro, courtroom bench repair-\$350.00; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$53.20; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; United Serv LLC-DBA Morningside Plumbing, bathroom repairs-\$225.00; US Bank, fuel, building supplies, misc-\$356.46; Wilmes, shop supplies, tools-\$109.44; Angela Abts, mileage-\$306.93; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$194.88; Hy-Vee, chamber coffee supplies-\$89.23; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; NACEB, dues-\$100.00; One Office, copier contract-\$233.33; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$139.45; WalMart/Sams, supplies-\$32.86; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, vehicle repair-\$96.27; Benchmark Gov Solutions, training meals-\$473.15; Billion, vehicle repair-\$484.75; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; CMI, intoxilyzer gas-\$223.03; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,936.84; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$1,054.95; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$123.80; Michael Baker, state testing-\$230.00; Nebraska State Patrol, data processing fee-\$1,272.00; Physicians Laboratory, coroner-\$2,750.00; Rick's Radiator, vehicle repair-\$245.00; Sandhills State Bank, lease payment-\$18,197.49; TransUnion Risk, searches-\$124.00; US Bank, LE supplies, fuel, training-\$1,072.83; Wilmes, supplies-\$161.97; Marco, copier contract-\$215.16; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$25.50; Thurston County Sheriff, subpoena fees-\$34.77; US Bank, phones, misc-\$154.10; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.36; AJ Philips, office supplies-\$253.00; American Legion Flag, flags-\$83.00; Associated Fire Protection, qrtly inspection-\$10,584.10; AT&T, phones-\$47.04; Bunkers Feed & Supply, softener salt-\$113.28; Charm-Tex, prisoner supplies-\$484.50; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,546.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$927.32; CNOS, medical billing-\$297.00; Diamond Drug, inmate repair-\$2,915.25; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, laundry-\$4,141.13; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$44.50; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Hobart Sales & Service, dishwasher basket-\$627.16; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,322.45; MLB Health, doctor fees-\$18,000.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$2,104.29; NPPD, utilities-\$2,059.16; Pathology Medical Service, pathology from ER visit-\$15.00; Phoenix Plumbing, toilet repair-\$444.22; Plumbing Pros, toilet repair-\$419.76; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, building repair-\$141.32; Siouxland Community Health, medical billing-\$350.00; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$31,108.67; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate housing-\$11,880.00; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$3,749.63; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes, building supplies-\$80.49; City of So Sioux City, pickup fuel-\$82.96; US Bank, workshop-\$30.00; Verizon, phones-\$42.94; Verizon, phones-\$43.03; Availity, medical billing-\$128.75; Marco, copier contract-\$222.06; NACCHO, dues-\$280.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$97.00; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; CVSOAN, registration-\$60.00; NACVSO, dues-\$50.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$478.80; US Bank, supplies-\$14.60; US Bank, online legal research-\$393.00; Beatrice State Development Center, institutional cost-\$270.00; Crary Huff Law, rd dept issue-\$276.50; Dakota City Postmaster, presort mt-\$350.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Im On, phones-\$747.92; Knights of Columbus, joint city/county/school annual meeting-\$1,500.00; Kustom Signals, vehicle supplies-\$6,119.88; Lincoln Regional Center, institutional cost-\$270.00; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable, checks, W2s-\$670.71; Nebraska Loess Hills, annual sponsor due-\$350.00; Norm Waitt, membership-\$184.50; Region 4 Behavior Health, qrt 4 FY25 mental health-\$10,822.75; US Postal Serv, postage-\$4,000.00; Kathy Wiltgen, reimbursement-\$50.00; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$2,082.58; Blackhill Energy, utilities-\$220.94; Blackstrap Inc, chemical salt-\$3,874.70; Bomgaars, shop supplies, oil-grease, parts-\$1,577.28; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$2,380.36; Dakota County Start, publications-\$65.99; Engel's Heating & Cooling, building repair-\$4,137.50; Fastenal, shop supplies-\$222.48; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; H204U, water-\$52.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$402.00; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$100.91; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$217.31; LP Gill Landfill, plastic culverts-\$33.48; Marx Trailer, parts-\$20.83; Medical Enterprises, drug test-\$127.00; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; Menards, shop supplies, misc-\$170.37; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$300.81; Midwest Wheel, parts-\$13.50; NPPD, utilities-\$108.43; Northeast NE Telephone, phone-\$123.57; Northeast Power, utilities-\$531.84; Northside Glass, labor-\$500.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies, parts-\$53.18; Petersen Metal Products, parts, labor-\$1,600.94; Power Plan, parts-\$8,448.92; RC Customs, labor, steel-\$911.25; RMS, shop supplies-\$92.77; Robertson, oil-\$75.00; Sapp Bros, fuel-\$1,402.52; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$378.08; Stan Houston, asphalt-\$109.75; Stephan Welding, steel products-\$225.00; Triview Comm, camera server issue-\$465.00; US Bank, shop supplies, parts-\$37.57; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$471.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$42.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$43.76; Warren Oil, diesel-\$2,242.00; Wilmes Hardware, supplies, parts, tools-\$311.01; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$11,800.77; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **S.T.O.P Fund:** US Bank, 5 tint meters for NSP traffic-\$845.00; **2504 Health Grant:** US Bank, supplies, website-\$289.12; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Cedars, electronic monitoring-\$780.00; Community Monitoring, family support-\$1,143.75; **2508 Health Grant:** Ford Motor Credit Company, lease payment-\$912.16; Stericycle, sharps for clinic-\$968.63; US Bank, phone-\$102.96; **ARPA Fund:** Civil Engineers, construction oversight-Likueanta Dr-\$20,856.75; CW Suter Service, jail-heating & air repairs-\$5,433.00; Modlin Construction, courthouse bathroom remodels-\$15,000.00; Triview Comm, phone systems-\$1,312.50; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$31,250.70

Brian Pearson, SIMPCO Facility Director/Transit Director, gave an update on the services being offered by the Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) and requested Board support to keep this benefit in Dakota County as it continues to grow. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve renewing the transportation services contract with Siouxland Regional Transit System in the amount of \$15,000 per year to assist with the expense of 1500 plus rides per year in rural and urban Dakota County effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein and Commissioner Bousquet will set up meeting with Rural Water representatives and give updates on the Likuwanta Drive water line issues at one of the next meetings.

Moved to next meeting as change orders not ready: c. Board to review quotes on change orders for the M Avenue project and make decisions on how to proceed.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for March 2 to March 15, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 178.75 hours; Overtime hours – 57.5 hours; Tree/Debris removal – 17 hours; Bridge maintenance – 8 hours (Jackson West); Snow removal – 113.5 hours; Garbage pickup – 4 hours; Gravel hauling – 50 hours; 899.86 tons hauled on roads. Road concerns: Grading – Kesley, Ave, K Ave, Golf Rd, Grant Rd, L Ave, Moody Rd, O Ave, 230th St, and 260th St. Gravel concerns – Kenesaw Rd.

Gubbels advised that the dump truck has died. Hard to find parts and keeps breaking down. She asked other counties what they do for bidding processes, and some use a company called Sourcewell – they have data on all specs for equipment with prices. There is no fee. She will try using this company to see what quotes we get. For budget purposes maybe pay part from this budget and part next budget. The Road department needs a dump truck to get to areas where a belly dump will not fit. Commissioner Bousquet would like quotes for an International, Mac, Peterbuilt, and Kenworth with Cat or Cummins motors with HP500.

Chair Hohenstein informed there were no other applicants for the Road Foreman position. This will be on the next agenda.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Bousquet – P&Z meeting: a solar farm is in the works and regulations are being worked on. Commissioner Hohenstein – Joint meeting was well attended and went well.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Commissioners received copy of Emergency Functional Training opportunity on March 20th, a copy of the SSC TIF report and copy of the Loess Hills Newsletter.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 17, 2025, at 3:26 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, March 31, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 17, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for March 16 – March 29, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims (if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. 3:02 p.m. Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the addition of Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District (SOD) regulations to Section 600.7 Agricultural (AG) District of the Dakota County zoning ordinances.
 - b. Board to approve Resolution 25C-006 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 600.7 - Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District.
 - c. Board to approve or not approve Resolution 25C-007 Grievance Board and list of members for 2025 as set forth in the Employee Handbook approved 1-22-2024.
 - d. Brenda Sale, Nebraska Extension office, presenting quarterly reports.
 - e. Kim Hansen and Elizabeth Reyes with Dakota County Victims Assistance requesting Board approval of Resolution 25C-008 Authorizing the Application for the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) under the Dakota County Victim Assistance Program (DCVAP).
 - f. Board to recognize the Emergency Declaration by Chair as authorized under 81-829-50 on behalf of Dakota County and approve Resolution 25C-009 Disaster Declaration due to blizzard and high winds in Dakota County on March 19, 2025 causing severe damage to power poles, disruption of utility service and causing endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Dakota County within the disaster area. The Declaration also committed the expenditure of emergency funds, invoking mutual aid agreements and applying for assistance from Governor's Emergency Fund.
 - g. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, County Treasurer, presenting the Tax Sale report.
 - h. Board to approve the Storm Water Annual Report for 2024 and the Interlocal Agreement with City of South Sioux City, Dakota City, and Dakota County Stormwater Management Plan for 2025.
 - i. Board to acknowledge requests to open negotiations with the three (3) Unions and will work on setting dates and times to meet with each:
 - 1) Sheriff's Deputies Comprehensive Master Agreement – Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49;
 - 2) Correctional Officers' Comprehensive Master Agreement – Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49; and
 - 3) Road Department Comprehensive Master Agreement – Nebraska Public Employees Local 251 AFSCME.
 - j. Board to discuss, review and award bid for repairing the drainage issue (sunken concrete) around the jail and courthouse (back parking lot) areas.
 - k. Discussion regarding jail maintenance repairs and upkeep.
 - l. Board to review quotes on change orders for the M Avenue project and make decisions on how to proceed.
 - m. Board to make appointment to the Road Foreman position.
 - n. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requests Board to review and approve gravel pricing bid from new supplier for March 17, 2025 through March 2,2026.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the accounts payable claims and payroll. Everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 17 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for March 16-29, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; and d) Approval of accounts payable claims(if any). ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$183,099.56; Net Pay-\$131,809.07; Total Retirement-\$13,155.94; Total FICA-\$13,535.31; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$212.30; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.21; Paola Ledesma-\$1,679.04; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,784.69; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,262.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,706.58; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,254.00; Shaun Bird-\$2,840.92; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$2,795.37; Brian Fernau-\$2,376.22; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,443.65; Martin Guerrero-\$2,393.60; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,598.73; Jason James-\$2,698.81; Kimberly Johnson-\$626.78; Jared Junge-\$2,516.80; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,477.06; Keaton Mueller-\$2,060.80; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,355.54; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,348.67; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Ryne Sell-\$464.60; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,274.00; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,411.19; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$2,081.70; Summer Adair-\$1,709.15; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,708.56; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,568.75; Ismael Castro-\$1,738.98; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,733.76; Charlotte Coleman-\$884.42; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,773.79; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$790.01; Elisabeth DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,754.76; Rebekah Epting-\$1,748.76; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,037.07; Jonathan Gray-\$2,398.65; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,692.64; Todd Hammer-\$2,548.26; Adam Hough-\$2,042.19; Dustin Johnson-\$1,750.51; Terry Johnson-\$1,872.60; Brandon Long-\$1,984.70; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,978.85; Skyler Miner-\$1,966.00; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,005.26; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$803.60; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,880.21; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,446.48; Michele Rohde-\$1,726.11; Jeremy Russell-\$1,902.13; Jerry Santos-\$1,853.43; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,806.48; Kyle Urbanec-\$493.18; Armando Valerio-\$1,708.56; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,322.27; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,552.13; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,343.68; Courtney Swick-\$1,601.82; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$10,695.87; State Tax-\$5,857.64; Soc Sec-\$10,969.84; Medicare-\$2,565.47; Extra Fit-\$1,516.00; Extra Sit-\$475.00; Retirement-\$9,096.41; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$1,542.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.64; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$132.80; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$16,889.33; Net Pay-\$12,712.44; Retirement-\$1,140.01; Total FICA-\$1,285.27; Health Plan-\$4,480.00; Dental Plan-\$160.00; Life Insurance-\$19.51; Michael Fuchser-\$207.54; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$2,003.61; Kimon Litras-\$2,152.29; Andrew Miller-\$322.84; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.16; Robert Schmidt-\$17.30; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,924.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,159.39; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,238.18; State Tax-\$576.41; FICA-\$1,041.66; Medicare-\$243.61; Extra Fit-\$25.00; Retirement-\$760.03; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$28.74; Legal Shield-\$38.89; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$14.64; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$106.65; Medicare-\$24.94; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,647.00; Net Pay-\$1,365.18; Retirement-\$111.17; Total FICA-\$123.19; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,647.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$47.85; FICA-\$99.84; Medicare-\$23.35; Retirement-\$74.12; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66; **Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,104.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$47,790.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,211.87; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.01; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$212.30; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1542.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,332.64; Point C DOE-Flex admin fees-\$77.00; Principal Life-premiums-\$2717.99; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,252.35; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,070.62; VSP, premium-\$523.44. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,263.18; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.89; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$576.41; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$1,900.04; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,570.54; VSP, premium-\$43.38; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits-medical

claims \$43,453.12; Point C FSA-withdrawals-\$2880.91; PointC-administrative fees, \$26,803.74; VSP – Cobra - \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life-premium-\$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life, premium-\$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.85; Principal Life, premium-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$185.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$246.38; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Chair Hohenstein opened the public hearing at 3:02 p.m. for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the addition of Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District (SOD) regulations to Section 600.7 Agricultural (AG) District of the Dakota County zoning ordinances. Ethan Frazier with Mission Clean Energy spoke in favor of the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance and explained the proposed changes of adding battery energy storage and clarifying the 250 foot setback. Joe O'Neill, Planning and Zoning Administrator did confirm that he had spoke with the Planning and Zoning commissioner and they were all in favor of the proposed changes and the "Solar Farm." He informed they had been working on this project since December of 2023 and have put a lot of work into this. There was no opposition or neutral comments. Chair Hohenstein closed the public hearing at 3:07 p.m.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-006 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 600.7 - Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-006

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADDITION TO DAKOTA COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to amend zoning resolutions which shall have the force and effect of law pursuant to Section 508 of the Zoning Ordinances of Dakota County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners established the Dakota County Planning Commission pursuant to Regulation as set for by Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114 to 23-114.05, 23-168.04, 23-172 to 23-174, 23-174.02, 23-373 and 23-376; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined it reasonable and necessary to add ordinance Section 600.7 Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District (SOD); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Board to enact the proposed addition of Section 600.7 Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District (SOD),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that this Board makes the following findings of fact:

- I. A public hearing regarding the adoption of proposed addition of Section 600.7 Solar Energy (Solar Farm) Overlay District (SOD) was held on February 18, 2025 before the Dakota County Planning Commission as required by the State of Nebraska. The Planning Commission provided its recommendation of approval as noted in the Planning Department Report Exhibit "A."
- II. A public hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations, was held by this Board as required by §23-114.01(2).
- III. Notice of each of the Public Hearings described above was published at least ten (10) days prior to each respective public hearing and the proof of publication has been filed in the Office of the Dakota County Clerk.
- VI. Notice of the time and place of each hearing was also given in writing to the clerks of the local governments which have jurisdiction over land within three (3) miles of the property affected by such action as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-164.
- V. The proposed amendment and revisions to be approved by this Resolution are within Section 600.7 of the Dakota County Zoning Regulations. Further the Planning Department report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- IV. The proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations are consistent with the Dakota County Comprehensive Development Plan and are designed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Dakota County.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board, in light of the above, after due deliberation and consideration, upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, adopts the proposed addition to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations Section 600.7, specifically approval of the amendment as shown in Exhibit "A", and directs the Planning Department to amend the Dakota County Zoning Regulations by adding Section 600.7 and that the same have full force and effect of law, the effective date of the aforementioned Zoning Regulations shall be March 17, 2025.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114.03, the County Clerk is directed and instructed to, within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Resolution, publish these Regulations in book or pamphlet form or once in a legal newspaper published in and of general circulation in the county, and the County Clerk is further directed to spread these regulations in the minutes of the proceedings of the county board.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regulations enacted by this Resolution are intended to be a complete revision of the existing Zoning Regulations, and all previous Resolutions or parts of Resolutions of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on said subjects or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed. The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 31st day of March, 2025.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-007 Grievance Board and list of members for 2025 as set forth in the Employee Handbook approved 1-22-2024. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 25C-007
2025 GRIEVANCE BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Employee Handbook adopted on January 22, 2024 sets forth certain protocols for the formation of a Grievance Board; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is required to annually designate a list of potential Grievance Board members who may be called to serve in the event that a matter or matters arise prompting the need for a Grievance Board;

THEREFORE, the following designated list of potential Grievance Board Members for Dakota County shall serve for a one year term or until his or her replacement has been selected by the County Board:

Bill Rohde	Jana Adam	Dan Caskey
Dave Dziurawiec	Dawn Hanson	Nate Vajrt
Mike Schooley	Mike Elston	Tom Hinds
Bruno Galvan	Mike Schmiedt	Ron Gill
Rebeca Quezada	Mike Morton	Rick Jenkins

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2025.

Brenda Sale, Nebraska Extension office, presented the quarterly report for Dakota County. She provided a handout with the various activities going on in Dakota County and highlighted that Voices for Food celebrated 10 years in Dakota County and has made a huge economic impact. Dakota County produce and volunteers make up almost half of the whole state. Board thanked them for their work.

Kim Hansen and Elizabeth Reyes with Dakota County Victims Assistance informed the Board that they have no documentation to share yet as the government has put a hold on this grant. She is hoping to receive the same as last year \$70,000 which covers costs for victims. The City of SSC and Dakota County currently share costs for personnel costs. It will be sometime in the fall before they know of any funding. The Board asked if they had a backup plan should funding not come through. She does not and said it is not up to her, but up to the City and County. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-008 Authorizing the Application for the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA) under the Dakota County Victim Assistance Program (DCVAP). ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 25C-008
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT UNDER THE
DAKOTA COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (THE "DCVAP")**

WHEREAS, the DCVAP was established in 1989 to serve crime victims and witnesses in Dakota County, NE;

WHEREAS, the DCVAP provides a free service offering information, practical assistance, and supportive advocacy to crime victims and witnesses of felony or misdemeanor crimes;

WHEREAS, the DCVAP has been and presently is funded by the Victims of Crime Act grant through the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice;

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners acknowledges and supports the application for the Victims of Crime Act grant funds to continue services to crime victims and witnesses of crime;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, NE, authorize the application and submission of the aforementioned Victims of Crime Act grant. DATED this 31st day of March 2025.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to recognize the Emergency Declaration by Chair as authorized under 81-829-50 on behalf of Dakota County and approve Resolution 25C-009 Disaster Declaration due to blizzard and high winds in Dakota County on March 19, 2025 causing severe damage to power poles, disruption of utility service and causing endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Dakota County within the disaster area. The Declaration also committed the expenditure of emergency funds, invoking mutual aid agreements and applying for assistance from Governor's Emergency Fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-009

**DAKOTA COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION
RESULTING FROM BLIZZARD CONDITIONS AND HIGH WINDS CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE
TO POWER POLES, DISRUPTION OF UTILITY SERVICE AND CAUSING ENDANGERMENT OF
HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF DAKOTA COUNTY WITHN THE DISASTER AREA.**

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-829.50 authorizes the County Board of Commissioners to declare an emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of the Emergency Management Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-829.36 through 81-829.75 ("Act"), local government means a county, village, or city of any class;

WHEREAS, for purposes of the Act, a "Disaster" means any event or the imminent threat thereof causing widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 22-155 and 23-101, the County of Dakota is a county in the State of Nebraska;

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § provides that the powers of a county as a body corporate or politic shall be exercised by a county board;

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is the governing board of the County of Dakota ("County");

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Dakota County Emergency Manager, the Board Chair did sign the attached Disaster Declaration on March 26, 2025, (see attachment);

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-829.50 provides that a declaration of a Disaster or Emergency shall continue in effect until the Board finds that the Disaster or Emergency has been dealt with to the extent that those conditions no longer exist;

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners do confirm the Emergency Declaration signed by the Chair as authorized under §81-829-50 on behalf of Dakota County for damage caused by blizzard and high winds. Declaration also committed the expenditure of emergency funds, invoking mutual aid agreements and applying for assistance from Governor's Emergency Fund.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners that the Emergency Declaration signed by the Chair as authorized under Nebraska Revised Statute § 81-829.50 on behalf of Dakota County for damage caused by the blizzard and high winds be affirmed and expenditure of emergency funds be committed, invoking mutual aid agreements and applying for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund, until such time that the Disaster or Emergency has been dealt with and the conditions no longer exist.

Resolved this 31st day of March, 2025.

Stephanie Gatzemeyer, County Treasurer, presented the Tax Sale report. There were 129 parcels sold for \$236,399.37, 48 parcels remain for \$2,146,004.80 of unpaid taxes.

Chair Hohenstein explained to the Board that the County, City of SSC, and Dakota City are working with JEO on the Storm Water Annual Report for 2024 and an updated Interlocal Agreement with City of South Sioux City, Dakota City, and Dakota County Stormwater Management Plan for 2025. Once these documents are completed a copy will be shared.

The Board acknowledged the requests to open negotiations with the three (3) Unions: 1) Sheriff's Deputies Comprehensive Master Agreement – Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49; 2) Correctional Officers' Comprehensive Master Agreement – Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49; and 3) Road Department Comprehensive Master Agreement – Nebraska Public Employees Local 251 AFSCME. Chair Hohenstein commented that decisions at the Legislature will make negotiations a little difficult until they are done but will work on setting dates and times to meet with each to get started with negotiations.

Commissioner Bousquet explained that the concrete next to the jail and the courthouse in the back parking lot has sunk and water is getting into the jail. He received 2 bids to have the concrete jacked up: Thrasher Foundation Repair-\$1544.84 and Comstock Concrete Lifting-\$4882.30. He received 2 bids to have the concrete replaced: MG Construction-\$4900.00 and Cisneros Construction LLC-\$5500.00. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to award the project to Thrasher Foundation Repair to have the concrete lifted for \$1,544.84 to be paid out of the Building and Grounds budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet explained that he had met with Todd Uhl, Jail Maintenance, and they are working on a list of routine maintenance that needs to be addressed. The age of the jail is starting to show. Commissioner Hohenstein suggested putting this list together with some figures and try to work these routine maintenance repairs into the budget.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, M Avenue change orders. Josh Keithly with Midwest Engineering did not have the paperwork ready, but he did talk to Cooney and there would be no charge to change the width of the road from 28 to 30 feet. Change Order to do the gravel embedment would be around \$50,000. Ms. Gubbels said this could be paid for using the Federal Aid Road Fund. She informed that letters have been sent out to residents that live on that road regarding the start date of this project. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve a Change Order for the M Avenue Road project from Cooney Construction for the gravel embedment to be paid for using Federal Aid Road Funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to appoint Dean Pallas to the Road Foreman position. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes,. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, informed the Board that Boyer Sand & Rock out of Hawarden, IA submitted a gravel pricing bid from March 17, 2025 through March 2, 2026 and the prices are good. Finding places to purchase gravel is getting harder and further away. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the gravel bid from Boyer Sand & Rock out of Hawarden, IA from March 17, 2025 through March 2, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for March 16 to March 29, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 152.5 hours; Overtime hours – 39 hours; Tree/Debris removal – 13 hours; Culverts – 15 hours (110th St); Snow removal – 112 hours; Magnet- 2 hours; Gravel hauling – 107 hours; 889.85 tons hauled on roads. Road concerns: Grading – G Ave, 230th, Millis beach, Wigle Creek. Hired weed/sign employee and 3 road employees. Board talked about the amount of tires and garbage that is being dumped in the county ditches. Suggested signs be placed with fine enforced and Sheriff's department checking into cameras on the worst roads.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Rodriguez attended an Area on Aging meeting. Commissioner Bousquet attended an LEC meeting. They are having trouble hiring and retaining employees and are working on increased raises and benefits.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Shared letter regarding road work this summer on Highway 110.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 31, 2025, at 3:57 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 14, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Board of Equalization meeting. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 31, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for March 30, 2025 to April 12, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approve Noxious Weed Annual Report for 2024
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Heidi Borg with Congressman Adrian Smith office to give an update on what has been going on in DC.
 - b. Board to approve or not approve Interlocal Agreement for Use of Animal Services Facilities between the City of South Sioux City and Dakota County.
 - c. Bounna Pomephanh, Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc., requesting Board approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on May 25, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - d. Andrew Miller, Weed/Sign Road Department, requesting the Board review quotes, approve and award the purchase of a new Side by Side to be used for spraying and other job related responsibilities.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment: Homer Bus driver, Dianna Hauck, addressed the Board with some concerns regarding the condition of the roads around Homer. The Commissioner's thanked her, and the Road Department will address the concerns.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and accounts payable claims and everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – March 31, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for March 30 to April 12, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none; and (e) approval of Noxious Weed Annual Report for 2024. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$189,678.36; Net Pay-\$136,235.00; Total Retirement-\$13,705.33; Total FICA-\$14,038.62; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$212.30; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,760.88; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Samantha Mitchell-\$232.65; Rodney Soole-\$2,350.46; Todd Uhl-\$2,136.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,634.23; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,511.60; Shaun Bird-\$1,334.44; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$3,596.86; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$3,711.05; Brian Fernau-\$2,283.64; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,961.50; Jeremy Gilpin-\$3,091.59; Martin Guerrero-\$2,483.36; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,974.50; Jason James-\$3,127.36; Kimberly Johnson-\$905.85; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,036.99; Keaton Mueller-\$2,640.40; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,994.09; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,086.15; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Ryne Sell-\$540.18; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,503.35; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$1,816.85; Summer Adair-\$1,687.56; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,693.30; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,591.25; Ismael

Castro-\$1,838.46; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,806.00; Charlotte Coleman-\$811.60; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,784.40; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$808.10; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,754.76; Rebekah Epting-\$1,754.76; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,005.26; Jonathan Gray-\$2,079.81; Kara Groetken-\$1,886.92; McKenna Hammer-\$1,687.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,579.72; Adam Hough-\$2,010.00; Dustin Johnson-\$1,754.76; Terry Johnson-\$1,765.08; Carol Juarez-\$976.32; Brandon Long-\$2,207.98; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,712.86; Skyler Miner-\$1,985.10; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,978.90; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$803.60; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,874.44; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,446.48; Michele Rohde-\$1,704.80; Jeremy Russell-\$1,950.61; Jerry Santos-\$1,773.79; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,172.64; Kyle Urbanec-\$1,870.80; Armando Valerio-\$1,708.56; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,347.42; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,569.44; Theresa Grove-\$2,624.46; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,577.55; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,646.94; State Tax-\$6,145.59; Soc Sec-\$11,377.74; Medicare-\$2,660.88; Extra Fit-\$1,521.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$9,496.51; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$194.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$1,542.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.87; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.07; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.97; VSP Vision Base-\$132.95; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,592.61; Net Pay-\$16,908.17; Retirement-\$1,524.97; Total FICA-\$1,718.45; Health Plan-\$4,480.00; Dental Plan-\$160.00; Life Insurance-\$19.51; Tristin Eifert-\$945.46; Michael Fuchser-\$1,862.10; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Andrew Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,257.04; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$2,141.34; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,033.07; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,554.24; State Tax-\$772.92; FICA-\$1,392.72; Medicare-\$325.73; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,016.70; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Garnishments-\$243.96; Road Union Dues-\$165.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$60.09; Legal Shield-\$38.91; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$24.44; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,637.61; Net Pay-\$1,233.24; Retirement-\$110.54; Total FICA-\$121.45; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,637.61; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$103.27; State Tax-\$55.96; FICA-\$98.43; Medicare-\$23.02; Retirement-\$73.69; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,844.95; Net Pay-\$1,443.64; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$138.34; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$88.15; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$112.12; Medicare-\$26.22; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66. **Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$248.73; Dental Account, premium-\$2,104.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$47,790.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,167.94; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$212.30; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1542.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,625.59; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,201.84; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,077.24; VSP, premium-\$524.82. **Road Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$243.96; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$160.00; Health Plan, premium-\$4,480.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,599.24; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.91; Life Insurance, premium-\$19.51; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$772.92; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$165.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,541.67; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,436.90; VSP, premium-\$84.53; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits -medical claims \$24,723.23; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$103.27; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.96; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$184.23; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.90; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$276.68; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Heidi Borg with Congressman Adrian Smith office gave an update on what has been going on in DC and the projects Congressman Smith has been involved in.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Use of Animal Services Facilities between the City of South Sioux City and Dakota County. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Bounna Pomephanh, Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc. Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on May 25, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Andrew Miller, Weed/Sign Road Department, requested the Board review quotes for the purchase of a new Side by Side to be used for spraying and other job related responsibilities. Quotes from: Sioux City Yamaha – Yamaha 2024 Kawasaki Ridge-\$25,584.50; Grossenburg – 2025 Polaris Ranger XP1000-\$26,850.00; Grossenburg – 2025 John Deere Gator XUV 845R-\$28,643.00; Taggart's Powersports – 2025 Polaris Ranger 1500 NSTAR-\$34,981.98. Purchase will be split between the Weed Fund and Road Fund. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the purchase of the Sioux City Yamaha – Yamaha 2024 Kawasaki Ridge-\$25,584.50 for the Weed/Sign department and Road department. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for March 30 to April 12, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 278.5 hours; overtime hours – 22.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 1 hour; culverts/Rd projects – 18 hours (110th Street and 220th); gravel hauling – 133 hours; total tons hauled – 1224.08 on roads. Road concerns-Grading: Blyburg, L Ave, Wigle Creek Rd, Nelson Rd, G Ave, Stable Dr, 120th St, 190th St and Gravel: Ireton Ave, 207th St, M Ave, 210th St, Elgin Ave, 260th St, H Ave; Potholes on Dixon Path. The new grader was delivered.

Commissioner Committee Reports: There were none.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Gordon Hansen letter – road concern.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 14, 2025, at 3:33 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 28, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Rodriguez. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – April 14, 2025
 - b. Approval of Payroll claims for April 13, 2025 to April 26, 2025
 - c. Approval of Payroll Accounts Payable claims
 - d. Approval of Accounts Payable claims (if any)
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
 - f. Approval of Jail Quarterly reports
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Board Chair to make appointment change for the Budget and Finance Committee.
 - b. Likuwanta Drive – Rural Water/CEC updates.
 - c. M Avenue Project (ARPA funds-estimated \$25,000) – Board to approve/not approve the Agreement for Professional Services with MEI for Construction Engineering Services and Field Oversight for Grading M Avenue MEI Project # 25038.
 - d. Board to approve or not approve Road Department request to purchase a new dump truck. Quotes from Sioux City Truck & Trailer and Sourcewell Peterbilt Dealer.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Sheriff Kleinberg / Captain Elisabet DeRoin – Jail Quarterly Report (January, February, March 2025)
 - c. Board shall make quarterly visit to county jail. §47-109
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to excuse Commissioner Rodriguez from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he and Commissioner Reed had gone through the accounts payable claims and payroll. Everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – April 14, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for April 13 to April 26, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court; and f) approval of Jail Quarterly reports. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$195,059.70; Net Pay-\$139,099.44; Total Retirement-\$14,113.60; Total FICA-\$14,447.00; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$217.40; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,689.60; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$2,227.00; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,190.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,596.80; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,460.08; Shaun Bird-\$3,678.68; Timothy Decker-\$3,648.74; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$4,513.29; Brian Fernau-\$2,345.36; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,858.34; Martin Guerrero-\$2,393.60; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,974.50;

Jason James-\$2,586.04; Kimberly Johnson-\$887.55; Jared Junge-\$2,626.91; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,228.19; Keaton Mueller-\$2,485.84; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,602.56; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,386.57; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,302.33; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$1,879.21; Summer Adair-\$1,687.56; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,653.22; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,801.25; Ismael Castro-\$2,024.97; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,054.68; Charlotte Coleman-\$813.35; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,847.87; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$810.85; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,842.39; Rebekah Epting-\$1,874.19; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,996.47; Jonathan Gray-\$2,170.97; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,577.82; Todd Hammer-\$2,501.07; Adam Hough-\$1,944.00; Dustin Johnson-\$1,765.08; Terry Johnson-\$1,873.44; Carol Juarez-\$2,130.03; Brandon Long-\$2,260.48; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,984.70; Skyler Miner-\$1,909.00; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,081.00; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$804.35; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,955.43; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,758.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,784.73; Jeremy Russell-\$1,869.17; Jerry Santos-\$1,763.16; Jennifer Svendsen-\$4,021.44; Kyle Urbanec-\$1,635.77; Armando Valerio-\$1,708.56; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,196.53; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,552.13; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,601.82; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,323.82; State Tax-\$6,391.18; Soc Sec-\$11,708.69; Medicare-\$2,738.31; Extra Fit-\$1,521.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$9,783.83; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$237.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$2,250.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.64; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$112.05; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.96; VSP Vision Base-\$132.80; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$23,133.44; Net Pay-\$16,842.62; Retirement-\$1,561.47; Total FICA-\$1,724.54; Health Plan-\$6,720.00; Dental Plan-\$240.00; Life Insurance-\$29.71; Tristin Eifert-\$1,839.04; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Andrew Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,844.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,924.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,557.30; State Tax-\$774.43; FICA-\$1,397.65; Medicare-\$326.89; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,041.05; Health Plan-\$400.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Garnishments-\$243.96; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$44.40; Legal Shield-\$38.89; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$106.65; Medicare-\$24.94; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$439.90; Dental Account, premium-\$2,144.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,844.82; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$154.04; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$217.40; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$2250.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,871.18; Point C COE, flex fees - \$77.00; Principal Life, premiums - \$2,821.41; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,897.43; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,894.00; VSP, premium-\$524.44. **Road Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$243.96; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$282.00; FSA Medical-\$40; Health Plan, premium-\$7,120.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,602.30; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.89; Life Insurance, premium-\$29.71; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$774.43; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,602.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,449.08; VSP, premium-\$63.92; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA-\$1,249.06; Point C-medical claims \$26,989.39; Point C-administrative fees, \$28,407.32; VSP, premium-\$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life, premiums - \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life-premiums-\$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Principal Life, premiums-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$156.43; NACO, workshop-\$50.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; NACO, workshop-\$125.00; Security Shredding` shredding-\$40.00; DAS State Acct, state printers-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$67.51; MIPS, state printings-\$1,387.44; One Office, office supplies-\$671.03; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Christy Abts, reimbursement-\$24.97; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; Innovative Appraisal

Service, re-assmnt fld hrs-\$1,872.50; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; NACO, workshop-\$70.00; One Office, supplies-\$13.99; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval/maint-\$18,766.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$138.58; Secretary of State, voter id cards-\$30.00; Scott Bousquet, mileage, meeting-\$34.20; Ron Collins, mileage, meeting-\$52.35; Dakota County Star, publications-\$8.06; Tim Decker, mileage, meeting-\$56.88; Ron Gill, mileage, meeting-\$62.64; Jolene Gubbels, setup meeting, minutes-\$150.00; Gordon Hegge, mileage, meeting-\$24.10; Steven Lieber, mileage, meeting-\$82.80; Dick McCabe, mileage, meeting-\$67.24; Harold Moes, mileage, meeting-\$74.40; Martin Rohde, mileage, meeting-\$78.60; US Bank, postage-\$73.00; RTI, IT support-\$5,319.20; GreatAmerica Financial, copier lease-\$137.33; MIPS, scanning-\$68.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, notary renewal, stamps-\$66.16; DAS State Acct, office depot-\$99.09; Marco, copier contract-\$359.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$300.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$153.84; Victoria Mendiola, interpreter fees-\$75.00; One Office, office supplies, copier-\$87.75; Maggie Cook, mileage, mental health hearing-\$124.00; Cray Huff Law, mental health hearing-\$665.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$2,476.23; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$1,034.68; District Court, court fees-\$472.00; Egley Fullner Montag, Morland, & Easland, atty fees-\$1,530.10; Randy Hisey, atty fees-\$703.00; Linda Kastning, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$4,037.50; John S Moeller, atty fees-\$475.00; Robyn Newbrey, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Lydia Rouillard, witness fee-\$29.80; Steven J Twohig, atty fees-\$437.00; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$18,464.56; Des Moines Stamp, stamp-\$46.00; A Team, building repair-\$627.38; Burke Engineering, bobrick mirror-\$105.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$270.45; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$764.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; JF Ahern, sprinkler inspection, misc-\$632.00; Menards, building supplies-\$389.82; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$872.61; NPPD, utilities-\$1,428.51; R Rohan Electic, outlet repairs to clerks office-\$1,036.29; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$52.50; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel, building supplies, misc-\$242.72; Angela Abts, mileage, supplies, misc-\$346.41; Julie Boyle, mileage, supplies-\$405.66; Dakota County Star, publications-\$13.11; Leaf, copier contract-\$129.90; One Office, copier contract-\$276.72; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; Tammy Peterson, mileage-\$78.40; UNL, computer equipment-\$1,500.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$600.00; 911 Custom, radio repair-\$238.95; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; Billion, vehicle repair-\$3,457.30; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,984.23; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$34.81; Electronic Engineering, radio repair-\$333.72; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$593.73; J6Z2 Sports LLC, uniforms-\$125.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$862.15; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$1,859.00; Rick's Radiator, vehicle repair-\$845.00; Shane's Towing, commercial transport-\$125.00; TransUnion Risk, searches-\$120.40; US Bank, LE supplies, fuel, training-\$681.18; Wilmes, LE supplies-\$45.77; Dakota County Star, publications-\$114.11; Marco, copier contract-\$456.32; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$8.50; Secretary of State, certified copies-\$20.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; US Bank, phones, notary supplies-\$223.18; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.36; Ace Refrigeration, sink faucet-\$95.00; Anesthesia Consultants, medical-\$1,597.50; Associated Fire Protection, qrtly inspection-\$1,061.33; AT&T, phones-\$47.04; AutoZone, vehicle repair-\$47.58; Bob Barker, inmate supplies-\$470.23; Charm-Tex, prisoner supplies-\$6,091.62; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,566.10; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$798.60; Dakota County Jail, fuel-\$40.00; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$4,401.92; Eakes, prisoner & janitorial supplies, laundry-\$5,117.54; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$164.79; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Micah Herman, building repair-\$668.04; Hobart Sales & Service, delimer-\$368.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$1,992.46; J6Z2 Sports LLC, uniforms-\$300.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,990.90; McKesson Medical, medical-\$1,069.81; Menards, building supplies-\$1,404.92; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$829.30; MidWest Special Service, medical-\$183.00; MLB Health, medical-\$4,000.00; NPPD, utilities-\$2,105.00; Pender Community Health, medical-\$2,760.00; Phoenix Plumbing, building repair-\$1,200.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, building repair-\$56.53; Plumbing Pros, building repair-\$148.02; Precision Power Service, service generator-\$950.00; R Rohan Electic, intercom-\$560.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Serv, inmate labs-\$379.61; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical-\$3,052.92; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$47,366.74; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate housing-\$24,600.00; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; Tri-State Communication, radio equipment-\$7,133.25; US Bank, medical, janitorial & office supplies, repairs-\$3,259.51; Visual Edge IT, copier contract, copies-\$159.04; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes, building supplies-\$54.12; Dodge County Clerk, qrtly co bill-\$14,314.44; City of So Sioux City, pickup fuel-\$74.59; US Bank, training, meals-\$5,217.85; Leaf, copier contract-\$264.10; Nebraska Assoc. of County Engineers, workshop, dues-\$160.00; One Office, office supplies-\$15.58; Verizon, phones-\$42.94; Bomgaars, spray parts-\$84.11; Sioux City Yamaha Can-Am Inc, new equipment utv-\$12,792.25; Verizon, phones-\$43.03; Availity, medical billing-\$128.75; Marco, copier contract-\$280.96; Thornton Flooring, flooring for bathroom-\$190.13; US Bank, supplies-\$37.00; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; John Gunia, grave markers-\$1,125.00; Planview Monument Co, grave markers-\$315.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage, meals-\$615.18; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; City of Sioux City, hazmat agreement-\$1,204.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$55.47; Dakota County Treasurer, omadi payment-\$3,750.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; ES&S, ssc school bond ballots-\$3,917.57; Electronic Engineering, panic button monitoring-\$59.90; F&M Bank, deposit slips-\$42.06; Groves Emergency Lighting Installation, new vehicle equipment-\$975.00; Im On, phones-\$775.51; Lindblom Services, portable toilets-\$300.00; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$670.71; One Office, office supplies, paper-\$2,415.85; Region IV INC, services for developmentally disabled-\$5,320.25; Triview Comm, remote programming phones-\$276.50; US Bank, postage link-\$175.75; Aaron Voss, new vehicle equipment-\$38,468.96; **Road Fund:** Blackhill Energy, utilities-\$172.73; Bomgaars, shop supplies, tools-\$436.05; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$3,657.49; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$5,862.08; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-\$52,413.64; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$997.20; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; Grossenburg Implement, rental tractor-\$1,000.00; H204U, water-\$8.50; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$47.77; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$280.69; Lyles Garage Door Service, building

repair-\$235.00; Medical Enterprises, drug tests-\$244.00; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; Menards, tools, misc-\$203.29; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$112.97; Midwest SVC & Sales, shop grader bolts-\$133.00; Nebraska UC Fund, mic-\$4,986.91; NPPD, utilities-\$119.14; North American Truck & Trailer, parts-flatbed sander-\$1,306.00; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$120.22; Northeast Power, utilities-\$408.81; Northside Glass, labor-\$225.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies, parts-\$88.00; Power Plan, labor, parts-\$21,956.81; RC Customs, labor-\$357.00; Robertson, shop supplies-\$28.47; Sapp Bros, fuel, shop supplies-\$1,811.40; Sioux City Ford, parts-\$191.42; Sioux City Yamaha Can-Am Inc, new equipment utv-\$12,792.25; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$58.78; Sooland Bobcat, rental equipment-\$144.45; Stan Houston Equipment, asphalt-\$898.21; TNT Sales & Services, labor, parts-\$759.90; Triview Comm, camera server issue-\$55.00; US Bank, parts, misc-\$199.25; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$901.88; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$42.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$55.40; Warren Oil, diesel-\$4,889.70; Wilmes Hardware, shop supplies-\$149.03; Ziegler's, labor, parts, blades-\$9,366.78; **0302 Hard Surface:** Civil Engineers, Likuwanta project water line-\$4,687.00; Steven Harris Construction, Likuwanta paving-\$54,267.89; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$16,196.70; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$240.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **Health Grant 2502:** Chole Coover, mileage, meal-\$321.57; **2504 Health Grant:** Heartland Counseling, wellness for schools-\$3,300.00; NALHD, renewal, annual fee-\$16,875.00; RTI, laptop for Yesica-\$1,227.00; US Bank, office supplies, misc-\$877.20; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$1,647.00; **2508 Health Grant:** Ford Motor Credit Company, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, phone-\$102.96; **ARPA Fund:** Civil Engineers, construction oversight-Likueanta Dr-\$10,000.00; Lyles Garage Door Service, road dept shop door-\$5,182.75; Micah Herman, installation of ladders in jail-\$4,340.20; Thornton Flooring, replaced flooring in health dept-\$10,595.92; **E911:** City of So Sioux City, E911 monies-\$5,568.40; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$32,716.91

Board Chair Hohenstein advised he was making an appointment change for the Budget and Finance Committee and appointing Rogelio Rodriguez. Commissioner Bousquet spoke on his behalf stating he didn't understand his removal and commented on some personal matters he is dealing with but that has no merit in his ability to do his job. Chair Hohenstein stated he has some concerns regarding statements previously made by Commissioner Bousquet.

Chair Hohenstein gave an update on the Likuwanta Drive water lines. He advised that there had been meetings with Rural Water and CEC looking to solve the problem with the depth of the water lines. Rural Water has plans to put in new water lines to the appropriate depth. The County Road department will remove the dirt that was placed over the water lines for the winter. It was agreed that the cost would be split 3 ways, approximately \$4687 each. Commissioner Reed mentioned that this project is still under budget. There was discussion about the engineering of the ditches and what should have been done. Gene Mari, owner of this subdivision, asked permission to redo the ditches so they aren't as steep. He wants to fill in the ditches with dirt and put risers on all the drains and pay for it. Commissioner Bousquet doesn't believe he'd get into trouble, but stated there could be liability issues and should be engineered. Chair Hohenstein advised the County will call NIRMA, the county's insurance company, to check on this request and hope to have answers by the next meeting.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, explained that MEI estimated \$25,000 when working on budget numbers for ARPA projects and the M Avenue Project. Commissioner Bousquet questioned whether or not the County needed construction engineering oversight as Cooney does a good job. Commissioner Reed and Van Berkum commented that for liability purposes we should. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with MEI for Construction Engineering Services and Field Oversight for Grading M Avenue Project #25038. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Abstain, Rodriguez-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Dean Pallas, Road Foreman, provided 2 quotes for a new dump truck: Kenworth \$191,000 and Peterbilt \$213,416. He advised that both are great trucks. Discussion was had regarding the two quotes and trucks. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Road Departments request to purchase a new dump from Kenworth for \$191,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Rodriguez-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for April 13 to April 26, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 311 hours; Culvert/Road Projects – 16 hours-110th St, 2 hours-220th, 12 hours-Perry Ave, 26 hours-S Ave; Asphalt patching – 23.5 hours; Gravel hauling – 136 hours; 427.9 tons hauled on roads. Road concerns: Stable Dr, 260th, 225th MM, gravel on Pigeon Ave and culvert on 152nd. Road Dept started 10 hour days and fully staffed. The new grader bit they are testing works really well and plan on purchasing. Ms. Gubbels asked if the Board would consider putting into place a policy for employees volunteering their services at military funerals similar to the volunteer police for emergency services (EMT/firemen).

Captain Elisabet DeRoin presented the Jail Quarterly Report for January, February, March 2025. She reported for Fiscal 2024/2025 average county inmates-95, federal inmates-16, juveniles-18. Federal Income for Fiscal 2024/2025: Marshals-\$279,468.23, ICE-\$186,314.65, OMMS/SDMS-800.00 and Federal-\$466,582.88. Commissioner Bousquet asked Captain DeRoin to bring to the Board quotes for another transport van to add to their fleet of vehicles. She did inform that she has been looking at one and will bring the information to the Board.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Senator Glenn Meyer will be at the Courthouse on Monday, May 5th at 2:30 pm if anyone wants to visit with him.

Commissioners went on quarterly jail tour.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 28, 2025, at 4:22 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, May 12, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Reed. Absent: Van Berkum and Bousquet. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – April 28, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for April 27, 2024 to May 10, 2025
 - c. Approval of Payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims (if any)
 - e. Approval of Veterans Quarterly Report
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Pat McElroy, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, will give updates on their fiber expansion in rural Dakota County.
 - b. Approve Resolution 25C-010 Declare Personal Surplus Property as obsolete and dispose of per §23-3107
 - c.. Likuwanta Drive ditch updates – Gene Mari/NIRMA
 - d. Chief Decker requesting Board approval to purchase a transport van.
 - e. Board to approve sending letter in support of Nextlink Internet applying for the Nebraska BEAD Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grand Funding Opportunity to help fund the projects to improve internet access within Dakota County.
 - f. Andrew Miller, Weed/Sign Department, to present and review the 2024 Dakota County Weed Control Authority Report from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed and Seed Programs and approve the Chair to sign the Summary form.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to excuse Commissioner Van Berkum and Commissioner Bousquet from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment: Ron Hartnett, Dakota City, read an article he came across regarding pipelines to help keep the Board informed.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and accounts payable claims and everything was in order. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – April 28, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for April 27 to May 10, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none; and (e) approval of Veterans Quarterly Report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$186,386.37; Net Pay-\$133,504.02; Total Retirement-\$13,400.58; Total FICA-\$13,783.98; Health Plan-\$45,360.00; Dental Plan-\$1,640.00; Life Insurance-\$217.40; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,668.48; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,226.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,641.71; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,086.56; Shaun Bird-\$2,736.20; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,625.21; Penny Epting-\$2,754.85; Brian Fernau-\$2,329.93; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,015.77; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,739.85; Martin Guerrero-\$2,977.04; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,692.67;

Jason James-\$2,420.64; Kimberly Johnson-\$979.05; Jared Junge-\$2,516.80; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,449.74; Keaton Mueller-\$2,112.32; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,618.00; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,608.12; Mardi Schnee-\$1,397.79; Ryne Sell-\$278.76; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,421.67; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$2,643.14; Summer Adair-\$1,687.56; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,446.48; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,827.50; Ismael Castro-\$1,692.48; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,733.76; Charlotte Coleman-\$894.96; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,763.16; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$806.60; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,775.40; Rebekah Epting-\$1,775.40; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,987.69; Jonathan Gray-\$2,189.25; Kara Groetken-\$1,922.08; McKenna Hammer-\$1,687.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,516.80; Adam Hough-\$1,926.00; Dustin Johnson-\$1,769.40; Terry Johnson-\$1,944.50; Carol Juarez-\$1,708.56; Brandon Long-\$1,984.70; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,984.70; Skyler Miner-\$1,916.00; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,943.76; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$642.88; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,539.92; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,872.60; Michele Rohde-\$1,704.80; Jeremy Russell-\$1,755.90; Jerry Santos-\$1,917.15; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,383.92; Kyle Urbanec-\$1,708.56; Armando Valerio-\$1,715.61; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,441.77; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,552.13; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$665.60; Courtney Swick-\$1,535.08; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$10,893.92; State Tax-\$5,958.02; Soc Sec-\$11,171.33; Medicare-\$2,612.65; Extra Fit-\$1,521.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$9,267.76; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$237.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$850.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$2,250.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.87; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$105.57; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.27; VSP Vision Base-\$132.95; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$24,439.66; Net Pay-\$17,749.40; Retirement-\$1,649.66; Total FICA-\$1,824.47; Health Plan-\$6,720.00; Dental Plan-\$240.00; Life Insurance-\$29.71; Tristin Eifert-\$1,614.20; Michael Fuchser-\$2,052.34; Robert Hacker-\$2,451.00; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$2,515.17; Kimon Litras-\$2,245.34; Andrew Miller-\$1,991.81; Tanya Orr-\$1,758.33; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,870.67; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,733.36; State Tax-\$839.04; FICA-\$1,478.65; Medicare-\$345.82; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,099.80; Health Plan-\$400.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$243.96; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$44.43; Legal Shield-\$38.91; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,963.13; Net Pay-\$1,557.73; Retirement-\$116.73; Total FICA-\$147.37; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$233.78; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,729.35; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$95.53; State Tax-\$48.02; FICA-\$119.44; Medicare-\$27.93; Retirement-\$77.82; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,674.00; Net Pay-\$1,387.59; Retirement-\$113.00; Total FICA-\$125.26; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,674.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$49.16; FICA-\$101.52; Medicare-\$23.74; Retirement-\$75.33; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$439.90; Dental Account, premium-\$2,144.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,910.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$850.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,414.92; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$117.84; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$217.40; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$2250.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,438.02; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,668.34; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,567.96; VSP, premium-\$524.82. **Road Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$243.96; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$282.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$7,120.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,778.36; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.91; Life Insurance, premium-\$29.71; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$839.04; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,749.46; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,648.94; VSP, premium-\$63.99; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C Medical-medical claims \$60,671.27; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA—medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$95.53; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.02; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$194.55; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$294.74; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$49.16; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.33; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$250.52; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Pat McElroy and Paula Wendte from NNTC appeared before the Board with some facts about Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company. The Company has been in business for 70 years, is in 24 counties in Nebraska and is a COOP where every dime stays in Nebraska. They asked each Board member if they would be willing to sign a letter of support for NNTC's application for BEAD funding to cover 75% of the costs to put in fiber optics.

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-010 Declare Personal Surplus Property as obsolete and dispose of per §23-3107 ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION 25C-010
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE PERSONAL PROPERTY
AS SURPLUS PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the County owns personal property which is not usable by the County and/or is obsolete; and

WHEREAS, said property consists of the miscellaneous property listed in Exhibit 1 attached and incorporated herein; and,

WHEREAS, the County intends to dispose of said property as surplus pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-3107 (as amended),

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT the property listed in Exhibit 1 is unusable by the County and/or obsolete and is therefore declared surplus property.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Building & Grounds Supervisor** be directed to dispose of said property in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

DATED this 12th day of May, 2025.

	OFFICE	ITEM
1	unknown office	Adirondack Chair \$25.00 MINIMUM FOR THIS CHAIR
2	unknown office	Wood Storage Credenza 6 FT Long
3	unknown office	1 office chair grey with wheels
4	unknown office	1 office chair maroon seat/blue back with wheels
5	County Court	Wood Bench from County Court says Dakota County on it
6	Treasurer	Desk top small wood filing cabinet
7	Treasurer	Brown 6 drawer metal file cabinet
8	Treasurer	Brown 6 drawer metal file cabinet
9	Treasurer	Brown 6 drawer metal file cabinet
10	County Clerk	1 Desk Unit with 2 desks
11	County Clerk	3 two drawer file cabinets
12	County Clerk	2 two drawer file cabinets
13	County Clerk	4 three drawer file cabinets
14	County Clerk	1 Desk Unit with Upper Storage
15	County Clerk	1 Desk Credenza with Upper Storage
16	County Clerk	1 Large cork bulletin board
17	County Clerk	Anti-Fatigue Matt
18	County Clerk	Toner Cartridges 2 Yellow
19	County Clerk	Laser Toner cartridge
20	Building & Grounds	Matador Floor Scrubber (Clutch will need to be replaced)
21	Extension	HP Desktop Laser Printer P1006
22	Jail	XEROX TONER
23	Jail	XEROX TONER YELLOW
24	Jail	XEROX TONER BLACK
25	Jail	XEROX TONER CYAN
26	Jail	XEROX TONER MAGENTA
27	Jail	Black Filing Cabinet
28	Sheriff	Dodge Ram 2018 1500 SSV Pickup
29	Sheriff	Dodge Charger 2014 4 Door Sedan
30	Public Defender	2 Bathroom Sinks with countertops
31	Public Defender	1 Bathroom Vanity with Sink
32	Public Defender	1 2 Door Bathroom Cabinet
33	Public Defender	2 Bathroom Cabinets
34	Public Defender	1 Three Light Fixture
35	Public Defender	1 Toilet Wall Mount
36	Public Defender	1 Door with Frame
37	Road Department	HP desktop computer (not in Use Jolene's old)
38	Road Department	1- 24" Computer Monitors

Chair Hohenstein informed that he had reached out to NIRMA regarding the Likuwanta Drive ditch (County ROW) and allowing others to alter the engineered ditch. NIRMA advised that they would not recommend that as down the road it could cause liability issues for the County.

Chief Decker provided the Board with a quote from Karl Emergency Vehicles for a 2023 used Chevrolet transport van with a cage installed in the amount of \$22,769.40 and asked for approval to purchase using jail funds. Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the jail request to purchase a 2023 used Chevrolet transport van with a cage installed from Karl Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$22,769.40. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Board reviewed and discussed sending a letter of support of Nextlink Internet applying for the Nebraska BEAD Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grand Funding Opportunity. They did not act on this letter.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the Chair to sign the 2024 Dakota County Weed Control Authority Report from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed and Seed Programs prepared by Weed Superintendent Andrew Miller. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for April 27 to May 10, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 365 hours; overtime hours – 44.75 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 69.5 hours (260th, 220th, K Ave); garbage pickup-12 hours; Road drag-30 hours; gravel hauling – 152.5 hours; total tons hauled – 403.35 on roads. Road concerns-Gravel: 260th and Lynch Ave. M Avenue project is started.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Chair Hohenstein mentioned that he and County Clerk Conley attended the Budget workshop in Kearney on May 8th. Budget is going to be challenging and looking at hiring a 3rd party CPA to help with all the changes.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of May 12, 2025, at 3:29 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, May 27, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney at 3:07 p.m. and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – May 12, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for May 11 - 24, 2025
 - c. Approval of Payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of Monthly accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, requesting Board permission to close dormant bank accounts.
 - b. Dakota County Victims Assistance – Grant approval
 - c. Board to discuss and decide how to proceed with the request of Bill Rohde to place a light at the intersection of Hwy 77 and 225th Street and the costs to the county.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Discuss and set date for bus ride - Rural Dakota County roads
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. Shelly Meyer – Wayne, NE provided information regarding the Summit Pipeline and the activity going on in the surrounding states.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the accounts payable claims and payroll. Everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – May 12, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for May 11 to May 24, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$192,649.22; Net Pay-\$143,356.11; Total Retirement-\$14,115.05; Total FICA-\$14,737.65; Richard Bousquet-\$1,025.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,071.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,025.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,025.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,025.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,760.88; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,280.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.01; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,244.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,596.80; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,286.20; Shaun Bird-\$2,968.08; Timothy Decker-\$4,504.76; Brian Ellinger-\$2,738.65; Penny Epting-\$2,677.89; Brian Fernau-\$2,437.94; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,604.84; Jeremy Gilpin-\$3,228.58; Martin Guerrero-\$3,201.44; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,225.00; Jason James-\$3,179.99; Kimberly Johnson-\$613.05; Jared Junge-\$2,595.45; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,077.94; Keaton Mueller-\$2,311.96; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,283.72; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,922.25; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,503.35; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$2,336.77; Summer Adair-\$1,687.56; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$488.16; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,812.50; Ismael Castro-\$1,738.98; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,445.05; Charlotte Coleman-\$891.46; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,773.79; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,869.30; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,754.76; Rebekah Epting-\$1,754.76; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,005.26; Jonathan Gray-\$2,177.31; Kara Groetken-\$2,021.70; McKenna Hammer-\$1,687.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,469.61; Adam Hough-\$1,908.00; Dustin Johnson-

\$1,782.72; Terry Johnson-\$1,820.89; Carol Juarez-\$1,708.56; Brandon Long-\$2,233.45; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,695.32; Skyler Miner-\$1,916.00; Lucas Moulton-\$1,708.56; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,943.76; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$401.80; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,932.11; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,849.80; Michele Rohde-\$1,843.34; Jeremy Russell-\$1,860.18; Jerry Santos-\$1,768.47; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,013.24; Kyle Urbanec-\$1,703.48; Armando Valerio-\$1,708.56; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$482.16; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,281.29; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,563.67; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,571.48; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,620.57; State Tax-\$6,572.30; Soc Sec-\$11,944.31; Medicare-\$2,793.34; Extra Fit-\$1,521.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$9,780.53; Deferred Comp-\$2,250.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$23,124.26; Net Pay-\$17,587.50; Retirement-\$1,560.87; Total FICA-\$1,769.04; Tristin Eifert-\$1,821.74; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$2,125.41; Kimon Litras-\$2,009.61; Andrew Miller-\$1,862.10; Tanya Orr-\$1,634.20; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Colton Stallbaum-\$1,924.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,632.77; State Tax-\$805.38; FICA-\$1,433.73; Medicare-\$335.31; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,040.61; Garnishments-\$243.96; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,259.94; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$124.11; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$107.52; State Tax-\$57.82; FICA-\$100.59; Medicare-\$23.52; Retirement-\$73.01; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,910.62; Net Pay-\$1,534.19; Retirement-\$117.84; Total FICA-\$146.16; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$164.80; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,745.82; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$101.82; State Tax-\$49.89; FICA-\$118.46; Medicare-\$27.70; Retirement-\$78.56; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,374.77; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$123.93; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$48.40; FICA-\$100.44; Medicare-\$23.49; Retirement-\$72.90.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,141.57; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$2,250.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,052.30; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23895.58; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$29,475.30. **Road Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$243.96; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,677.77; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$805.38; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,601.48; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,538.08. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA-\$8,497.03. **Health Fund 2502:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$107.52; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$57.82; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$248.22; **Health Fund 2504:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.82; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$49.89; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$196.40; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$292.32. **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.40; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$247.86.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$341.50; Government Forms & Supplies, legal paper-\$245.22; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; One Office, toner-\$274.56; NACO, workshop-\$50.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Dakota County Treasurer, deposit slips-\$115.03; DAS State Acct, state printers-\$184.00; Graffix Inc, name plate/holder-\$21.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$116.87; MIPS, state printings-\$1,036.68; One Office, office supplies-\$13.55; Security Shredding, shredding-\$60.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Eagleview, EV Cloud-\$24,892.88; Gworks, gis website-\$14,570.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; MIPS, software-\$1,946.80; Northeast NE Co Assessor Assoc, dues-\$25.00; One Office, supplies-\$49.15; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Stanard Appraisal, residential reval/maint-\$18,766.00; US Bank, workshop-\$400.00; Gworks, gis website-\$4,725.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$19.16; One Office, copies-\$53.27; RTI, IT support-\$6,617.20; US Bank, .com domain renewal-\$22.17; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$167.38; MIPS, scanning-\$68.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; DAS State Acct, office depot-\$151.50; Marco, copier contract-\$519.83; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$80.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, office supplies, misc-\$570.75; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$600.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$169.33; Victoria Mendiola, interpreter fees-\$125.00; One Office, office supplies, copier-\$13.95; US Bank, supplies-\$76.16; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$922.84; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$832.08; District Court, court fees-\$1,027.00; Thomas B. Donner, atty fees-\$3,645.95; Randy Hisey, atty fees-\$522.50; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$5,670.20; Runge Law Office, atty fees-\$465.50; Stratton, DeLay, Dole, atty fees-\$1,060.50; Steven J Twohig, atty fees-\$4,693.00; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$10,066.04; Maximus, child support recovery fee-\$284.10; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$310.65; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$650.98; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$215.05; J&M Repair, repairs-\$394.79; Menards, building supplies-\$17.70; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$729.73; NPPD, utilities-\$1,403.61; Thrasher Foundation Repair, building repair-\$1,544.84; Trembly, pest control-\$110.00; US Bank, fuel, building supplies, misc-\$144.50; Angela Abts, mileage, supplies, misc-\$299.97; Julie Boyle, mileage, supplies-\$348.82; Dakota County Star, publications-\$12.59; Leaf, copier contract-\$104.00; One Office, copier contract-\$753.53; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; UNL, entry tag paper-\$40.00; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$109.67; WalMart, membership renewal, supplies-\$123.71; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, vehicle repair-\$25.64; Axon Enterprises, supplies-\$3,696.70; Billion, vehicle repair-\$1,202.79; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; CMI, breath analysis-\$75.86; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$6,467.54; Dive Rescue International, LE equipment-\$4,850.00; Tim Decker, reimbursement-\$37.98; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-\$17,365.22; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$2,229.86; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$752.73; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,534.89; Magpul, LE supplies-\$5,977.57; MOCIC, LE equipment-\$2,128.00; OMG National, LE supplies-\$3,294.28; Positive Concepts, LE supplies-\$420.00; RTI, data processing-\$2,918.00; Sandhills State Bank, lease payment-\$22,914.94; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, dues, misc-

\$222.73; Team Trouble Chaser, vehicle repair-\$500.00; Total Motors GMC, vehicle repair-\$2,209.13; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, search services-\$120.00; Tucker's Glass Shop, vehicle repair-\$1,071.00; US Bank, training, LE supplies, fuel, repairs-\$13,771.72; Sarah Hammond, mileage, meals-\$416.40; Marco, copier contract-\$316.22; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$34.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, phones, office supplies, notary expenses-\$411.75; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$91,725.30; Jack's Uniforms, safety equipment-\$660.75; AT&T, phones-\$47.04; Bob Barker, inmate supplies-\$1,937.58; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$685.60; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,840.80; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$791.52; Cornerstone, building repair-\$5,786.04; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$1,769.52; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$2,522.81; Fairfiled by Marriott, lodging-\$779.70; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$91.49; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$339.55; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Hobart Sales & Service, vehicle repair-\$184.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$719.34; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,185.15; Johnstone Supply, filters-\$219.60; McKesson Medical, medical supplies-\$555.85; Menards, building supplies-\$2,452.34; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$618.14; Skyler Miner, mileage-\$232.40; MLB Health, medical fees-\$5,000.00; NPPD, utilities-\$2,487.96; Plumbing Pros, building repair-\$164.61; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Siouxland Lock & Key, lock removal-\$94.52; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Serv, inmate labs-\$202.64; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical fees-\$207.75; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$30,213.14; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate housing-\$8,760.00; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; Uline, building equipment-\$716.38; US Bank, inmate medical, training, janitorial supplies, fuel-\$4,529.82; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$508.19; Wilmes, building supplies-\$3.58; City of So Sioux City, pickup fuel-\$47.02; US Bank, meals for Meyer Pallet fire-\$313.75; Verizon, phones-\$42.94; Bomgaars, spray parts-\$134.98; Dakota County Star, publications-\$144.00; Nutrien, chemicals-\$290.00; Sioux City Yamaha Can-Am Inc, spray parts-\$371.28; Verizon, phone-\$43.03; Wilmes, supplies-\$2.79; Availity, medical billing-\$132.61; Marco, copier contract-\$245.62; US Bank, supplies-\$998.03; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; John Gunia, gravel markers-\$850.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$207.20; US Bank, lodging-\$375.00; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; Jana Adam, election worker-\$163.35; Robyn Barricks, election worker-\$127.35; BOK NA, 2019 Flood Bond-\$109,738.75; Bort Auto Body, deductible for deputy Fulkerth accident-\$2,500.00; Marion Cain, election worker-\$129.75; City of So Sioux City, EECBG Grant-\$75,750.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; ES&S, school bond ballots-\$645.30; Electronic Engineering, panic button monitoring-\$29.95; Joli Gehring, election worker-\$121.88; Im On, phones-\$725.91; Knock Out Printing, outgoing envelopes for election-\$7,298.36; Cindy Krusemark, cemetery upkeep-\$500.00; Dave Krusemark, cemetery upkeep-\$500.00; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$670.71; NE Neb Area Agency on Aging, county share fiscal year 2026-\$9,577.00; Quadiant Leasing, lease payment-\$1,088.49; Region 4 Behavioral Health, qtr 1 FY26 mental health-\$10,968.50; US Postal, monthly postage-\$4,000.00; Road Fund Transfer, budget transfer-\$58,110.76; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$4,237.42; Blackhills Energy, utilities-\$2,105.45; Bomgaars, shop supplies, tools-\$240.10; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$7,713.63; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$22,868.28; Custom Body Company, dump truck-\$191,000.00; Dakota County Register of Deeds, easement-\$40.00; Daum Tree Service, tree removal-\$1,250.00; Dundee Bank, lease payment-\$44,260.10; Fastenal, shop supplies-\$370.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$144.36; Grossenburg Implement, rental tractor-\$1,000.00; Gworks, annual maintenance & support-\$556.00; H204U, water-\$52.00; Byron & Terri Hall, permanent easement M ave-\$100.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$1,656.00; Heavy Metal Repair, parts, labor-\$127.49; J&M Repair, parts, labor-\$2,258.21; K&K Hubbard Mart, fuel-\$162.16; Marx Trailer, parts-\$988.86; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$51.40; Midwest SVC & Sales, shop grader bolts-\$572.25; NPPD, utilities-\$107.55; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$123.53; Northeast Power, utilities-\$371.32; Northside Glass, labor-\$225.00; Power Plan, labor, parts-\$2,730.68; RMS, parts-\$678.84; Robertson, parts, tools-\$422.09; Sapp Bros, fuel-\$1,407.09; Security First Bank, lease payment-\$45,919.56; Select Parts Inc, parts-\$36.25; Sioux City Trap, parts-\$135.51; US Bank, supplies, parts, tools-\$1,183.26; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$468.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$42.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$47.00; Warren Oil, diesel-\$10,416.95; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$189.70; Ziegler's, blades-\$1,502.40; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$16,002.46; **1150 P&M Fund:** Government Forms & Supplies, envelopes-\$459.93; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **Health Grant 2502:** Chole Coover, mileage-\$133.00; US Bank, lodging, supplies, meals, misc-\$4,739.76; **2504 Health Grant:** US Bank, supplies, website-\$884.81; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$549.00; **2508 Health Grant:** Ford Motor Credit, lease payment-\$912.16; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$34,906.37.

County Treasurer, Stephanie Gatzemeyer, requested Board approval to close 5 bank accounts that have been dormant since 2017 and move money to BankFirst. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the County Treasurer, Stephanie Gatzemeyer, request to close 5 bank accounts that have been dormant since 2017 and move money to BankFirst. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Dakota County Victim Assistance Program Coordinator, Kim Hansen, requested Board approval of the SFY 2024 VOCA Year 3 Continuation Subgrant Amendment for \$56,000 and the County and Law Enforcement Center will share costs above this amount. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the SFY 2024 VOCA Year 3 Continuation Subgrant Amendment for \$56,000 submitted by Dakota County Victim Assistance Program Coordinator, Kim Hansen. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

There was a request by Bill Rohde to have a light put up at the intersection of Highway 77 and 225th street. Highway Superintendent, Jolene Gubbels, provided information from NPPD that there would not be a charge for the pole and the monthly fee would be \$13.50 per month. She did call the Law Enforcement Center to see if and how many accidents had occurred at this intersection. There were not any reports. Commissioner Bousquet suggested getting quotes on solar lights to see how they compared. This will be placed back on a future agenda.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for May 11 to May 24, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 184 hours; Overtime hours - .5; Tree/Debris removal – 75 hours; Culvert/Road Projects – 87 hours-250th St; Mowing – 16 hours; Gravel hauling – 125 hours; 579.46 tons hauled on roads and 667 hauled into yard; Sign Repair – 39 hours; Weed spraying – 28.25 hours. Road concerns: 260th St, Wigle Creek Rd, Fiddler Creek Rd.

It was determined to wait until August or September to schedule a road tour via bus.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Bousquet attended a P & Z meeting and Commissioner Hohenstein attended a Region IV meeting.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of May 27, 2025, at 3:25 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 9, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the BOE meeting held just prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: County Attorney. Also present was Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – May 27, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for May 25 to June 7, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
3. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS
 - a. 3:00 p.m. Public Hearings for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding:
 - 1) The addition of Solar Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations.
 - 2) the additional definitions to be added to the Dakota County Solar Conversion Systems 900.4.101
 - 3) regarding the addition of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations Section 900.4.300
 - b. Board approve or not approve Resolution 25C-011 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations.
 - c. Board approve or not approve Resolution 25C-012 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 900.4.101 additional definitions to be added to the Dakota County Solar Conversion System.
 - d. Board approve or not approve Resolution 25C-013 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 900.4.300 the addition of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations.
 - e. Board approve or not approve Resolution 25C-014 directing the Highway Superintendent to study the use being made of public road specific to the Petition to Vacate road at Intersection S Avenue and 207th Street – starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.
 - f. County Treasurer Office requesting Board approval of Resolution 25C-015 releasing two (2) pledged securities.
 - g. Rodney Reisdorph requesting permission to close Stable Drive to hold car show event *Scene of the Crash* being held at the Dakota-Thurston County fairgrounds for the dates of July 18th at 8:00 a.m. to July 20th at 10:00 a.m. and use Road Department barricades.
 - h. Greg Utech, Dakota-Thurston County Fair Board, requesting approval of Special Designated Liquor Licenses for the following events: Thursday, July 31 - Tractor Pull; Friday August 1st – Figure 8 Racing; and Saturday, August 2nd - Extreme Bull Riding and Cornhole Tournament.
 - i. Cherie Conley, Dakota-Thurston County Fair Board, requesting approval to close a portion of Stable Drive for safety of fair attendees from Wednesday, July 30th to Sunday, August 3rd, approval to use Road Department barricades, and approval to apply mag-water on a portion of Stable Drive from Gateway Drive to East fair entrance for dust control splitting cost with County.
 - j. Approve County Surplus Report from May 30, 2025 Surplus Sale.
 - k. Approve Dakota-Dixon Inter-Local Agreement to share Veterans Service Officer for period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
 - l. Board to discuss and approve or not approve the County contracting services with Lutz & Company with consulting and helping to prepare the 2025-2026 County budget.
 - m. Approve NDOT and Dakota County Weed Control Operation and Equipment Rental Agreement for May 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026.

- n. Board approve or not approve request from Chief Deputy Decker to purchase new vehicle for the jail/sheriff department.
4. OLD BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Board to discuss and decide how to proceed with the request of Bill Rohde to place a light at the intersection of Hwy 77 and 225th Street and the costs to the county.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment: Walter Beerman, South Sioux City, commented on Gill Hauling garbage rates being \$40/month and Sioux City rates are \$18.47/month. Wondered if County could do anything about the rates or getting Sioux City services. Mike Carnes, Dakota County Star, shared that the paper is expanding and has started a POD cast and updates to website.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and accounts payable claims and everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – May 27, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for May 25 to June 7, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$204,350.42; Net Pay-\$146,343.46; Total Retirement-\$14,899.09; Total FICA-\$15,160.88; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$212.30; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,689.60; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,290.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.01; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,817.94; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,100.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,679.14; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$3,561.32; Shaun Bird-\$2,549.20; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$3,224.85; Penny Epting-\$4,266.14; Brian Fernau-\$2,499.66; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,178.59; Jeremy Gilpin-\$1,858.66; Martin Guerrero-\$3,366.00; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,475.48; Jason James-\$3,172.47; Jared Junge-\$2,516.80; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,433.03; Keaton Mueller-\$3,542.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,560.48; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,311.48; Mardi Schnee-\$1,389.13; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,160.25; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,415.38; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$2,391.43; Summer Adair-\$1,928.64; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$1,687.56; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,793.75; Ismael Castro-\$2,105.28; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,981.44; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,824.08; Ruby De La Torre-\$2,172.91; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,834.18; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$2,126.28; Rebekah Epting-\$2,128.44; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,258.08; Jonathan Gray-\$2,311.83; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,928.64; Todd Hammer-\$2,516.80; Adam Hough-\$1,920.00; Dustin Johnson-\$2,035.56; Terry Johnson-\$2,193.15; Carol Juarez-\$1,708.56; Brandon Long-\$2,693.55; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,068.45; Skyler Miner-\$1,910.00; Lucas Moulton-\$1,829.16; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,545.40; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$542.68; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,862.90; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,411.32; Michele Rohde-\$1,731.44; Jeremy Russell-\$1,981.44; Jerry Santos-\$2,146.35; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,079.92; Kyle Urbanec-\$1,352.62; Armando Valerio-\$1,949.64; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,808.16; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,427.50; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,505.97; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,306.24; Courtney Swick-\$1,510.81; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employer:** Federal Tax-\$13,684.53; State Tax-\$6,875.15; Soc Sec-\$12,287.23; Medicare-\$2,873.65; Extra Fit-\$1,521.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$10,323.74; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$237.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$825.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.64; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$123.04; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$21,659.79; Net Pay-\$15,690.67; Retirement-\$1,462.01; Total FICA-\$1,611.79; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,833.27; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$2,071.11; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$2,107.14; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Andrew Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,033.07; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,465.30; State Tax-\$723.81; FICA-\$1,306.28; Medicare-\$305.51; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$974.72; Health Plan-\$400.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$243.96; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$44.40; Legal Shield-\$38.89; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,871.78; Net Pay-\$1,468.42; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$140.39; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$114.98; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$113.78; Medicare-\$26.61; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin

Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$439.90; Dental Account, premium-\$2,104.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical - \$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$47,790.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$825.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$15,205.53; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$212.30; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,355.15; PointC – admin fees, \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, \$2,856.55; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25,222.83; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$30,321.76; VSP, premium-\$514.68. **Road Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$243.96; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,510.30; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$38.89; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$723.81; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,436.73; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,223.58; VSP, premium-\$63.92; **Insurance Fund 1275:** PointC FSA-Withdrawals, \$1,269.51; PointC – Auto Withdrawals, \$7,307.97; PointC Medical-medical claims, \$28,656.95; VSP-Cobra premium, \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life – premiums, \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life-premiums, \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.78; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Principal Life-premiums, \$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: 0300 Road Fund-transfer funds for claims, \$150,000;

Chair Hohenstein opened the Public Hearings for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding: 1) The addition of Solar Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations; 2) The additional definitions to be added to the Dakota County Solar Conversion Systems 900.4.101; 3) Regarding the addition of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations Section 900.4.300 at 3:06 a.m. There were no comments in support, neutral or opposed. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to close the public hearing at 3:07 p.m. for ; 1)The addition of Solar Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations; 2) The additional definitions to be added to the Dakota County Solar Conversion Systems 900.4.101; 3) Regarding the addition of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations Section 900.4.300. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve all 3 resolutions: 1) Resolution 25C-011 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations; 2) Resolution 25C-012 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 900.4.101 additional definitions to be added to the Dakota County Solar Conversion System; 3) Resolution 25C-013 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 900.4.300 the addition of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations. Discussion: Lou Franco, South Sioux City and Walter Beermann, So Sioux City, shared that they did not believe it was right to approve all 3 at the same time and that the public should be made aware of the planning and zoning changes. It was explained that public hearings with the planning and zoning had already taken place. Commissioner Bousquet withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 25C-011 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DAKOTA COUNTY
RESOLUTION 25C-011

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADDITION TO DAKOTA COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to amend zoning resolutions which shall have the force and effect of law pursuant to Section 508 of the Zoning Ordinances of Dakota County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners established the Dakota County Planning Commission pursuant to Regulation as set for by Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114 to 23-114.05, 23-168.04, 23-172 to 23-174, 23-174.02, 23-373 and 23-376; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined it reasonable and necessary to add ordinance Section 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Board to enact the proposed addition of Solar Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under Section 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that this Board makes the following findings of fact:

- I. A public hearing regarding the adoption of proposed addition to Solar Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under Section 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District was held on May 20,

2025 before the Dakota County Planning Commission as required by the State of Nebraska. The Planning Commission provided its recommendation of approval as noted in the Planning Department Report Exhibit "A."

- II. A public hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations, was held by this Board as required by §23-114.01(2).
- III. Notice of each of the Public Hearings described above was published at least ten (10) days prior to each respective public hearing and the proof of publication has been filed in the Office of the Dakota County Clerk.
- IV. Notice of the time and place of each hearing was also given in writing to the clerks of the local governments which have jurisdiction over land within three (3) miles of the property affected by such action as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-164.
- V. The proposed amendment and revisions to be approved by this Resolution are within Section 600.3.18 of the Dakota County Zoning Regulations. Further the Planning Department report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- VI. The proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations are consistent with the Dakota County Comprehensive Development Plan and are designed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Dakota County.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board, in light of the above, after due deliberation and consideration, upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, adopts the proposed addition to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations Section 600.3.18, specifically approval of the amendment as shown in Exhibit "A", and directs the Planning Department to amend the Dakota County Zoning Regulations by adding Solar Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under Section 600.3.18 in the Agricultural Zoning District and that the same have full force and effect of law, the effective date of the aforementioned Zoning Regulations shall be June 9, 2025.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114.03, the County Clerk is directed and instructed to, within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Resolution, publish these Regulations in book or pamphlet form or once in a legal newspaper published in and of general circulation in the county, and the County Clerk is further directed to spread these regulations in the minutes of the proceedings of the county board.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regulations enacted by this Resolution are intended to be a complete revision of the existing Zoning Regulations, and all previous Resolutions or parts of Resolutions of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on said subjects or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed. The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 9th day of June, 2025.

PASSED and APPROVED this 9th day of June, 2025.

EXHIBIT A Excerpt

DAKOTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: May 20, 2025 MINUTES

Motion made by Tim Decker, second by Scott Bousquet to approve the addition of Solar Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under 600.3 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations and give their recommendation to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for their final approval. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Steven Lieber, second by Harold Moes to approve adding the additional definitions to the Dakota County Solar Energy Regulations and give their recommendation to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for their final approval. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Harold Moes, second by Tim Decker to approve the addition of Commercial 25kw+ Solar regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations and give their recommendation to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for their final approval. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

EXCERPT: Section 600.3. CONDITIONAL USES

The following uses are permitted in the AG, Agricultural District after a finding by the County Planning Commission that their mode of conduct and location will not hinder the enjoyment and use of nearby properties and will not disrupt the appropriate use of land and resources of the County: 1-17 Same. Addition of **18. Solar Energy Conversion Systems.**

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve Resolution 25C-012 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 900.4.101 additional definitions to be added to the Dakota County Solar Conversion System. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAKOTA COUNTY

RESOLUTION 25C-012

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADDITION TO DAKOTA COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to amend zoning resolutions which shall have the force and effect of law pursuant to Section 508 of the Zoning Ordinances of Dakota County, Nebraska; and

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WHEREAS, the Commission has determined it reasonable and necessary to add ordinance Section 900.4.101 additional definitions to be added to the Dakota County Solar Conversion System; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Board to enact the proposed additional definitions to be added to Section 900.4.101 Dakota County Solar Conversion System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that this Board makes the following findings of fact:

- I. A public hearing regarding the adoption of proposed additional definitions to be added to Section 900.4.101 Dakota County Solar Conversion System was held on May 20, 2025 before the Dakota County Planning Commission as required by the State of Nebraska. The Planning Commission provided its recommendation of approval as noted in the Planning Department Report Exhibit "A."
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- V. The proposed amendment and revisions to be approved by this Resolution are within Section 900.4.101 of the Dakota County Zoning Regulations. Further the Planning Department report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- VI. The proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations are consistent with the Dakota County Comprehensive Development Plan and are designed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Dakota County.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board, in light of the above, after due deliberation and consideration, upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, adopts the proposed addition to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations Section 900.4.101, specifically approval of the amendment as shown in Exhibit "A", and directs the Planning Department to amend the Dakota County Zoning Regulations by adding Section 900.4.101 and that the same have full force and effect of law, the effective date of the aforementioned Zoning Regulations shall be June 9, 2025.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114.03, the County Clerk is directed and instructed to, within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Resolution, publish these Regulations in book or pamphlet form or once in a legal newspaper published in and of general circulation in the county, and the County Clerk is further directed to spread these regulations in the minutes of the proceedings of the county board.

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Section 900.4.101 GENERAL SOLAR DEFINITIONS

1. ACCESSORY SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS: include any photovoltaic, concentrated solar thermal, or solar hot water devices that are accessory to, and incorporated into the development of an authorized use of the property, and which are designed for the purpose of reducing or meeting on-site energy needs.
2. AGGREGATED PROJECT: Those projects that are developed and operated in a coordinated fashion, but which have multiple entities separately owning one or more of the individual CSCS components within a larger project. Associated infrastructure such as power lines and transformers that service the facility may be owned by a separate entity but are also included as part of the aggregated project.
3. AGRIVOLTAIC: A solar energy conversion system that combines agricultural use of certain land with a solar energy conversion system. The most common types of agrivoltaics facilities include the growing of crops, providing for pollinators, or grazing of animals. These agricultural activities occur underneath and surrounding the panels or Modules.
4. BUILDING-INTERGRATED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS: A solar energy system that is an integral part of a principal or accessory building, rather than a separate mechanical device, replacing or substituting for an architectural component of the building. Building-integrated systems include but are not limited to photovoltaic or hot water solar energy systems that are contained within roofing materials, windows, skylights, and awnings.
5. CHURCH: A building that houses a religious organization or congregation that meets in a specific location with constitutions and by-laws and is a qualified 501 (c)(3) organization
6. COMMUNITY-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS: A commercial solar energy system that converts sunlight into electricity for the primary purpose of serving electric demands off-site from the facility, either retail or wholesale. Community-scale systems are principal uses and projects typically cover less than 20 acres.
7. COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN: A solar energy system that provides retail electric power (or a financial proxy for retail power) to multiple community members or businesses residing or located off-site from the location of the solar energy system. Also referred to a shared solar.
8. CONCENTRATED SOLAR POWER: A solar conversion system (SCS) that generates power by using mirrors or lenses to concentrate a large area of sunlight, or solar thermal energy, unto a small area. These include but are not limited to the following technologies: Parabolic trough, Solar power tower, enclosed trough, Fresnel reflectors and Dish Stirling.
9. DEVELOPMENT: Any plat, subdivision, or planned unit development created under the Dakota County subdivision and zoning regulations.
10. ELECTRIC UTILITY: The public electric utility providing retail service to a given area.
11. EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS: Any of the following would be considered an 'extraordinary event': large-scale or facility-wide damage to Solar Arrays/panels and facilities due to wind, storm, hail, fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural disasters; explosion, grievous injury to any citizen or employee; or similar event.
12. FEEDER LINE: Any power line that carries electrical power from one or more solar collectors or individual transformers associated with individual solar energy collection to the point of interconnection with the electric power grid, in the case of interconnection with the high voltage transmission systems serving the CSCS.
13. Grading: The act of excavation or filling or a combination of both or any leveling to a smooth horizontal or sloping surface on a property but not including normal cultivation associated with an agricultural operation.
14. Ground Mounted Panels: Freestanding solar panels mounted to the ground by use of racking, piling, piers, stabilizers, or similar apparatus.
15. Grid-Tied Solar System: A photovoltaic solar system that is connected to an electric circuit served by an electrical company.
16. HEIGHT, TOTAL SYSTEM: The height above the grade of the system including the unit and the measured highest vertical extension of any portion of the SCS

17. METEOROLOGICAL TOWER/MEASURING DEVICES: For the purpose of collecting data used to monitor solar energy or other data relevant to locating a SCS.
18. NET EXCESS GENERATION: On an ISCS, net excess generation means the net amount of energy, if any, by which the output of a qualified facility exceeds a customer-generator's total electricity requirements during a billing period;
19. NET METERING: a system in which solar panels or other renewable energy generators are connected to a public-utility power grid and surplus power is transferred onto the grid, allowing customers to offset the cost of power drawn from the utility.
20. NON-PARTICIPATING RESIDENCE: Any property that is not the subject of an agreement with the Solar Energy Conversion System Owner or Operator.
21. OFF-GRID SOLAR SYSTEM: A photovoltaic solar system in which the circuits energized by the solar system are not electrically connected in any way to electric circuits served by an electric utility company.
22. OPERATOR: The party or entity responsible for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Solar Energy Conversion System.
23. PARTICIPATING PROPERTY: Any property that is under lease or other property agreement with the Operator of a Solar Energy Conversion System.
24. PERMEABLE FENCING: Fencing that allows wildlife to pass through. Examples include typical barbed wire fencing or wire fencing with larger holes than a traditional chain link fence, made with woven wire, containing wildlife corridors for larger wildlife.
25. PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR PANELS: Solar panels that convert sunlight into electricity through the photovoltaic effect and do not contain liquids.
26. POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY SOLAR ENERGY: A community or large-scale solar energy system that meets the requirement of a pollinator-friendly checklist designed for Midwestern eco-systems, soils, and habitat.
27. ROOF PITCH: The final exterior slope of a roof calculated by the rise over the run, typically but not exclusively expressed in twelfths such as 3/12, 9/12, 12/12.
28. ROOFTOP OR BUILDING MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM: A solar energy system that is mounted to the roof of or side of a building using brackets, stands, or other apparatus.
29. SOLAR ACCESS: the ability to receive sunlight across real property for any solar energy device.
30. SOLAR ACCESS EASEMENT: A right, expressed as an easement, covenant, condition, restriction or other property interest in any deed, will or other instrument executed by or on behalf of any landowner or in any order of taking, appropriate to protect the solar skyspace of a solar collector at a particularly described location to forbid or limit any or all of the following where detrimental to access to solar energy: structures on or above ground; vegetation on or above ground; or other activities. Such right shall specifically describe a solar skyspace in three-dimensional terms in which the activity, structures or vegetation are forbidden or limited or in which such an easement shall set performance criteria for adequate collections of solar energy at a particular location.
31. SOLAR CARPORT: A solar energy system of any size that is installed on a carport structure that is accessory to a parking area, and which may include electric vehicle supply equipment or energy storage facilities.
32. SOLAR COLLECTOR(ACCESSORY): A device, structure or a part of a device or structure that the principal purpose is to transform solar radiant energy into thermal, mechanical, chemical, or electrical energy.
33. SOLAR CONVERSION SYSTEM (SCS): An assembly, structure, or design, including passive elements, used for gathering, concentrating or absorbing direct or indirect solar energy, specifically designed for holding a substantial amount of useful energy and to transfer that energy to a gas, solid or liquid or to use that energy directly; this may include, but is not limited to, a mechanism or process used for gathering solar energy through thermal gradients, or a component used to transfer energy to a gas, solid or liquid or to convert into electricity.
34. SOLAR CONVERSION SYSTEM, COMMERCIAL: A commercial solar conversion system (CSCS) is a series of solar panels and equipment connected together in order to commercially supply the converted energy to a community and/or power grid.
35. SOLAR CONVERSION SYSTEM, GROUND-MOUNTED: Any SCS which is directly supported and attached to the ground.
36. SOLAR CONVERSION SYSTEM, INDIVIDUAL: An individual solar conversion system (ISCS) shall be for the specific use of an individual residential, commercial, public, or industrial use.
37. SOLAR CONVERSION SYSTEM, NEIGHBORHOOD: A neighborhood solar conversion system (NSCS) is a series of solar panels and equipment connected together in order to supply converted energy to a specific neighborhood and its uses.
38. SOLAR CONVERSION SYSTEM, STRUCTURE-MOUNTED: Any SCS which is directly connected to and supported by a building.
39. SOLAR DAYLIGHTING: Capturing and directing the visible light spectrum for use in illuminating interior building spaces in lieu of artificial lighting, usually by adding a device or design element to the building envelope.
40. SOLAR ENERGY: Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.
41. SOLAR GLARE: The glare effect that occurs when the sun reflects on the conversion system and that can affect people or near-by properties.
42. SOLAR HOT AIR SYSTEM: (also referred to as Solar Air Heat or Solar Furnace) – A solar energy system that includes a solar collector to provide direct supplemental space heating by heating and re-circulating supplement building space heating, typically using a vertically mounted collector on a south-facing wall.
43. SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEM: A system that includes a solar collector and a heat exchanger that heats or preheats water for building heating systems or other hot water needs, including residential domestic hot water and hot water for commercial processes.
44. SOLAR MOUNTING DEVICES: Racking, frames, or other devices that allow the mounting of a solar collector onto a roof surface or on the ground.
45. SOLAR-READY DESIGN: The design and construction of a building that facilitates and makes feasible the installation of rooftop solar.
46. SOLAR SKYSPACE: The maximum three-dimensional space extending from a solar collector to all positions of the sun necessary for efficient use of the collector.
 - a. Where a solar energy system is used for heating purposes only, solar skyspace shall mean the maximum three-dimensional space extending from a solar energy collector to all positions of the sun between nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. and three o'clock (3:00) P.M. local apparent time from September 22 through March 22 of each year.

- b. Where a solar energy system is used for cooling purposes only, solar skyspace shall mean the maximum three-dimensional space extending from a solar collector to all positions of the sun between eight o'clock **(8:00) A.M. and four o'clock (4:00) P.M. local** apparent time from March 23 through September 21 of each year.
- 47. SOLAR ORIENTED SUBDIVISION: A subdivision in which a minimum of 65 percent of the lots are solar-oriented lots.
- 48. SOUTH OR SOUTH-FACING: True south, or 20 degrees east of magnetic south.
- 49. SUBSTATION: Any electrical facility utilized to convert electricity produced by a SCS for inter-connection with transmission lines.
- 50. TRANSMISSION LINE: The electrical power lines that are medium and/or high voltage transmission lines carrying electricity over medium to long distances rather than directly interconnecting and supplying electric energy to retail customers.
- 51. WILDLIFE CORRIDORS: A vegetated route or other connection which allows movement of wildlife between areas of habitat. A wildlife corridor may be naturally occurring areas such as stream corridors, or constructed breaks in the contiguously fenced areas other than for roads. A wildlife corridor allows animals to travel through an area that may be fragmented with solar energy conversion systems, or other features, rather than using the nearby roadways.
- 52. YARD FRONT: A yard extending from the front lot line of the SCS and adjoining a public street or road to the front of the SCS between side lot lines.
- 53. YARD, REAR: A yard extending between side lot lines and measured horizontally at right angles to the rear lot line from the rear lot to the nearest point of the SCS.
- 54. YARD, SIDE: A yard between the SCS and the side lot line measured horizontally at right angles to the side lot line from the side lot line to the nearest point required minimum open space between the property line and the SCS.

Section 900.4.101.5 AREA DEFINITONS:

SOLAR ARRAY: A collection of multiple solar panels that generate electricity as a system, most typically this is a group of solar panels connected to the same inverter.

SOLAR MODULE: A grouping of Solar Arrays. The Operator shall measure the area of a Solar Module is measured with the panels as horizontal as possible. An Operator may separate a Module from other Modules with fencing, wildlife corridors, natural areas, roads, etc. Appurtenant structures such as sub-stations, battery storage, and other storage buildings, are not included in this definition.

SITE AREA: The footprint of the solar facility including the various Solar Modules, whether on property that is commonly owned/controlled or is under separate ownership. The Site Area is the cumulative total of the Solar Modules within the facility. The Operator shall measure the Site Area with the panels as horizontal as possible. This term does not include the wildlife corridors or other features of the solar energy conversion system that are not considered part of the Solar Module.

PROJECT AREA: The total impacted area including the Site Area along with the accessory or appurtenant structures and equipment, wildlife corridors, and other components of the solar energy conversion system.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve Resolution 25C-013 Dakota County Zoning Ordinances Addition to Section 900.4.300 the addition of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAKOTA COUNTY

RESOLUTION 25C-013

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADDITION TO DAKOTA COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to amend zoning resolutions which shall have the force and effect of law pursuant to Section 508 of the Zoning Ordinances of Dakota County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners established the Dakota County Planning Commission pursuant to Regulation as set for by Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114 to 23-114.05, 23-168.04, 23-172 to 23-174, 23-174.02, 23-373 and 23-376; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined it reasonable and necessary to add ordinance Section 900.4.300 the addition of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Board to enact the proposed addition of Section 900.4.300 the addition of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System 25Kw+ regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DAKOTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that this Board makes the following findings of fact:

- I. A public hearing regarding the adoption of proposed addition of Section 900.4.300 in the Agricultural Zoning District was held on May 20, 2025 before the Dakota County Planning Commission as required by the State of Nebraska. The Planning Commission provided its recommendation of approval as noted in the Planning Department Report Exhibit "A."
- II. A public hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations, was held by this Board as required by §23-114.01(2).
- III. Notice of each of the Public Hearings described above was published at least ten (10) days prior to each respective public hearing and the proof of publication has been filed in the Office of the Dakota County Clerk.
- IV. Notice of the time and place of each hearing was also given in writing to the clerks of the local governments which have jurisdiction over land within three (3) miles of the property affected by such action as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-164.
- V. The proposed amendment and revisions to be approved by this Resolution are within Section 900.4.300 of the Dakota County Zoning Regulations. Further the Planning Department report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- VI. The proposed amendment and revisions to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations are consistent with the Dakota County Comprehensive Development Plan and are designed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Dakota County.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board, in light of the above, after due deliberation and consideration, upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, adopts the proposed addition to the Dakota County Zoning Regulations Section 900.4.300, specifically approval of the amendment as shown in Exhibit "A", and directs the Planning Department to amend the Dakota County Zoning Regulations by adding Section 900.4.300 and that the same have full force and effect of law, the effective date of the aforementioned Zoning Regulations shall be June 9, 2025.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114.03, the County Clerk is directed and instructed to, within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Resolution, publish these Regulations in book or pamphlet form or once in a legal newspaper published in and of general circulation in the county, and the County Clerk is further directed to spread these regulations in the minutes of the proceedings of the county board.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regulations enacted by this Resolution are intended to be a complete revision of the existing Zoning Regulations, and all previous Resolutions or parts of Resolutions of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on said subjects or in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed. The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 9th day of June, 2025.

PASSED and APPROVED this 9th day of June, 2025.

EXHIBIT A Excerpt

DAKOTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION: May 20, 2025 MINUTES

Motion made by Tim Decker, second by Scott Bousquet to approve the addition of Solar Conversion Systems to Conditional Use Permits under 600.3 in the Agricultural Zoning District of the Dakota County zoning regulations and give their recommendation to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for their final approval. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Steven Lieber, second by Harold Moes to approve adding the additional definitions to the Dakota County Solar Energy Regulations and give their recommendation to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for their final approval. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Harold Moes, second by Tim Decker to approve the addition of Commercial 25kw+ Solar regulations to the Dakota County zoning regulations and give their recommendation to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for their final approval. Roll Call Vote. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Section 900.4.300 COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM 25Kw+

1. Applicability

The purpose of this section is to provide for the construction and operation of Commercial Solar Energy Conversion Systems 25Kw+ (CSECS25Kw+) in the unincorporated areas of Dakota County. Commercial Solar Energy Conversion Systems 25Kw+ may be permitted in the Agricultural (AG) Zoning District subject to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit and also subject to the following required criteria and standards:

- a. A legal description of the perimeter boundaries of the proposed project including lease agreements or other satisfactory evidence that the applicant is the owner of the property or has written permission of the owner/s to make such application.
- b. Name, address and phone number of the developer and the developer's contact person for the project. A statement from the developer providing relevant information regarding an overview of the company, the company's environmental management history and the company's qualifications and experience in CSECS25Kw+ development. In the event of any change in contact personnel ownership or contact information, the applicant shall provide the address, phone number and name of the contact person to the Dakota County Planning Administrator.

2. Site Plan:

Drawn in sufficient detail and scale to clearly describe the following:

- a. General vicinity of the project location within the County
- b. Scale and North arrow
- c. Acreage of the site
- d. Existing topography shall be shown at two (2) foot intervals
- e. Location of existing electrical lines, including transmission lines, oil & gas pipelines, and any additional utility lines
- f. Flood hazard boundaries as shown on the latest Federal Insurance Rate Maps
- g. Property lines for each property under separate ownership included within the proposed CSECS25Kw+ boundaries with a key identifying each owner
- h. Location of all existing residential structures within the boundaries of the proposed CSECS25Kw+
- i. All public roads within and/or adjacent to the CSECS25Kw+
- j. Location of all solar collectors, transformers, substations, connecting power lines and other structures to be used as part of the operation

3. General Requirements:

- a. Collection lines rated at 45 kv or below are to be installed underground and shall be installed so as to permit agricultural usage or other current usages of the property, an underground (and if applicable overhead) communication and power collection plan will be submitted with application.
- b. Information shall be provided relative to the solar technology to be used (i.e. polycrystalline PV, monocrystalline PV, Cadmium Telluride PV, evacuated tube solar thermal, flat plate solar thermal, etc.); approximate number of solar modules/panels; system mounting (i.e. fixed-tilt on flat roof, fixed-tilt ground-mount, I-axis tracking ground-mount, etc.); the maximum height of any new utility poles; and power capacity of the system, in both DC and AC Watts where applicable; total acreage of array and acreage of total project; manner in which the project will connect (i.e. net meter to existing distribution line, to new distribution line, to transmission line); and, whether a new substation will be constructed. (If so, provide location and size).
- c. If a CSECS25Kw+ is proposed to be placed within one (1) mile of any airport or airstrip as shown on the Airport and Airstrip Map incorporated herein by reference, the applicant shall provide acknowledgement from the Federal Aviation Administration prior to construction. The applicant shall provide a Solar Glare Hazard Analysis utilizing the latest version of the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT), or its equivalent, per its user's manual, to evaluate the solar glare aviation hazard. The full report for each flight path and observation point, as well as the contact information, shall be submitted to the Planning Administrator at least thirty (30) days before the required public hearing for the Conditional Use Permit for the CSECS25Kw+. Any applicable CSECS25Kw+ design changes (e.g., module tilt, module reflectivity, etc.) after initial submittal shall be rerun in the SGHAT tool and the new full report shall be sent without undue delay to the Planning Director for accurate records of the as-built system. The analysis shall provide an assessment of when and where glare will occur throughout the year.

- 1). If solar glare is predicted, the applicant shall provide mitigation measures to address the impacts of solar glare. Mitigation measure may include, and are not limited to, texture glass, anti-reflective coatings, screening, distance, and angling of solar PV modules in a manner that reduces glare to surrounding land uses of non-participating property owners.
 - d. The CSECS25Kw+ shall not exceed fifteen feet (15') in height; provided, however, said height restriction shall not apply to substation facilities or transmission lines.
 - e. All CSECS25Kw+ structures shall be setback from the project boundary lines and public rights-of-way at least ninety feet (90'). Additionally, all CSECS25Kw+ structures shall be setback two hundred fifty (250) feet as measured from the nearest portion of any existing and non-participating landowners' residential structure at the time of the application.
 - f. The CSECS25Kw+ shall be enclosed by perimeter fencing at least eight feet (6') tall to restrict unauthorized access. No outdoor storage of any materials or equipment is permitted except for construction equipment and materials during construction.
 - g. There shall be no signage allowed on the CSECS25Kw+ with the exception of safety and emergency contact signs, warning signs, directional or project identification signs and any other signage required by applicable law or regulations.
 - h. The CSECS25Kw+ should be located to make maximum use of existing terrain, vegetation, and structures to screen the Project from off-site views. Where possible, CSECS25Kw+ should be sited such that non-shading vegetation and/or existing structures are located between the facility and public and private viewpoints. Landscaping and/or screening may be required to help screen the CSECS25Kw+.
 - i. The applicant shall identify the potential fire risk associated with the project, including both prescribed burning and nonprescribed burning.
 - j. No CSECS25Kw+ shall be placed such that concentrated solar glare casts onto adjacent properties or roadways.
 - k. 2 Access roads per mile shall be constructed within the project, for installation and operation purposes, shall be shown on the site plan and shall be constructed in accordance with engineering standards and in accordance with any applicable landowner agreements.
4. Development Plan:
- The Development Plan shall have a written narrative in a style that is easily understood that describes the project, including cost/benefit analysis, anticipated lifetime, decommissioning and restoration. Detailed technical data, statistics and other supplementary information shall be included in appendices. Contents of the CSECS25Kw+ Development Plan as follows:
- a. Cultural Assessment: Applicant shall perform a cultural resources assessment and provide the same to the County and to the State Historic Preservation Office.
 - b. Wildlife and Wetlands: Applicant shall comply with all requirements provided by law and obtain all permits required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS), the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) regarding the protection of wildlife and identification of wetlands.
 - c. General Construction Document Requirements: Applicant shall provide a general description of major components of the solar panels and on-site facilities including solar panel specifications, transmission lines and accessory facilities, such as control rooms, transformers, transformers, substations, maintenance facilities, underground infrastructure, and interior access roads. The proposed number, location, capacity, and dimensions of the arrays shall also be included.
 - d. Soil Erosion Sediment Control and Storm Water Runoff: Applicant shall prepare and provide to the County a NDEE approved Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for all construction sites.
 - e. Fire Safety and Emergency Plan: The develop plan shall include a Fire Safety and Emergency Plan identifying the potential fire risk associated with the project, including both prescribed burning and non-prescribed burning. This shall address fire originating within the site, fires escaping from the site and potential effects of fire originating from outside the site. The applicant shall provide 24-hour contact information to the Dakota County Emergency Management Department and shall post emergency contact information on site.
 - f. Ground Water Resources: Applicant must notify the County of any risks it finds to ground water aquifers in connection with the construction of CSECS25Kw+ project and all mitigation measures the applicant proposes to utilize to mitigate such risk.
 - g. Air Quality: Applicant shall submit a plan to control dust on roads which will be used during construction which plan shall be a part of the Road Agreement required below.
 - h. Land Use and Development: Applicant shall identify potential constraints or benefits the CSECS25Kw+ may place on the current or future use of the land within the project site and the surrounding area. The extent of any limitations due to public health and safety risks shall be specifically addressed, and the effects on the following activities shall also be addressed.
 - 1). Agricultural activities;
 - 2). Residential activities;
 - 3). Commercial activities;
 - 4). Industrial activities.
 - i. Bibliography: The Development Plan shall provide a bibliography of the authorities consulted and documents relied on in completing the Development Plan.
 - j. Appendices: All detailed technical information that supports the Development Plan shall be included in the appendices. The most important feature of the appendices shall be included in the main body of the Development Plan.
 - k. Prerequisites to Construction Under an Approved Conditional Use Permit
 - 1). Decommissioning Agreement: A Decommissioning Agreement as described in Section "7. a." below must be approved and accepted by the Board of County Commissioners before any construction begins.
 - 2). Road Agreement: Transportation routes used for construction shall be coordinated with the Dakota Highway Superintendent. Dakota County may require the applicant to provide and pay for an independent study of all or some of the roads, bridges, and culverts over which equipment for the CSECS25Kw+ will travel during the construction phase to determine the ability of said roads, bridges, and culverts to withstand the expected traffic. Applicant shall be held liable for any damages to county roads or rights-of-way resulting from solar panel construction, deconstruction, and/or maintenance activities. A Road Agreement by which the developer or operator of the CSECS25Kw+ assumes financial responsibility for infrastructure improvements needed for construction and repair for infrastructure damages caused by construction must be entered into by the Applicant and by the Board of County Commissioners before any construction begins.

- 3). Power Purchase Agreement Applicant shall provide evidence that they have successfully entered into an agreement for the off-site purchase of power produced or have a grid interconnection for the energy production with the relevant electrical authority (ex. NPPD or local utility) before any construction begins.
5. Construction Requirements
 - a. Licensed Engineer: Construction shall be in compliance with applicable County Building Codes, State and Federal Regulations and applicable conditions set forth in the Conditional Use Permit
 - b. Site Clearance: Site clearance and preparation shall be conducted in accordance with State Law and any applicable landowner agreements.
 - c. Field Representative: Prior to the start of, and continuously throughout the construction and site restoration, Applicant shall designate a field representative responsible for overseeing compliance with the conditions of the Conditional Use Permit. Such representative shall be accessible by telephone during normal business hours. The address and emergency phone number of such representative shall be provided to the Planning Administrator and the Dakota County Emergency Management Director of any change in contact information.
 - d. Cleanup: Applicant shall remove all waste and scrap that is the product of construction, operations, restoration, and maintenance from the site and properly dispose of it upon the completion of each task. Any land restoration shall be done in a manner that is consistent with the terms of any agreement executed between the Applicant and the landowner.
 6. Operational Requirements of CSECS25KW+ Conditional Uses
 - a. Hazardous Materials: Lubricants and/or hazardous material located on the premises shall be kept and transported in accordance with all state and federal regulations.
 - b. Visual Impact: Applicant shall take reasonable measures to mitigate specific adverse visual impacts such as reflections and glare affecting residences within or immediately adjacent to the CSECS25KW+ Conditional Use area.
 - c. Decommissioning: Decommissioning shall occur in compliance with the Decommissioning Plan.
 7. Decommissioning/Restoration/Abandonment/Financial Security
 - a. Decommissioning Agreement: Applicant shall enter into a Decommissioning Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners before any construction begins. Compliance with the Plan shall, at all times, be a condition of the Conditional Use Permit whether or not explicitly listed in any document reflecting the agreement. The Plan shall describe the manner in which the CSECS25Kw+ improvements will be dismantled and removed from the site within 18 months of the abandonment or the end of the useful life of the CSECS25Kw+ or of such improvement and shall require the removal of all above-ground components of the CSECS25Kw+. Foundations shall be removed to a depth of at least four feet (4') below grade and the area refilled with soil which is reasonably similar in quality, structure, and fertility to that of the original excavation. Access roads shall be removed in accordance with the terms of the property owners' lease agreement.
 - b. Abandonment: The CSECS25Kw+ shall be deemed abandoned at the end of a one year period following the mailing by certified mail of written notice of abandonment to the CSECS25Kw+ owner of record sent when a complete inverter block of panels does not produce electrical energy for distribution and there is no demonstrated plan to restore the equipment to operating condition. The Board of County Commissioners may require the current Conditional Use Permit holder to decommission any abandoned CSECS25Kw+ or may undertake such decommissioning with the proceeds of the escrow account, surety bond or insurance policy or otherwise at the expense of the last approved holder of the Conditional Use Permit.
 - c. Financial Security: In accord with the Decommissioning Agreement, Applicant shall submit an Escrow Account/Surety Bond/Insurance Policy or other approved financial security agreement at the time and in the amount specified in the Decommissioning Agreement in order to guarantee removal of all equipment and to restore the site, as near as possible, to its pre CSECS25Kw+ topography, topsoil quality and to generally guarantee compliance with the Decommissioning Plan at the end of the project's life or in the event of abandonment of the CSECS25Kw+.

8. Transfer of Conditional Use Permit

If the Conditional Use Permit is to be transferred from the CSECS25Kw+ owner/operator (first party) to a different CSECS25Kw+ owner/operator (second party), said transfer must first be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. First party shall inform the second party of all requirements of the CSECS25Kw+ Conditional Use Permit. The second party, or new holder, of the Conditional Use Permit shall meet all requirements of the CSECS25Kw+ Conditional Use Permit. The County Commissioners may direct the Planning Administrator, the Highway Superintendent and/or a designated person to field inspect the CSECS25Kw+ project to determine current compliance with required conditions. A transfer fee of \$1,000.00 shall be paid to the County to compensate for work related to the transfer.

9. Proof of Insurance

Applicant shall indemnify and hold the County harmless from and against any and all claims demands, suits and losses to the extent arising out of, relating to or resulting from or in connection with the negligent action or omission of Applicant or its contractors or assigns during the development, construction or operations of Applicant's solar energy project located in Dakota County, Nebraska. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Applicant, its contractors or assigns (or any of their respective affiliates, members, shareholders, officers, directors, agents or employees) be liable for consequential, incidental, indirect, special, exemplary, or punitive damages. During the construction phase of the project, Applicant or its main contractor shall, at their own expense, maintain the following insurance policies:

- a. Commercial General Liability Insurance
 - 1). Commercial General Liability Insurance: Applicant or its main contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance for the solar energy project on an "occurrence" basis, including coverage for: Premises and Operations Liability; Explosion, Collapse and Underground Damage Liability; Personal Injury-Liability; Broad Form Contractual Liability supporting Applicant's indemnification agreements in favor of the additional insureds; Completed Operations and Products Liability for a period of one (1) year following the date of final completion of the solar energy project; and Independent Contractor's Protective Liability. Such policy shall have primary coverage limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for injuries or death to one or more persons or damage to property resulting from any one occurrence and a Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate limit.
 - 2). Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance: Applicant or its main contractor shall maintain Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance, including coverage for owned, non-owned, rented, leased and hired automobiles for both bodily injury and property damage in accordance with state legal requirements, with a combined single limit of not less than One

Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident with respect to bodily injury, property damage or death.

- 3). Umbrella Excess Liability Insurance: Applicant or its main contractor shall maintain Umbrella Excess Liability Insurance which coverage shall remain in effect for one (1) year after the date of final completion of the solar energy project. The County Commission has discretion to determine the exact Umbrella Excess Liability Insurance limit within the following: Up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per occurrence and annual aggregate limit of up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) with Completed Operations and Products Liability coverage for a project up to twenty (20) MW in size. Between ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) and twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) per occurrence and annual aggregate limit of between ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) and twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) with Completed Operations and Products Liability coverage for a project twenty-one (21) MW to fifty (50) MW in size. Between twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) and twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) per occurrence and annual aggregate limit of between twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) and twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) with Completed Operations and Products Liability coverage for a project above fifty (50) MW in size.
- 4). Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance: Applicant or its main contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance with statutory limits (as may be amended from time to time), including Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of liability of not less than:
 - i). One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury by accident, each accident;
 - ii). One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury by disease, each employee;
 - iii). One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) aggregate liability for disease. After construction is complete, and during the operational phase of the project, Applicant shall maintain the insurance policies provided above, except the limits of the Umbrellas Excess Liability Insurance may be reduced to a lower figure if approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

10. Written Notice

Dakota County shall provide written notice of any proposed CSECS25Kw+ to be located within the established Growth Area or one (1) mile (whichever is greater) of any City within Dakota County requesting a review by that City prior to final consideration and action on the Conditional Use Permit.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 25C-014 directing the Highway Superintendent to study the use being made of public road specific to the Petition to Vacate road at Intersection S Avenue and 207th Street – starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

DAKOTA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 25C-014

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
TO STUDY THE USE BEING MADE OF PUBLIC ROAD**

WHEREAS, Sec. 39-1722 Nebr. R.R.S., 1943, makes provisions for a county board of commissioners to commence the process of vacation or abandonment of public roads in its county; and

WHEREAS, a clear and unambiguous description of the road to be relocated, vacated or abandoned, is as follows, to-wit:

At intersection S Avenue and 207th Street – starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27 Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska

Aerial map showing said County Right-of-Way to be vacated or abandoned in Dakota County, Nebraska is hereto attached, marked Exhibit "A,"

WHEREAS, the vacation or abandonment of said road is for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Said public road is not used by the public and is of no value to the public, and it therefore serves no purpose for it to remain open to the public.
2. The board cannot foresee any reason that the said road would have to be reopened in the future if it were vacated or abandoned.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County, Nebraska Board of Commissioners deems that the public interest may require the vacation and/or abandonment of said public roads described above.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Highway Superintendent be directed to study the use being made of such public road and that said County Highway Superintendent be directed to submit in writing to the Board, within 30 days from this date, a report upon the study made of his recommendation as to the vacation and/or abandonment thereof.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the written report of the Dakota County Highway Superintendent be retained in the office of the County Clerk of Dakota County, Nebraska, as a part of the permanent public records of the Dakota County, Nebraska, Board of Commissioners.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of June, 2025.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve Resolution 25C-015 releasing two (2) pledged securities. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION 25C-015

APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES RELEASE

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that **BANK FIRST** be permitted to Release the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip # 63939DAD7
Amount \$5,000,000.00
Maturity Date 07/26/2049

Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip # 26829WAB9
Amount \$4,200,000.00
Maturity Date 04/25/2074

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2025.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Rodney Reisdorph request to close Stable Drive to hold car show event *Scene of the Crash* being held at the Dakota-Thurston County fairgrounds for the dates of July 18th at 8:00 a.m. to July 20th at 10:00 a.m. and use Road Department barricades. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Laurel DeRoin, Dakota-Thurston County Fair Board, request for Special Designated Liquor Licenses for the fair events: Thursday, July 31 - Tractor Pull/Rocky Mt Oyster feed and Friday August 1 - Figure 8 Racing; and Saturday, August 2nd - Extreme Bull Riding and Cornhole Tournament. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the Dakota-Thurston County Fair Boards requests to close a portion of Stable Drive for safety of fair attendees from Wednesday, July 30th to Sunday, August 3rd, approval to use Road Department barricades, and approval to apply mag-water on a portion of Stable Drive from Gateway Drive to East fair entrance for dust control splitting cost with County. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commission Van Berkum to approve County Surplus Report from May 30, 2025 Surplus Sale and to sell the two broken down vehicles remaining on the surplus list to a contact of Commissioner Bousquet's and if they do not purchase them, the vehicles will be placed for sale on Big Iron. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Dakota-Dixon Inter-Local Agreement sharing Veterans Service Officer services for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the County entering into an agreement with Lutz & Company-Omaha to consult and help with preparing the 2025-2026 County budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the NDOT and Dakota County Weed Control Operation and Equipment Rental Agreement for May 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026 for the spraying of State of Nebraska ditches. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Deputy Decker requested Board approval to purchase 2 new vehicles for the jail/sheriff department. These vehicles are currently available for purchase and the Jail and Sheriff's budgets have funds available to purchase. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Jail and Sheriff's Departments request to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Traverse and 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe from Karl Emergency Vehicles-Des Moines, IA. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for May 25 to June 7, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 235.5 hours; overtime hours – 12.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 1 hour; culverts/Rd projects – 40 hours (Fiddler Creek, 250th/R Ave); gravel hauling – 138.5 hours; total tons hauled – 360.24 on roads/ sign repair – 15 hours; weed spraying – 20 hours. Road concerns-Grading: Millis Beach, Stable Drive; Gravel: Ithica Way, O Ave, I Ave, P Ave, 200th St, 232nd St. M Ave update – 1 mile is nearly completed – concerns on field entrances and ditches will be addressed. Speeding on 210th Street to golf course was mentioned. Road dept looking at purchasing a road magnet.

The Board discussed the request of Bill Rohde to place a light at the intersection of Hwy 77 and 225th Street and the costs to the county and safety concerns. Commissioner Van Berkum expressed concerns regarding putting a light up at one request, there will be others. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve placing a security light at the intersection of Hwy 77 and 225th Street providing the pole/light can be placed in the State ROW and in a place that will allow adequate lighting for the intersection. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-No, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed attended the NACO Board/Budget meeting in Kearney-very good information. Commissioner Rodriguez has had conversations with Lance Hedquist regarding Keeping Northeast Nebraska Beautiful to get that revamped. Commissioner Hohenstein shared that Senator Meyer will be in SSC on Wednesday, June 11 at 10:00 to attend the pouring of the first plastic road.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of June 9, 2025, at 3:56 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 23, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Van Berkum. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – June 9, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for June 8 - 21, 2025
 - c. Approval of Payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Robert Rapp and Matt Wullenwaber – PointC Health coverage, to present and discuss the County health insurance renewal date moving to July 1st from March 1st and requesting Board approval to move forward.
 - b. Luke Bonkiewicz, NACO Research Program Analyst, to give updates about NACO.
 - c. Julie Boyle, Nebraska Extension Office-Dakota County, to give quarterly updates.
 - d. Board to designate working with NACO/MIPS to facilitate the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing LB644 postcards required to notify taxpayers for subdivisions having a tax request exceeding the Assessor-generated allowable growth.
 - e. Board approve or not approve request from Road Department to purchase a new pickup.
 - f. Approve Resolution 25C-016 to appropriate the transfer of funds for the over-expended General Fund budgets.
 - g. County Treasurer Office requesting Board approval of Resolution 25C-017 releasing pledged securities.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to excuse Commissioner Van Berkum from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. None.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the payroll claims and he and Commissioner Rodriguez went through the accounts payable claims. Chair Hohenstein pulled the accounts payable claim to Knoefler as it will be discussed under agenda item 3.e. Everything else was in order. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – June 9, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for June 8 to 21, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$189,784.86; Net Pay-\$136,146.26; Total Retirement-\$13,666.64; Total FICA-\$14,046.53; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$212.30; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,689.60; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80;

Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Samantha Mitchell-\$0.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,316.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,761.47; Shaun Bird-\$2,393.60; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,916.90; Penny Epting-\$2,754.85; Brian Fernau-\$2,468.80; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,008.01; Jeremy Gilpin-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$2,423.52; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,708.32; Jason James-\$2,631.14; Kimberly Johnson-\$956.18; Jared Junge-\$2,485.34; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,362.32; Keaton Mueller-\$2,402.12; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,677.84; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,803.05; Mardi Schnee-\$1,389.13; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,496.46; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$2,050.11; Summer Adair-\$1,687.56; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,677.50; Ismael Castro-\$2,063.42; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,187.15; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,824.72; Ruby De La Torre-\$2,009.85; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$2,173.45; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,754.01; Rebekah Epting-\$1,754.01; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,037.22; Jonathan Gray-\$2,238.91; Kara Groetken-\$1,939.66; McKenna Hammer-\$1,743.44; Todd Hammer-\$2,532.53; Adam Hough-\$2,838.00; Dustin Johnson-\$1,751.76; Terry Johnson-\$2,859.32; Carol Juarez-\$1,616.54; Brandon Long-\$2,401.32; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,417.64; Skyler Miner-\$1,914.00; Lucas Moulton-\$1,884.37; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,943.76; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$810.62; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,874.88; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,999.00; Michele Rohde-\$1,880.64; Jeremy Russell-\$2,022.72; Jerry Santos-\$1,778.90; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,039.13; Kyle Urbanec-\$1,220.40; Armando Valerio-\$1,461.48; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,803.72; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,360.24; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,557.90; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,553.28; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,995.82; State Tax-\$6,214.16; Soc Sec-\$11,384.12; Medicare-\$2,662.41; Extra Fit-\$1,521.00; Extra Sit-\$480.00; Retirement-\$9,419.01; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$237.73; Sheriff Union Dues-\$825.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.87; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.27; VSP Vision Base-\$123.17; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$20,941.69; Net Pay-\$15,366.32; Retirement-\$1,413.55; Total FICA-\$1,558.00; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$2,000.46; Michael Fuchser-\$2,519.31; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$2,186.31; Kimon Litras-\$2,226.73; Andrew Miller-\$230.60; Tanya Orr-\$1,876.68; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,457.39; State Tax-\$710.46; FICA-\$1,262.69; Medicare-\$295.31; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$942.39; Health Plan-\$385.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$44.43; Legal Shield-\$38.91; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,617.33; Net Pay-\$1,218.76; Retirement-\$109.17; Total FICA-\$119.90; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,617.33; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$100.94; State Tax-\$54.95; FICA-\$97.17; Medicare-\$22.73; Retirement-\$72.78; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,855.31; Net Pay-\$1,456.65; Retirement-\$117.47; Total FICA-\$139.13; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$114.98; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,740.33; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$96.79; State Tax-\$47.77; FICA-\$112.76; Medicare-\$26.37; Retirement-\$78.31; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, premiums-\$439.90; Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$2104.00; FSA Account, premiums Dep Care-\$208.33; FSA, premiums medical-\$1073.08; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$47,790.00; Dakota County Lodge #49, union dues-\$825.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,516.82; Globe Life Liberty, premiums-\$94.03; Legalshield, premiums-\$128.64; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$212.30; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6694.16; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,085.65; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,093.06; VSP, premiums-\$515.04. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, premiums-\$38.23; Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$262.00; FSA, premiums medical-\$40.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$6545.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,502.39; Globe Life Liberty, premiums-\$6.50; Legalshield, premiums-\$38.91; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$710.46; Nebraska Public Employee Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2355.94; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3116.00; VSP, premiums-\$63.99. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C Auto Withdrawals, medical claims-\$12,227.75; United States Treasurer, PICORI fees-\$458.04; **Health Fund 2502:** FSA, premiums medical-\$50.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$100.94; Dakota County Life Insurance, premiums-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$54.95; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$181.95; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$239.80; **Health Fund 2504:** Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$41.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$96.79; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.77; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$195.78; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$278.26; VSP, premiums-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$41.00; Dakota County Life Insurance, premiums-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premiums-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Crowne Plaza, lodging-\$289.90; Dakota Co Star, publications-\$319.73; Martin Hohenstien, mileage-\$238.00; Jeff Reed, mileage, workshop-\$440.00; Comfort Inn, lodging-\$269.90; Cherie Conley, mileage-\$621.60; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; DAS State Acct, state printers-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$146.53; MIPS, state printings-\$1,471.78; One Office, office supplies-\$2,301.42; Record Printing, envelopes-\$743.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Cardinal Assessment Group, building permits, sales reviews-\$17,925.00; Dakota Co Star, publications-\$6.56; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; Innovative Appraisal Service, re-asmnt fld hrs-\$2,228.50; MIPS, software-\$6,107.29; One Office, supplies-\$48.99; US Bank, postage-\$22.85; Marco, copier contract-\$311.16; One Office, copies-\$36.78; US Bank, supplies-\$10.70; RTI, IT support-\$9,195.20; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$136.20; MIPS, scanning-\$68.00; One Office, supplies-\$8.58; DAS State Acct, office depot-\$72.43; Dakota Co Court, check order-\$75.00; Marco, copier contract-\$367.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; US Bank, office supplies, misc-\$350.52; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$300.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$190.71; Victoria Mendiola, interpreter fees-\$50.00; One Office, office supplies, copier-\$150.71; US Bank, supplies-\$32.50; Dakota Co Court, court cost-\$1,820.00; Dakota Co Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$745.51; District Court, court fees-\$550.00; Egly Fullner Montag Morland, atty fees-\$466.50; Randy Hisey, atty fees-\$655.50; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$1,186.60; Andrea Niemann, witness fee, mileage-\$77.40; Veronica Roberts, witness fee, mileage-\$24.20; Runge Law Office, atty fees-\$1,463.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, atty fees-\$2,844.50; Marvin Tobas Argueta, witness fee, mileage-\$25.60; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$11,984.23; Bekins Fire & Safety Serv, extinguisher services-\$174.60; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$226.90; Curry Floor, prep materials-\$1,220.00; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$581.24; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; Menards, ground supplies-\$99.99; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$663.87; Midwest Alarms, fire alarm monitoring-\$2,301.60; NPPD, utilities-\$1,416.64; R Rohan Electric, building repair-\$685.52; US Bank, fuel-\$33.75; Wilmes, supplies-\$114.92; Angela Abts, mileage, supplies-\$132.93; Julie Boyle, mileage, supplies-\$280.51; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copier contract, supplies-\$539.68; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; UNL, name plate-\$42.28; US Bank, supplies, misc-\$279.10; WalMart, supplies-\$93.39; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, vehicle repair-\$59.74; Billion, vehicle repair-\$923.22; Brite Upstate Wholesale, body cam, in car cam-\$15,399.00; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$6,536.20; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$17.26; Dakota Co Treasurer, misc-\$30.00; Detectachem, drug testing-\$2,386.70; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$3,041.86; Grove Emergency Lighting, 3 new vehicles, vehicle equipment-\$15,192.24; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$352.25; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$6,068.78; K&S Auto, vehicle repair-\$199.31; Kiesler Police Supply, LE equipment-\$6,383.22; Kustoms Signals, LE equipment-\$2,839.96; Law Enforcement Seminars, training-\$445.00; Magpul, LE supplies-\$59.96; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$350.00; Physicians Laboratory, coroner-\$2,750.00; Precision Agronomy Solutions, thermal camera-\$18,560.00; Prime Performance Auto, vehicle repair-\$369.38; Sandhills State Bank, lease payment-\$18,197.49; Sioux Sales Co, gun sights-\$2,247.00; Siouxland Federal Credit, dues-\$30.09; Sirchie, fume chamber-\$3,706.25; Streicher's, LE equipment-\$4,469.51; ToxOptix, LE equipment-\$1,742.53; TraumaPak, trauma supplies-\$3,464.40; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, search services-\$129.00; Tri-State Comm, radios-\$16,664.96; Tucker's Glass Shop, vehicle repair-\$747.00; Uline, lockers, cabinets-\$5,424.64; US Bank, uniforms, training, LE supplies, fuel-\$6,320.90; Vortex, LE equipment-\$7,303.02; Woodhouse, vehicle repair-\$538.42; Zegers Automotive, vehicle repair-\$866.39; Marco, copier contract-\$224.16; NE County Attorneys Assoc, dues-\$2,200.00; Nebraska.gov, certified records-\$40.50; US Bank, supplies, phones, misc-\$1,343.46; Kim Watson, reimbursement-\$167.98; Woodbury Sheriff Office, subpoena-\$10.00; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.36; Jack's Uniforms, safety equipment-\$975.22; Ace/Refrigeration, walkin freezer repair-\$364.42; AT&T, phones-\$48.03; Bob Barker, inmate supplies-\$1,000.57; Bunkers Feed & Supply, softner salt-\$383.04; Cardis Fence & Iron, privacy slats-\$589.41; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$299.10; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,991.55; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$804.37; Crestline Specialists, misc supplies-\$752.49; CW Suter Service, building repair-\$725.00; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$4,120.48; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$2,188.24; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$141.78; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; Hobart Sales & Service, vehicle repair-\$651.07; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$2,343.88; Imperial Privacy Systems, supplies-\$61.95; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,423.45; Karl Chevrolet, new vehicle-\$125,742.00; Karl Emergency Vehicles, cages-\$26,631.02; McKesson, medical supplies-\$551.31; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$537.12; MLB Health, medical fees-\$4,000.00; NPPD, utilities-\$2,809.12; Overhead Door Company, garage door repair-\$2,799.00; Rev-Tac, training-\$5,250.00; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Serv, inmate labs-\$76.03; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical fees-\$527.66; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$30,428.89; Sunset Law Enforcement, ammo-\$4,974.50; Thurston Co Sheriff, inmate housed in Thurston-\$5,940.00; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, inmate medical, training, janitorial supplies, fuel-\$1,390.54; UnityPoint Health, inmate medical-\$1,884.68; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$523.92; Wilmes, building supplies-\$74.96; Verizon, phones-\$42.94; Nutrien, chemicals-\$520.00; US Bank, spray parts-\$56.67; Verizon, phone-\$43.03; Availity, medical billing-\$132.61; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; PHAB, pathways recongition fee-\$3,050.00; Marco, copier contract-\$328.98; US Bank, supplies-\$134.34; Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$297.50; US Bank, office supplies-\$520.68; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; Beatrice State Development, institution-\$276.00; BOK NA, likuwanta dr 2024-\$107,738.75; Dakota City Postmaster, box rental-\$3,452.00; Dakota County Treasurer, series 2020, 2021 & 2017 bond payments, reimbursement-\$287,476.25; Dakota County Star, publications-\$624.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button monitoring-\$29.95; Grove Emergency Lighting, new vehicle equipment-\$22,551.07; Husker Auto Group, new vehicle equipment-\$87,398.00; Im On, phones-\$721.58; Karl Chevrolet, new vehicle-\$47,464.20; Lincoln Regional Center, institution-\$1,720.50; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$670.71; Mundo Latino, publications-\$375.00; NACO, county dues-\$2,459.78; NIRMA, workmens compensation & liability-\$223,733.06; US Bank, postage-\$351.89; US Postal, monthly

postage-\$4,000.00; Woods/Aitken, union contract negotiation-\$284.00; Road Fund Transfer, budget transfer-\$240,000.00; Road Fund Transfer, budget transfer-\$150,000.00(6-13-25); **Road Fund:** Agrivison, shop supplies-\$261.04; A-OX Welding Supply, oxy/acetylene-\$246.96; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$17,612.93; Barco Municipal Products, signs, sign posts-\$3,340.00; Bomgaars, parts-\$131.99; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$8,402.82; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$15,124.81; DC Petty Cash, title-\$34.00; Elkhorn Valley Bank, lease payment-\$32,551.31; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$161.75; Grossenburg, rental tractor-\$2,000.00; H204U, water-\$46.00; Harmony Inn & Suites, lodging-\$321.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$15,567.04; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$162.02; J&M Repair, parts, labor-\$1,543.72; Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, parts-\$32.12; K&K Hubbard Mart, fuel-\$396.84; Knoepfler, new pickup-\$70,480.88; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$100.19; Marx Trailer, parts-\$941.10; Medical Enterprise, drug testing-\$127.00; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; Menards, supplies-\$154.91; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$11.65; Midwest SVC & Sales, traffic signs-\$1,216.60; NPPD, utilities-\$109.10; NIRMA, workmens compensation & liability-\$36,527.94; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$112.46; Northeast Power, utilities-\$268.78; Northside Glass, parts-\$695.00; O'reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$175.75; Power Plan, labor, parts-\$845.79; RC Customs, labor, steel-\$407.04; RMS, parts-\$103.47; Robertson, parts, tools-\$79.00; Sapp Bros, fuel-\$1,240.03; Security First Bank, lease payment-\$66,076.26; Shield Magnetics, equipment-\$10,648.00; Sioux City Trap, parts-\$2,195.00; Sioux City Truck Sales, supplies-\$617.94; Siouxland Hydraulics, labor, parts-\$1,113.49; Gunner Stanwick, clothing allowance-\$100.00; Team Trouble Chaser, misc-\$60.00; Tri-State Comm, radio-\$1,208.87; US Bank, parts, misc, tools-\$2,255.47; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$468.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$42.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$49.40; Warren Oil, diesel-\$4,549.50; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$368.80; Ziegler's, blades-\$15,595.55; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$19,201.92; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, software-\$616.23; **Health Grant 2502:** Chole Coover, mileage-\$109.20; Dakota Co Treasurer, payroll transfer-\$19,801.39; US Bank, lodging-\$295.76; **2503 Health Grant:** Dakota Co Treasurer, payroll transfer-\$10,408.88; Health Dept Grant, payroll transfer-\$7,400.23; Inheritance Tax Fund, transfer-\$10,000.00; **2504 Health Grant:** Dakota Co Treasurer, payroll transfer-\$126,804.04; Health Dept Grant, payroll transfer, environmental to PHEP-\$37,193.48; 2502 Health Dept Grant, payroll transfer-\$4,256.57; US Bank, phones, misc supplies-\$228.92; Verizon, phones-\$82.95; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$488.00; US Bank, supplies-\$61.72; **2508 Health Grant:** Dakota County Treasurer, payroll transfer-\$57,488.13; Health Dept Grant, payroll transfer-\$10,587.15; **ARPA Fund:** Dakota Co Treasurer, earned interest from June 2024 to June 2025-\$28,955.25; MEI, construction engineering-\$10,364.00; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$25,323.62

Robert Rapp, Matt Wullenwaber and Hannah Pares with PointC Health coverage explained the conditions of changing the County health insurance renewal date to July 1st from March 1st and that there will be no benefit changes or fee changes. The next renewal date will be July 1, 2026. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to accept changing Dakota County Health Plan renewal date to July 1st and the current health plan will continue without change to benefits or fees through June 30, 2026 renewing on July 1, 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Luke Bonkiewicz, NACO Research Program Analyst, gave updates about NACO sharing news of the salary studies, legislative updates, BEAD projects and other scheduled events coming up.

Julie Boyle, Nebraska Extension Office-Dakota County, gave a quarterly update for the Dakota County area.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to designate NACO/MIPS to facilitate the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing LB644 postcards required to notify taxpayers for subdivisions having a tax request exceeding the Assessor-generated allowable growth. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Road Foreman, Dean Pallas, presented a bid through Sourcewell from Knoepfler Chevrolet for a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD Chassis pickup with dump body that will be used as a snowplow truck. Pallas noted the snowplow truck they were using is out of commission and a couple of others are high miles and need repairs. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the Road Department's request to purchase from Knoepfler Chevrolet a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD Chassis pickup with dump body that will be used as a snowplow truck for \$70,480.88. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-016 to appropriate the transfer of funds for the over-expended General Fund budgets: 0100-629 Legal Services increased by \$9,000.00 to \$306,100.00 and 0100-970 Miscellaneous reduced by \$9,000.00 to \$2,038,412.00 for fiscal year 2024-2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-016
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE TRANSFER OF FUNDS
FOR OVER-EXPENDED BUDGET

WHEREAS, the following General Fund budget functions will exceed their budget with the June payment of accounts payable and/or payroll claims: 629 Legal Services; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists; and,

WHEREAS, the General Fund Miscellaneous budget will have unappropriated monies left.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the un-appropriated moneys of the 2024-2025 Miscellaneous budget of the General Fund to be utilized for the payment of the following over-expended budgets as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increased Budget</u>	<u>Amount Increased</u>
Legal Services(629)	\$297,100.00	\$306,100.00	\$ 9,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Miscellaneous budget be reduced by \$9,000.00 to \$2,038,412.00 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Passed and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2025

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-017 Releasing Pledged Securities to Bank First as requested by County Treasurer, Stephanie Gatzemeyer. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Van Berkum-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-017

APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES RELEASE

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that BANK FIRST be permitted to Release the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust
Pledge Cusip # 606072LL8
Amount \$1,500,000.00
Maturity Date 8/25/2061

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2025.

Dean Pallas, Road Foreman, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for June 8 to June 21, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 368 hours; Overtime hours - 37; Bridge Maintenance – 14.5 hours (W Johnston); Gravel hauling – 175 hours; 205.85 tons rock hauled into yard, 256.07 tons gravel hauled into yard, 1264.11 tons material hauled on roads; Sign Repair – 36.5 hours. Road concerns: L Avenue.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Hohenstein attended a Region IV meeting.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Letters of support of the Sternwheeler Solar Project from the City of SSC and City of Dakota City were shared.

Commissioner Reed moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of June 23, 2025, at 4:06 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, July 7, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the BOE meeting held just prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet arrived at 3:42 p.m. Absent: Reed. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes-June 23, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for June 22 to July 5, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims (if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Board to approve or not approve the Dakota Thurston County Fair request for a Special Designated Liquor License for August 3, 2025 Mexican Bull Ride and Dance event.
 - b. Cadrien Livingston, Hubbard Betterment Committee, requesting Board approval to use the Road Department barricades for Hubbard Hoot Owl Days – August 22nd – 24th.
 - c. Lori Warner, President South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce & CVB, to present the 2025-2026 County Visitor Bureau budget for Board approval and bring the Board up to date on current activities.
 - d. Approve renewal of the inter-local agreement with Papio-Missouri River NRD and Dakota County for office space rental for the UNL Extension Office in Dakota County July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028.
 - e. Board to appoint a representative to serve on the Dakota County Nebraska Housing Trust Fund Board. SIMPCO is working with the Dakota County villages, cities, and county to form this 501c3 organization. The mission and purpose of this organization is to promote, support, and expand access to affordable housing opportunities for residents in Dakota County.
 - f. Oscar Gomez, City of South Sioux City, to give updates on economic development in the area.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Theresa Grove, Health Department Director – Quarterly Health Department report.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to excuse Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Bousquet (expects Bousquet to arrive late) from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment: None.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims, and all looked in order but did pull the promotion document for Penny Epting for further discussion. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – June 23, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for June 22 to July 5, 2025 pulling Penny Epting promotion document and claim for discussion; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein informed the Board that the promotion document for Penny Epting was submitted with being promoted to Captain/Law Enforcement Technology Administrator. The Law Enforcement Technology Administrator is a newly created position that has not yet been approved by the Board to be added for budget purposes and in his opinion approving the promotion to Captain can be approved at this time and the other position will be discussed and decided during the budget process. Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the promotion document for Penny Epting to Captain at the Captain's wage scale and nothing additionally at this time. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$188,914.49; Net Pay-\$134,857.41; Total Retirement-\$13,639.68; Total FICA-\$13,981.74; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$214.85; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.21; Paola Ledesma-\$1,689.60; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,100.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,616.76; Shaun Bird-\$2,758.64; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$3,629.98; Penny Epting-\$2,742.26; Brian Fernau-\$2,468.80; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,930.45; Jeremy Gilpin-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$2,393.60; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,162.36; Jason James-\$2,961.95; Kimberly Johnson-\$521.55; Jared Junge-\$2,603.32; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,804.82; Keaton Mueller-\$2,588.88; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,029.40; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,471.58; Mardi Schnee-\$1,531.94; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,210.30; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,412.35; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$2,314.90; Summer Adair-\$2,061.93; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$0.00; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,823.75; Ismael Castro-\$1,733.76; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,141.04; Charlotte Coleman-\$2,417.82; Ruby De La Torre-\$2,015.04; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,220.40; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,990.44; Rebekah Epting-\$1,990.44; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,525.91; Jonathan Gray-\$2,653.47; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$2,115.34; Todd Hammer-\$2,611.18; Dustin Johnson-\$2,730.84; Terry Johnson-\$2,603.65; Carol Juarez-\$1,021.52; Brandon Long-\$2,176.10; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,175.41; Skyler Miner-\$2,146.96; Lucas Moulton-\$1,914.57; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,221.44; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$684.06; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,845.60; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,801.42; Michele Rohde-\$1,806.03; Jeremy Russell-\$2,371.77; Jerry Santos-\$2,500.92; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,808.65; Armando Valerio-\$1,709.16; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,687.56; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,246.20; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,569.44; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,239.68; Courtney Swick-\$1,553.29; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,066.38; State Tax-\$6,226.79; Soc Sec-\$11,331.60; Medicare-\$2,650.14; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$505.00; Retirement-\$9,411.62; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$800.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,756.82; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.64; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$118.16; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$21,467.11; Net Pay-\$15,771.44; Retirement-\$1,449.02; Total FICA-\$1,614.70; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Tristin Eifert-\$1,568.08; Michael Fuchser-\$1,902.45; Robert Hacker-\$3,504.93; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,039.09; David Kneifl-\$2,250.26; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Tanya Orr-\$2,195.48; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,930.82; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,635.68; State Tax-\$748.90; FICA-\$1,308.63; Medicare-\$306.07; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$966.03; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$34.82; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,607.19; Net Pay-\$1,211.51; Retirement-\$108.49; Total FICA-\$119.13; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,607.19; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$99.78; State Tax-\$54.45; FICA-\$96.55; Medicare-\$22.58; Retirement-\$72.32; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,756.80; Net Pay-\$1,362.24; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$131.59; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$0.00; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$106.65; Medicare-\$24.94; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66;

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Credit Management Services, garnishment-\$171.40; Dental Account, premium-\$2,124.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,350.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,592.38; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$214.85; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,731.79; PointC – admin fees, \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, \$2,715.70; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,051.30; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,963.48; VSP, premium-\$509.80. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$221.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,680.68; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$748.90; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,415.05; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,229.40; VSP, premium-\$54.34; **Insurance Fund 1275:** PointC FSA-Withdrawals, \$1,140.79; PointC – Auto Withdrawals, \$57,903.54; PointC Medical-admin fees, \$27,107.27; VSP-Cobra premium, \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$99.78; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state

taxes-\$54.45; Principal Life – premiums, \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$180.81; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$238.26; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life-premiums, \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$263.18; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Principal Life-premiums, \$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Dakota Thurston County Fair request for a Special Designated Liquor License for August 3, 2025 Mexican Bull Ride and Dance event. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Absent, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the request of Cadrien Livingston, Hubbard Betterment Committee, to use the Road Department barricades for Hubbard Hoot Owl Days – August 22nd – 24th. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Lori Warner, President South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce & CVB, presented the 2025-2026 County Visitor Bureau budget and provided some explanation for the request and gave updates on current activities and future plans. These funds are collected by the State and run through the County as a pass-through only. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the 2025-2026 County Visitor Bureau budget as presented by Lori Warner, President South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce & CVB. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the renewal of the inter-local agreement with Papio-Missouri River NRD and Dakota County for office space rental for the UNL Extension Office in Dakota County July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Absent, Reed-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein appointed Commissioner Brian Van Berkum to represent and serve on the Dakota County Nebraska Housing Trust Fund Board which is being established with the help of SIMPCO who is working with the Dakota County villages, cities and county to form this 501c3 organization and the mission and purpose of this organization is to promote, support, and expand access to affordable housing opportunities for residents in Dakota County.

Oscar Gomez, City of South Sioux City, presented updates on economic development in the area. Provided information on the 5 development areas going on (Gary Ogden Development, Hovey Development, Victory Villas, Dale Hans, Roy Perry Development) which will help with the housing and affordable housing efforts. He also provided information on the Inland Port Authority project where the City is working on bringing business into Dakota County.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for June 22 to July 5, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 212 hours; overtime hours – 15.75 hours; tree/debris removal – 4 hours; mowing – 17 hours; gravel hauling – 169.5 hours; total tons hauled – 645.57 on roads; sign repair – 36 hours. Road concerns-Grading: 120th Street MM, L Ave, Millis Beach, Saddle Lane, T Ave and gravel on T Ave, M Ave update is nearly completed. Working on the Sign grant and getting bids for 152nd Street patching, N Bluff Road repairs.

Commissioner Bousquet joined the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, gave the quarterly report of the Dakota County Health Department. 6 night Immunization Clinics are offered. Last quarter vaccinated 115 kids/adults. Continuing to work on grants. Two of the Covid grants were cut off without notice. Those two grants totaled over \$400,000.00. One of the grants was increased from \$77,000.00 to \$121,000.00, so that helped. Partnering with Optimist to do a bike rodeo for kids at National Night Out. One of the staff is getting certified to be a Tai Chi instructor and will be teaching classes at the Senior Center. That is being funded by one of our new grants.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of July 7, 2025, at 3:45 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, July 21, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the <i>Open Meetings Act</i> is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 7, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll for July 6, 2025 to July 19, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
 - f. Approval of Sheriff and Jail Quarterly Reports for April to June, 2025.
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, requesting Chair to sign the Semi-annual Statement for January 1 to June 30, 2025, showing amount and source of money collected since last settlement, vouchers, amount of taxes due and unpaid and money on hand. §23-1605, §77-1745
 - b. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, present and submit a written road study for the vacation or abandonment of road: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and going west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.
 - c. Approve Resolution 25C-018 to Set Date and Time for Public Hearing to Vacate or Abandon Road: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.
 - d. Approve Resolution 25C-019 Certificate of Completion of the Program Agreement for STOP Sign Grant between Dakota County and State of Nebraska upgrading existing Stop signs and/or Stop ahead signs on rural roads in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.
 - e. Approve Resolution 25C-020 Declare Personal Surplus Property as obsolete and dispose of per §23-3115 with Big Iron.
 - f. Board to review and award bid for 152nd Street Repair between Highway 110 and Highway 20.
 - g. Board to review and award bid for North Bluff Road panel repairs.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Sheriff Kleinberg / Captain Elisabet DeRoin – Jail Quarterly Report (April, May, June 2025)
 - c. Board shall make quarterly visit to county jail. §47-109
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. Lou Franco, So Sioux City NE, commented on her opinion of a proper dress code. Judy Yandell, So Sioux City NE, commented that she is not happy with solar farms going in next to her property. Chair Hohenstein informed there will be an informational public meeting regarding the solar farms on July 30th at Cottonwood Inn. Mike Carnes, SSC Star asked about Hwy 35 project. Ms. Gubbels advised this is a State project and is scheduled to start in the fall of 2026.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the payroll claims and the accounts payable claims. Chair Hohenstein advised that everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 7, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for July 6 to July 19, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court and f) Approval of Sheriff and Jail Quarterly Reports for April to

June 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$187,357.17; Net Pay-\$133,644.75; Total Retirement-\$13,546.32; Total FICA-\$13,862.59; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$214.85; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,689.60; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,968.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,828.84; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$77.28; Shaun Bird-\$2,833.44; Timothy Decker-\$3,233.70; Brian Ellinger-\$2,722.44; Penny Epting-\$2,662.58; Brian Fernau-\$2,468.80; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,620.35; Jeremy Gilpin-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$3,291.20; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,178.02; Jason James-\$3,352.90; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,033.95; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,272.22; Keaton Mueller-\$2,254.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,149.08; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$3,331.96; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,567.63; Debra Schmiadt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$2,168.12; Summer Adair-\$2,059.78; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,625.00; Ismael Castro-\$2,022.78; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,789.71; Charlotte Coleman-\$2,053.14; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,763.16; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,655.28; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,748.76; Rebekah Epting-\$1,748.76; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,039.75; Jonathan Gray-\$2,269.47; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$2,005.48; Todd Hammer-\$2,516.80; Dustin Johnson-\$1,759.68; Terry Johnson-\$2,746.85; Carol Juarez-\$1,469.50; Brandon Long-\$2,416.93; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,707.02; Skyler Miner-\$1,927.85; Lucas Moulton-\$1,708.56; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,943.76; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$833.99; Kimberly Peterson-\$2,035.93; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,342.19; Michele Rohde-\$1,893.96; Jeremy Russell-\$1,783.47; Jerry Santos-\$2,453.84; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,245.30; Armando Valerio-\$1,819.26; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,092.92; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,544.47; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,557.90; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,553.28; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,988.16; State Tax-\$6,137.33; Soc Sec-\$11,235.05; Medicare-\$2,627.54; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$505.00; Retirement-\$9,353.38; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$800.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,756.82; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$391.87; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.27; VSP Vision Base-\$118.28; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$19,518.62; Net Pay-\$14,466.18; Retirement-\$1,317.49; Total FICA-\$1,465.64; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Tristin Eifert-\$1,153.00; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,448.11; David Kneiff-\$2,186.31; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,325.98; State Tax-\$652.02; FICA-\$1,187.83; Medicare-\$277.81; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$878.36; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$34.84; Legal Shield-\$77.81; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,890.94; Net Pay-\$1,486.11; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$141.86; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$134.14; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$114.97; Medicare-\$26.89; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, premiums-\$421.91; Credit Management Services, garnishment-\$171.40; Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$2124.00; FSA Account, premiums Dep Care-\$208.33; FSA, premiums medical-\$1073.08; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$48,350.00; Dakota County Lodge #49, union dues-\$800.00; F&M Bank, correcting payment to Menards-\$36.99; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,514.16; Globe Life Liberty, premiums-\$94.03; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premiums-\$128.64; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$214.85; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6642.33; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,899.70; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,725.18; VSP, premiums-\$510.15. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, premiums-\$38.23; Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$221.00; FSA, premiums medical-\$40.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$5800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,370.98; Globe Life Liberty, premiums-\$6.50; Legalshield, premiums-\$77.81; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$652.02; Nebraska Public Employee Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2195.85; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2931.28; VSP, premiums-\$54.40. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C Auto Withdrawals, medical claims-\$41,763.84; **Health Fund 2502:** FSA, premiums medical-\$50.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Dakota

County Life Insurance, premiums-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$41.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$283.72; VSP, premiums-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$41.00; Dakota County Life Insurance, premiums-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premiums-\$15.66.

Accounts Payable: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$836.21; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; One Office, office supplies-\$44.43; Security Shredding, shredding documents-\$40.00; DAS State Acct, state printers/tech fees-\$184.00; Eakes, floors mats-\$634.40; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$64.00; MIPS, state printers software-\$1,101.13; Loffler, lanier contract-\$677.24; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; MIPS, state software-\$2,039.95; Security Shredding, shredding documents-\$40.00; Secreatry of State, voter cc cards-\$30.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$16.14; Marco, copier contract-\$10.00; US Bank, postage-\$7.37; RTI, IT support-\$5,355.20; A.J. Phillips, printed envelopes-\$385.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$158.95; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; Security Shredding, shredding documents-\$40.00; DAS State Acct, office depot-\$395.16; Marco, copier contract-\$367.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; US Bank, office supplies-\$91.50; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$375.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$360.04; One Office, office supplies, copier-\$397.74; US Bank, office supplies-\$36.94; Cray Huff Law, atty fees-\$95.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,283.00; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$557.64; District Court, court fees-\$582.00; Galyen Boellcher Baier PC, atty fees-\$2,808.40; Camilla Holthe, witness fee, mileage-\$24.90; Madison County Sheriff, sheriff fees-\$30.41; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$2,372.90; Runge Law Office, atty fees-\$1,900.00; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$4,356.59; Bekins Fire & Safety Serv, extinguisher services-\$230.95; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$213.50; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; Menards, building & ground supplies-\$69.64; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$620.87; NPPD, utilities-\$1,433.77; Robertson, blades-\$18.00; Smiths Plumbing, building repair in health dept-\$200.32; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$56.21; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel-\$47.50; Wilmes, tools-\$29.94; Brent Waldman, building repair-\$264.00; Angela Abts, mileage-\$512.73; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$227.36; Dakota County Star, publications-\$11.09; Leaf, copier contract-\$237.68; One Office, copier contract-\$146.09; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; US Bank, subscriptions, misc-\$273.15; Arms Unlimited, law enforcement clothing & supplies-\$6,980.00; Axon, cartridges-\$6,690.00; Billion, vehicle repair-\$1,799.59; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,381.32; Electronic Engineering, radio repair-\$744.95; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$734.86; Holiday Inn Express, lodging-\$330.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,484.48; Leads Online, investigation system-\$3,106.00; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$150.00; Physicians Laboratory, coroner-\$50.00; Sentinel Supply, holsters-\$154.50; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, search services-\$129.00; Uline, furniture-\$1,874.14; US Bank, uniforms, law enforcement supplies, fuel-\$5,117.02; Marco, copier contract-\$224.16; Nebraska.gov, records-\$49.00; Security Shredding, shredding documents-\$40.00; US Bank, phones-\$72.22; Kim Watson, mileage-\$107.80; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.36; Jack's Uniforms, safety equipment-\$1,613.72; Ace/Refrigeration, sink faucet repair-\$92.00; Cardis Fence & Iron, privacy slats-\$65.49; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$858.16; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$5,659.90; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$1,138.33; Claypool Brothers, lobby door repair-\$3,120.00; Dakota County Jail, fuel on transport-\$20.00; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$2,063.28; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$3,801.63; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$830.75; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$133.00; Guarantee Roofing, jail roof repair-\$598.25; H204U, repair water softner-\$85.00; Hobart Sales & Services, skillet parts, issues-\$791.06; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$369.33; Idemia Identity & Security, livescan service agreement-\$3,257.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$396.59; MLB Health, medical fees-\$5,000.00; NPPD, utilities-\$4,457.51; Security Shredding, shredding documents-\$40.00; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$29,368.93; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate housed in Thurston-\$5,280.00; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$1,803.66; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$523.92; Dodge County Clerk, probation qrtly bill-\$14,314.44; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$75.66; US Bank, feeding those who helped with cimmarina boat fire-\$68.79; US Bank, meal-\$10.91; Verizon, phones-\$42.93; NE Weed Constrol Assoc., dues-\$150.00; Verizon, phone-\$43.02; Availity, medical billing-\$132.61; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Marco, copier contract-\$309.05; US Bank, office supplies, fuel, dues-\$449.78; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; John Gunia, grave markers-\$200.00; CVSOAN, workshop-\$60.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$436.10; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; DHHS, general assistance cases, annual agreement-\$6,845.13; Electronic Engineering, panic button-\$29.95; F&M Bank, service fees on old AP acct-\$58.32; Helvig Agricultural Service, data collection, analysis, protest hearings-\$875.00; Im On, phones-\$745.28; Innovative Appraisal Service, data collection, analysis, protest hearings-\$5,225.00; Lutz & Company, preliminary budget calculations-\$4,220.00; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$670.71; One Office, copy paper-\$2,116.00; Region IV, services for the developmentally disabled-\$5,320.25; SIMPCO, dues-\$4,637.70; Siouxland Regional Transit, bus service-\$15,000.00; Triview Communications, programming-\$64.50; US Bank, postage, weathertech-\$1,428.28; US Postal, postage-\$4,000.00; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, grvael-\$16,309.23; Bomgaars, parts-\$343.91; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$8,254.47; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$19,126.24; Michael Fucsher, CDL reimbursement-\$17.00; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$9,970.92; H204U, water-\$58.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$522.51; Hefner Oil & Feed Co, fuel-\$462.35; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$47.70; K&K Hubbard Mart, fuel-\$175.01; Knoepfler, parts-\$3,527.17; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$10.50; Midwest Wheel, supplies, tools-\$639.37; NPPD, utilities-\$101.91; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$111.26; Northeast Power, utilities-

\$364.55; Power Plan, labor, parts-\$1,583.57; RC Customs, parts, labor-\$1,080.12; Robertson, parts, labor-\$193.64; Sapp Bros, fuel, supplies-\$2,366.70; Robert Schmidt, clothing allowance-\$51.35; Sioux City Truck Sales, supplies-\$263.31; Stan Houston, asphalt-\$947.50; Stephan Welding, parts, labor-\$165.00; Straight-line Striping, pavement markings-\$14,725.75; Triview Communications, remote inot camera-\$175.00; UnityPoint Clinic OC Med, drug testing-\$32.00; US Bank, supplies, misc, radio equipment-\$438.82; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$468.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$42.93; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$47.35; Warren Oil, diesel-\$6,577.30; Wilmes, supplies-\$151.90; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$24,409.48; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **Health Grant 2502:** US Bank, phones, supplies, misc-\$907.01; **2504 Health Grant:** Heartland Counseling Service, counseling-\$3,300.00; US Bank, gift cards, website, misc-\$3,224.90; Verizon, phones-\$82.94; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Owens Educational Service, electronic monitoring-\$1,712.91; US Bank, gift cards-\$200.00; **Inheritance Tax Fund 2700:** Ginger L Gill, correcting an error that occurred in treasurers dept-\$439.52; **E911 Services:** City of So Sioux City, E911 qrtly monies-\$7,152.25; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$36,655.37.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Semi-Annual Statement for January 1 to June 30, 2025, showing amount and source of money collected since last settlement, vouchers, amount of taxes due and unpaid and money on hand presented by Treasurer, Stephanie Gatzemeyer pursuant to §23-1605, §77-1745. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented a written road study for the vacation or abandonment of road: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and going west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska. There has been an easement filed so no one is landlocked. Closing this minimum maintenance road will help maintain the county road because when it rains, mud from the minimum maintenance road would run across the county road.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve Resolution 25C-018 to Set Date and Time for Public Hearing to Vacate or Abandon Road: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska for August 18, 2025 at 3:01 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-018
A RESOLUTION TO SET DATE AND TIME FOR PUBLIC HEARING
TO VACATE OR ABANDON A PUBLIC ROAD

WHEREAS, Sec. 39-1722 Nebr. R.R.S., 1943, makes provisions for a county Board of Commissioners as to the vacation or abandonment of public roads in its county; and

WHEREAS, a clear and unambiguous description of the roads to be relocated, vacated or abandoned, is as follows, to-wit:

At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and going west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, by action of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on June 9, 2025, Dakota County Highway Superintendent Jolene Gubbels was directed to perform a study and report to the Board as provided by the laws of the State of Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS on July 9, 2025, Highway Superintendent Gubbels submitted a written report to the Board with the following findings and recommends to vacate the described road and relinquish the right-of-way back to the adjacent landowners.

1. The portion of road that the County desires to vacate is a minimum maintenance road that ends and becomes field and pasture. Said public road is not used by the public and is of no value to the public, and it therefore serves no purpose for it to remain open to the public.
2. By vacating the aforementioned road, liability can and will be reduced for the County.
3. Land is owned by Daniel L and Lori A Gentrup, Trustees on both sides of road on the east end. The road leads back to a parcel owned by another party, Lewis D Gutzmann et al on the west end. Daniel L and Lori A Gentrup have provided an ingress egress easement to Lewis D Gutzmann et al to access their parcel. As a result, it does not appear that vacating said road will land lock any landowners in the sections.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, that the matter of vacation or abandonment of said road shall be advertised for three consecutive weeks (July 31, August 7, 14) and set for public hearing on August 18, 2025, at 3:01 p.m. in the Dakota County Commissioners Board meeting room, Dakota City, Nebraska.

Resolved this 21st day of July, 2025.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-019 Certificate of Completion of the Program Agreement for STOP Sign Grant between Dakota County and State of Nebraska upgrading existing Stop signs and/or Stop ahead signs on rural roads in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-019

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – STATEWIDE UPGRADING EXISTING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS OF RURAL ROADS

Whereas: Dakota County and State entered into an agreement “Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads” (Program Agreement) for installation of STOP and/or STOP Ahead signing devices on county roads (the Project). Agreement Number BM2308 executed on October 19, 2023, and the purchase and installation of STOP and STOP Ahead sign devices. The project purchased the signs, and it is responsibility of the County to install all devices.

Whereas: the Dakota County Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that the Project has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

Whereas: the Program Agreement requires that the County Board certify to State that the Project has been properly completed.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Dakota County:

- (1) Installation of STOP and STOP Ahead signing has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign the attached Certificate of Completion between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the County.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Description: Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2025 at Dakota City, Nebraska.

Lou Franco questioned the process for Road Surplus Sale and the sale of 2 salvaged vehicles. Chair Hohenstein clarified the sales were done separately and approved by the Board. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-020 Declare Personal Surplus Property as obsolete and dispose of per §23-3115 with Big Iron. (1986 Chevrolet Swat Van, 2006 Sterling Dump Truck and snowplow, 2000 Chevrolet Crew Cab pickup, 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 4 door). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-020

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE

MOBILE EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the County owns mobile equipment which has a value of less than seven thousand dollars and which is not usable by the County and/or obsolete; and

WHEREAS, said mobile equipment consists of the following property:

1986 Chevrolet Swat Van

2006 Sterling Dump Truck and snowplow steel

2000 Chevrolet Crew Cab pickup

2004 Chevrolet Silverado 4 door extended cab pickup

WHEREAS, the County intends to dispose of said property as surplus pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-3115 and shall be sold by competitive bidding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT the mobile equipment listed is unusable by the County and/or obsolete and is therefore declared surplus property.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Highway Superintendent be directed to coordinate disposal of said property in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

DATED this 21st day of July, 2025.

Commissioner Bousquet left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Board reviewed bids for 152nd Street Repair between Highway 110 and Highway 20 from Frank’s Asphalt for \$35,625 and Knife River for \$64,513.96. Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve and award the bid for 152nd Street Repair between Highway 110 and Highway 20 to Frank’s Asphalt for \$35,625 with work to begin August 1, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Board review bids for North Bluff Road panel repairs from Gill Construction Inc for \$41,691.50 and Concrete Plus, Inc. for \$53,114.00. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve and award the bid for North Bluff Road panel repairs to Gill Construction Inc. for \$41,691.50. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report from July 6 to July 19, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 216 hours; Overtime hours - 24; Tree/Debris Removal – 7 hours; Bridge Maintenance – 4 hours; Gravel hauling – 172.5 hours; 491.71 tons rock hauled into yard, 372.05 tons gravel hauled into yard, 1170.83 tons material hauled on roads; Sign Repair – 103 hours. Road concerns: Grading-Hamlin Ave, 175th St, 230th St, Knox Blvd, 110th St; Gravel-Hamlin Ave, 175th St, 230th St, Kenesaw, Lutton Ave. Commissioner Reed asked about grading districts. Gubbels advised there are 7 districts. Road dept has 2 new hires (weed and shop) and setting up NIRMA training.

Captain Elisabet DeRoin gave the quarterly report for the jail for April, May, and June.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Commissioner received a letter from Dennis Beekman regarding the solar project.

Chair Hohenstein, Commissioners Reed, Rodriguez, and Van Berkum made the quarterly visit to the county jail.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of July 21, 2025, at 3:54 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, August 04, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said at the BOE meeting prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Kim Watson, County Attorney. Also present was Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

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2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 21, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for July 20, 2025 to August 2, 2025
 - c. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April to June, 2025
 - e. Approval of Chair to sign Annual Certification Form regarding the allocation and expenditure of the Highway Street (STP) and Bridge Buyback (HBP) Programs 2024-2025
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc., requesting Board approval of a Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on August 31, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Letters from residents regarding solar farm.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein opened the floor to public comment on anything that is not on the agenda. No public comment.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – July 21, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for July 20, 2025, to August 2, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims-none; d) Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April to June 2025. Approval of Chair to sign Annual Certification Form regarding the allocation and expenditure of the Highway Street (STP) and Bridge Buyback (HBP) Programs 2024-2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed – Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet- Yes, Rodriguez- Yes, Van Berkum – Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$195,448.62; Net Pay-\$139,376.15; Total Retirement-\$14,195.02; Total FICA-\$14,480.37; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$213.96; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,705.44; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.81; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$2,607.28; Shaun Bird-\$3,117.68; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$4,089.72; Brian Ellinger-\$2,916.90; Penny Epting-\$4,409.78; Brian Fernau-\$2,468.80; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,775.41; Jeremy Gilpin-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$3,246.32; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,209.34; Jason James-\$3,157.43; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,171.20; Jared Junge-\$2,689.83; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,569.60; Keaton Mueller-\$3,471.16; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,351.04; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,539.86; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,509.40; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$1,941.42; Summer Adair-\$1,962.16; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$0.00; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,075.00; Ismael Castro-\$2,047.82; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,186.52; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,870.55; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,679.20; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$2,203.34; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,896.66; Rebekah Epting-\$1,765.08; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,077.84; Jonathan Gray-\$2,475.03; Kara Groetken-\$2,004.12; McKenna Hammer-\$1,972.32; Todd Hammer-\$2,626.91; Dustin Johnson-\$1,751.76; Terry Johnson-\$2,257.62; Carol Juarez-\$1,464.48; Matthew

Kronick-\$1,528.59; Brandon Long-\$2,707.48; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,943.76; Skyler Miner-\$1,910.00; Lucas Moulton-\$488.16; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,943.76; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$806.10; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,891.74; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,420.90; Michele Rohde-\$1,755.42; Jeremy Russell-\$2,127.40; Jerry Santos-\$1,763.16; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,245.30; Armando Valerio-\$1,754.76; Regn Vater-\$1,046.64; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,453.73; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,246.20; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,569.44; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,314.56; Courtney Swick-\$1,583.62; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$13,051.05; State Tax-\$6,486.85; Soc Sec-\$11,735.75; Medicare-\$2,744.62; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$505.00; Retirement-\$9,819.94; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$800.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,585.42; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$407.30; Legal Shield-\$148.06; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$118.16; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$20,394.62; Net Pay-\$15,062.03; Retirement-\$1,376.61; Total FICA-\$1,532.64; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Tristin Eifert-\$1,844.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$2,551.71; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Brandon Miller-\$17.30; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,249.61; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,456.54; State Tax-\$695.26; FICA-\$1,242.13; Medicare-\$290.51; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$917.79; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$34.82; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,617.33; Net Pay-\$1,218.76; Retirement-\$109.17; Total FICA-\$119.90; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,617.33; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$100.94; State Tax-\$54.95; FICA-\$97.17; Medicare-\$22.73; Retirement-\$72.78; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,871.78; Net Pay-\$1,468.42; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$140.39; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$114.98; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$113.78; Medicare-\$26.61; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$2,124.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$48,350.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,577.05; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$148.06; Emily McNaughton-reimburse garnishment returned - \$342.80; Life Insurance, premium-\$213.96; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,991.85; PointC – admin fees, \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, \$2,705.54; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$24,014.96; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,960.74; VSP, premium-\$525.46. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$221.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$5,800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,501.54; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$695.26; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,294.40; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,065.28; VSP, premium-\$54.34; **Insurance Fund 1275:** PointC FSA-Withdrawals, \$2,782.67; PointC – Auto Withdrawals, \$47,937.65; PointC Medical-admin fees, \$27,352.12; VSP-Cobra premium, \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$100.94; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$54.45; Principal Life – premiums, \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$181.95; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$239.80; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life-premiums, \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.78; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Principal Life-premiums, \$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Chair Hohenstein made a motion to approve Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc., request to the Board for a Special Designated Liquor License for a fundraising event on August 31, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Wat Buddharam of Siouxland Inc.. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Reed-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein informed us that Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, has been in meetings all day and we will take a look at the Road Report at the next Board meeting.

Committee Reports. Commissioner Hohenstein informed the board about the oversight committee raising funds that twice a year go to veterans' homes and meet with them in Dakota County. They give \$50 to their accounts and stop and talk with all the veterans that are in nursing homes. Talked about how there are a lot of good people who serve on the oversight committee and how they are involved with our veterans in Dakota County.

Mail and/or Emergency Business- letters from residents regarding the solar farm. Commissioners read the 3 letters we received. Chair Hohenstein informed us that the Planning & Zoning meeting will be August 19th at 7:00p.m. at the Hubbard Community Center to provide a better location for residents to be present for the meeting. Commissioner Hohenstein mentioned that there was good information given to residents about the solar farms at the Cottonwood Convention Center on July 30, 2025, meeting.

Scott Davidson, Dakota City resident, spoke on behalf of residents that could not be present for the board of commissioners meeting. Scott questioned the process of who will be deciding if the solar farm will take place. Chair Hohenstein informed him of how the Board will get recommendations from the Planning and Zoning regarding the solar farm and that it will go before the Board. It will be well publicized so that residents are aware and can be present. Commissioner Bousquet did mention that the Chair can designate a special time/date to have a special meeting, especially with the solar farm being a big topic. Chair Hohenstein did take that into consideration. Scott spoke on his concerns regarding the solar farm. He mentioned how it would affect the lives of those residents who do live out in the country of Dakota County where the solar farm will be taking place. He mentioned expanding the one that is currently in So Sioux City instead of creating a new solar farm. Chair Hohenstein recommend that residents go to the Planning and Zoning meeting on August 19, 2025 and voice their thoughts.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 04, 2025, at 3:32 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein, Chair

Paola Ledesma, Deputy County Clerk/Board Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, August 18, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Board of Equalization meeting. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Reed. Absent: Bousquet. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

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 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. 3:01 pm Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the abandonment of public road known as: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.
 - b. Sheriff's Office to present Distress Warrants Report showing the total amount collected on current distress warrants and the amount remaining uncollected \$77-1719.01. Board approve report and authorize the Assessor to remove from the property tax rolls, and said properties recommended on Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report to be stricken and deleted by correction.
 - c. Board to review and approve or not approve entering into an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Application to the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) between Saline County and participating counties. Highway Superintendent, Jolene Gubbels, will explain the project.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Discuss and determine if the Board will go on a Bus Tour of the Roads and set a date.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINES
 - Letters from residents regarding Solar Farm.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rodriguez moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to excuse Commissioner Bousquet from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

The Board of Commissioners recognized Deputy Keaton Mueller for his outstanding response during a serious motor vehicle accident where his actions made the difference between life and death. He was presented with a certificate and given a round of applause.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment.

Emmet Albenesius commented on H Avenue needing some good rock and the drainage looked at.

Jean Broyhill expressed concerns on the solar farm and asked about the approval process. She was advised to attend the Planning and Zoning public meeting on August 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hubbard Community Center.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the payroll claims and the accounts payable claims. Chair Hohenstein advised that everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – August 4, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for August 3 to August 16, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$184,993.51; Net Pay-\$132,675.53; Total Retirement-\$13,335.35; Total FICA-\$13,680.59; Health Plan-\$44,240.00; Dental Plan-\$1,600.00; Life Insurance-\$211.41; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,533.45; Paola Ledesma-\$1,700.16; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$650.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,802.64; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,549.63; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$1,920.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,746.50; Shaun Bird-\$2,244.00; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$3,030.36; Penny Epting-\$2,662.58; Brian Fernau-\$2,530.52; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,480.80; Jeremy Gilpin-\$222.15; Martin Guerrero-\$2,513.28; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,880.55; Jason James-\$2,721.36; Kimberly Johnson-\$905.85; Jared Junge-\$2,752.75; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,758.36; Keaton Mueller-\$2,344.16; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,718.98; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,696.91; Mardi Schnee-\$1,397.79; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,438.23; Debra Schmiadt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$1,997.97; Summer Adair-\$2,069.09; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,468.75; Ismael Castro-\$2,141.01; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,058.69; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,931.08; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,975.92; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,802.49; Rebekah Epting-\$1,793.54; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,019.72; Jonathan Gray-\$2,297.18; Kara Groetken-\$2,197.50; McKenna Hammer-\$1,849.80; Todd Hammer-\$2,619.05; Dustin Johnson-\$1,763.40; Terry Johnson-\$2,126.49; Carol Juarez-\$1,708.56; Matthew Kronick-\$1,667.47; Brandon Long-\$2,130.07; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,943.76; Skyler Miner-\$1,912.00; Lucas Moulton-\$1,708.56; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,943.76; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$764.67; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,891.99; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,776.92; Michele Rohde-\$1,944.58; Jeremy Russell-\$2,024.47; Jerry Santos-\$1,805.64; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,245.30; Armando Valerio-\$1,765.08; Regn Vater-\$1,728.65; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,356.71; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,649.74; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,638.68; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,613.96; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,250.47; State Tax-\$5,981.67; Soc Sec-\$11,087.55; Medicare-\$2,593.04; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$505.00; Retirement-\$9,195.58; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$775.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,585.42; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$407.53; Legal Shield-\$148.09; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.27; VSP Vision Base-\$118.28; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$24,704.24; Net Pay-\$18,324.53; Retirement-\$1,667.52; Total FICA-\$1,859.98; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Tristin Eifert-\$1,706.44; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,448.11; David Kneiff-\$2,478.63; Kimon Litras-\$2,170.90; Brandon Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; John Ouellette-\$1,821.74; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,412.02; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,784.95; State Tax-\$861.95; FICA-\$1,507.44; Medicare-\$352.54; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,111.71; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$65.52; Legal Shield-\$77.81; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,619.87; Net Pay-\$1,220.58; Retirement-\$109.34; Total FICA-\$120.09; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,619.87; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.23; State Tax-\$55.08; FICA-\$97.33; Medicare-\$22.76; Retirement-\$72.89; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,875.61; Net Pay-\$1,471.96; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$140.68; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$118.81; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$114.02; Medicare-\$26.66; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,701.00; Net Pay-\$1,410.00; Retirement-\$114.82; Total FICA-\$127.32; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,701.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$50.47; FICA-\$103.19; Medicare-\$24.13; Retirement-\$76.55; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, premiums-\$421.91; Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$2104.00; FSA Account, premiums Dep Care-\$208.33; FSA, premiums medical-\$1073.08; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$47,790.00; Dakota County Lodge #49, union dues-\$775.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,776.47; Globe Life Liberty, premiums-\$94.03; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premiums-\$148.09; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$211.41; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6486.67; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,530.93; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,361.18; VSP, premiums-\$525.81. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, premiums-\$38.23; Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$221.00; FSA, premiums medical-\$40.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$5800.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,829.95; Globe Life Liberty, premiums-\$6.50; Legalshield, premiums-\$77.81; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$861.95; Nebraska Public Employee Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2779.23; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3719.96; VSP, premiums-\$85.08. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C Auto Withdrawals, medical claims-\$9,836.84; **Health Fund 2502:** FSA, premiums medical-\$50.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.23; Dakota County Life Insurance, premiums-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.08; Ameritas

Retirement, contributions-\$182.23; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.18; **Health Fund 2504:** Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$41.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$284.36; VSP, premiums-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$41.00; Dakota County Life Insurance, premiums-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$50.47; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$191.37; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$254.646; VSP, premiums-\$15.66.

Accounts Payables: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$1,932.18; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; NACO, workshop-\$30.00; One Office, office supplies-\$330.31; Dakota County Star, publications-\$432.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$73.87; MIPS, state printers software-\$1,101.13; One Office, office supplies-\$700.87; Security Shredding, shredding documents-\$80.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; MIPS, state software-\$2,039.95; US Bank, NACO workshop-\$60.00; BW Plus Midwest Inn, lodging-\$109.00; Paola Ledesma, reimbursement-\$147.00; US Bank, postage-\$10.14; RTI, IT support-\$6,703.20; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$138.90; Government Forms & Supplies, file folders-\$206.70; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; AJ Phillips/Sign Pro, tinted & regular window envelopes-\$1,570.00; Marco, copier contract-\$367.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; Security Shredding, shredding documents-\$80.00; US Bank, membership-\$76.00; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$431.25; Leaf, copier contract-\$333.66; M&M Court Reporting, depositions-\$459.00; Victoria Mendiola, interpreter fees-\$100.00; One Office, office supplies, copier-\$99.71; Crary Huff Law, atty fees-\$71.25; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$929.93; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$836.95; District Court, court fees, deposit slips-\$707.79; Jorgensen Law Office, atty fees-\$220.65; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$527.85; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, atty fees-\$363.00; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$8,930.29; A Team, building repair-\$159.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$203.45; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$271.32; Oscar, Galarza, building repair-\$565.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; Menards, ground supplies, tools-\$1,384.91; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$620.16; NPPD, utilities-\$2,156.34; Robertson, misc repair-\$17.82; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, building supplies-\$641.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$206.00; One Office, copier contract-\$184.34; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; Tammy Peterson, reimbursement-\$107.06; US Bank, postage-\$3.54; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, supplies, materials-\$62.88; Billion, vehicle repair-\$458.46; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,676.19; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$56.20; Dakota County Jail, plates for vehicle-\$8.20; Dakota County Treasurer, vehicle title registration-\$30.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$540.00; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-\$17,365.21; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$190.44; Interstate All Battery Center, UTV batteries-\$73.95; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$367.75; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$15.00; Nebraska Public Health Environment, breath analysis cost-\$105.00; Physicians Laboratory, coroner-\$300.00; Sandhills State Bank, lease payment-\$22,914.94; Team Trouble Chaser Graphics, vehicle repair-\$450.00; TransUnion Risk, search services-\$123.80; Tri-State Comm, radio repair-\$367.50; US Bank, uniforms, law enforcement supplies, fuel-\$8,137.45; Chestermans, misc-\$44.00; Marco, copier contract-\$224.16; Nebraska.gov, certified driver records-\$38.50; US Bank, phones-\$72.16; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$51,735.36; Ameri-Tech Industrial, maintenance-\$678.32; Associated Fire Protection, building repair-\$495.00; AT&T, phones-\$48.03; Bunkers Feed & Suply, softner salt-\$349.44; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$699.10; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,961.40; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$728.77; CW Suter Services, building repair-\$3,038.00; DAS State Acct, annual fees-\$44.73; Dakota County Treasurer, vehicle title registration-\$25.00; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$2,473.09; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$2,245.63; Farmer's Pride, diesel fuel-\$293.27; Jennifer Fuentes, reimbursement-\$240.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; H204U, replaced water softner-\$5,870.00; Hobart Sales & Services, repairs to dishwasher, misc-\$338.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$3,334.02; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,455.14; Johnstone Supply, filters-\$363.29; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$433.02; MLB Health, medical fees-\$6,250.00; NPPD, utilities-\$4,131.99; Pender Community Hospital, inmate medical-\$1,716.00; Phoenix Plumbing, building repair-\$705.00; Pittsburgh Paints, building repair-\$264.57; St. Lukes Dept of Lab Serv, inmate labs-\$214.03; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, inmate medical-\$231.74; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$31,240.64; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$3,451.65; Visual Edge IT, copier lease, copies-\$178.89; Wells Fargo, copier lease-\$523.92; Wilmes, building supplies-\$114.92; US Bank, candy for national night out-\$108.51; Marco, copier contract-\$123.08; US Bank, workshop-\$30.00; Verizon, phones-\$39.91; Civil Engineers & Constructors, dakota county/utech survey, research-\$4,310.00; Brandon Miller, meals-\$55.48; Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodging-\$250.00; US Bank, workshop-\$30.00; Verizon, phone-\$39.99; Availity, medical billing-\$132.61; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Marco, copier contract-\$281.86; US Bank, supplies, copier, misc-\$1,065.30; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$336.70; Della Rasmussen, grave markers-\$477.00; US Bank, grave markers-\$679.85; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button-\$29.95; Im On, phones-\$791.90; Innovative Appraisal Service, data collection, analysis, protest hearings-\$6,113.00; Lutz & Company, preliminary budget calculations-\$4,350.00; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$670.71; Quadient Leasing, lease payment-\$1,088.49; RCM, audit for year end-\$33,000.00; Triview Communications, programming-\$144.00; US Bank, new vehicle supplies-\$1,335.82; US Postal, postage-\$4,000.00; **Road Fund:** Bierschbach, road equipment rental-\$48.00; Bomgaars, shop supplies-\$167.40; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$6,795.16; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$17,097.99; Carroll Const. Supply, erosion control-\$400.95; Dakota County Star, publications-\$31.12; Michael Fucsher, reimbursement-\$25.00; Gary Backhaus Gravel, gravel-\$11,166.66; Grossenburg Implement, rental tractor-\$2,000.00; H204U, water-\$52.00; Heartland Tire, tires, labor-\$1,390.95; Heavy Mental Repair, parts, labor-\$7,028.68; Hefner Oil & Feed Co, fuel-\$1,994.97; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$52.00; Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, parts-

\$40.20; K&K Hubbard Mart, fuel-\$177.43; King's Disposal, dumpster-\$70.00; Lowes, tools-\$55.89; Lyles Garage Door Service, building repair-\$1,000.06; M&H Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$7,951.68; Marx Dust Control, dust control for fair-\$3,960.00; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$10.16; NPPD, utilities-\$112.65; North American Truck & Trailer, parts, labor-\$402.92; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$119.35; Northeast Power, utilities-\$338.61; Northside Glass, parts-\$225.00; Power Plan, labor, parts-\$80.34; Robertson, parts, labor-\$234.88; Sapp Bros, shop supplies, oil, propane, misc-\$8,566.71; Robert Schmidt, reimbursement-\$16.00; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts-\$54.07; Tri-State Comm, radio repair-\$227.00; US Bank, shop supplies, misc, tools-\$216.04; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$468.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.91; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$44.46; Warren Oil, diesel-\$11,233.05; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$290.34; Ziegler's, parts, labor-\$1,763.45; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$25,184.53; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2502 Health Planning Grant:** US Bank, phones-\$102.92; **2504 Health Dept Program Grants:** Yesica Saldana, reimbursement-\$228.76; US Bank, workshops, website,-\$1,474.19; Verizon, phones-\$79.92; **2508 Health Obesity Grant:** US Bank, yoga classes, helmets, supplies-\$2,237.91; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$21,163.25

Chief Deputy Randy Walsh presented the 2023 Distress Warrants Report showing the total amount collected on current distress warrants of \$16,716.18. Chief Walsh requested Board approval of the report and authorize the Assessor to remove from the property tax rolls. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve and authorize the Assessor to remove from the property tax rolls the following: Properties Sold at Sheriff's sale: Property ID #220211809 1981 Bonneville Mobile Home abandoned. Properties to be stricken and deleted from tax rolls: Property ID #220274330 Medical Equipment unable to locate, #220168903 1976 Bella Casa Mobile Home not the same trailer on lot, and #220126607 1978 Champion Mobile Home not the same trailer on lot. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Highway Superintendent Jolene Gubbels presented an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Application to the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) between Saline County and participating counties. She explained that this is an opportunity for counties to come together on bridge replacement projects, they will be awarded to one contractor to take the lead and NDOT will be helping. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the county entering into an Interlocal Agreement for Joint Application to the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) between Saline County and participating counties for bridge replacement projects. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report from July 20 to August 2, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 314.5 hours; Overtime hours - 57; Tree/Debris Removal – 7 hours; Culvert Projects – 23 hours-270th culvert; Garbage pickup – 6 hours; Gravel hauling – 184 hours; 836.76 tons rock hauled into yard; 1309.36 tons material hauled on roads; Sign Repair – 2 hours. Road concerns: Grading-Nodaway, 200th St, Fiddler Creek; Gravel-Nodaway, 200th St, Golf Rd, Kenesaw Rd, 250th St, 185th St. Commented that she is working with the NDOT on possible grants to help with N Bluff Road. Commissioner Hohenstein thanked the Road department for helping with reducing the budget.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Chair Hohenstein updated the Board on the budget progress explaining that after all the requests were in from the departments the task of cutting 3 million has been a struggle. The new budget formulas are making it difficult for all counties to maintain. Union negotiation meetings will be set up in near future.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Commissioners received several letters regarding the solar project.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 18, 2025, at 3:25 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the BOE meeting held just prior. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: Kim Watson, County Attorney. Also present was Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – August 18, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for August 17, 2025 to August 30, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of any other accounts payable claims (if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Approve Resolution 25C-021 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota County Ag Society.
 - b. Approve Resolution 25C-022 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota County Historical Society.
 - c. Approve Resolution 25C-023 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Protection District.
 - d. Approve Resolution 25C-024 to approve final allocation of levy authority for Emerson Rural Fire Protection District and Homer Rural Fire Protection.
 - e. Approve Resolution 25C-025 Vacate or Abandon Road: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and going west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.
 - f. Board approve Change Order for North Bluff Road from Gill Construction for additional panel.
 - g. Board to approve letter for support for replacement of Adams bridge on S Ave
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS (Who plans to attend December NACO conference Dec 17-19)
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment: None.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims, and all looked in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – August 18, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for August 17 to August 30, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$196,361.41; Net Pay-\$139,408.39; Total Retirement-\$14,463.19; Total FICA-\$14,533.92; Health Plan-\$43,680.00; Dental Plan-\$1,580.00; Life Insurance-\$208.86; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,657.92; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,626.63; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,352.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,596.80; Jacob Acero-\$3,467.30; Shaun Bird-\$2,555.20; Timothy Decker-\$4,867.92; Brian Ellinger-\$2,592.80; Penny Epting-\$4,659.38; Brian Fernau-\$3,008.85; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,542.82; Martin Guerrero-\$4,817.12; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,350.25; Jason James-\$3,367.94; Kimberly

Johnson-\$1,326.75; Jared Junge-\$2,642.64; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,998.44; Keaton Mueller-\$3,220.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$4,233.68; Kelsey O'Neill-\$3,264.03; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$4,212.80; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Shantel Krull-\$1,164.80; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,535.28; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$1,733.76; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,592.50; Ismael Castro-\$1,791.96; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,763.16; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,708.56; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,464.48; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Cody Epting-\$1,521.72; Rebekah Epting-\$1,707.48; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,019.61; Jonathan Gray-\$2,153.05; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,687.56; Todd Hammer-\$2,469.61; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$386.21; Dustin Johnson-\$1,811.52; Terry Johnson-\$2,007.21; Carol Juarez-\$1,261.08; Matthew Kronick-\$497.42; Brandon Long-\$1,984.70; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,943.76; Skyler Miner-\$1,927.98; Lucas Moulton-\$1,464.48; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$713.45; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,926.60; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,742.10; Jeremy Russell-\$1,775.04; Jerry Santos-\$1,768.47; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,245.30; Armando Valerio-\$1,811.52; Regn Vater-\$1,464.48; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,692.64; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,351.47; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,609.83; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,098.24; Courtney Swick-\$1,535.08; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$13,430.17; State Tax-\$6,540.16; Soc Sec-\$11,779.12; Medicare-\$2,754.80; Extra Fit-\$1,526.00; Extra Sit-\$505.00; Retirement-\$10,076.32; Health Plan-\$3,750.00; Dental Plan-\$525.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$725.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,585.42; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$407.30; Legal Shield-\$148.06; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$110.35; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,571.55; Net Pay-\$16,618.82; Retirement-\$1,523.54; Total FICA-\$1,675.81; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,383.60; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$2,161.95; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Brandon Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; John Ouellette-\$1,308.66; Dean Pallas-\$2,246.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,141.34; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,482.39; State Tax-\$742.91; FICA-\$1,358.16; Medicare-\$317.65; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,015.75; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$69.33; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; Health Planning Grant Employee 2502;; Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,871.78; Net Pay-\$1,468.42; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$140.39; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$114.98; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$113.78; Medicare-\$26.61; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$2,105.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$47,430.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$725.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,956.17; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$148.06; Life Insurance, premium-\$208.86; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,045.16; Point C – admin fees, \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, \$2,779.89; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$24,539.51; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$29,067.84; VSP, premium-\$517.65. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,527.39; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$742.91; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,539.29; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3351.62; VSP, premium-\$88.85; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA-Withdrawals, \$3,526.43; Point C – Auto Withdrawals, \$46,622.47; Point C Medical-admin fees, \$28,454.44; VSP-Cobra premium, \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life – premiums, \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life-premiums, \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$280.78; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Principal Life-premiums, \$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-021 Levy Allocation for the Dakota County Ag Society (0.005759). ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION
RESOLUTION 25C-021

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
<u>Dakota Co Ag Society</u>			
General	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	0.003949
Capital Improvement	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>0.001810</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$175,000.00</u>	<u>\$175,000.00</u>	<u>0.005759</u>

*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-022 Levy Allocation for the Dakota County Historical Society (0.001779). ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION
RESOLUTION 25C-022

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
<u>Dakota County Historical Society</u>			
General Fund	\$ 54,060.00	\$ 54,060.00	0.001779
TOTAL	\$ 54,060.00	\$ 54,060.00	0.001779

*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve Resolution 25C-023 Levy Allocation for the Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Protection District (0.020879). ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Abstain, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION
RESOLUTION 25C-023

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
<u>Dakota-Covington Rural Fire Protection District</u>			
General Fund	\$ 80,578.89	\$ 80,578.89	0.011173
Sinking Fund	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>0.009706</u>
TOTAL	\$150,578.89	\$150,578.89	0.020879

*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-024 Levy Allocation for MFO Rural Fire Departments Emerson (0.020686) and Homer (0.031651). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

LEVY ALLOCATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUBDIVISION
RESOLUTION 25C-024

Whereas, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443(3) provides that miscellaneous subdivisions are subject to levy allocation by the County Board; and,

Whereas, the miscellaneous subdivisions have filed a preliminary tax request with the County Board; and,

Whereas, the Fire Districts in a Mutual Finance Organization (MFO) for a least one out of every three fiscal years covered by the MFO Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, agrees to a common property tax levy of three cents (\$0.03) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, and

Whereas, the County Board must determine the final allocation of levy authority for its subdivisions.

Therefore, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates to the miscellaneous subdivision as follows:

Subdivision	Property Tax Request	Property Tax Allocation	Levy*
<u>Emerson Rural Fire Protection District</u>			
General Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	0.011278
Bond Fund	\$ 54,225.00	\$ 54,225.00	0.009408
TOTAL	\$119,225.00	\$119,225.00	0.020686
<u>Homer Rural Fire Protection District</u>			
General Fund	\$114,453.08	\$114,453.08	0.030000
Sinking Fund	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00	0.001651
TOTAL	\$120,753.08	\$120,753.08	0.031651

*Levy Allocation is the rate per \$100 valuation.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve Resolution 25C-025 Vacate or Abandon Road: At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and going west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-025
ROAD ABANDONMENT OR VACATION
AND DISPOSITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that a public hearing was held in the Board of Commissioners Room on the 18th of August, 2025, at 3:01 p.m., pursuant to notice of public hearing published in the Dakota County Star for three consecutive weeks before such hearing and certified letters sent to surrounding landowners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at such public hearing no persons appeared regarding the vacating and abandonment of said road as hereinafter described, and the Board being fully advised and upon consideration of the matter hereby orders that the following road be vacated and abandoned and that the public right-of-way shall be disposed of in the following manner:

Shall vacate the described road and relinquish the right-of-way back to the adjacent landowner. Described as follows:

At intersection of S Avenue and 207th Street - starting at S Avenue and go west to dead end approximately .265 miles in Section 27, Township 28N, Range 6E, Dakota County, Nebraska.

A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Register of Deeds and indexed against all affected property.

Dated at Dakota City, Nebraska this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Change Order for North Bluff Road from Gill Construction for additional panels in the amount of \$7,604.50. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the Board sending a letter of support of the Dakota County Road Department to be a part of the grant application process with the Bridge Investment Program for bundled bridge replacements in Rural Nebraska Counties to be submitted by Saline County. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for August 17 to August 30, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 375.5 hours; overtime hours – 30.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 2 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 20 hours (S Bluff culvert); mowing – 16 hours; gravel hauling – 140.5 hours; total tons hauled – 1381.59 on roads; sign repair – 58 hours. Road concerns- Grading: Park Ave, Lynch Ave, K Avv(MM) and gravel on I Ave.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of September 2, 2025, at 3:16 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, September 15, 2025
7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Court Room, Second Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 2, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for August 31 to September 13, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
 - a. 7:01 p.m. Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding a request for approval of Conditional Use Permit from Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC at the property located at Section 10-11, 14-16, 21-23, 25, 26-28, Township 28N, Range 8E on approximately 2,900 acres for the solar overlay district.
 - b. Board to approve or not approve Conditional Use Permit from Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC at the property located at Section 10-11, 14-16, 21-23, 25, 26-28, Township 28N, Range 8E on approximately 2,900 acres for the solar overlay district. The Dakota County Planning Commission recommends approval.
 - c. 7:05 p.m. Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding a request for approval of Conditional Use Permits from Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC at the property located at Section 10-11, 14-16, 21-23, 25, 26-28, Township 28N, Range 8E on approximately 2,461 acres for the proposed construction and operation of the Sternwheeler Solar Project comprising a solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system.
 - d. Board to approve or not approve Conditional Use Permits from Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC at the property located at Section 10-11, 14-16, 21-23, 25, 26-28, Township 28N, Range 8E on approximately 2,461 acres for the proposed construction and operation of the Sternwheeler Solar Project comprising a solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system. The Dakota County Planning Commission recommends approval.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report – next meeting
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
 - Reminder Joint Public Hearing – Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:05 pm, SSC Memorial Hall
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. None

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the payroll claims, the accounts payable claims and the Official reports. Chair Hohenstein advised that everything was in order. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 2, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for August 31 to September 13, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$184,699.03; Net Pay-\$131,572.91; Total Retirement-\$13,416.99; Total FICA-\$13,685.67; Health Plan-\$43,680.00; Dental Plan-\$1,580.00; Life Insurance-\$208.86; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-

\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.20; Paola Ledesma-\$1,668.48; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,346.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,817.94; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.81; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,781.60; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,424.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,596.80; Jacob Acero-\$1,968.76; Shaun Bird-\$1,352.40; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$3,216.75; Penny Epting-\$2,662.58; Brian Fernau-\$3,039.71; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,023.49; Martin Guerrero-\$3,253.80; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,115.37; Jason James-\$2,465.74; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,166.63; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,989.18; Keaton Mueller-\$3,136.28; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,029.40; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,137.16; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$4,537.13; Mardi Schnee-\$1,384.80; Shantel Drum-\$1,137.50; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,453.32; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$1,981.44; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,861.25; Ismael Castro-\$2,328.92; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,015.04; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,869.34; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$851.55; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,297.29; Jonathan Gray-\$2,086.41; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,948.98; Todd Hammer-\$2,485.34; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$803.60; Dustin Johnson-\$2,002.44; Terry Johnson-\$2,333.09; Carol Juarez-\$1,884.54; Matthew Kronick-\$1,589.94; Brandon Long-\$2,262.38; Jennifer Marquez-\$555.36; Skyler Miner-\$1,914.00; Lucas Moulton-\$747.50; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$482.16; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$803.60; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,845.60; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$2,105.28; Michele Rohde-\$1,880.63; Jeremy Russell-\$1,981.44; Jerry Santos-\$2,151.67; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,245.30; Armando Valerio-\$2,002.44; Regn Vater-\$2,062.35; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,446.48; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,333.91; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,517.51; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,272.96; Courtney Swick-\$1,541.15; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,041.12; State Tax-\$6,022.62; Soc Sec-\$11,069.79; Medicare-\$2,588.88; Extra Fit-\$1,476.00; Extra Sit-\$505.00; Retirement-\$9,301.86; Health Plan-\$3,550.00; Dental Plan-\$504.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$725.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,293.00; Garnishments-\$1,585.42; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$407.53; Legal Shield-\$148.09; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.27; VSP Vision Base-\$110.46; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,032.92; Net Pay-\$16,146.73; Retirement-\$991.51; Total FICA-\$1,636.06; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,844.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$2,222.85; Kimon Litras-\$2,226.73; Brandon Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,252.40; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,141.34; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,502.68; State Tax-\$739.16; FICA-\$1,325.95; Medicare-\$310.11; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$991.51; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.18; Legal Shield-\$77.81; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,825.79; Net Pay-\$1,425.95; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$136.94; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$68.99; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$110.93; Medicare-\$25.94; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,620.00; Net Pay-\$1,342.76; Retirement-\$109.35; Total FICA-\$121.13; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,620.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$46.55; FICA-\$98.17; Medicare-\$22.96; Retirement-\$72.90; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, premiums-\$421.91; Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$2084.00; FSA Account, premiums Dep Care-\$208.33; FSA, premiums medical-\$1073.08; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$47,230.00; Dakota County Lodge #49, union dues-\$775.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,517.12; Globe Life Liberty, premiums-\$94.03; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premiums-\$148.09; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$208.86; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1293.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6538.29; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,718.85; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,351.18; VSP, premiums-\$517.99. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, premiums-\$38.23; Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$262.00; FSA, premiums medical-\$40.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$6610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1547.68; Globe Life Liberty, premiums-\$6.50; Legalshield, premiums-\$77.81; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$739.16; Nebraska Public Employee Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2478.70; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3772.12; VSP, premiums-\$69.74. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C Auto Withdrawals, medical claims-\$57,317.46; Regan Vater-medical reimbursement-\$193.41; **Health Fund 2502:** FSA, premiums medical-\$50.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Dakota County Life Insurance, premiums-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$41.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premiums-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$273.74; VSP, premiums-\$15.66; **Juvenile**

Services Fund 2507: Dakota County Dental, premiums-\$41.00; Dakota County Life Insurance, premiums-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$46.55; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.25; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$242.26; VSP, premiums-\$15.66.

Accounts Payables: General Fund: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$904.76; Cherie Conley, mileage, NACO-\$84.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; DAS State Acct, state printers software-\$184.00; MIPS, state printers software-\$1,101.13; One Office, office supplies-\$40.08; US Bank, workshop-\$30.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Christy Abts, meals, mileage-\$375.79; Melissa Collins, meals-\$59.04; Fairfield By Marriott-Kearney, lodging-\$809.70; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; Innovative Appraisal Service, re-assmt hrs, permit reviews-\$2,024.50; MIPS, state software-\$2,039.95; Cherie Conley, mileage, election training-\$236.60; Dakota County Star, publications-\$30.26; Marco, copier contract-\$137.24; Joe O'Neill, flash drive for public records-\$40.65; US Bank, postage-\$111.90; RTI, IT support, installments, replacements-\$11,338.18; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$124.38; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; Marco, copier contract-\$367.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; US Bank, office supplies-\$76.50; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$225.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$36.10; One Office, office supplies-\$53.22; Crary Huff Law, atty fees-\$93.75; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,726.80; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$2,903.86; District Court, court cost-\$552.00; Thomas B Donner, atty fees-\$1,890.56; Randy S Hisey, atty fees-\$437.00; Jorgensen Law Office, atty fees-\$837.80; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$3,987.60; Pieper & Story, atty fees-\$2,150.50; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, atty fees-\$3,232.00; Oestmann & Albertsen Law, atty fees-\$450.00; Wayne County Sheriff, subpoena-\$9.25; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$13,386.87; Woodbury County Sheriff, subpoena-\$30.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$206.80; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$360.40; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; Lessman Electric, light blubs-\$240.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$487.93; NPPD, utilities-\$2,145.70; One Office, supplies-\$15.85; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$29.40; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, supplies, fuel-\$108.50; Wilmes, building supplies-\$28.47; Angela Abts, mileage-\$252.70; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$249.20; Captial One/Wal-Mart, finance charge-\$1.01; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copier copies-\$208.11; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; UNL research lab, HMBL at Dakota County Fair-\$316.00; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, supplies, materials-\$76.80; Berkins Fire & Safety, annual maintenance-\$312.80; Benchmark Gov Solutions, training meals-\$1,454.35; Billion, vehicle repair-\$777.84; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$6,356.32; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$53.09; DAS State Acct, annual radio fee-\$132.00; Digital Ally Inc, data processing-\$2,390.00; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$978.50; Groves Emergency Lighting, vehicle repair-\$1,567.10; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$94.10; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$869.40; Michael P Baker, LE training-\$230.00; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$142.00; Sandhills State Bank, lease payment-\$18,197.49; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, fuel, lodging, dues,misc-\$561.44; TransUnion Risk, search services-\$128.20; US Bank, uniforms, law enforcement supplies, fuel-\$4,989.83; Wilmes, supplies-\$82.46; Marco, copier contract-\$230.93; Nebraska.gov, certified driver records-\$47.00; US Bank, phones, office supplies, misc-\$244.66; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$48,500.00; Ameri-Tech Industrial, dryer repair-\$459.46; AT&T, phones-\$47.03; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$1,127.65; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,834.10; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$367.92; CW Suter Services, building repair-\$1,825.00; Dept. of Correctional Serv, inmate boarding-\$1,897.35; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$6,350.19; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$2,640.04; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Guarantee Roofing, roof repairs-\$450.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$1,491.23; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,054.25; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$427.04; MLB Health, medical fees-\$5,000.00; NPPD, utilities-\$3,913.75; Pittsburgh Paints, building repair-\$86.12; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$30,098.09; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate housing-\$4,080.00; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; UnityPoint Health, prisoner medical-\$119.47; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$1,514.84; Armando Valerio, reimbursement-\$199.95; Wells Fargo, copier contract-\$523.92; 24/7 Locksmith Service, restroom lock repair-\$95.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$47.95; Verizon, phones-\$39.93; Verizon, phone-\$40.01; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Marco, copier contract-\$333.04; US Bank, supplies, copier, misc-\$408.07; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$575.40; Nebraska Journal-Leader, publications-\$10.48; US Bank, office supplies-\$90.10; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button-\$29.95; Im On, phones-\$737.16; MercyOne, monthly EAP, welness blood profile-\$1,022.34; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$709.05; Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral, cremation-\$1,800.00; NE DHHS- BEATRICE STATE DEVELOPMENT, institutions-\$276.00; NE DHHS- LINCOLN REGIONAL CENTER, institutions-\$276.00; One Office, copy paper-\$2,116.00; Region 4 Behavior Helath, qrt 2 FY26 mental health-\$10,968.50; Team Trouble Chaser, vehicle equipment-\$350.00; Triview Communications, programming-\$495.63; US Bank, misc-\$14.95; US Postal, postage-\$4,000.00; Road Improv 0802, general fund transfer-\$49,296.00; **Road Fund:** Bomgaars, shop supplies-\$71.03; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$8,056.84; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$10,247.68; DC Petty Cash, title-\$15.00; DSG, culverts-\$4,466.25; Emerson Heritage, fuel-\$56.52; H204U, water-\$98.50; Heartland Tire, tires-\$1,121.00; Hefner Oil & Feed Co, fuel-\$285.00; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$91.64; Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, parts-\$572.86; King's Disposal, dumpster-\$70.00; Lowes, tools-\$257.69; M&H Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$25,428.06; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$9.82; NPPD, utilities-\$114.19; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$130.13; Northeast Power, utilities-\$377.10; O'Reilly Auto Parts, supplies-\$118.06; Robertson, parts, labor-\$642.97; Sapp Bros, shop supplies, fuel-\$3,402.57; Sioux City Trap, parts-\$187.00; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, labor-\$1,551.25; Stephan Welding Inc, parts, labor-\$60.00; UnityPoint Clinic OC Med, drug testing-\$35.00; US Bank, misc, tools-\$189.58; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$468.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.93; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$50.41; Warren Oil, diesel-\$7,979.55; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$41.16; Ziegler's, parts, blades-\$8,653.84; **0802 Road & Bridge Improv:** Gill Construction, N bluff rd repair-\$49,296.00; **990 Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$26,731.11; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2502 Health Planning Grant:** Chole Coover,

mileage-\$293.30; US Bank, phones, workshop, misc-\$429.04; **2504 Health Dept Program Grants:** US Bank, website, supplies-\$337.76; Verizon, phones-\$79.94; **2508 Health Obesity Grant:** Theresa Grove, reimbursement-\$10.05; Jennifer Ankerstjerne, mileage-\$193.20; **ARPA Fund:** MEI, construction engineering M Ave grading-\$12,198.00; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$29,273.81.

Chair Hohenstein opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding a request for approval of Conditional Use Permit from Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC at the property located at Section 10-11, 14-16, 21-23, 25, 26-28, Township 28N, Range 8E on approximately 2,900 acres for the Solar Overlay District at 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Reed informed the public that this hearing was for the Solar Overlay District which means this is put in place to protect landowners adjacent to projects.

Support: Ethan Frazier, Mission Clean Energy, explained that this is a solar and battery storage project for renewable energy. He explained that there is a demand across the country for energy and it ties into existing power supplies. He commented on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board have worked on putting together ordinances and regulations, setbacks from homes, and the benefits to the County and the Homer school district.

Aubrey Copeland, Mission Clean Energy, explained that Mission Clean Energy started in 2022 and it takes approximately 5 years to get a solar farm running and they do not currently have any.

Opposition: Several residents spoke in opposition to the solar farm. Summary (spelling of names could be incorrect) Don Kubik-damaging roads; Tony Staab-prime farmland and snow drifting; Ron Reynor-snow drifts, power sold to who, health effects, taxes, who removes them, sustainability, heat issues; Lou Franco-values, taxes, livestock, water runoff, downfalls; Dennis McManigal-looking at solar farm from front window, waste of good farm ground. Commissioner Rodriguez and Hohenstein commented that change is inevitable. The City of So Sioux City is looking to expand and develop industries outside of city limits.

Neutral: None.

Chair Hohenstein closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the Conditional Use Permit from Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC at the property located at Section 10-11, 14-16, 21-23, 25, 26-28, Township 28N, Range 8E on approximately 2,900 acres for the Solar Overlay District noting the Dakota County Planning Commission recommended approval. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding a request for approval of Conditional Use Permits from Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC at the property located at Section 10-11, 14-16, 21-23, 25, 26-28, Township 28N, Range 8E on approximately 2,461 acres for the proposed construction and operation of the Sternwheeler Solar Project comprising a solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Hohenstein read to the public the following for their information:

The Board has the authority to create regulations regarding the installation of solar panels on private property (as long as those regulations are part of a comprehensive zoning or development plan) under Nebraska Revised Statute section 66-913. Counties with zoning jurisdiction are authorized to include provisions for encouraging solar energy use and protecting access to solar energy in their zoning regulations. They can regulate things like height, location, and setback of structures.

The Board can adopt zoning resolutions that regulate land use to promote public health, safety, and welfare. The Board may grant conditional use permits for specific uses of property, including solar panel installation, if those uses are identified in the county zoning regulations. The Board must adopt standards and procedures for granting these permits in a way that promotes the public interest and ensures equitable treatment.

The Board is trying to protect the public by adopting appropriate regulations for solar energy as best they can while at the same time protecting surrounding property from interference with their own property rights. The Board must balance encouraging the use of solar energy systems with protecting the public interest.

Opposition: Several residents spoke in opposition to the solar farm. Summary (spelling of names could be incorrect) Sally Reinert-P&Z implemented in 1970's and the Board could do away with if they choose, referenced P&Z reg 600.3 necessary conditions; Lou Franco-people enjoy property they own, will affect wildlife, environment, chemical concerns; Don Kubik-Pierce County has problems with roads, county taxpayers money, Dakota County has gumbo.

Audrey Copeland, Mission Clean Energy, explained that the company will have in place road use agreements and maintenance agreements prior to construction.

Kenny Baker-concerned about stormwater and flooding; Dennis Reinert-served on P&Z many years ago and failed to follow the regulations set and NIRMA had to step in, advised to be sure to follow the rules; Ron Renor-wants guarantee that taxes and values will not go up, dust control is an issue, snow drifting.

Ethan Frazier, Mission Clean Energy, advised that before project begins there will be agreements approved and signed regarding vegetative management, stormwater management, and fencing. Troy Launsby-selling point is income from taxes, wanted firm numbers on revenue.

David Levy, Attorney with Baird Holm, provided estimated revenue numbers and some of the splits, advised there are statutes and legislation that provide guidance, and numbers change based on levy and valuations.

Scott Davidson-opposed, wanted to know if there is a contract for energy, dust control a concern, suggested waiting a few months before making decisions.

Marcy Broyhill-wind & solar are 3rd world power sources – nuclear fusion and fission are being explored, wanted to know who the investors are.

Audrey Copeland, Mission Clean Energy, advised the investors can be found on the website. Mission Clean Energy is a US owned company, and some investors are global. Solar is the fastest and cheapest energy to buy. David Levy commented that NPPD buys energy.

Several more residents stood and opposed the project.

Neutral: There were none.

Support:

Oscar Gomez, City of SSC Economic Development Director, spoke in favor of the project stating revenue is needed and there is a need for growth. He noted that if the permits and guidelines are not followed the project can be stopped.

Dustin Marvel-Omaha Public Power District, spoke in favor of the project stating Nebraska needs electrons now and solar and wind creates that. It will bring benefits to the schools and residents. Nebraska buys energy locally.

David Levy, Attorney with Baird Holm, commented on P&Z reg 600.3 does not give veto power. Reg 600.7-outlines the solar energy goals and balances the needs of the public. Requests the Boards approval of Mission Clean Energy conditional use permit and the findings of fact.

Audrey Copeland, Mission Clean Energy, mentioned again that there will be several agreements put into place prior to construction.

Chair Hohenstein closed the public hearing at 8:39 p.m.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the Conditional Use Permit and Findings of Fact with conditions from Sternwheeler Solar Project, LLC at the property located at Section 10-11, 14-16, 21-23, 25, 26-28, Township 28N, Range 8E on approximately 2,461 acres for the purposed construction and operation of the Sternwheeler Solar Project comprising a solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system noting the Dakota County Planning Commission recommends approval. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-No, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed attended the NACO Northeast Meeting. Commissioner Rodriguez wants to form a legislative committee.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Reminder the Joint Public Hearing is Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:05 pm, SSC Memorial Hall.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of September 15, 2025, at 8:44 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, September 29, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney, Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 15, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for September 14-27, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Board to approve or disapprove Resolution 25C-026 for the adoption and appropriations of the proposed 2025-2026 county budget.
 - b. **3:00 p.m.** Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.
 - c. Board to approve or disapprove Resolution 25C-027 setting the County Property Tax Request at \$8,773,667.86 (6.45% increase).
 - d. **3:00 p.m.** Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer oral or written support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the presentation of the Dakota County One-and-Six Year Road Plan with proposal to adopt said Plan.
 - e. Board to approve adoption of the One-and-Six Year Road Plan.
 - f. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, requesting Board to approve the Annual Road Report.
 - g. Board to approve Resolution 25C-028 Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2025. §39-115, 39-219, 39-2120, 39-2121 and 30-2510(2).
 - h. Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension Office, present quarterly updates.
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5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
 - Reminder - County Government Day Wednesday, October 8, 2025
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he went through the payroll claims and payroll accounts payable claims and all looked in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 15, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for September 14 to 27, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$184,214.92; Net Pay-\$131,468.93; Total Retirement-\$13,207.75; Total FICA-\$13,642.38; Health Plan-\$39,760.00; Dental Plan-\$1,440.00; Life Insurance-\$191.01; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,519.21; Paola Ledesma-\$1,673.76; Kathy Abbe-\$1,502.40; Khen Chu-\$1,300.00; Maria Garcia-\$1,356.00; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,420.00; Emily McNaughton-\$1,346.40; Debera Benton-\$1,540.00; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$636.00; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80;

Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,923.59; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,378.40; Rodney Soole-\$2,307.20; Todd Uhl-\$2,352.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,616.76; Jacob Acero-\$1,960.03; Shaun Bird-\$275.28; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,625.21; Penny Epting-\$2,662.58; Brian Fernau-\$2,530.52; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,945.98; Martin Guerrero-\$2,528.24; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,661.35; Jason James-\$2,405.60; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,052.25; Jared Junge-\$2,634.78; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,845.78; Keaton Mueller-\$2,737.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,730.20; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,951.32; Mardi Schnee-\$1,393.46; Shantel Drum-\$1,237.60; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,423.13; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$1,744.21; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$0.00; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,367.50; Ismael Castro-\$3,285.07; Timathey Chamberlain-\$2,266.92; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,708.56; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$851.78; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,346.05; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,060.11; Jonathan Gray-\$2,080.50; Kara Groetken-\$1,992.40; McKenna Hammer-\$1,730.74; Todd Hammer-\$2,532.53; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$771.42; Daron Jackson-\$1,721.82; Dustin Johnson-\$1,909.24; Terry Johnson-\$2,760.25; Carol Juarez-\$2,053.14; Hannah Keatts-\$732.24; Matthew Kronick-\$662.97; Brandon Long-\$5,027.48; Jennifer Marquez-\$0.00; Skyler Miner-\$1,911.19; Lucas Moulton-\$715.48; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$1,923.90; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$597.68; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,914.81; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,752.76; Kaden Ruring-\$1,718.24; Jeremy Russell-\$2,765.76; Jerry Santos-\$1,784.53; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,245.30; Cody Thomas-\$1,205.40; Armando Valerio-\$1,775.40; Regn Vater-\$1,127.13; Randall Walsh-\$2,662.58; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,707.90; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,266.37; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,246.21; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,546.36; Theresa Grove-\$2,529.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,331.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,577.55; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,499.89; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,757.25; State Tax-\$5,976.76; Soc Sec-\$11,056.57; Medicare-\$2,585.81; Extra Fit-\$1,456.00; Extra Sit-\$485.00; Retirement-\$9,102.80; Health Plan-\$3,300.00; Dental Plan-\$483.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$675.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,840.00; Garnishments-\$1,585.42; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$401.22; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$115.23; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,188.23; Net Pay-\$16,241.87; Retirement-\$1,497.69; Total FICA-\$1,647.95; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$2,069.64; Michael Fuchser-\$1,853.45; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$2,177.18; Kimon Litras-\$2,226.73; Brandon Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,924.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,427.78; Robert Schmidt-\$1,853.45; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,536.33; State Tax-\$746.89; FICA-\$1,335.59; Medicare-\$312.36; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$998.49; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.16; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,622.40; Net Pay-\$1,222.38; Retirement-\$109.51; Total FICA-\$120.29; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,622.40; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$101.52; State Tax-\$55.20; FICA-\$97.49; Medicare-\$22.80; Retirement-\$73.01; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,879.44; Net Pay-\$1,475.50; Retirement-\$118.58; Total FICA-\$140.97; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$122.64; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,756.80; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$98.68; State Tax-\$48.57; FICA-\$114.25; Medicare-\$26.72; Retirement-\$79.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,674.00; Net Pay-\$1,387.59; Retirement-\$113.00; Total FICA-\$125.26; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,674.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$49.16; FICA-\$101.52; Medicare-\$23.74; Retirement-\$75.33; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$1923.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$43,060.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$675.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,213.25; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$191.01; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,840.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,461.76; Point C – admin fees, \$82.50; Principal Life Insurance-premiums, \$2,670.67; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,310.55; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,284.76; VSP, premium-\$516.45. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,581.33; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$746.89; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,496.18; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,295.90; VSP, premium-\$69.68; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA-Withdrawals, \$986.95; Point C – Auto Withdrawals, \$20,645.99; Point C Medical-admin fees, \$26,524.93; VSP-Cobra premium, \$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$101.52; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$55.20; Principal Life – premiums, \$23.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$182.52; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$240.58; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$98.68; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.57; Principal Life-premiums, \$25.88; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$197.64; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$281.94; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$49.16; Principal Life-premiums, \$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.33; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$250.52; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-026 for the adoption and appropriations of the proposed 2025-2026 county budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-026 OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 15th day of September, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Dakota County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 29th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

Chair Hohenstein opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year tax request at 3:04 p.m. There were no comments in support, opposition or criticism. Chair Hohenstein closed the Public Hearing at 3:05 p.m.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve Resolution 25C-027 setting the County Property Tax Request at \$8,773,667.86 (6.45% increase). ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 25C-027
SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of the Dakota County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Dakota County, resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 General Fund property tax request be set at \$8,773,667.86.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 12.04%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.271222 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Dakota County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.288719 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Dakota County will be decreased from last year's budget by 4.99 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution to be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Adopted this 29th day of September, 2025.

Chair Hohenstein opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of giving citizens the opportunity to offer oral or written support, opposition or make neutral comment regarding the presentation of the Dakota County One-and-Six Year Road Plan with proposal to adopt said Plan at 3:07 p.m. There were no comments in support, opposition or criticism. Chair Hohenstein closed the public hearing at 3:08 p.m.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve adopting the One-and-Six Year Road Plan as presented by Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Annual Road Report. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the Annual Road Report as presented by Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve Resolution 25C-028 Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2025. §39-115, 39-219, 39-2120, 39-2121 and 30-2510(2). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2025

Resolution No. 25C-028

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards; and

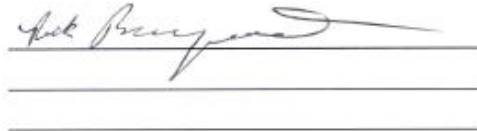
Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Dakota County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 29th day of September, 2025 at Dakota County Nebraska.

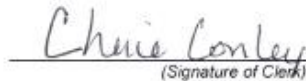
County Board Members





County Board Member Jeff Reed
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Rogelio Rodriguez Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest:


(Signature of Clerk)



Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, presented a report on distress warrants and an itemized report covering the amount uncollected pursuant to §77-1719.02

Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, presented a report setting out a list of real property in the county on which any taxes are delinquent and not sold at last annual tax sale pursuant to §77-1918

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve each office's notarized inventory statement of all County personal property in the possession of that officer as valid for the year ending June 30, 2025 and that are filed with the County Clerk's Office pursuant to §23-347. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve a Special Designated Liquor license for October 11, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds rodeo arena area. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for September 1 to September 27, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 449.5 hours; overtime hours – 24 hours; tree/debris removal – 12 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 106 hours (270th St, 260th St, 180th St, M Ave, S Bluff, and S Bluff ditch); gravel hauling – 323 hours; total tons hauled – 962.27 on roads and 450.65 1" rock hauled into yard and 936.57 gravel hauled into yard); sign repair – 50 hours; weed spraying – 3 hours Several road concerns-grading, gravel and MM grading. Commissioner Hohenstein asked if a flashing stop sign could possibly be placed at both ends of Highway 110 and Jolene will look into it. Jolene informed the Board she is still working on the "I Adams" bridge grant and surveys will help obtain.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Hohenstein invited a representative from Region IV to a board meeting to educate what services are provided to Dakota County.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Letter regarding County Government Day on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Commissioner Van Berkum stated he would be in attendance.

2025 Public Safety Tax Statement was explained to the Board. New this year pursuant to 77-1701 on the tax statements sent out by the Treasurer shall clearly indicate, for each political subdivision, the amount of property taxes due to fund any and all public safety services.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn, Commissioner Bousquet seconded. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of September 29, 2025, at 3:27 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 13, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Reed. Absent: Bousquet. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney, Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 29, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for September 29 to October 11, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Clerk of District Court Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus for child support computation of indirect cost allocation rates.
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension Office, present quarterly updates.
 - b. Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, Quarterly Health Department Report
 - c. Approve or deny free flu shots for County employees at the Dakota County Health Department.
 - d. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, to report the list of parcels eligible for foreclosure through the County Attorney's Office.
 - It shall be the duty of the county board, at its first meeting held after the making of such report, to carefully examine the same, and while it may direct the issuance of tax sale certificates to the county upon any real property upon which there are any delinquent taxes, it shall, as to all real property upon which taxes are delinquent for three or more years, either enter an order directing the foreclosure of the lien of such taxes as provided in section 77-1901 or enter an order for the county treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon such real property, to be foreclosed upon in the manner and at the time provided in sections 77-1901 to 77-1918.
 - e. Road Department - Oban Construction presenting bid for hauling gravel to the County Road Shop and requests Board approval and Chair to sign contract agreement.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Board to review letter received from Ahlers Cooney Attorneys regarding destruction of files and decide on how to respond.
 - c. Closed session to discuss Nebraska Public Employees, Local 251 AFSCME (Road Department) Union Negotiations, Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations.
 - d. Board to approve County Attorney, Kim Watson, to send final offer to Nebraska Public Employees, Local 251 AFSCME (Road Department) Union Members, Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Members.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to excuse Commissioner Bousquet from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. None.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that payroll claims were still being processed, and he would go through them in the morning and recommends approval of payroll claims and payroll accounts payable claims. The non-union employees raises and backpay to July 1st are on this paycheck. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 29, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for September 28 to October 11, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none; and (e)

Approval of Clerk of District Court Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus for child support computation of indirect cost allocation rates. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$194,294.30; Net Pay-\$138,336.36; Total Retirement-\$14,014.64; Total FICA-\$14,413.53; Health Plan-\$39,760.00; Dental Plan-\$1,440.00; Life Insurance-\$191.01; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,857.07; Paola Ledesma-\$1,684.32; Kathy Abbe-\$1,833.92; Khen Chu-\$1,570.48; Maria Garcia-\$1,654.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,733.76; Emily McNaughton-\$1,642.40; Debera Benton-\$1,886.26; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,784.69; Joseph O'Neil-\$777.20; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$2,251.35; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,686.25; Rodney Soole-\$2,815.28; Todd Uhl-\$2,721.72; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,994.45; Jacob Acero-\$2,044.25; Shaun Bird-\$245.36; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,754.85; Penny Epting-\$7,325.26; Brian Fernau-\$2,893.13; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,682.37; Jeremy Gilpin-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$2,752.64; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,504.80; Jason James-\$2,495.81; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,140.82; Jared Junge-\$2,642.64; Jaime Keatts-\$615.60; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,436.08; Keaton Mueller-\$2,112.32; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,543.20; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,974.55; Mardi Schnee-\$1,901.36; Shantel Drum-\$1,427.15; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,444.70; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$1,759.87; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$0.00; Shaelee Barreras-\$4,699.50; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,708.56; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$791.01; Elisabet DeRoin-\$4,082.16; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,010.83; Jonathan Gray-\$2,086.91; Kara Groetken-\$1,898.64; McKenna Hammer-\$1,759.87; Todd Hammer-\$2,501.07; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$813.60; Daron Jackson-\$1,708.56; Dustin Johnson-\$1,864.81; Terry Johnson-\$2,654.37; Carol Juarez-\$1,585.21; Hannah Keatts-\$1,220.40; Angel Mendez-\$1,602.18; Jennifer Marquez-\$0.00; Skyler Miner-\$1,874.03; Lucas Moulton-\$813.60; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$1,780.87; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$798.58; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,958.13; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$2,383.12; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$976.32; Kaden Ruring-\$1,708.56; Jeremy Russell-\$1,868.17; Jerry Santos-\$1,800.33; Jennifer Svendsen-\$1,705.58; Cody Thomas-\$2,395.32; Armando Valerio-\$1,775.40; Randall Walsh-\$4,632.92; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,878.63; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,769.50; Jolene Gubbels-\$3,150.54; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,892.91; Theresa Grove-\$3,091.30; Johanna Marquez-\$1,909.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,937.53; Nicholas Nieman-\$3,056.65; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,994.72; State Tax-\$6,510.49; Soc Sec-\$11,681.57; Medicare-\$2,731.96; Extra Fit-\$1,466.00; Extra Sit-\$495.00; Retirement-\$9,683.86; Health Plan-\$3,300.00; Dental Plan-\$483.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$675.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,840.00; Garnishments-\$1,653.54; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$401.46; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.27; VSP Vision Base-\$115.35; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$21,942.04; Net Pay-\$15,998.08; Retirement-\$1,481.05; Total FICA-\$1,629.12; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,844.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneiff-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Brandon Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,732.32; Dean Pallas-\$3,086.52; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,924.80; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,574.86; State Tax-\$735.78; FICA-\$1,320.32; Medicare-\$308.80; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$987.42; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$247.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.18; Legal Shield-\$77.81; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,967.48; Net Pay-\$1,468.75; Retirement-\$132.80; Total FICA-\$146.68; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,967.48; Health Planning Grant Employee 2502;; Federal Tax-\$141.07; State Tax-\$72.44; FICA-\$118.88; Medicare-\$27.80; Retirement-\$88.54; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$2,328.85; Net Pay-\$1,805.30; Retirement-\$146.10; Total FICA-\$175.35; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$164.36; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$2,164.49; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$145.40; State Tax-\$68.74; FICA-\$142.12; Medicare-\$33.23; Retirement-\$97.40; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$2,206.17; Net Pay-\$1,828.70; Retirement-\$148.92; Total FICA-\$165.97; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$2,206.17; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$75.56; FICA-\$134.51; Medicare-\$31.46; Retirement-\$99.28; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$1923.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$43,060.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$675.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,460.72; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$191.01; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,840.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,005.49; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,69850; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,827.06; VSP, premium-\$516.81. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,619.86; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.81; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$735.78; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$247.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,468.47; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,258.24; VSP, premium-\$69.64; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C - Auto Withdrawals, \$12,570.69; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA-medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$141.07; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$72.44; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-

\$221.34; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$293.36; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$145.40; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$68.74; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$243.50; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$350.70; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$75.56; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$248.20; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$331.94; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension Office, presented the quarterly updates for the Extension Office.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve free flu shots for County employees at the Dakota County Health Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Stephanie Gatzemeyer presented a report on the parcels eligible for foreclosure through the County Attorney's office per statute 77-1901-77-1918: Parcels 220068518, 220056692, 220059225, 220085269, 220150036, 220008051, 220072744, 220058253, 220073007, 220073716, 220002290. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to direct the County Attorney to pursue parcels 220068518, 220056692, 220059225, 220085269, 220150036, 220008051, 220072744, 220058253, 220073007, 220073716, 220002290 that are 3 years or more delinquent in taxes according to statute 77-1901 to 77-1918. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the bid contract agreement with Oban Construction for hauling gravel to the County Road Shop. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for September 28 to October 11, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 213.5 hours; overtime hours – .25 hours; tree/debris removal – 17 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 161.25 hours (260th St, M Ave ditches, T Ave culvert, S Bluff culvert, Fiddler Creek ditches, T Ave ditches); gravel hauling – 127 hours; total tons hauled – 1208.84 on roads and 177.52 1" rock hauled into yard and 132.13 gravel hauled into yard); sign repair – 45.5 hours; one road concern-grading-Fiddler Creek.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to allow the destruction of files being maintained at Ahlers Cooney Attorneys regarding Road department collective bargaining files from 2003 which are over 10 years old. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to go into Closed Session to discuss Nebraska Public Employees, Local 251 AFSCME (Road Department) Union Negotiations, Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations at 3:19 pm. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to come out of Closed Session from discussing Nebraska Public Employees, Local 251 AFSCME (Road Department) Union Negotiations, Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations at 3:59 pm. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the County Attorney sending final offer to the Road Department-Nebraska Public Employees Local 251 AFSCME for a 3 year contract and Chair to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed attended the Naco Legislative session and salary study information. Commissioner Van Berkum has been attending SIMPCO meetings.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to adjourn. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of October 13, 2025, at 4:01 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, October 27, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – October 13, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for October 12 to October 25, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk & Clerk of District Court
 - f. Approval of Sheriff/Jail Quarterly Financial Reports for July to September 2025.
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Board to appoint voting delegate and alternate for election of officers at the NACO Annual meeting on December 17-19, 2025.
 - b. Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, Quarterly Health Department Report
 - c. Board to approve or not approve Quality Telecommunications quote to install 2 outdoor cameras around the jail for security and safety requested by Todd Uhl, Jail Maintenance.
 - d. Board to review quote from Sooland Bobcat for an 8 ft Virnig Snow Pusher and rubber edge pull back and approve or not approve purchasing requested by Building and Grounds.
 - e. Board to approve the Road Union Contract-Nebraska Public Employees Local 251 as proposed for 3 years (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028).
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Sheriff Kleinberg / Elisabet DeRoin – Jail Quarterly Report (July, August, September 2025)
 - c. Closed session to discuss Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations.
 - d. Board to approve County Attorney, Kim Watson, to send final offer to Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Members.
 - e. Discuss NACO Wage study and possible appointment of committee to work on resolution setting Elected Official salaries for 2027-2030 before January 15, 2026 pursuant to §23-1114.
 - f. Board to examine the complete list of all real property in the county on which any taxes are delinquent and were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale; direct the Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon such real property; and direct the county attorney to foreclose upon the properties in the manner and time provided in Nebraska Revised Statute sections 77-1901 to 77-1918.
 - g. Board to review documentation from Christy-Smith Funeral Homes & Crematory and decide whether to approve or deny paying up to \$1,800 under the County Burial Policy for Mr. Richard E. Allen, Jr., who passed away on October 18, 2025.
 - h. County Board shall make quarterly visit to county jail. §47-109
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Informational letter from DWEE regarding permit transfer from Beerman to MSJM.
Construction and Operating Permit of hog barns.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. Dean Hughes – Hubbard. Requested the speed limit on county roads be reduced. There are a lot of vehicles speeding on M Avenue and Fiddler Creek. Chair Hohenstein commented he would reach out to the Sheriff about more patrolling of those roads. The speed limits are set by the State.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the payroll claims, the accounts payable claims, the Official reports and jail quarterly reports. Chair Hohenstein advised that everything was in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – October 13, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for October 12 to October 25, 2025; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court; and f) Approval of Sheriff/Jail Quarterly Financial Reports for July to September 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$179,367.26; Net Pay-\$133,312.85; Total Retirement-\$12,963.51; Total FICA-\$13,721.67; Richard Bousquet-\$1,025.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,071.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,025.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,025.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,025.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,586.81; Paola Ledesma-\$1,721.28; Kathy Abbe-\$1,547.20; Khen Chu-\$1,339.20; Maria Garcia-\$1,398.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,462.40; Emily McNaughton-\$1,386.40; Debera Benton-\$1,586.40; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,904.02; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,420.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,376.80; Todd Uhl-\$2,163.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,737.32; Jacob Acero-\$2,424.70; Shaun Bird-\$245.36; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$2,787.26; Penny Epting-\$3,313.46; Brian Fernau-\$2,499.66; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,682.37; Martin Guerrero-\$2,513.28; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,162.37; Jason James-\$2,495.81; Kimberly Johnson-\$816.85; Jared Junge-\$2,563.99; Jaime Keatts-\$0.00; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,664.83; Keaton Mueller-\$2,266.88; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,644.18; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,893.25; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,171.88; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,470.58; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$1,954.07; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,256.31; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,640.79; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,234.49; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,580.66; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,972.62; Jonathan Gray-\$2,092.19; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hamner-\$1,754.65; Todd Hammer-\$2,516.80; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$813.60; Daron Jackson-\$1,731.20; Dustin Johnson-\$1,810.40; Terry Johnson-\$2,632.07; Hannah Keatts-\$1,464.48; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,051.47; Angel Mendez-\$1,863.37; Skyler Miner-\$1,915.44; Lucas Moulton-\$772.92; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$241.08; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$939.46; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,857.14; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,846.35; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$2,104.89; Kaden Ruring-\$1,869.30; Jeremy Russell-\$1,754.76; Jerry Santos-\$1,784.40; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,109.18; Cody Thomas-\$1,893.51; Armando Valerio-\$1,824.88; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,671.93; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,715.83; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,622.30; Theresa Grove-\$2,605.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,656.25; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,823.62; State Tax-\$6,118.48; Soc Sec-\$11,120.87; Medicare-\$2,600.80; Extra Fit-\$1,461.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$8,946.10; Deferred Comp-\$1,840.00; Garnishments-\$1,653.54; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$21,422.33; Net Pay-\$16,507.85; Retirement-\$1,445.97; Total FICA-\$1,638.83; Tristin Eifert-\$1,844.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,844.80; Robert Hacker-\$1,960.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$1,924.80; David Kneifl-\$1,948.80; Kimon Litras-\$1,984.80; Brandon Miller-\$1,844.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,864.65; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$1,844.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,987.96; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,523.67; State Tax-\$742.94; FICA-\$1,328.20; Medicare-\$310.63; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$964.04; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,671.20; Net Pay-\$1,294.78; Retirement-\$112.81; Total FICA-\$127.84; Chloe Coover-\$1,671.20; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$113.12; State Tax-\$60.26; FICA-\$103.61; Medicare-\$24.23; Retirement-\$75.20; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,809.61; Net Pay-\$1,427.63; Retirement-\$122.15; Total FICA-\$138.44; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,809.61; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$109.13; State Tax-\$52.98; FICA-\$112.20; Medicare-\$26.24; Retirement-\$81.43; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,668.60; Net Pay-\$1,415.11; Retirement-\$112.63; Total FICA-\$127.64; Kristin Robinette-\$1,668.60; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$50.76; FICA-\$103.45; Medicare-\$24.19; Retirement-\$75.09.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,284.62; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,840.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,608.48; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,909.61; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,443.34. **Road Fund:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,568.67; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$742.94; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,410.01; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,277.66. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C Auto Withdrawals, medical claims-\$91,490.12; **Health Fund 2502:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$113.12; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$60.26; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.01; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$255.68; **Health Fund 2504:** Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$109.13; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$52.98; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$203.58; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$276.88; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$50.76; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.72; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$255.28.

Accounts Payables: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$308.58; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; NACO, workshop-\$160.00; One Office, supplies-\$252.99; DAS State Acct, state printers software-\$368.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$257.68; MIPS, state printers software-\$1,101.13; One Office, office supplies-\$608.13; Record Printing, title envelopes-\$325.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$120.00; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; MIPS, state software-\$2,039.95; One Office,

supplies-\$484.76; Comfort Inn, lodging-\$110.00; Paola Ledesma, mileage-\$386.40; Scott Bousquet, mileage, meetings-\$51.30; Ron Collins, mileage, meetings-\$52.35; Dakota County Star, publications-\$7.06; Tim Decker, mileage, meetings-\$85.32; Ron Gill, mileage, meetings-\$62.64; Jolene Gubbels, setup meetings-\$200.00; Gordon Hegge, mileage, meetings-\$72.30; Steven Lieber, mileage, meetings-\$82.80; Dick McCabe, mileage, meetings-\$100.86; Harold Moes, mileage, meetings-\$74.40; Martin Rohde, mileage, meetings-\$78.60; RTI, IT support-\$8,474.76; US Bank, battery backups-\$219.90; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$225.92; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; One Office, office supplies-\$33.64; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, supplies, workshop-\$249.76; DAS State Acct, office deopts-\$614.79; Marco, copier contract-\$367.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, office supplies-\$267.24; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fee-\$375.00; Louvontree Hunter, mileage-\$160.30; US Bank, dues-\$450.00; Bryce Anderson, witness, mileage-\$33.40; Maggie Cook, mileage, mental health hearing-\$124.00; Cray Huff Law, atty fees-\$12.50; Armando Cruz, witness, mileage-\$25.60; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$2,091.73; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$861.55; District Court, court cost-\$738.00; Galyen Boettcher Baier, atty fees-\$1,421.80; Johnson & Mock PC, atty fees-\$2,897.50; Linda Kastning, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$3,220.70; Robyn Newbrey, mileage, mental health hearing-\$110.00; Pieper & Story, atty fees-\$2,959.20; Runge Law Office, atty fees-\$225.00; Steven J Twohig, atty fees-\$2,694.50; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$16,571.91; Maximus, recovery fees-\$950.00; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$200.10; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$1,103.54; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; J&M Auto Repair, labor, repairs-\$725.84; Menards, building supplies-\$14.61; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$490.85; NPPD, utilities-\$1,954.19; One Office, supplies-\$13.14; R Rohan Electric, replacement of lights-\$1,278.46; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$28.00; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, supplies, fuel-\$73.38; Wilmes, building supplies-\$14.18; Angela Abts, mileage-\$294.00; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$134.26; Captial One/Wal-Mart, supplies-\$39.72; Dakota County Star, publications-\$11.09; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging-\$269.90; Hy-Vee, supplies-\$90.92; Leaf, copier contract-\$206.00; Nutrition Action, membership-\$49.99; One Office, copier copier-\$99.81; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; UNL research lab, office supplies, registration-\$151.97; AT&T, phones-\$600.60; AutoZone, supplies, materials-\$229.50; Benchmark Gov Solutions, training meals-\$536.55; Billion, vehicle repair-\$3,800.64; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$5,916.27; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$17.43; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$1,951.38; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$90.12; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$4,269.35; Kustom Signals, 3 radars-\$2,839.96; Mohr & Beckner-Hunt Funeral Home, coroner-\$121.25; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$175.00; Total Motors, vehicle repair-\$255.26; TransUnion Risk, search services-\$123.00; US Bank, uniforms, law enforcement supplies, fuel-\$2,717.67; Wilmes, supplies-\$39.80; Lancaster County, subpoena-\$18.00; Marco, copier contract-\$237.70; Nebraska.gov, certified driver records-\$61.00; Debra J. Schmiedt, meals-\$17.51; Secretary of State, certified tittle copies-\$20.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, phones, office supplies, misc-\$149.11; Kim Watson, reimbursement-\$277.09; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$54,113.09; Albireo Energy, building repair-\$700.00; AT&T, phones-\$47.03; Bob Baker, trousers-\$672.00; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$436.90; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,760.40; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$627.13; CW Suter Services, building repair-\$850.00; Dept. of Correctional Serv, inmate boarding-\$7,022.44; Diamond Drug, inmate supplies-\$1,345.83; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$3,829.90; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$50.29; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$146.00; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$572.11; Hobart Sales & Service, janitorial supplies-\$92.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$108.80; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$4,987.95; Terry Johnson, reimbursement-\$15.00; McKesson Medical, medical supplies-\$788.58; Menards, supplies-\$199.21; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$488.18; MLB Health, medical fees-\$6,250.00; NPPD, utilities-\$3,437.85; Overhead Door Company, building repair-\$250.00; Pender Community Hospital, medical fees-\$303.00; Phoenix Plumbing, plumbing repairs-\$6,860.76; Security Shredding, shredding-\$560.00; Siouxland Diagnostic Pathology, medical fees-\$200.66; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Services, inmate labs-\$109.18; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical fees-\$820.12; Studio B Graphics, office supplies-\$75.00; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$43,390.46; Thurston County Sheriff, inmate housing-\$2,520.00; Trembly, pest control-\$200.00; Todd Uhl, mileage-\$89.18; UnityPoint Health, prisoner medical-\$44.52; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$1,223.12; Wells Fargo, copier contract-\$523.92; Wilmes, supplies-\$62.24; Dodge County Clerk, probation quarterly billing-\$15,643.63; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$53.03; Marco, copier contract-\$123.08; US Bank, workshop-\$160.00; Verizon, phones-\$39.94; Dakota County Star, publications-\$284.00; US Bank, workshop-\$160.00; Verizon, phone-\$40.02; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Marco, copier contract-\$281.86; Sanofi Pasteur Inc, flu shots-\$1,322.87; US Bank, office supplies, misc, zoom-\$1,126.62; Thomas Wentte, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$595.00; US Bank, lodging, supplies, postage-\$1,024.72; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; City of Sioux City Iowa, hazmat agreement-\$1,204.00; ROD, resolution-\$10.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button-\$29.95; Im On, phones-\$687.95; Lutz & Company, reviewing budget-\$5,925.00; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$670.71; Wally Nelson, cementery maintenance-\$1,000.00; Region IV INC, services for mentally disabled-\$5,320.25; Stryker Sales, replacement batteries-\$3,520.69; US Postal, postage-\$4,000.00; Dakota County Road, transferring funds to cover claims-\$20,000.00; **Road Fund:** American Underground Supply, culverts-\$606.48; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$7,857.87; Biershbach, tools, road equipment-\$756.10; Blackstrap Inc, chemical salt-\$7,953.59; Bomgaars, shop supplies, tools-\$1,361.50; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$6,041.38; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$9,616.17; Dakota County Road, misc-\$87.78; Dakota County Star, publications-\$10.09; DSG, culverts-\$3,799.79; Farmers Bank, lease payment-\$52,413.63; FIMCO, supplies-\$234.30; Frame Aligeners, parts, labor-\$167.00; H204U, water-\$8.50; HNH Auto Repair, labor-\$20.00; Hansen Electric, building repair-\$80.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$3,395.61; Hefner Oil & Feed Co, fuel-\$1,468.63; Hundertmark, parts-\$224.57; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$43.00; J&M Repair, parts, labor-\$1,126.23; Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, tools-\$28.32; K&K Mini Mart, fuel-\$102.82; King's Disposal,

dumpster-\$70.00; Lyles Garage Door Service, building repair-\$197.00; M&H Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$25,573.14; Marx Trailer, parts, labor-\$348.29; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$127.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$10.84; MID Country Machinery, rental equipment-\$612.00; Midwest Constructors, road maintenance-\$6,220.00; Midwest Wheel, parts-\$31.36; NPPD, utilities-\$109.42; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$124.87; Northeast Power, utilities-\$350.85; Northside Glass, labor-\$450.00; O'Reilly Auto Parts, parts, supplies, misc-\$204.76; Power Plan, parts, supplies, oil-\$2,690.72; Sand Creek Millwrights, building repair-\$3,100.00; Sapp Bros, shop supplies, fuel-\$1,834.50; Sioux City Trap, parts-\$797.01; Sioux City Truck Sales, parts, labor-\$971.93; Siouxland Hydraulics, oil-\$340.00; Siouxland Lock & Key, parts-\$229.00; Stephan Welding Inc, parts, labor-\$165.00; Titan Machinery, supplies-\$186.55; UnityPoint Clinic OC Med, drug testing-\$32.00; US Bank, misc, tools-\$548.35; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$468.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$58.47; Warren Oil, diesel-\$7,165.20; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$126.35; **Federal Aid-Roads:** Cooney Fertilizer Inc, M ave final project-\$28,452.00; **990 Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$26,654.22; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$210.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2502 Health Planning Grant:** US Bank, phones, memberships, misc-\$1,518.18; **2504 Health Dept Program Grants:** US Bank, website, supplies-\$894.10; Verizon, phones-\$79.95; **2507 Juvenile Diversion:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$183.00; **2508 Health Obesity Grant:** US Bank, supplies-\$101.97; **ARPA:** Cooney Fertilizer Inc, M ave final project-\$163,608.98; **Inheritance Tax Fund:** Dakota County Treasurer, transferring funds to general fund-\$800,000.00; Patrick Gill, probate 23-46, refund-\$2,436.77; Heartland Counseling Services, board approved to donate a one-time support-\$25,000.00; Leon C Jepsen, probate 25-9 refund-\$178.13; **E911 Fund:** City of So Sioux City, 911 monies-\$4,298.73; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$30,407.98

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to appoint Cherie Conley, County Clerk, as voting delegate and Jeff Reed, Commissioner, as alternate for election of officers at the NACO Annual meeting December 17-19, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Theresa Grove, Health Department Director, presented a quarterly Health Department Report.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the quote from Quality Telecommunications to install 2 more outdoor cameras around the jail for security and safety reasons. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve the purchase of an 8 ft Virnig Snow Pusher and rubber edge pull back from Sooland Bobcat to be used on the Road Departments skid loader to move snow at the courthouse. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the Road Union Contract-Nebraska Public Employees Local 251 as proposed for 3 years (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for October 12 to October 25, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 309.75 hours; overtime hours – 7.5 hours; tree/debris removal – 19 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 30 hours (M Ave ditches, Fiddler Creek ditches); gravel hauling – 77 hours; total tons hauled – 1341.21 on roads and 967.89 1" rock hauled into yard and 73.04 gravel hauled into yard); sign repair – 16.5 hours; several gravel concerns. 152nd Street overlay is done.

Sergeant Skyler Miner presented the Jail Quarterly Report for July, August and September 2025.

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to go into closed session to discuss Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations at 3:20 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to come out of closed session from discussing Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Negotiations at 3:44 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to authorize the County Attorney, Kim Watson, to send a final offer to Fraternal Order of Police, Dakota County Lodge #49 (Correctional Officers and Sheriff's Deputies) Union Members. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein explained that the Elected Officials salaries for 2027-2030 need to be set by resolution by January 15, 2026. NACO provided a wage study and a guide. Chair Hohenstein suggested a committee be formed to work on this and appointed Commissioner Reed, Assessor Abts, Treasurer Gatzemeyer and himself to start with and will reach out to other officials.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to direct the Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon those such real properties and direct the county attorney to foreclose upon the properties in the manner and time provided in Nebraska Revised Statute sections 77-1901 to 77-1918. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve paying Christy-Smith Funeral Homes & Crematory up to \$1,800 pursuant to the County Burial Policy for the Dakota County indigent decedent Richard E. Allen, Jr. who passed away on October 18, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Chair Hohenstein informed the Board of Dakota City Administrator Robert Kratke farewell on 10-28-25 from 9 am to 12 pm.

County Board went to the jail for the quarterly visit to county jail pursuant to §47-109.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of October 27, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, November 10, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Board of Equalization meeting. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Reed. Absent: Bousquet. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney, Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – October 27, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for October 26 to November 8, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims (if any)
 - e. Veterans Office Quarterly Report for July to September 2025
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Treasurer, to report the number of distress warrants and total amount of money involved upon turning the distress warrants over to the Sheriff. §77-1718
 - d. Approve Resolution 25C-029 to certify Highway Superintendent for year calendar year 2025.
 - c. Nick Nieman, Veteran Service Officer, requesting Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the State (Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs) and Dakota County for the software used to submit claims. They share information with us, so they require an MOU be in place.
 - d. Board to approve NIRMA representing the County in the lawsuit Peterson vs Dakota County CI25-191. Deductible is \$7500.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Board review and discuss Mark Albenesuis request to place crushed concrete on 160th Street to his pit for a fee of \$6,500 for this Fall and \$6,500 in the Spring and move to approve or not approve.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Reminder next meeting November 24th is at 9:00 a.m.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to excuse Commissioner Bousquet from the meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. None.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he had gone through payroll claims and payroll accounts payable claims. The Road employees raises and backpay to July 1st are on this paycheck. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – October 27, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for October 26, 2025 to November 8, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims; and (e) approval of Veterans Office quarterly report for July to September 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Bousquet-Absent. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$181,282.57; Net Pay-\$129,764.49; Total Retirement-\$13,049.75; Total FICA-\$13,416.02; Health Plan-\$44,800.00; Dental Plan-\$1,620.00; Life Insurance-\$213.96; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,564.80; Paola Ledesma-\$1,689.60; Kathy Abbe-\$1,547.20; Khen Chu-\$1,339.20; Maria Garcia-\$1,398.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,462.40; Emily McNaughton-\$1,386.40; Debera Benton-\$1,586.40; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$2,660.40; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,972.84; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,420.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,376.80; Todd Uhl-\$2,255.70; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,644.80; Jacob Acero-\$2,759.24; Shaun Bird-\$245.36; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-

\$2,779.16; Penny Epting-\$3,313.46; Brian Fernau-\$2,499.66; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,542.82; Jeremy Gilpin-\$0.00; Martin Guerrero-\$3,223.88; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,896.19; Jason James-\$3,187.42; Kimberly Johnson-\$730.36; Jared Junge-\$2,579.72; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$2,579.48; Keaton Mueller-\$2,340.94; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,573.12; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,893.25; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,200.00; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,496.46; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$1,990.54; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,264.19; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,636.75; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$811.60; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,580.66; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,146.01; Jonathan Gray-\$2,179.86; Kara Groetken-\$1,875.20; McKenna Hammer-\$1,744.21; Todd Hammer-\$2,485.34; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$813.60; Daron Jackson-\$1,464.48; Dustin Johnson-\$1,849.76; Terry Johnson-\$2,095.63; Hannah Keatts-\$1,259.10; Jared Magana-\$482.16; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,008.34; Angel Mendez-\$1,010.08; Skyler Miner-\$1,912.00; Lucas Moulton-\$813.60; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$1,723.35; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$803.60; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,914.81; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,801.59; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$1,756.28; Kaden Ruring-\$1,780.42; Jeremy Russell-\$1,763.16; Jerry Santos-\$1,768.54; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,148.08; Cody Thomas-\$1,984.43; Armando Valerio-\$1,793.04; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,023.17; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,370.20; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,928.35; Theresa Grove-\$2,605.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,631.25; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,324.76; State Tax-\$5,908.90; Soc Sec-\$10,873.13; Medicare-\$2,542.89; Extra Fit-\$1,461.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$9,011.73; Health Plan-\$3,300.00; Dental Plan-\$483.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$675.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,323.00; Garnishments-\$1,653.54; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$429.97; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$115.23; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$30,076.21; Net Pay-\$21,699.07; Retirement-\$2,030.14; Total FICA-\$2,251.38; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$2,642.65; Michael Fuchser-\$2,707.73; Robert Hacker-\$2,860.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,877.00; David Kneiff-\$2,951.55; Kimon Litras-\$2,917.20; Brandon Miller-\$2,295.98; Tanya Orr-\$2,812.20; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$2,749.73; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,890.05; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$2,590.63; State Tax-\$1,137.49; FICA-\$1,824.64; Medicare-\$426.74; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,353.44; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.16; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,665.98; Net Pay-\$1,253.49; Retirement-\$112.45; Total FICA-\$123.62; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,665.98; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$106.52; State Tax-\$57.38; FICA-\$100.19; Medicare-\$23.43; Retirement-\$74.97; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$2,030.70; Net Pay-\$1,598.98; Retirement-\$123.77; Total FICA-\$152.55; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$197.10; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,833.60; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$107.48; State Tax-\$52.52; FICA-\$123.63; Medicare-\$28.92; Retirement-\$82.51; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,891.08; Net Pay-\$1,567.63; Retirement-\$127.65; 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County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
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7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. Duane Stowe of rural So Sioux City asked the Board to investigate doing something about the noise from the Cargill elevator stating it has gotten very bad. Commissioner Bousquet will contact the current owners and see if they will install barriers around the fan units to cut back on the noise.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had gone through the payroll claims except the jail and deputy but will continue after the meeting. He and Commissioner Reed will continue going through the accounts payable claims, and the Official reports look good. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the consent agenda a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – November 10, 2025; b) Approval of payroll claims for November 9 to November 22, 2025 after Chair Hohenstein has finished reviewing them; c) Approval of payroll accounts payable claims; d) Approval of accounts payable claims after final review; e) Approval of Officials Reports-County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$185,668.14; Net Pay-\$132,682.15; Total Retirement-\$13,402.85; Total FICA-\$13,752.82; Health Plan-\$42,560.00; Dental Plan-\$1,540.00; Life Insurance-\$203.76; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,564.80; Paola Ledesma-\$1,684.32; Kathy Abbe-\$1,547.20; Khen Chu-\$1,339.20; Maria Garcia-\$1,398.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,462.40; Emily McNaughton-\$1,386.40; Debera Benton-\$1,586.40; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,817.94; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,955.64; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,420.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,376.80; Todd Uhl-\$1,977.60; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,711.62; Jacob Acero-\$2,372.76; Shaun Bird-\$1,756.32; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,766.78; Brian Ellinger-\$3,062.78; Penny Epting-\$3,313.46; Brian Fernau-\$2,993.42; Tyler

Fulkerth-\$2,914.98; Martin Guerrero-\$2,902.24; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,692.66; Jason James-\$2,871.74; Kimberly Johnson-\$802.44; Jared Junge-\$2,516.80; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,337.42; Keaton Mueller-\$2,395.68; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,909.72; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,212.71; Mardi Schnee-\$1,463.49; Shantel Drum-\$1,171.88; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,401.57; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$2,285.71; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,992.50; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,829.16; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$851.28; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,580.66; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,340.79; Jonathan Gray-\$1,999.98; Kara Groetken-\$1,992.40; McKenna Hammer-\$1,991.89; Todd Hammer-\$2,501.07; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$813.60; Daron Jackson-\$1,829.16; Dustin Johnson-\$2,033.04; Terry Johnson-\$2,410.10; Hannah Keatts-\$1,667.88; Jared Magana-\$1,205.40; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,592.94; Skyler Miner-\$1,908.02; Lucas Moulton-\$813.60; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$1,949.52; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,897.51; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,798.79; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$1,708.56; Kaden Ruring-\$1,867.84; Jeremy Russell-\$2,223.59; Jerry Santos-\$2,199.32; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,054.68; Cody Thomas-\$1,863.91; Armando Valerio-\$2,002.44; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,000.29; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,382.67; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,889.72; Theresa Grove-\$2,605.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,800.00; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,989.13; State Tax-\$6,139.93; Soc Sec-\$11,146.10; Medicare-\$2,606.72; Extra Fit-\$1,461.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$9,266.18; Health Plan-\$3,300.00; Dental Plan-\$483.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$675.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,323.00; Garnishments-\$1,653.54; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$411.05; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.27; VSP Vision Base-\$115.35; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$22,341.54; Net Pay-\$16,327.53; Retirement-\$1,508.02; Total FICA-\$1,659.66; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,936.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,936.80; Robert Hacker-\$2,056.80; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,020.80; David Kneifl-\$2,178.99; Kimon Litras-\$2,080.80; Brandon Miller-\$1,936.80; Tanya Orr-\$1,768.20; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$2,020.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,033.43; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,549.93; State Tax-\$754.75; FICA-\$1,345.10; Medicare-\$314.56; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,005.39; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.18; Legal Shield-\$77.81; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,671.20; Net Pay-\$1,257.22; Retirement-\$112.81; Total FICA-\$124.02; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,671.20; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$107.12; State Tax-\$57.64; FICA-\$100.51; Medicare-\$23.51; Retirement-\$75.20; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,922.10; Net Pay-\$1,498.92; Retirement-\$123.77; Total FICA-\$144.24; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$88.50; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,833.60; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$107.48; State Tax-\$52.29; FICA-\$116.90; Medicare-\$27.34; Retirement-\$82.51; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,640.79; Net Pay-\$1,360.02; Retirement-\$110.75; Total FICA-\$122.72; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,640.79; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$47.55; FICA-\$99.46; Medicare-\$23.26; Retirement-\$73.84; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$2,023.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$45,860.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$675.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$13,450.13; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.03; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$203.76; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,323.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,629.93; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$22,669.03; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$27,505.64; VSP, premium-\$526.40. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,594.93; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.81; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$754.75; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,513.41; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,319.32; VSP, premium-\$69.64; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C – Auto Withdrawals, \$21,597.74; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$107.12; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$57.64; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.01; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$248.04; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$107.48; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$52.29; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$206.28; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$288.48; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$47.55; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$184.59; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$245.44; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payables: General Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$626.49; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$94.58; One Office, office supplies-\$444.83; Security Shredding, shredding-\$120.00; US Bank, workshop-\$160.00; One Office, office supplies-\$34.28; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Cardinal Assessment Group, building permits, sales reviews-\$4,500.00; Curry Flooring, building repair-\$1,048.00; Dakota County Star, subscription-\$50.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; Innovative Appraisal, reassmnt hrs-\$1,200.50; MIPS, state software-\$2,039.95; One Office, supplies-\$20.40; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Dakota County Star, publications-\$16.64; Marco, copier contract-

\$123.08; Joe O'Neill, mileage-\$347.90; RTI, IT support-\$5,355.20; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$130.72; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Marco, copier contract-\$367.87; Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$153.00; ODP Business Solutions, office depot-\$272.21; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, office supplies-\$195.88; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$300.00; Leaf, copier contract-\$108.30; One Office, copier contract, supplies-\$131.80; US Bank, dues-\$594.90; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,101.32; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$889.43; District Court, court cost-\$468.00; Galyen Boettcher Baier, atty fees-\$1,825.90; Law of Kate Jorgensen, atty fees-\$258.65; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$1,438.80; Oestmann & Albersten Law, atty fees-\$406.25; Alex Robles, witness, mileage-\$29.80; Stratton, DeLay, Carlson, Stover & Stratton, atty fees-\$6,136.50; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$15,030.52; A Team, building repair-\$641.36; Bekins Fire & Saftey, annual service fees-\$481.20; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$210.15; Claypool Brothers, building repair-\$220.00; Curry Flooring, building repair-\$1,048.00; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$238.57; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; Menards, building supplies-\$125.16; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$523.94; Midwest Alarm Fire & Security, control access to doors-\$450.00; NPPD, utilities-\$1,728.22; One Office, supplies-\$16.45; Schumacher Elevator, annual mainteance-\$2,456.51; Sooland Bobcat, snow pusher-\$3,000.00; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel-\$68.10; Angela Abts, mileage-\$558.20; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$377.58; Leaf, copier contract-\$103.00; One Office, copier copies-\$168.79; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; Tammy Peterson, mileage-\$391.52; UNL research lab, office supplies, registration-\$15.00; AT&T, phones-\$606.52; Benchmark Gov Solutions, training meals-\$624.80; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$4,732.64; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$19.32; Farmers Bank & Trust, lease payment-\$17,365.21; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$679.85; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$436.36; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$379.60; Meyer Brothers Chapel, coroner-\$303.61; N.L.E.T.C, training-\$75.00; Sandhills State Bank, lease payment-\$22,914.94; Siouxland Federal Credit Union, fuel, training, lodging-\$860.76; Total Motors, vehicle repair-\$588.40; TransUnion Risk, search services-\$129.00; US Bank, training, LE supplies, fuel-\$1,433.43; Wilmes, supplies-\$39.97; Douglas County Sheriff, sheriff's fees-\$24.15; Marco, copier contract-\$468.63; Nebraska.gov, certified driver records-\$92.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; US Bank, phone, meals, lodging, dues-\$1,345.78; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$54,113.09; AT&T, phones-\$47.06; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$664.90; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,546.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$552.60; Diamond Drug, medical fees-\$1,060.41; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$1,728.40; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$93.00; Guarantee Roofing, jail roof repair-\$280.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$4,056.25; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$4,799.25; Menards, supplies-\$75.10; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$485.46; MLB Health, medical fees-\$5,000.00; NPPD, utilities-\$2,207.50; Redwood Toxicology Lab, drug testing-\$104.94; R Rohan, building repair-\$105.00; Security Shredding, shredding-\$40.00; Sentry Security Fasteners, building repair-\$2,291.25; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Services, inmate labs-\$119.86; St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, medical fees-\$4,204.65; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$29,634.93; UnityPoint Health, medical fees-\$197.40; UnityPoint at Home, medical fees-\$410.00; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$1,316.67; Visual Edge IT, copier contract-\$221.91; Wells Fargo, copier contract-\$523.92; 24/7 Locksmith Service, lock repair-\$160.00; US Bank, HSEEP game delivery-\$4,000.00; Civil Engineerts & Constructors, survey work-\$455.00; Crowne Plaza- Kearney, lodging-\$259.90; US Bank, meals-\$23.22; Verizon, phones-\$39.94; Verizon, phone-\$40.02; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Marco, copier contract-\$307.45; Sanofi Pasteur Inc, vaccines-\$674.78; US Bank, office supplies-\$666.41; Thomas Wentz, consulting fee-\$250.00; CVSOAN, dues-\$100.00; John Gunia, grave markers-\$600.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$236.60; Tyler Technologies, annual contract renewal-\$475.94; US Bank, office supplies-\$75.85; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; BOKF NA, 209 Flood Bond-\$13,575.00; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Electronic Engineering, panic button-\$29.95; Innovative Appraisal, BOE data collection-\$900.00; Im On, phones-\$883.96; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, state software-\$670.71; NACO, membership dues-\$2,459.78; One Office, office supplies-\$272.00; Quadient Leasing USA, postage lease payment-\$1,088.49; Sanofi Pasteur Inc, vaccines-\$184.58; Sooland Bobcat, snow pusher-\$2,800.00; Triview Communications, camera work-\$127.50; US Bank, postage link-\$351.50; Raod Fund, budget transfer-\$116,000.00; Road Improvement, budget transfer-\$35,625.00; **Road Fund:** A-OX Welding Supply, oxy/acetylene-\$174.07; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$6,376.92; Blackhills Energy, utilites-\$500.00; Bomgaars, shop supplies-\$498.49; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$6,650.16; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$29,539.11; Dakota County Star, publications-\$29.25; Dundee Bank, lease payment-\$44,260.10; Eakes, ice melt-\$73.60; H204U, water-\$55.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$2,225.00; Hefner Oil & Feed Co, fuel-\$48.00; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$77.42; Jim Hawk Truck Trailer, supppies, parts, labor-\$2,906.14; K&K Mini Mart, fuel-\$207.87; King's Disposal, dumpster-\$70.00; Knife River, gravel-\$674.65; M&H Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$14,546.16; Marx Distribution, calcium chloride-\$407.44; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$61.00; Menards, lumber, shop supplies-\$111.08; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$13.27; NPPD, utilities-\$109.71; North American Truck & Trailer, blades-\$546.60; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$111.52; Northeast Power, utilities-\$271.89; Northside Glass, labor-\$1,610.00; Oban Construction, garvel-\$7,640.20; Power Plan, parts-\$565.01; Sapp Bros, fuel-\$1,581.14; Robert Schmidt, CDL reimbursement, clothing allowance-\$179.66; Security First Bank, lease payment-\$45,919.56; Siouxland Hydraulics, shop supplies-\$217.82; US Bank, shop supplies, misc, oil-\$667.13; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$468.70; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$58.07; Warren Oil, diesel-\$5,206.75; Wilmes, shop supplies, tools, signs, misc-\$245.68; Ziegler's, parts, labor, bales-\$11,669.09; **0802 Road & Bridge Improvement:** Frank Asphalt, 152nd st overlay-\$35,625.00; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$27,289.05; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$165.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2410 Federal Forfeiture Fund:** ERAD Group, data processing-\$4,950.00; **2502 Health Planning Grant:** Chloe Coover, mileage-\$110.60; US Bank, phone-\$103.00; **2504 Health Dept Program Grants:** Chole Coover, mileage-\$217.00; US Bank, conference, lodging, website, msic-\$418.96; Verizon, phones-\$79.95; **2507 Juvenile Diversion:**

Community Monitoring, family support-\$1,040.00; **Public Safety 2960:** RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$46,580.33.

Road Foreman, Dean Pallas, presented bids for a motor grader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for a John Deere 772 P-Tier Motor Grader with 6 WD \$365,680.00 and from Ziegler Cat for a Caterpillar 140JOY4 Motor Grader \$377,204.14. Commissioner Reed mentioned that trading in the last Cat grader and the fleet will now be all John Deere which makes inventory parts and maintenance easier having all the same type of machines. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for a John Deere 772 P-Tier Motor Grader with 6 WD for \$365,680.00 trading in the old Caterpillar grader. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet informed the Board that he had visited with Road Foreman Pallas regarding putting up a road barricade and post in the ditch area on 164th street where someone has been driving through and “jumping” onto the road. He also mentioned the amount of nails and metal debris being dropped on County Road 170th Street by Stapletons. Highway Superintendent Gubbels did inform that they have been in contact with the Stapletons to educate them on the regulations of the County and of the County ROW regulations. Will continue to monitor this situation.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for November 9 to November 22, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 232.5 hours; overtime hours – 1 hours; tree/debris removal – 82 hours; culverts/Rd projects – 23 hours (culver 207th); magnet – 21 hours; gravel hauling – 162 hours; total tons hauled – 585.95 on roads (469.05 1” rock hauled into yard and 257.81 gravel hauled into yard); sign repair – 29 hours; weed spraying – 6 hours; several gravel and grading concerns.

Commissioner Rodriguez moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve Mark Albenesuis placing crushed concrete on 160th Street in the Spring for a fee of \$6,500 and working with the Road Department for any other road/rock maintenance that may be needed. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chad Kehrt, engineer with Veenstra & Kimm Inc., discussed the issue of speed limits on Dixon Path. He stated there are speed limit signs of 25 mph, 20 mph, 35 mph placed in appropriate areas of the road. After his research he would recommend not changing the speeds. Suggested trying an electronic enforcement sign to see if that helps. People violate speed signs all the time. Commissioner Bousquet suggested speed bumps. Mr. Kehrt said that could be an option and some engineering and concrete work would need to be done. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve reducing the speed on Dixon Path to 25 mph. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-No, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chad Kehrt, engineer with Veenstra & Kimm Inc., discussed the request for stop signs on Hanks Way and Cardinal Way onto Rottunda Way. Currently there are yield signs. Mr. Kehrt informed that he did not find any crash data and the traffic volume is low. He would not recommend changing the signs. The Commissioners did note that there are no sidewalks in that area, and pedestrians do walk in the streets which could be a concern. This subject will be tabled to the next meeting to give the Board a chance to drive out and look at the area.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Reed reported that Northstar Services amended their agreement with counties to reflect their name change. Commissioner Hohenstein reported that a representative from Region IV will be attending one of the meetings soon. Commissioner Bousquet reported P&Z is working on rezoning some property for industrial. Commissioner Van Berkum has been attending several SIMPCO meetings. Commissioner Hohenstein and Reed reported they have met with the Official Salary committee to work on the resolution to set official salaries for 2027-2030.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of November 24, 2025, at 9:46 a.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, December 8, 2025
3:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Board of Equalization meeting. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney, and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

ROLL CALL – Excused Absence

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – November 24, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for November 23, 2025 to December 6, 2025
 - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - d. Approval of accounts payable claims(if any)
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Nebraska Extension Office/Dakota County to give quarterly updates.
 - b. Approve Elected Official Salary Resolution 25C-030 for 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 pursuant to Neb Rev Stat 23-1114.
 - c. Board to discuss and approve/not approve adopting a 2026 salary resolution for deputies of elected officials.
 - d. Approve Resolution 25C-031 changing speed limit on Dixon Path to 25 mph and resigning the road.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Board to discuss and make decision on whether or not to place stop signs at intersections of Hank's Way/Rottunda Way and Cardinal Way/Rottunda Way.
 - c. Board to review and approve/not approve snow removal contracts for 2026.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
Reminder-next meeting is at 9:00 a.m.
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment. None.

Chair Hohenstein called for Consent Agenda items. Chair Hohenstein explained that he had gone through payroll claims and payroll accounts payable claims. All were in order. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Reed to approve the consent agenda items: (a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – November 10, 2025; (b) approval of payroll claims for November 23, 2025 to December 6, 2025; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of accounts payable claims-none. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$204,317.10; Net Pay-\$144,967.88; Total Retirement-\$14,887.96; Total FICA-\$15,179.12; Health Plan-\$43,120.00; Dental Plan-\$1,560.00; Life Insurance-\$206.31; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,564.80; Paola Ledesma-\$1,673.76; Kathy Abbe-\$1,547.20; Khen Chu-\$1,339.20; Maria Garcia-\$1,398.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,462.40; Emily McNaughton-\$1,386.40; Debra Benton-\$1,586.40; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,795.77; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,835.20; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,420.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,376.80; Todd Uhl-\$2,051.76; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,675.64; Jacob Acero-\$3,236.24; Shaun Bird-\$3,147.60; Timothy Decker-\$3,493.10; Brian Ellinger-\$3,484.13; Penny Epting-\$3,313.46; Brian Fernau-\$3,718.63; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,550.75; Martin Guerrero-\$4,390.76; Melvin Harrison III-\$4,086.12; Jason James-\$3,307.80; Kimberly Johnson-\$850.49; Jared Junge-\$2,548.26; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,781.20; Keaton Mueller-\$3,728.76; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,051.84; Kelsey O'Neill-\$3,531.06; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,293.75; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,414.51; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Summer Adair-\$2,722.23; Roberto Alvarez-Arreola-\$0.00; Shaelee Barreras-\$3,220.88; Charlotte Coleman-\$2,145.10; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$1,111.76; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,580.66; Jennifer Fuentes-\$2,606.62; Jonathan Gray-\$2,049.45; Kara Groetken-\$1,898.64; McKenna Hammer-\$2,399.40; Todd Hammer-\$2,579.72; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$847.76; Daron Jackson-\$1,874.36; Dustin Johnson-\$2,558.24; Terry Johnson-\$2,838.30; Hannah Keatts-\$1,601.53; Jared Magana-\$2,225.59; Jennifer Marquez-

\$3,161.96; Skyler Miner-\$1,915.31; Lucas Moulton-\$807.52; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$2,330.58; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,868.80; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,981.44; Michele Rohde-\$1,801.59; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$2,188.34; Kaden Ruring-\$2,298.84; Jeremy Russell-\$2,442.83; Jerry Santos-\$2,450.65; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,330.99; Cody Thomas-\$2,044.25; Armando Valerio-\$2,446.20; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$2,056.02; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,376.44; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,889.72; Theresa Grove-\$2,605.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,600.00; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$14,938.04; State Tax-\$7,057.26; Soc Sec-\$12,302.05; Medicare-\$2,877.07; Extra Fit-\$1,461.00; Extra Sit-\$490.00; Retirement-\$10,332.42; Health Plan-\$3,300.00; Dental Plan-\$483.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$675.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,323.00; Garnishments-\$1,653.54; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.08; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$410.80; Legal Shield-\$128.61; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.74; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.26; VSP Vision Base-\$120.11; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$25,108.87; Net Pay-\$18,254.05; Retirement-\$1,694.82; Total FICA-\$1,871.38; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,936.80; Michael Fuchser-\$1,936.80; Robert Hacker-\$2,403.93; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,020.80; David Kneiff-\$2,830.77; Kimon Litras-\$2,851.45; Brandon Miller-\$1,936.80; Tanya Orr-\$2,323.92; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$2,020.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,475.48; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,918.19; State Tax-\$891.12; FICA-\$1,516.68; Medicare-\$354.70; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,129.93; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.16; Legal Shield-\$77.79; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.52; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,671.20; Net Pay-\$1,257.22; Retirement-\$112.81; Total FICA-\$124.02; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,671.20; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$107.12; State Tax-\$57.64; FICA-\$100.51; Medicare-\$23.51; Retirement-\$75.20; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,833.60; Net Pay-\$1,417.19; Retirement-\$123.77; Total FICA-\$137.47; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,833.60; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$107.48; State Tax-\$52.29; FICA-\$111.41; Medicare-\$26.06; Retirement-\$82.51; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,891.08; Net Pay-\$1,567.63; Retirement-\$127.65; Total FICA-\$141.86; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,891.08; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$59.83; FICA-\$114.97; Medicare-\$26.89; Retirement-\$85.10; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$2,043.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.33; FSA Medical-\$1,073.08; Health Plan, premium-\$46,420.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$675.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$16,399.04; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.00; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$128.61; Life Insurance, premium-\$206.31; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,323.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$7,547.26; Point C COE, flex admin fees - \$82.50; Principal, premiums - \$2,736.12; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$25,220.38; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$30,358.24; VSP, premium-\$530.91. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,963.19; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.79; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$891.12; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,824.75; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,742.76; VSP, premium-\$69.68; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C FSA – withdrawals, \$534.58; Point C – medical auto withdrawals, \$35,732.89; Point C, admin feed - \$27,346.02; VSP, cobra-\$19.17; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Health Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$107.12; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$57.64; Principal, premiums - \$24.62; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.01; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$248.04; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$107.48; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$52.29; Principal, premiums - \$27.02; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$206.28; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$274.94; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$59.83; Principal, premiums-\$23.87; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$212.75; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$283.72; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Julie Boyle with the Nebraska/Dakota County Extension office presented a quarterly report on what has been going on with their department.

Board discussed the elected official salary setting process. Commissioner Reed shared the various comparison information between Dakota County and other counties in Nebraska and commented that there is not one other county that compares to our demographics. Dakota County Elected Officials are underpaid compared to other counties. Due to budget constraints the Board must be responsible. With that the committee suggested the Elected Officials receive an 8.43% increase from the 2026 salary for 2027 and Commissioners receive a 4.6% increase from the 2026 salary for 2027 with 2.5% for 2028, 2029, 2030; increase the Chair extra pay from \$1200 to \$1400 per year; and add \$6500 per year for the Election Commissioner position. Commissioner Bousquet suggested the Commissioner pay remain the same. Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Elected Official Salary Resolution 25C-030 for 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 pursuant to Neb Rev Stat 23-1114. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes; Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 25C-030
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE
ELECTED OFFICIALS OF DAKOTA COUNTY NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 23-1114 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners are required to determine and set the salaries of the various elected officials of the County prior to January 15th of the year in which a General Election will be held for the respective offices,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, hereby fixes the salaries of the Dakota County Elected Officials as follows:

Annual salary for the office of	2027	2028 (2.5%)	2029 (2.5%)	2030 (2.5%)
County Attorney	\$115,053.28	\$117,929.62	\$120,877.86	\$123,899.80
Public Defender	\$104,484.84	\$107,096.96	\$109,774.38	\$112,518.74
Sheriff	\$ 92,058.39	\$ 94,359.85	\$ 96,718.85	\$ 99,136.82
Assessor	\$ 73,686.09	\$ 75,528.24	\$ 77,416.45	\$ 79,351.86
Clerk/ROD/Election Commissioner	\$ 73,686.09	\$ 75,528.24	\$ 77,416.45	\$ 79,351.86
*Election Commissioner pay	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Clerk District Court	\$ 73,686.09	\$ 75,528.24	\$ 77,416.45	\$ 79,351.86
Treasurer	\$ 73,686.09	\$ 75,528.24	\$ 77,416.45	\$ 79,351.86
Commissioner	\$ 28,589.93	\$ 29,304.68	\$ 30,037.30	\$ 30,788.23

***Election Commissioner.** The Dakota County Clerk will receive \$6,500 per year for serving as the Dakota County Election Commissioner in addition to the annual salary set for the Dakota County Clerk. Additional compensation will be paid from the Election Budget throughout the year bi-weekly on the regular pay schedule. If at any time the County Clerk is relieved of Election Commissioner duties, the additional compensation will be removed.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. The annual salary for the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners shall be an additional \$1,400.00 annually during the term of the office 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030.

Benefits. In addition to the above salary, each Elected Official shall receive during his or her term of office a single health and dental insurance coverage policy and be a member of the same health and dental and medical group plan as offered to all county employees; and a \$15,000 life insurance policy. Elected officials shall be enrolled in and shall receive the benefits of the County Employee's Retirement System, to participate in such programs on the effective date of such programs as approved by the County Board. The county reserves the right to enter into any program for the benefit of employees of the county (including elected officials), such as insurance programs and such other programs as may be approved, with the right of elected officials granted to participate in such programs on the effective date of such programs as approved by the board. It is the intent of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners that participation in such programs shall not constitute an increase in the herein adopted salary but shall be and is part of such salary as adopted and approved by this resolution.

Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance. In addition to the above stated salary, a County Commissioner shall have the option to be a member of the same health and dental medical group plan as offered to all county employees, which is single coverage; or shall have the option at the discretion of each Commissioner to elect a stipend of \$400.00 per month in lieu of receiving medical coverage through the county medical plan. The election will remain in force for the remainder of the Commissioner's term, absent a qualifying event.

Resolution approved, passed, and adopted this 8th day of December, 2025.

Board discussed whether to approve or not approve adopting a 2026 salary resolution for deputies of elected officials. Chair Hohenstein explained that some years back a resolution setting deputy salaries was implemented and taken away from the Elected Officials. If the Board gives this back to the Elected Official it will be up to the Commissioners to set the budgets of the Elected Officials and it will be up to the Elected Officials to stay within their budgets. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to not approve a resolution setting Deputy salaries and give the Elected Officials the responsibility of setting salaries of their deputies and maintain financial control over their set budgets without going over the spending authority. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes; Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioners discussed the need to change the speed limit on Dixon Path. Commissioner Van Berkum stated he had talked with several residents and they were in favor. Commissioner Bousquet suggested installing flashing speed signs. Commissioner Rodriguez commented that paying for studies and then going against their recommendations is not good. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve Resolution 25C-031 changing speed limit on Dixon Path to 25 mph and resigning the road. ROLL CALL VOTE: Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes; Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report from November 23, 2025 to December 6, 2025. Total Road Maintenance – 19 hours; overtime hours: 103.25; tree/debris removal – 67 hours; asphalt patching – 13 hours; garbage pickup 4.5 hours; gravel hauling – 46 hours; total tons hauled – 281.55 1" rock hauled into yard; sign repair – 16 hours; weed work – 8 hours; several grading and snow removal concerns. Working on NIRMA Grant for Vests and grant for I Adams bridge.

Board discussed whether to place stop signs at intersections of Hank's Way/Rottunda Way and Cardinal Way/Rottunda Way or not. The engineer study opinion was they were not recommended. Some residents from that area that the Board had visited were not in opinion they were needed. Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to not install stop signs at intersections of Hank's Way/Rottunda Way and Cardinal Way/Rottunda Way and leave as is. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-Yes; Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the snow removal contracts for 2026 with Steve Harris Construction Inc., Oban Construction, and Midwest Constructors if the County Road Department needs help due to significant snow accumulations. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: None.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: Reminder the December 22, 2025 meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. NIRMA sent a Property Audit Report booklet that is available for all to view in the Clerk's office. Commissioner Reed received an email from FHP requesting the Board to authorize the County Assessor to share GIS Shape files with them for free. The County Assessor believes they should have to pay like any other vendor. This item will be on the next agenda.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved to adjourn. All in favor. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of December 8, 2025, at 3:50 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, December 22, 2025
9:00 a.m. Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Hohenstein called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rodriguez, Van Berkum, Bousquet, Reed. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL – *Excused Absence*

A current copy of the *Open Meetings Act* is posted on the west wall near the entrance of the County Board Meeting Room and is available for review by all citizens in attendance.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjust the order of items on this agenda if necessary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT. The Board of Commissioners will hear comments about any item not on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to limit the time of comment.
2. CONSENT AGENDA *Any individual item may be removed by a Commissioner for special discussion and consideration. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners.*
 - a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – December 8, 2025
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for December 7, 2025 to December 20, 2025
 - d. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
 - e. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims
 - f. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTION
 - a. Board to approve the following appointment to serve on the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Oversight Committee: Jesse Wiseman replacing Richard McNear for a 5 year term (Jan 2026 to Jan 2030).
 - b. Approval and designation of the *Dakota County Star* as the legal newspaper of the County for 2026.
 - c. Greg Koinzan, LEC, requesting Board approval to use LEC Project Funds to pay for radio improvements for four consolettes (Backup Radios) for \$33,983.20.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment.

Sheriff Kleinberg addressed the Board and informed them that he will be retiring from his position effective December 30, 2025. He recommended to the Board that they appoint current Chief Deputy Decker to the position for the remaining term of 2026. The Board thanked Sheriff Kleinberg for his years of service and dedication to Dakota County. He will be missed and wished all the best. The Board will formally act on this at the January 5, 2026 meeting.

Walter Beerman, South Sioux City, thanked the Board for the new road (Likuwanta Drive). He shared some information regarding reviving Crystal Lake. Suggested the Board look into finding some grants to help fund this project. He noted that he has talked to several people at the State level who are in support of this. Asked that a couple of Board members set up time to meet with him and State leaders to discuss this further.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda items. He stated that he had started going through the accounts payable claims and will finish after the meeting and asked that due to the time constraint the accounts payables and payroll claims be approved. Commissioner Bousquet moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the consent agenda a) approval of the previous meeting minutes – December 8, 2025; b) approval of payroll claims for December 7 to December 20, 2025 after final review; c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims after final review; d) approval of accounts payable claims after final review; e) Approval of Officials Reports- County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$192,218.08; Net Pay-\$137,004.41; Total Retirement-\$13,913.11; Total FICA-\$14,253.53; Health Plan-\$43,120.00; Dental Plan-\$1,560.00; Life Insurance-\$206.31; Richard Bousquet-\$1,225.62; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,271.77; Jeffrey Reed-\$1,225.62; Rogelio Rodriguez Villalobos-\$1,225.62; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,225.62; Cherie Conley-\$2,549.99; Robin Hansen-\$1,564.80; Paola Ledesma-\$1,684.32; Kathy Abbe-\$1,547.20; Khen Chu-\$1,339.20; Maria Garcia-\$1,398.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$2,549.99; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,657.60; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,462.40; Emily McNaughton-\$1,386.40; Debera Benton-\$1,586.40; Christy Abts-\$2,549.99; Melissa Collins-\$1,773.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$655.08; Karen Becerra-\$1,744.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,549.99; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,615.82; Debra Jensen-\$1,835.20; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,420.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,376.80; Todd Uhl-\$2,088.84; Tammy Dunn Peterson-

\$1,644.80; Jacob Acero-\$772.90; Shaun Bird-\$2,721.24; Timothy Decker-\$6,886.59; Brian Ellinger-\$2,803.47; Penny Epting-\$3,313.46; Brian Fernau-\$2,530.52; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,573.83; Martin Guerrero-\$3,530.56; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,350.26; Jason James-\$2,405.60; Kimberly Johnson-\$1,109.96; Jared Junge-\$2,579.72; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,185.79; Jose Magana-\$3,085.29; Keaton Mueller-\$2,189.60; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,493.16; Kelsey O'Neill-\$1,974.55; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$383.35; Mardi Schnee-\$1,454.40; Shantel Drum-\$1,200.00; Sarah Hammond-\$2,588.01; Jocelyn Rivera-\$1,403.72; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,910.80; Kimberly Watson-\$3,981.55; Jacob Acero-\$2,580.65; Summer Adair-\$1,999.28; Shaelee Barreras-\$2,693.25; Timathey Chamberlain-\$1,383.01; Charlotte Coleman-\$1,718.74; Adilene Delgadillo Alvarez-\$968.24; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,322.70; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,972.74; Jonathan Gray-\$2,353.64; Kara Groetken-\$1,989.66; McKenna Hammer-\$1,749.43; Todd Hammer-\$2,516.80; Brieyqui Hernandez Mencos-\$813.60; Daron Jackson-\$1,723.82; Dustin Johnson-\$1,818.27; Terry Johnson-\$2,618.66; Hannah Keatts-\$1,748.99; Jared Magana-\$1,667.66; Jennifer Marquez-\$1,807.99; Skyler Miner-\$2,056.66; Lucas Moulton-\$1,723.82; JR Marselino Ochoa Flores-\$1,426.39; Kimberly Peterson-\$2,017.08; Cesar Ponce Robles-\$1,733.76; Michele Rohde-\$1,823.97; Jesus Ruelas-Hernandez-\$1,922.05; Kaden Ruring-\$1,702.82; Jeremy Russell-\$1,779.09; Jerry Santos-\$1,779.09; Jennifer Svendsen-\$3,474.97; Cody Thomas-\$1,702.82; Tykell Truitt-\$818.80; Armando Valerio-\$1,751.76; Randall Walsh-\$2,928.84; Alondra Zermeno-Mendez-\$1,749.93; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,334.36; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,398.26; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,901.60; Theresa Grove-\$2,605.60; Johanna Marquez-\$1,411.20; Courtney Swick-\$1,568.75; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,575.13; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,945.79; State Tax-\$6,403.80; Soc Sec-\$11,551.90; Medicare-\$2,701.63; Extra Fit-\$1,571.00; Extra Sit-\$500.00; Retirement-\$9,647.49; Health Plan-\$3,300.00; Dental Plan-\$483.00; Colonial Health-\$219.74; Sheriff Union Dues-\$675.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$202.17; Deferred Comp-\$1,323.00; Garnishments-\$1,653.54; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,073.24; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.41; VSP Vision Prem-\$411.05; Legal Shield-\$128.64; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$81.76; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$12.27; VSP Vision Base-\$120.24; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$23,460.85; Net Pay-\$17,132.72; Retirement-\$1,583.58; Total FICA-\$1,745.31; Health Plan-\$6,160.00; Dental Plan-\$220.00; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Tristin Eifert-\$1,930.75; Michael Fuchser-\$1,936.80; Robert Hacker-\$2,346.08; Scott Jorgneson-\$2,020.80; David Kneifl-\$2,159.82; Kimon Litras-\$2,392.96; Brandon Miller-\$1,936.80; Tanya Orr-\$2,020.80; Dean Pallas-\$2,371.32; Robert Schmidt-\$2,020.80; Gunner Stanwick-\$2,323.92; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,673.37; State Tax-\$809.42; FICA-\$1,414.50; Medicare-\$330.81; Extra Fit-\$45.00; Retirement-\$1,055.75; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$42.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$0.00; Garnishments-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$40.00; Road Union Dues-\$275.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$50.18; Legal Shield-\$77.81; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$19.56; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,671.20; Net Pay-\$1,257.22; Retirement-\$112.81; Total FICA-\$124.02; Health Plan-\$560.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Chloe Coover-\$1,671.20; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$107.12; State Tax-\$57.64; FICA-\$100.51; Medicare-\$23.51; Retirement-\$75.20; Flex Plan Medical-\$50.00; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,833.60; Net Pay-\$1,417.19; Retirement-\$123.77; Total FICA-\$137.47; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,833.60; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$107.48; State Tax-\$52.29; FICA-\$111.41; Medicare-\$26.06; Retirement-\$82.51; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,668.60; Net Pay-\$1,383.11; Retirement-\$112.63; Total FICA-\$124.84; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Kristin Robinette-\$1,668.60; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** State Tax-\$48.90; FICA-\$101.18; Medicare-\$23.66; Retirement-\$75.09; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.66.

Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund: Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$632.57; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$421.91; Dental Account, premium-\$2,043.00; FSA Dep Care - \$208.41; FSA Medical-\$1,073.24; Health Plan, premium-\$46,420.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$675.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$14,516.79; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$94.03; Hawkeye Adjustment Services, garnishment-\$254.36; Legalshield, premium-\$128.64; Life Insurance, premium-\$206.31; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,323.00; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,903.80; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$23,560.60; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$28,507.06; VSP, premium-\$531.29. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$38.23; Dental Account, premium-\$262.00; FSA Medical-\$40.00; Health Plan, premium-\$6,610.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,718.37; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$77.81; Life Insurance, premium-\$27.16; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$809.42; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$275.00; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,639.33; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$3,490.62; VSP, premium-\$69.74; **Insurance Fund 1275:** Point C – Auto Withdrawals, \$3,326.34; **Health Fund 2502:** DC FSA–medical claims-\$50.00; Medical Account, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$107.12; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$57.64; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$188.01; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$248.04; **Health Fund 2504:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$107.48; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$52.29; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$206.28; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$274.94; VSP, premium-\$15.66; **Juvenile Services Fund 2507:** Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$48.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$187.72; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$249.68; VSP, premium-\$15.66.

Accounts Payables: Geneal Fund: Dakota County Star, publications-\$334.18; Martin Hohenstein, mileage-\$336.00; US Bank, workshop-\$160.00; Cherie Conley, mileage-\$310.10; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$142.59; DAS State Acct, state software-\$184.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$67.22; JD Power, title book-\$505.00; MIPS, state software-\$1,101.13; One Office, supplies-\$1,370.24; US Bank, notary renewal, misc-\$88.33; One Office, office

supplies-\$19.29; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$284.18; IAAO, membership dues-\$510.00; MIPS, software-\$2,039.95; One Office, supplies-\$232.19; US Bank, notary renewal, publication-\$212.43; Five Star Awards, public notice signs-\$750.00; RTI, IT support-\$6,434.20; GreatAmerica Financial, copier contract-\$130.38; MIPS, state software-\$70.00; One Office, supplies-\$24.49; Kathy Wiltgen, mileage-\$386.40; Blue360 Media, law manuals-\$201.81; Marco, copier contract-\$367.87; Microfilm Imaging, software-\$153.00; ODP Business Solutions, office deopt-\$74.80; US Bank, office supplies, state bar membership-\$854.04; Perla Alarcon-Flory, interpreter fees-\$75.00; Blue360 Media, manuals-\$201.81; Leaf, copier contract-\$112.15; Crary Huff Law, atty fees-\$525.00; Dakota County Court, court cost-\$1,064.68; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$575.60; District Court, court cost-\$255.00; Galyen Boettcher Baier, atty fees-\$1,240.55; Stuart Mills, atty fees-\$250.00; Oestmann & Albersten Law, atty fees-\$1,212.50; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$10,060.48; Bekins Fire & Saftey, semi annual inspections-\$230.95; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$206.80; Eakes, janitorial supplies-\$311.14; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$240.75; Guarantee Roofing, building repair-\$380.00; Menards, building supplies-\$249.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$725.85; NE State Fire Marshal, annual inspection-\$120.00; NPPD, utilities-\$1,351.98; One Office, supplies-\$33.47; R Rohan, building repair-\$1,844.41; Roberston, repairs to tractor/mower-\$1,100.59; Rodney Soole, mileage-\$21.00; Trembly, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, fuel-\$272.44; Angela Abts, mileage-\$114.74; Julie Boyle, mileage-\$406.28; Leaf, copier contract-\$206.00; One Office, copier copies-\$125.58; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; US Bank, supplies-\$122.00; AT&T, phones-\$643.93; AutoZone, supplies, materials-\$39.14; Benchmark Gov Solutions, training meals-\$433.10; Billion GMC, vehicle repair-\$74.09; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$4,853.16; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$12.09; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$84.38; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$670.82; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$1,074.15; Law Enforcements Targets, targets-\$2,887.77; Lynn Peavey Company, blood/alcohol kits-\$58.13; Mid America First Call, coroner-\$150.00; Physicians Laboratory, autopsy-\$3,175.00; Sandhills State Bank, lease payment-\$18,197.49; Team Trouble Chaser, vehicle repair-\$350.00; The Radar Shop, vehicle repair-\$1,038.00; Total Motors, vehicle repair-\$1,118.94; TransUnion Risk, search servies-\$120.55; US Bank, LE supplies, training, office supplies-\$1,801.48; Chesterman Co, misc-\$44.00; Nebraska.gov, certified driver records-\$32.00; US Bank, phons, manuals, hard drives, file boxes-\$1,239.57; City of So Sioux City, LEC cost shares-\$54,113.09; AT&T, phones-\$47.06; Bunkers Feed & Supply, water/sewer-\$386.12; Charm-Tex, inmate supplies-\$910.96; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,412.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$343.23; Dept. of Correctional Serv, inmate boarding-\$1,264.90; Diamond Drug, medical fees-\$1,409.61; Eakes, inmate & janitorial supplies-\$2,722.02; Fremont Tire, vehicle repair-\$69.06; Gill Hauling, dumpster-\$380.25; GRP, disposals-\$53.00; Hot Water Products, plumbing parts-\$600.99; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$463.65; Justice Data Solutions, data processing-\$3,800.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilites-\$1,204.05; MLB Health, medical fees-\$5,000.00; NPPD, utilities-\$2,106.10; Phoenix Plumbing, building repair-\$246.48; St. Lukes Dept. of Lab Services, inmate labs-\$28.68; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$30,056.17; Trembly, pest control-\$200.00; Tri-State Comm, radio equipment, parts, labor-\$4,870.70; UnityPoint Health, medical fees-\$2,281.22; UnityPoint at Home, medical fees-\$12,180.30; US Bank, meical, inmate, and janitorial supplies, meals, fuel-\$902.42; Wells Fargo, copier contract-\$523.92; Wilmes, supplies-\$203.35; 24/7 Locksmith Service, lock repair-\$100.00; Marco, copier contract-\$123.08; Verizon, phones-\$39.94; NE Weed Control Assoc, weed dues-\$150.00; Verizon, phone-\$40.02; Availity, billing-\$132.61; Ford Motor Cerdit, pickup lease payment-\$912.16; Marco, copier contract-\$307.45; US Bank, website, supplies, misc-\$636.67; Thomas Wente, consulting fee-\$250.00; Nicholas Nieman, mileage-\$231.70; US Bank, online legal research-\$386.00; BOKF NA, bond payment interest-\$26,368.75; DC Treasurer, bond payment interest, drainage taxes-\$31,837.50; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Eakes, desk for county court-\$1,150.78; Electronic Engineering, panic button-\$29.95; Im On, phones-\$703.80; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$234.84; MIPS, state software-\$670.71; NE DHHS Beatrice State Development, institutions-\$273.00; NE DHHS Lincoln Regional Center, institutions-\$189.00; One Office, copy paper-\$2,116.00; Regional 4 Behavioral Health, Qrt 3 FY26 mental health-\$10,968.50; Raod Fund, budget transfer-\$100,000.00; Road Improvement, budget transfer-\$2,565.00; **Road Fund:** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$853.96; Bomgaars, shop supplies-\$254.67; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$6,465.78; Boyer Sand & Rock Inc, gravel-\$13,955.70; Crane Sales & Service, misc-\$415.00; Cornhusker International, parts, labor-\$231.80; Dakota County Star, publications-\$12.61; Eakes, misc-\$50.25; Elkhorn Valley Bank, lease payment-\$32,551.31; H204U, water-\$55.00; Heartland Tire, tires-\$368.99; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$130.62; King's Disposal, dumpster-\$70.00; M&H Sand & Gravel, gravel-\$8,006.58; Marx Distribution, calcium chloride-\$2,852.08; Medical Enterprises, drug testing-\$122.00; Menards, shop supplies-\$47.44; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$99.55; MID Country Machinery, equipment rental-\$510.00; Midwest SVC, chains-\$8,385.00; Midwest Wheel, supplies-\$57.97; Brandon Miller, reimbursement-\$128.39; NPPD, utilities-\$106.81; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$116.72; Northeast Power, utilities-\$311.67; Northside Glass, labor-\$440.00; Power Plan, parts-\$1,313.04; RMS, shop supplies-\$398.03; Robertson, parts-\$105.96; Security First Bank, lease payment-\$78,248.21; Siouxland Hydraulics, shop supplies-\$796.84; Gunner Stanwick, reimbursement-\$64.19; Stephan Welding, parts-\$160.00; Titan Machinery, parts, shop supplies-\$714.89; Tri-State Comm, radio equipment, parts, labor-\$825.92; US Bank, misc-\$102.00; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$445.39; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$39.94; Village of Emerson, utilities-\$60.28; Warren Oil, diesel-\$8,481.20; Wilmes, shop supplies-\$66.45; Ziegler's, blades, supplies-\$4,791.11; **0802 Road & Bridge Improvement:** Civil Engineerts & Constructors, engineering- Dixon Path-\$2,565.00; **990 Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$22,877.82; **1150 P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging, scanning-\$165.00; MIPS, state software-\$630.75; **2502 Health Planning Grant:** Chloe Coover, mileage-\$113.40; US Bank, phone, workshop-\$353.42; **2504 Health Dept Program Grants:** Verizon, phones-\$79.95; **2507 Juvenile Diversion:** Community Monitoring, family support-\$1,966.25; Cherie Conley, mileage, meals-\$189.17; **2580 ARPA:** Dakota Covington Fire Dept, donation approved by board-\$7,278.23; Emerson Volunteer Fire Dept, donation approved by

board-\$7,278.22; Homer Rural Fire Dept, donation approved by board-\$7,278.22; **Public Safety 2960**: RFD Sales Tax, tax month-\$31,133.73

Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the appointment of Jesse Wiseman to serve on the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Oversight Committee replacing Richard McNear for a 5 year term (Jan 2026 to Jan 2030). Richard McNear will remain as an alternate. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-Yes, Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to approve and designate the *Dakota County Star* as the legal newspaper of the County for 2026. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Greg Koinzan, LEC, requested Board approval to use LEC Project Funds to pay for 4 replacement console radios for \$33,983.20. The LEC Board approved and this will need to be approved by the South Sioux City Council too. Commissioner Reed moved, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez to approve using LEC Project Funds to pay for 4 replacement console radios for \$33,983.20. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bousquet-Yes, Reed-Yes, Hohenstein-Yes, Rodriguez-Yes, Van Berkum-Yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for December 7 to December 20, 2025. Overtime hours – 62.75 hours snow removal; tree/debris removal – 65 hours; snow removal – 214.25 hours; gravel hauling – 46 hours; total tons hauled – 413.46 hauled into yard; 60.24 sand hauled into yard; sign repair – 28 hours; weed spraying – 1 hour paperwork; several snow removal concerns. Approved for Tire Pick-up Grant and will set up for May or June.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Hohenstein and Commissioner Rodriguez attended the annual NACO Conference in Kearney.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Bousquet to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of December 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Martin Hohenstein Chair

Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary