

# **February 28, 2024**

## **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 – February 14, 2024  
Action/Approval of claims

9:00 a.m. Gene Mace, Veterans Service Assistant/budget preparer; Members of Veterans Service Board -  
Discuss the current budget, possible budget overage FY 2023/2024

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for March 2024
2. Re-appoint Renee Critser as Emergency Management Director (should have been done in January)
3. Re-appoint Jeff Rowell as Flood Plain Administrator/Deputy EMA (should have been done in January)
4. Clarification on Emergency Management Director & Deputy Job description as a Public Safety/other function of Nemaha County
5. Re-appoint Jim Reed as Veterans Service Officer (should have been done in January)
6. Re-appoint Gene Mace as Assistant Veterans Service Officer (should have been done in January)
7. Approve the Semi-Annual Report: Vacation-Comp Time-Sick Leave owed to County employees as of February 1, 2024
8. Adopt Resolution #2024-05 Subdivision for Mervin & Margaret Miller
9. Approve the Southeast PET Region Interlocal Agreement from the SE Nebraska Emergency Management Region
10. Discuss Setting a policy or procedures on enforcement of Statute 39-1811, 39-1812, and 39-1813. These statutes pertain to landowner responsibility to mow the road sides and maintain hedge row and trees.
11. Discuss Zoning for Nemaha County
12. Discuss selling Nemaha County Property from Sheriff's Deeds

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

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

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

1. Sheriff have quotes for replacing ATV and side by sides

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

1. Bridge projects - updates
2. Adopt Resolution #2024-04 One & Six Year Road and Street Plan

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

1. LB1067 Inheritance Tax Issue
2. 2023 County Extension Annual Report

#### **Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 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 Weiss 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 Weiss noted the Open Meeting Laws posted on the bulletin board located in the Commissioner's room.

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the February 14, 2024 minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Claims** – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall 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. Jim Reed, Veterans Service Office; Gene Mace, Veterans Service Assistant/budget preparer; Members of Veterans Service Board: Al Armstrong, Marty Hayes, Rick Moore, Robert Sherman; Diane Moore - Discuss the current budget, possible budget overage FY 2023/2024. Gene Mace spoke about making changes to current policy of giving rides to veterans to their doctor appointments. Care in the Community is a service that can save money on their budget.

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for March 2024 - The following fuel bids for March, 2024 were received: Frontier Cooperative #2 Clear Diesel \$3.195, Regular with ethanol \$3.01; Sapp Brothers #1 Clear Diesel \$3.309, #2 Clear Diesel \$3.089, Regular with ethanol \$2.729. Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to accept the fuel bid for March, 2024 from Sapp Brothers #1 Clear Diesel \$3.309, #2 Clear Diesel \$3.089, Regular with ethanol \$2.729. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
2. Re-appoint Renee Critser as Emergency Management Director - Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to re-appoint Renee Critser the Emergency Management Director for Nemaha County Nebraska for 2024. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
3. Re-appoint Jeff Rowell as Flood Plain Administrator/Deputy EMA - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to re-appoint Jeff Rowell the Flood Plain Administrator/Deputy EMA for Nemaha County Nebraska for 2024. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
4. Clarification on Emergency Management Director & Deputy Job description as a Public Safety/other function of Nemaha County - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to clarify the Emergency Management Director & Deputy Director positions are Public Safety/other function of Nemaha County. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
5. Re-appoint Jim Reed as Veterans Service Officer - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to re-appoint Jim Reed the Veterans Service Officer for Nemaha County Nebraska for 2024. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
6. Re-appoint Gene Mace as Assistant Veterans Service Officer - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to re-appoint Gene Mace the Assistant Veterans Service Officer for Nemaha County Nebraska for 2024. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
7. Approve the Semi-Annual Report: Vacation-Comp Time-Sick Leave owed to the County employees as of February 1, 2024 - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Semi-

Annual Report for Vacation-Comp Time - Sick Leave owed to the Nemaha County employees as of February 1, 2024. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

8. Adopt Resolution #2024-05 Subdivision for Mervin & Margaret Miller - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adopt Resolution #2024-05 which is a Subdivision for Mervin & Margaret Miller located in Sec 31 T4N R14E. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

9. Approve the Southeast PET Region Interlocal Agreement from the SE Nebraska Emergency Management Region - no action taken - tabled until the March 13th meeting

10. Discuss Setting a policy or procedures on enforcement of Statute 39-1811, 39-1812, and 39-1813. These statutes pertain to landowner responsibility to mow the road sides and maintain hedge row and trees. The County will be looking into developing a policy to enforce the statutes.

11. Discuss Zoning for Nemaha County

12. Discuss selling Nemaha County Property from Sheriff's Deeds

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

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

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

1. Sheriff replacing ATV and side by sides - He will bring the quotes to the March 13th meeting

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Bridge projects - updates

2. Adopt Resolution #2024-04 One & Six Year Road and Street Plan - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adopt Resolution #2024-04 which is the 2024-2029 One & Six Year Plan for Road Improvement Program for Nemaha County Nebraska. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. LB1067 Inheritance Tax Issue

2. 2023 County Extension Annual Report

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

**General**

Salaries	74,210.00
Action Technology	5,144.00
AFLAC	3,070.96
Airstream	128.33
Aub Auto Ctr.	333.00
Billings, Melody	50.00
BC/BS	32,963.42
Boden LS	2,000.00
Capital Business	856.04
Casey's Card	678.46
Cass Co Sheriff	29.20
Charm-Tex	228.58
Constellation	1,670.45
DAS	658.62
Eakes	529.00

Ferebee, Elizabeth	2,280.00
First Concord	476.16
First Concord	2,350.00
Five Nines	1,128.86
FTC	25.00
Glenn's Corner Market	148.13
Great West Life	50.00
Halbert & Dunn	4,332.00
Hometown Leasing	712.44
Jack's Uniforms	665.51
Legalshield	38.90
Liberty National	485.60
Madison National Life	77.59
NACO	160.00
NE Notary Assn.	161.00
NE State Patrol	1,130.50
Nem Court Justice	201.45
Nem Co Sheriff	215.00
Nem Co Tax Acct. Ret.	12,685.49
Nem Co Tax Acct. SS/Fwh	23,574.43
Nem Co Tax Acct. Nationwide	75.00
Nem Co Tax Acct. NWH	7,228.68
New York Life	117.00
Noerrlinger, Timothy	855.00
OPPD	45.95
Quill	1,068.14
Saunders Co Sheriff	34.80
Shell	460.07
Sherman Co Sheriff	99.48
US Bank	4,028.59
Verizon	746.46
VSP	311.52
Washington National	130.80
3rd Millennium Classrooms	240.00
<b>Road</b>	
Salaries	18,724.53
AFLAC	181.38
Behrends Digging	150.00
BC/BS	15,307.76
Constellation	457.40
Credit Management Svcs	98.76
Davis PHE	280.35
First Concord	150.00

Graybill Tire	380.50
Legalshield	32.90
Madison National Life	9.45
Martin Marietta	55,307.80
MHC Kenworth	1,807.76
Midwest Unlimited	59.00
NE Child Support	229.50
NE Child Support	298.40
NE Public Employee Local #251	330.00
NE Weed Control Assoc.	150.00
Nem Tax Acct. Ret.	2,907.57
Nem Tax Acct. SS/Fwh	5,572.49
Nem Tax Acct. NWH	1,804.80
New York Life	88.00
Powerplan	1,398.38
Schendel Pest Control	300.00
Sioux City Truck	25.50
VSP	102.23
<b>911 Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Verizon	25.78
<b>Jail Commissary Fund</b>	
Combined Public Communications	620.00
US Bank	41.00
<b>Other Capital Projects Fund</b>	
US Bank	1,816.60

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to adjourn at 10:15 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