

# October 25, 2023

## County of Nemaha, Nebraska **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner's Chambers  
Nemaha County Courthouse, Suite 201  
1824 N St Auburn NE

- 8:00 a.m. Call meeting to order by Chairman  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Open Meeting Laws  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of meeting minutes – October 11, 2023  
Action/Approval of claims
- 9:00 a.m. Matt Nee & Kimberly Tanner - Cooper Nuclear Station/Emergency Preparedness
- 9:15 a.m. Open Sealed bids for 2 - 2015 Chevy Tahoe Sheriff Vehicles
- 9:30 a.m. SENCA Headstart - Dee Keller - Report
- 9:45 a.m. New York Life Insurance - Mitch Gorssoehme - present new benefits for employees
- 10:00 a.m. 4-H Assistant Sheena Davidson - using the Wellness Center for shooting sports
- 10:30 a.m. Midwest Engineering - Dan Alexander - Bridge Inspection findings

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel bids for November 2023
2. Approve ROW application #2023-16 with OPPD located Sec 30 T6N R14E
3. Approve ROW application #2023-17 with Windstream on 647 Ave
4. Approve the County Handbook changes

#### **Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

#### **Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property**

1. Snow removal for Courthouse, Law Enforcement Building, Wellness Center bids November 8, 2023

#### **Discussion/Action - Equipment/Office Equipment/Vehicles/Furniture**

#### **Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Status of county project C64(339) Nemaha Northwest Hawxby
2. Status of county project C64(335) Brock West
3. Status of county project C64(338) Brownville/Cooper Road
4. NIRMA will be conducting shop & sign audits on November 1, 2023

#### **County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. Sale of old bridge beams to Beard's Salvage \$1,393.86
2. NIRMA Dividends payment received \$5,030.00

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, Commissioner's Chambers, Nemaha County Courthouse, Auburn, NE for a regular scheduled meeting. Notice of meeting was published weekly in the Nemaha County Herald. The agenda for the meeting was kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Nemaha County Clerk during normal business hours and also on the Nemaha County website. ([www.nemahacounty.ne.gov](http://www.nemahacounty.ne.gov)). The agenda was held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the board and items for approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

Chairman Mellage called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the Meeting: Mike Hall, Commissioner District #1; Bryan Mellage, Commissioner

District #2; Michael Weiss, Commissioner District #3; and County Clerk Diane Johnson. Chairman Mellage noted the Open Meeting Laws posted on the bulletin board.

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to approve the October 11, 2023 minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Claims** – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to approve the accounts payable claims as presented by the County Clerk and authorize for payment by the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

9:00 a.m. Matt Nee & Kimberly Tanner - Cooper Nuclear Station/Emergency Preparedness

9:15 a.m. Open Sealed bids for 2 - 2015 Chevy Tahoe Sheriff Vehicles - Notice to open Sealed bids for 2 - 2015 Chevy Tahoe Sheriff Vehicles was published in the Nemaha County Herald on October 5th, 12th, and 19th. Two bids were received and opened for each of the 2015 Chevy Tahoe. Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to accept the bid for the cream colored 2015 Chevy Tahoe from Kolton Bridgewater for \$4,000.00. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye. Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to accept the bid for the silver colored 2015 Chevy Tahoe from Kolton Bridgewater for \$4,000.00. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

9:30 a.m. SENCA Headstart - Dee Keller - Report on the Headstart program

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1. Fuel bids for November 2023 - The following fuel bid for November 2023 was received: Frontier Cooperative #2 Clear Diesel \$3.69, Regular with ethanol \$2.87. Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to accept the fuel bid for November, 2023 from Frontier Cooperative #2 Clear Diesel \$3.69, Regular with ethanol \$2.87. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

2. Approve ROW application #2023-16 with OPPD located Sec 30 T6N R14E - Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to approve the Right of Way application #2023-16 with OPPD located Sec 30 T6N R14E. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

3. Approve ROW application #2023-17 with Windstream on 647 Ave - Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to approve the Right of Way application #2023-17 with Windstream on 647 Ave. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

4. Approve the County Handbook changes/updates - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to make the following changes to the County Employees Handbook. All employees (except law enforcement) which have accrued compensatory time over forty (40) hours, must use or pay out these hours by the end of the fiscal year. Meal reimbursement changes: Breakfast - \$10.00;

Lunch - \$15.00; Dinner - \$20.00. The number of holidays observed by employees is 12 instead of 13. Holidays observed are: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King Jr Day; President's Day; Arbor Day; Memorial Day; Fourth of July; Labor Day; Columbus Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving; and Christmas Day. Clarification on cell phone use, tobacco use, and social media use. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

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The following claims were approved for payment by the Board of Commissioners and authorized the County Clerk for payment:

**General**

Salaries	70,861.43
AFLAC	3,003.38
Airstream	75.00
Americom	50.00
APACE	102.38
AT&T	516.48
Aub Dental Ctr.	413.00
Aub Plmbg	216.33
Black Hills	220.11
BC/BS	36,675.38
Capital Business Systems	1,207.81
Casey's	493.43
Consolidated Mngmnt	191.75
DAS	1,004.00
Diazit	89.39
Eakes	706.47
Fankhauser,Nelsen,Werts	29,540.56
First Concord	434.60
First Concord	3,449.71
FTC	25.00
Gilbert Svcs	20.00
Great West Life	50.00
Halbert & Dunn	2,023.50
Handley Law	1,045.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	234.90
Hometown Leasing	712.44
Howell, Kelsay	256.00
Johnson, Diane	263.05
La Quinta Kearney	1,259.40
Legalshield	38.90

Lexipol	556.20
Liberty National	485.60
Ligouri, Angelo	147.23
Longs Creek	1,823.00
Madison National Life	52.39
NEHHS	180.00
NLETC	500.00
Nem Co Sheriff	1,165.58
Nem Co Tax Acct. Ret.	11,430.35
Nem Co Tax Acct. SS/Fwh	22,406.04
Nem Co Tax Acct. Nationwide	75.00
Nem Co Tax Acct. NWH	8,012.72
Nestor & Mercure	5,281.50
New York Life	117.00
Pieters Construction	7,400.00
Quill	521.70
Richardson Co Sheriff	305.89
Ritchie, Morgan	118.53
Shell/Wex Bank	104.19
Sunset Law	468.00
Tanner, Crystal	30.00
Thomson Reuters	408.41
UNL AEM Business Ctr	13,031.71
UNL Extension	131.47
U.S. Bank	3,687.75
Verizon	1,004.93
Volker, Linda	30.00
VSP	265.27
Washington National	130.80
Weiss, Michael	449.33
Windstream	1,522.05
Zimmerman, Mary	30.00
3rd Millennium	60.00
<b>Road</b>	
Salaries	36,255.21
AFLAC	181.38
Barco	402.00
Black Hills	38.75
BC/BS	11,553.79
BPW	195.00
Gilbert Svcs	422.39
Graybill Tire	6.00
Lawson	1,034.06
Legalshield	32.90
Martin Marietta	21,881.93
MHC Kenworth	335.88
Midwest Unlimited	674.76
NE Child Support	229.50
NE Child Support	298.40
NE Public Employee Local #251	330.00
NE/IA Fasteners	649.91
Nem Co Petty Cash	67.97
Nem Tax Acct. Ret.	5,423.50
Nem Tax Acct. SS/Fwh	13,407.92
Nem Co Tax Acct. NWH	3,270.38
New York Life	88.00

Powerplan	2,584.81
Sapp Bros.	1.28
True, Joshua	100.00
US Bank	50.00
VSP	70.39
Wilson Electric	3,700.00
Windstream	677.48
<b>Highway Bridge Buyback Fund</b>	
Mainelli Wagner	1,590.00
Pieters Construction	55,748.00
<b>Road/Bridge Improvement Fund</b>	
Mainelli Wagner	34,222.83
Whetrock	9,740.94
<b>American Rescue Plan Act Fund</b>	
Stryker Sales	17,101.74
<b>911 Emergency Management Fund</b>	
American Tower	1,060.34
Verizon	25.78
Windstream	210.42
<b>911 Wireless Service Fund</b>	
Windstream	1,104.70
<b>Jail Commissary Fund</b>	
Charter Communications	11.04
US Bank	35.00
<b>Other Capital Projects Fund</b>	
First Wireless	1,652.60
US Bank	556.37

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

I, Diane Johnson, the undersigned County Clerk of Nemaha County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are a part of the official records of this office. A complete copy of the minutes is available during normal business hours at the Nemaha County Clerk's office or on the Nemaha County's website: [www.nemahacounty.ne.gov](http://www.nemahacounty.ne.gov).

Diane Johnson  
County Clerk