

# **March 27, 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 – March 13, 2024  
Action/Approval of claims
- 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Set a date to sell the Nemaha County real estate properties from the Sheriff's sales
- 9:30 a.m. Mark Friehe - AFLAC
- 10:00 a.m. Travis Boyll - NMC Caterpillar - discuss equipment

#### **Executive Session \***

##### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for April 2024
2. Approve Resolution #2024-06 Renewal Liquor License for Auburn Country Club
3. Approve Resolution #2024-07 Subdivision for Roger L. and Riley R. Gerdes and Elm Ranch Inc
4. Approve ROW application #2024-02 Auburn Board of Public Works - 732 Road North of Brownville
5. Approve and sign the Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services
6. Approve ROW application #2024-03 Thomas Snodgrass - 638 Ave and 738 Road
7. Approve ROW application #2024-04 OPPD - 8 miles South of Auburn

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

1. Discuss updates on the Zoning Process
2. Discuss updates on 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.

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

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

1. Replacement of Sheriff Cruisers - State Bid
2. Disposition of next Sheriff pickup to be sold
3. Get bids for replacement trailer for ATVs
4. Surplus Chevrolet Silverado Pickups sealed bids opening on April 10th meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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

1. Bridge projects - updates
2. Approve final pay application for Nemaha Northwest C6432645(339) Hawxby
3. Approve Certificates of Completion for Jurnee Motor Grader Course for Bohling, Gottula, Holthus, Knippelmeyer

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

1. Receipt for the Martin Luther Church sale of excess equipment for \$1,275.00
2. Receipt for Federal Fund Road & Bridge 2023 STP for \$367,715.87
3. Treasurer Report on the sale of real estate/special assessments on Private tax sales

##### **Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, March 27, 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 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 March 13, 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. Public Hearing - Set a date to sell the Nemaha County real estate properties from the Sheriff's sales. Chairman Weiss opened the Public Hearing to Set a date to sell the Nemaha County real estate properties from the Sheriff's sales. No one from the public was present to voice any concerns. Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to sell the Nemaha County real estate properties from the Sheriff's sales on June 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. during the County Commissioner meeting. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

9:30 a.m. Mark Friehe - AFLAC

10:00 a.m. Travis Boyll - NMC Caterpillar - discuss about equipment needs

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for April 2024 - The following fuel bid for April, 2024 was received: Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$3.129, Regular with ethanol \$2.849. Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to accept the fuel bid for April, 2024 from Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$3.129, Regular with ethanol \$2.849. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

2. Approve Resolution #2024-06 Renewal Liquor License for Auburn Country Club - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve Resolution #2024-06 which is a renewal of a Liquor License for the Auburn Country Club. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

3. Approve Resolution #2024-07 Subdivision for Roger L. and Riley R. Gerdes and Elm Ranch Inc - Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to Approve Resolution #2024-07 which is a Subdivision for Roger L. Gerdes and Riley R. Gerdes and Elm Ranch Inc. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

4. Approve ROW application #2024-02 Auburn Board of Public Works - 732 Road North of Brownville - Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to approve the Right of Way application #2024-02 for the Auburn Board of Public Works located 732 Road North of Brownville. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

5. Approve and sign the Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve and sign the Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services for juvenile detention services. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
6. Approve ROW application #2024-03 Thomas Snodgrass - 638 Ave and 738 Road - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Right of Way application #2024-03 for Thomas Snodgrass located 638 Ave and 738 Road. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
7. Approve ROW application #2024-04 OPPD - 8 miles South of Auburn - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Right of Way application #2024-04 for OPPD located 8 miles South of Auburn. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

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

1. Discuss updates on the Zoning Process - The County is in the very beginning stage of establishing Zoning for Nemaha County. Currently the County has a Comprehensive Plan that regulates some policy and procedures. Chris Meeks Government & Community Relations Strategist with OPPD, and Emily Hervert with Baird Holm Attorneys at Law discussed with the Commissioners procedures in getting the Planning and Zoning Policy started.
2. Discuss updates on setting a policy or procedures on enforcement of Statue 39-1811, 39-1812, and 39-1813. These statues pertain to landowner responsibility to mow the road sides and maintain hedge row and trees. No action taken

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

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1. Replacement of Sheriff Cruisers - State Bid - Sheriff Lottman spoke to the Commissioners about the current situation on obtaining state bids for Sheriff Cruisers. Currently Dodge Durango are the only type of vehicle available for State Bid.
2. Disposition of next Sheriff Pickup to be sold - Discussed the procedures of a Political Subdivision interested in obtaining a Nemaha County Sheriff Pickup
3. Get bids for replacement trailer for ATVs - Sheriff Lottman stated he will be getting 3 quotes for replacing the stolen enclosed trailer for the ATVs
4. Surplus Chevrolet Silverado Pickups sealed bids opening will be held on the April 10th meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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

1. Bridge projects - updates
2. Approve final pay application for Nemaha Northwest C6432645(339) Hawxby - Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to approve the final pay application of \$80,031.47 for the Nemaha Northwest C6432645(339) Hawxby bridge replacement total cost of \$673,519.62. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
3. Approve Certificates of Completion for Jurnee Motor Grader Course for Bohling, Gottula, Holthus, Knippelmeyer - Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve the Certificates of Completion for Jurnee Motor Grader Course, Jurnee Excavator Course, and Jurnee Wheel Loader Course for Josh Bohling, Joel Gottula, Jim Holthus, and Jason Knippelmeyer. Effective March 25, 2024; Bohling, Gottula, Holthus, and Knippelmeyer will receive a one-time wage increase of \$.25 per Course which is \$.75 total per hour raise, as per Road Union Contract dated July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, 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	69,700.66
AFLAC	3,070.96
APCO International	60.00
Aub Auto Ctr.	785.72
Baltensperger, Dana	10.05
Blue Cross	32,963.42
Bohling, Gailen	88.44
Capital Business	855.53
Casey's Card	1,430.57
Charm-Tex	193.50
Cobblestone Hotel	196.00
Constellation	641.16
Culligan	102.40
DAS	840.00
DAS	658.62
Douglas Co. Sheriff	22.10
Environmental Systems Research	460.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Merwin	703.00
First Concord	476.16
First Concord	833.06
First Wireless	500.50
FTC	25.00
Gerdes, Jana	90.18
Great West Life	50.00
Hometown Leasing	712.44
Legalshield	38.90
Liberty National	485.60
Longs Creek	2,392.00
MadisonNational Life	77.59
Midland Radio	5,351.20
Midwest Card & ID	3,250.00
MIPS	201.00
NE HHS	174.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	105.00
Nem Co Sheriff	2,251.15

Nem Co Tax Acct. Ret.	11,662.34
Nem Co Tax Acct. SS/Fwh	21,179.89
Nem Co Tax Acct. Nationwide	75.00
Nem Co Tax Acct. NWH	7,397.84
Nem Co Treasurer	20.00
New York Life	117.00
Nichols, Tim	4.69
Obermeyer, Daryl	9.38
OPPD	47.45
Petersen Reporting	2,802.80
Quill	463.53
Richardson Co. Sheriff	55.00
Rowell, Jeff	43.53
Sack Lumber	31.99
Shell	1,032.45
Solie, Deborah	14.74
SECC	200.00
Thomson Reuters	426.74
US Bank	1,626.01
US Corrections LLC	4,962.00
Verizon	1,004.53
VSP	263.76
Wakulinski, Leigh	26.80
Washington National	130.80
Windstream	97.61
<b>Road</b>	
Salaries	19,926.57
Ace Industrial	1,405.95
AFLAC	181.38
Aub Auto Ctr.	9,764.76
Aub Plumbing	13.95
Beard's Salvage	48.00
Blue Cross	15,307.76
Bohling, Josh	150.00
Byfield, Jullian	62.00
Constellation	147.47
First Concord	150.00
Legalshield	32.90
Lickteig, Scott	150.00
Madison National Life	9.45
Martin Marietta	43,658.45
NE Child Support	229.50
NE Child Support	298.40

NE Public Employee Local #251	330.00
NE IA Industrial Fasteners	546.64
Nem Tax Acct. Ret.	3,001.79
Nem Tax Acct. SS/Fwh	5,782.39
Nem Tax Acct. NWH	1,842.40
New York Life	88.00
Newman Signs	205.30
Schlange, Kevin	335.67
US Bank	769.97
VSP	102.23
<b>Highway Bridge Buyback Program Fund</b>	
KEA Constructors	80,031.47
<b>Visitors Promotion Fund</b>	
HDC Train/Create	250.00
Peregoy, Marty	95.41
<b>Visitors Improvement Fund</b>	
Brownville Historical Society	6,000.00
<b>Federal Crime Grant Fund</b>	
US Bank	1,500.00
<b>911 Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Charter Communications	27.19
Verizon	25.78
<b>911 Wireless Service Fund</b>	
Charter Communications	142.77
<b>Jail Commissary</b>	
US Bank	41.00

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to adjourn at 10:25 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