Chair Hohenstein called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Rohde, Albenesius, Gill. Absent: Gomez. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Joan Spencer, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act.

Agenda was as follows:

**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**
   a. Approval of the previous minutes – January 13, 2020
   b. Approval of accounts payable
   c. Approval of Officials Reports—Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
   b. Pat Wojcik, to present and request the Board to adopt a proclamation for the Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking.
   c. Brenda Sale, Extension Assoc NEP/UNL, to update the Board regarding the Voices for Food Project in Dakota County.
4. **MISCELLANEOUS**
   a. Fred Kellogg, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
   b. Matt Roost, Weed Superintendent – present the Noxious Weed Report and request board approval for chair to sign Report.
   c. Robert Giese, Treasurer, to present the 2019-20 Fund Balance 6-Month Accumulated Report from July through December, 2019, and request Board approve Chair to sign said report. §23-1605
5. **COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS**
6. **MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS**
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Rohde, to excuse Commissioner Gomez from today’s meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rohde- yes, Albenesius- yes, Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment about any item not on the agenda. (1) Walt Beerman, Lik-u-wanta Drive, South Sioux City, shared pictures and articles regarding the condition of his road. He said the bottom of the road has dropped out; rock used was too large; $122 for a new tire; neighbor has had to replace 3 tires; road lower than ditches and road gets flooded; washboards; why was 155th Street built up and not Lik-u-wanta Drive?; 15 homes; 45 cars; 2 garbage trucks; would like project to fix the road be put on the County’s One & Six Year Plan; hard surface vs. grading. (2) Bill Haafke, Lik-u-wanta- Drive, added that there are no options to access their homes but this one road—one way in/out. Commissioner Albenesius thought some dirt could be taken from Gene Mari to raise the road bed and the culvert could be unplugged. (3) Troy Launsby, Troy Auto World, Homer, would like to know what the procedures are regarding a rotation for getting vehicle repair business.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda: (a) approval of the January 13, 2020, minutes, (b) approval of Accounts Payable and (3) approval of Officials Reports—Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court. Commissioner Rohde moved, seconded by Commissioner Albenesius to approve the consent agenda items. ROLL CALL VOTE: Albenesius- yes, Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Gomez- absent, Rohde- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**Accounts Payable: General Fund:** Gretchen Hirschbach, PYS-$69.24; Pender Times, publications-$231.43; US Bank, handbook-$80.00; Candlewood Suites, lodging-$329.85; Leaf, copier lease-$92.77; One Office Solutions, supp & toner-$208.60; Ted Piepho, PYS-$92.32; Candlewood Suites, lodging-$219.90; DAS State Acct, state software-$126.00; Charlotte Doenhoefer, PYS-$10.00; Robert H Giese, PYS-$92.32; Robert Giese, mileage-$255.20; Ruth Gillaspie, PYS-$69.24; MIPS, monthly software & PC-$2,791.27; Siouxland Lock and Key, Change lock-$100.00; US Bank, conference, supplies-$151.77; Irene VanLent, PYS-$16.00; Mark Dorcey, PYS-$46.16; Margie Rahn, PYS-$12.00; EWDS, Inc,
Commissioner Gill moved, seconded by Commissioner Albenesius, to approve the payroll claims for the period of January 12-25, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Gomez- absent, Rohde- abstain, Albenesius- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-$158,153.59; Net Pay-$115,860.95; Total Retirement-$11,002.68; Total FICA-$12,099.21; Larry Albenesius-$881.50; Janet Gill-$881.50; Antonio Gomez-$881.50; Martin Hohenstein-$925.94; Kevin Rohde-$881.50; Cherie Conley-$1,522.85; Leticia Vargas-$1,293.60; Joan Spencer-$2,191.68; Kathy Abbe-$1,158.40; Stephanie Gatzemeier-$1,509.93; Robert Giese-$2,191.68; Mindy Gilster-$1,000.01; Jalisssa Hattig-$1,158.40; Jolene Heinemann-$1,302.03; Brenda Landaverde-$1,020.00; Samantha Mitchell-$1,020.00; Debora Benton-$1,132.00; Christy Abts-$1,569.43; Melissa Collins-$1,072.80; Jeffrey Curry-$2,191.68; Courtney Lane-$1,072.80; Joseph O'Neil-$260.10; Phyllis Obermeyer-$2,191.68; Katherine Willtgen-$1,479.38; Louvontree Hunter-$2,690.97; Debra Jensen-$1,509.93; Karen Jimenez-$1,020.00; Kevin Hansen-$2,083.10; Tammy Dunn Peterson-$1,156.00; Shaun Bird-$1,669.01; Sergio Castillo-$2,342.03; Timothy Decker-$2,340.60; Brian Ellinger-$2,691.60; Brian Fernandez-$2,257.50; Tyler Fuller-$2,130.90; Brent Gilster-$2,546.30; Martin Guerrero-$2,179.80; Richard Hansen-$2,466.45; Melvin Harrison III-$2,633.18; Jason James-$2,273.95; Kimberly Johnson-$578.33; Jared Junge-$2,179.20; Christopher Kleinberg-$2,390.83; Kevin Rohde-$2,567.40; Mardi Schnee-$1,060.80; Penny Wendte-$2,627.78; Jessica Braunger-$817.92; Riley Colwell-$1,884.61; Katie Lehmann-$978.00; Sheyanne Lozano-$1,142.40; Debra Schmiedt-$3,230.77; Kimberly Watson-$3,422.08; Melinda Wicks-$2,269.23; Jacob Acero-$1,644.68; Angelica Antonio-$1,332.24; Shaeelee Barreras-$52.50; Zachery Bickett-$1,595.28; Shaun Bird-$2,697.78; Ailyn Bolanos-$468.30; Rebecca Broker-$1,653.47; Kacie Brown-$2,099.89; Leonardo Davalos-$655.62; Alexander De Leon -$1,844.88; Elisabet DeRoin-$1,989.82; Jesse Doelle-$1,542.10; Jon Enstrom-$1,758.46; Geoffroy Fay-$1,289.52; Thomas Gill-$1,549.66; Jonathan Gray-$1,808.96; Kara Groetken-$1,965.60; Todd Hammer-$2,234.93; Deanna Haukap-$1,631.28; Adam Hough-$2,009.20; Brenda Irwin-$1,629.60; Hunter Jones-$1,807.69; Brady Mathis-$1,232.64; Skyler Miner-$380.64; Mark Nelson-$1,729.01; Gregory Nyhof-$2,087.36; Kimberly Peterson-$1,869.24; Michele Rohde-$1,334.40; Jennifer Svendsen-$1,696.02; Taylor Tadlock-$1,950.24; Danielle Thibodeau-$2,141.10; Ashley Verzani-$1,913.16; Randall Walsh-$2,274.00; Cody Wilen-$1,433.72; Deanna Hagberg-$1,900.00; Jolene Gubbels-$1,360.00; Fred Kellogg-$375.00; Matthew Roost-$260.10; Theresa Grove-$1,982.04; Tiffany Hansen-$2,400.80; Natasha Ritchinson-$1,186.17; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-$234.90; Eunice Susan-$1,142.40; Willard Johnston-$1,959.26; General Fund Employee: Federal Tax-$14,029.15; State Tax-$6,036.15; Sec Soc-$9,805.90; Medicare-$2,293.31; Extra Fit-$685.00; Extra Sit-$110.00; Retirement-$7,468.76; Deferred Compensation-$1,290.00; Garnishments-$566.55; Road Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-$18,352.46; Net Pay-$13,638.88; Retirement-$1,238.76; Total FICA-$1,407.86; Brent Byrd-$1,888.39; Kevin Chambers-$1,536.81; Randall Walsh-$2,274.00; Cody Wilen-$1,433.72; Deanna Hagberg-$1,900.00; Jolene Gubbels-$1,360.00; Fred Kellogg-$375.00; Matthew Roost-$260.10; Theresa Grove-$1,982.04; Tiffany Hansen-$2,400.80; Natasha Ritchinson-$1,186.17; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-$234.90; Eunice Susan-$1,142.40; Willard Johnston-$1,959.26; Federal Fund Employer: Federal Tax-$1,180.67; Net Pay-$976.40; Retirement-$66.59; Total FICA-$90.32; Mamoud Ibrahim-$194.09; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-$866.58; Minority Health Grant Employer: Federal Tax-$44.67; State Tax-$24.88; FICA-$73.20; Medicare-$17.12; Retirement-$44.40; Juvenile Services Aid Employer: Gross Salaries-$1,184.40; Net Pay-$944.88; Retirement-$79.95; Total FICA-$90.60; Sarah Anderson Deck-$1,884.40; Juvenile Services Aid Employee: Federal Tax-$67.34; State Tax-$28.28; FICA-$73.43; Medicare-$17.12; Retirement-$53.30.

Pat Wojcik, Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking, addressed the Board to proclaim the month of January as awareness and prevention month against human trafficking. Ms. Wojcik stated her coalition is partnering with South Sioux City coalition and stated they speak at as many events as they can, including the schools. She extended an invitation to an event scheduled for April 25 – 27—Porn Epidemic—and how it relates to human trafficking (event at the Sioux City Convention Center).

Proclamation For Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month
Whereas, the United States was founded upon 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, I, Martin Hohenstein, Chairman, of Dakota County, NE, 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.

Brenda Sale, Extension Associate, updated the Board regarding the Voices for Food project in Dakota County. She extended an invitation to an open house and roundtable discussion Recognition Luncheon at the Extension office on February 19 – Noon to 1:30. (RSVP). Ms. Sale stated that there are 10 communities in the State of Nebraska participating in the Voices for Food project and the Dakota County project collected ½ of the food donated in the entire state; has ½ of the number of volunteers participating in the entire state and received 1/3 of the money donated in the entire state. The project has grant funded gardens that raised 12,557 pounds of produce—healthier than food pantry canned and boxed goods. With all gardens 17,343 pounds of produce was locally grown and distributed. There is an evening Food Pantry in Dakota City at the Fire Hall—913 households picked up food which included 1,310 children. They also participate with the Siouxland Health and have partnered gardeners with medical needs. She stated there is a small group of people doing a lot of work and more volunteers are needed—involvement makes it happen.

Commissioner Rohde left the meeting at 1:22 p.m. and returned at 1:36 p.m.

Fred Kellogg, Highway Superintendent, gave the Road Report for January 11 - 25, 2020. Overtime- 82.5 hours; garbage pickup- 7 hours; salt/sand/snow removal- 287 hours; sign repair/barricading- 33 hours.


Stephanie Gatzemeyer, Deputy Treasurer, presented the 2019-20 Fund Balance 6-Month Accumulated Report from July to December 2019. Bank totals- $4,199,293.12; County Investment and other- $2,499,076.65; Cash on Hand- $41,881.44.

Commissioner committee reports- Chair Hohenstein reported on Region IV meeting; Janet Gill reported she contacted the Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership organization and Tim Decker is the county representative. No emergency business. Mail: County Clerk noted their packets included a reminder to submit to the State Accountability their C-1 filing by March 1; updated committees; NACO Institute of Excellence brochure.

Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 27, 2020, at 1:39 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair        Date signed

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Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary      Date