

Dakota County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, August 10, 2020  
Tour of Sholes Wind Energy Project at 10:30 a.m.  
56008 858<sup>th</sup> Road, Randolph NE 68776  
Regular Business Meeting at 1:00 p.m.  
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor  
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

No quorum was present at the Wind Energy Project Tour. Chair Hohenstein called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at Roll Call: Hohenstein, Gomez, Rohde, Albenesius, Gill. Absent: None. 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.

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**10:30 a.m.** Tour of the Sholes Wind Energy Project, Wayne County, Nebraska

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1. TABLED ITEMS

- a. Board to discuss, approve or not approve Resolution 20C-005 to declare a moratorium on wind energy farms in Dakota County.
  - *Motion required to take from the Table*

2. 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.

3. 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 minutes – July 27, 2020
- b. Approval of accounts payable if applicable
- c. Approval of the Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April-June, 2020.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board to approve the payroll claims for July 26 – August 8, 2020.
- b. 1:01 p.m. Open bids for North Bluff bridge channel work. Award bids contingent on engineer review.
- c. Chad Kehrt, P.E., Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. requesting Board approval to advertise for bids on the Old Sawmill Road paving project.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Fred Kellogg, Highway Superintendent – Bi-Weekly Road Report
- b. Sheriff Kleinberg – Monthly Jail Report
- c. Board to approve Chair to sign the Law Enforcement Grant Award and Special Conditions awarded for 16.034-Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$132,830. (Grant #: 180-2021-CF9015)
- d. 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 to approve Report and authorize the Assessor to remove from the property tax rolls said properties recommended on Sheriff's Distress Warrants Report to be stricken and deleted by correction.
- e. Natasha Ritchison, Health Department Director – Quarterly update report
- f. Board to discuss and/or select a committee to draft an RFP for Employee Health Insurance Plan.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS

- a. SIMPCO Cares Act Recovery Assistance Application

8. ADJOURNMENT

Present at the Shoals Wind Energy tour was Chair Hohenstein, Commissioner Gill and Joan Spencer, County Clerk. Also present was Marci Broyhill, Dakota County resident. Caelen Friedow, Next Era Energy, presented a power point regarding their operation and two technicians were also present. Josh Moenning, New Power Nebraska, also spoke regarding the benefits of wind energy in the State of Nebraska.

Chair Hohenstein noted a tour of the Shoals wind farms in Wayne County was attended. No action was taken to remove the item for discussion of a wind energy farm moratorium from the table.

Chair Hohenstein called for Public Comment about any item not on the agenda. There were no public comments.

Chair Hohenstein called for approval of the consent agenda—approval of the July 27, 2020, minutes and approval of the Veterans Service Officer Quarterly Report for April-June, 2020. Commissioner Gomez moved, seconded by Commissioner Rohde, to approve the consent agenda items. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gomez- yes, Rohde- yes, Albenesius- yes, Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Gill moved, seconded by Commissioner Gomez, to approve the payroll claims of July 26 to August 8, 2020, provided they are consistent with union contracts. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rohde- abstain, Albenesius- yes, Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Gomez- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**Payroll: General Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$156,483.30; Net Pay-\$110,093.99; Total Retirement-\$10,692.06; Total FICA-\$11,586.57; Health Plan-\$35,313.00; Dental Plan-\$1,194.75; Life Insurance-\$209.50; Larry Albenesius-\$1,081.50; Lilly Fellin-\$500.00; Janet Gill-\$1,081.50; Antonio Gomez-\$1,081.50; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,125.94; Kevin Rohde-\$885.50; Jasmin Wright-\$500.00; Cherie Conley-\$1,522.85; Leticia Vargas-\$1,293.60; Joan Spencer-\$2,191.68; Kathy Abbe-\$1,158.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,509.93; Robert Giese-\$2,191.68; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,158.40; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,020.00; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,020.01; Karina Vargas-\$1,000.00; Debera Benton-\$1,132.00; Christy Abts-\$1,961.83; 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 Wiltgen-\$1,479.38; Louvontree Hunter-\$2,690.97; Debra Jensen-\$1,502.40; Karen Jimenez-\$1,180.00; Kevin Hansen-\$2,034.90; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,708.84; Sergio Castillo-\$2,302.90; Timothy Decker-\$2,340.60; Brian Ellinger-\$2,264.00; Brian Fernau-\$2,118.76; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,395.68; Brent Gilster-\$2,141.60; Martin Guerrero-\$2,117.60; Richard Hansen-\$2,289.32; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,506.06; Jason James-\$2,129.60; Douglas Johnson-\$2,264.00; Kimberly Johnson-\$773.66; Jared Junge-\$2,298.80; Christopher Kleinberg-\$2,390.83; Kevin Rohde-\$2,234.36; Mardi Schnee-\$752.51; Ryne Sell-\$318.24; Penny Wendte-\$2,334.74; Jessica Braunger-\$805.14; Katie Lehmann-\$1,304.00; Sheyanne Lozano-\$1,142.40; Edward Matney-\$1,923.08; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,230.77; Kimberly Watson-\$3,422.08; Melinda Wicks-\$2,269.23; Jacob Acero-\$1,729.22; Angelica Antonio-\$1,533.84; Shaelee Barreras-\$1,929.18; Trent Bertram-\$1,929.93; Zachery Bickett-\$1,675.20; Shaun Bird-\$1,669.08; Rebecca Broer-\$1,675.20; Kacie Brown-\$1,969.08; Tomio Castro-\$80.85; Elisabet DeRoin-\$1,694.51; Jesse Doelle-\$1,690.76; Jon Enstrom-\$1,421.03; Jonathan Gray-\$1,777.77; Kara Groetken-\$1,742.02; Todd Hammer-\$2,208.51; Alexa Hansen-\$1,358.28; Adam Hough-\$1,754.65; Victor Huerta-\$95.52; Brenda Irwin-\$1,671.99; Hunter Jones-\$2,057.39; Brady Mathis-\$955.20; Skyler Miner-\$1,164.24; Mark Nelson-\$1,729.01; Gregory Nyhof-\$1,726.34; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,664.04; Darius Richardson Barnes-\$970.20; Michele Rohde-\$1,334.40; Rebecca Schoep-\$1,358.28; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,447.88; Taylor Tadlock-\$2,092.33; Danielle Thibodeau-\$1,724.73; Ashley Verzani-\$1,710.48; Anthony Von Haden-\$147.26; Randall Walsh-\$2,274.00; Cody Wilen-\$1,605.15; Deanna Hagberg-\$1,900.00; Jolene Gubbels-\$1,360.00; Fred Kellogg-\$375.00; Matthew Roost-\$260.10; Yvette Aldana-\$1,444.50; Theresa Grove-\$1,910.40; Melissa Hans-\$ 0.00; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$262.19; Natasha Ritchison-\$2,000.00; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,372.80; Jacqueline Traum-\$1,509.75; Willard Johnston-\$1,987.67; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,398.16; State Tax-\$5,586.78; Soc Sec-\$9,390.37; Medicare-\$2,196.20; Extra Fit-\$879.00; Extra Sit-\$145.00; Retirement-\$7,263.22; Health Plan-\$2,400.00; Dental Plan-\$546.00; Colonial Health-\$264.48; Sheriff Union Dues-\$420.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$81.75; Deferred Comp-\$2,130.00; Garnishments-\$791.07; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,072.74; Flex Plan Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision-\$484.70; Legal Shield-\$69.26; Liberty Nat'l-\$59.46; Liberty Nat'l-\$ 2.79; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$17,735.27; Net Pay-\$12,465.43; Retirement-\$1,197.17; Total FICA-\$1,324.69; Health Plan-\$4,917.00; Dental Plan-\$162.25; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Brent Byroad-\$1,659.20; Kevin Chambers-\$1,567.20; Ryan Chambers-\$1,567.20; Robert Hacker-\$1,579.20; Scott Jorgenson-\$1,555.20; Fred Kellogg-\$2,027.27; David Kneifl-\$1,567.20; Kimon Litras-\$1,615.20; Dean Pallas-\$1,567.20; Tyler Pallas-\$1,475.20; Matthew Roost-\$1,555.20; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,468.66; State Tax-\$634.67; FICA-\$1,073.60; Medicare-\$251.09; Extra Fit-\$150.00; Retirement-\$798.05; Health Plan-\$200.00; Dental Plan-\$84.00; Colonial Health-\$65.66; Garnishments-\$208.62; Road Union Dues-\$200.00; VSP Vision-\$50.28; Legal Shield-\$41.82; Liberty National\$40.14; Liberty National\$ 3.25; **Health Planning Grant Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$1,210.50; Net Pay-\$934.36; Retirement-\$81.71; Total FICA-\$89.84; Health Plan-\$447.00; Dental Plan-\$14.75; Life Insurance-\$ 2.55; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,210.50; **Health Planning Grant Employee:** Federal Tax-\$49.68; State Tax-\$24.02; FICA-\$72.81; Medicare-\$17.03; Extra Sit-\$ 5.00; Retirement-\$54.47; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision-\$15.18; Legal Shield-\$16.95; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$1,184.40; Net Pay-\$653.25; Retirement-\$79.95; Total FICA-\$62.22; Health Plan-\$447.00; Dental Plan-\$14.75; Life Insurance-\$ 2.55; Sarah Anderson Deck-\$1,184.40; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee:** Federal Tax-\$30.24; State Tax-\$14.39; FICA-\$50.43; Medicare-\$11.79; Retirement-\$53.30; Health Plan-\$350.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00.

Fred Kellogg, Highway Superintendent, opened the bids for construction of Jackson Bank Stabilization for bridge on North Bluff Road (C002221710). Bids: (1) Circle A Construction, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa- \$104,392.00; (2) Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc., Onawa, Iowa- \$236,238.40; (3) B & B Rogers Excavating, South Sioux City, Nebraska- \$100,841.50. The Engineer on the project (Jeff Wagner, Mainelli Wagner & Assoc., Inc.) will review the bids and the Board will award the bid at their August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chad Kehrt, P.E, Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., requested the Board's approval to advertise for bids on the Old Sawmill Road paving project. (Old Sawmill at Rotunda (east/west) and Elgin Ave to Hwy 20 (north/south)) Mr. Kehrt stated the project is approximately 3300' long and width would be 24' paved surface. The gravel would be taken from the road for the shoulders. This width would allow 2 11' driving lanes, 1' paved shoulder (x2) and 4' rock shoulder. The depth of the concrete or asphalt was discussed as 7 - 7 1/2 - 8" depth. Mr. Kehrt brought his concern regarding a Knife River

temporary plant on Old Sawmill/Elgin Road until 2021. He stated Elgin Avenue also has more truck traffic (no utilities). He plans to open the bids on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and bring a bid recommendation to the September 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The project estimate would be approximately \$513,000 and have a December 1<sup>st</sup> completion date. Commissioner Rohde moved, seconded by Commissioner Gomez, to approve bidding the Rotunda to Old Sawmill/Elgin to Hwy 20 road project. ROLL CALL VOTE: Albenesius- yes, Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Gomez- yes, Rohde- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Fred Kellogg, Highway Superintendent, presented for the Road Report for July 26 – August 8, 2020. Road maintenance- 325.5 hours; tree/debris removal- 7.5 hours; culverts/projects- 104 hours (M Ave); garbage pickup – 2 hours; magnet- 5 hours; gravel hauling- 68 hours; tons of gravel applied- 1262.94; sign repair/barricading- 25 hours. Gravel concerns on Elgin Ave and Oakdale Road.

The Jail Report was reviewed.

Commissioner Rohde moved, seconded by Commissioner Gill, to approve the Chair to sign the law enforcement grant award and special conditions for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (\$132,830). ROLL CALL VOTE: Gill- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Gomez- yes, Rohde- yes, Albenesius- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

The Distress Warrants Report will be presented at the next meeting.

Natasha Ritchison, Director, presented the Quarterly Report for the Health Department. The 2019-20 budget, less the COVID19 funds, spent 95% of budget authority. Approximately \$150,000 of the \$210,346 COVID19 dollars are still available for next budget year. The Department has applied for a \$25,000 supplemental immunization grant and funds for lead water testing in all county schools and childcare providers. Grants/Programs: (1) Preparedness/Bioterrorism- \$60,025 will be received for 2020-21; (2) Public Health Accreditation Grant (PHAB)- no reimbursement requested per personnel hours are dedicated to COVID19. A grant requirement for quality improvement management system has been signed up for; (3) Lead- \$265.33 reimbursed and supplemental funds for testing water sources in local schools and childcare providers for lead has been applied for; (4) Immunization Clinic- reopened clinic on June 15 with priority given to infants, kindergarten ages and middle school age children; (5) West Nile Virus- packets containing dunks, wipes and pamphlets were distributed to veterinarian clinics, county fair and ball fields; (6) Making Connections- monthly calls to Veterans; (7) Opioid Grant- working with local law enforcement and schools; (8) Living Well- focusing on diabetes and training; (8) Minority Health- the program is no longer grant funded; (9) Radon- only 2 people participated; (10) Surveillance (COVID19)- collating statistics on past 4 months; (11) Minority Health Grant- employees pulled to help with COVID19. Total grant revenue: \$365,905.59. Natasha requested additional office space for 2 workers doing COVID19 contact tracing (all costs covered by COVID19 funds) and 2 workers with Elkhorn-Logan Valley Health Department focusing on hospice care in Dakota County.

Committee to draft an RFP for Employee Health Insurance plan provider: Commissioner Gill and Chair Hohenstein as board members and a member from the Jail/Sheriff union, Road Department union and a non-union employee.

Commissioner Committee Reports—Chair Hohenstein reported on the Veterans Committee. Mail: 1) SIMPCO Cares Act Recovery Assistance application (2) Report on Prayer Service held August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Adams County Courthouse (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights) and (3) Request from Nebraska State Director for GoRail to sign a Joint Letter to Congress. No emergency business.

Chair Hohenstein adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of August 10, 2020, at 2:14 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Martin Hohenstein, Chair

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Date signed

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Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary      Date