

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, November 29, 2021
3:00 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Gill called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at Roll Call: Gill, Love, Giese, Albenesius, Launsby. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Joan Spencer, County Clerk, acting as Board Secretary. The location of the Open Meetings Act was noted.

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 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 meeting minutes – November 15, 2021
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for November 14 - 27, 2021
3. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS
 - a. Amanda Harper and/or Dawn Kimmel, SIMPCO, to provide to the Board the information about the Dakota County Housing Study and to coordinate distribution and collection of related survey with County support and promotion.
 - b. Board to approve Resolution 21C-046 to Abandon and revert to landowner, one half to each landowner, the property described as “Platted as an Alley in Block 3, Crystal Beach, between Lots 1 - 9 on the north and Lots 10 – 18 on the south, excepting portion of Eagle Drive, Dakota City, Nebraska, Section 6, Township 28N, Range 9E.”
4. MISCELLANEOUS & OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Bi-weekly Road Report
 - b. Greg Koinzan, South Sioux City Master Patrolman, requesting Board approve funding for Joint Law Enforcement Center (LEC) purchase of a battery backup/UPS power system for dispatch when electricity is lost and before generator engages to avoid disruption of service.
 - c. Board to approve which opioid settlement agreement option to approve— (1) direct share to the county; (2) contribute county’s direct share to Region IV Behavioral Health or (3) do not elect to receive funds.
 - d. Approve Chair to sign (1) FY2021 Budget Audit Board Representative Letter and (2) Federal Audit letter addressing Corrective Action Plan regarding segregation of duties.
 - e. Approve Chair to sign Mid-American Health and Dental insurance benefits Plan Document effective March 1, 2021.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gill called for Public Comment. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, had concerns regarding the county insurance program and suggested the County increase by \$5,000 the maximum paid benefit (\$10,000) per participant per calendar year for High Dollar Prescription Medications (Rx costing more than \$500). Ms. Bousquet also stated she had extra cost applied she was not aware of when a routine preventive procedure (100%/no deductible applied) required a medical/surgical procedure. She felt the county was putting employee lives in danger and needed to be aware of these situations when insurance was reviewed.

Chair Gill called for approval of the consent agenda: (a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – November 15, 2021; (b) Approval of payroll claims for November 14 - 27, 2021. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese, to approve the consent agenda items. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love- yes, Giese- yes, Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes, Gill- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Payroll: General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$178,166.69; Net Pay-\$125,508.24; Total Retirement-\$12,277.01; Total FICA-\$13,217.31; Health Plan-\$35,313.00; Dental Plan-\$1,165.25; Life Insurance-\$202.87; Larry Albenesius-\$1,133.71; Robert Giese-\$1,133.71; Janet Gill-\$1,179.87; Troy Launsby-\$933.71; Scott Love-\$1,133.71; Cherie Conley-\$1,641.60; Robin Hansen-\$1,024.00; Joan Spencer-\$2,321.49; Kathy Abbe-\$1,364.41; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,321.49; Maria Garcia-\$1,130.87; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,610.40; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,323.21; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,274.80; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,237.60; Debera Benton-\$1,320.00; Christy Abts-\$2,321.49; Melissa Collins-\$1,200.00; Courtney Lane-\$2,711.40; Joseph O’Neil-\$285.26; Karen Jimenez-\$1,539.20; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,321.49; Louvontree Hunter-

\$2,850.36; Debra Jensen-\$1,614.40; Casandra Pedroza-\$1,212.00; Kevin Hansen-\$2,036.25; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,255.20; Shaun Bird-\$2,443.16; Sergio Castillo-\$3,161.57; Timothy Decker-\$3,059.20; Brian Ellinger-\$2,956.00; Penny Epting-\$3,520.02; Brian Fernau-\$2,576.07; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,308.96; Brent Gilster-\$3,252.08; Martin Guerrero-\$2,480.66; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,332.96; Jason James-\$3,651.70; Douglas Johnson-\$2,412.78; Kimberly Johnson-\$398.16; Jared Junge-\$3,158.20; Christopher Kleinberg-\$2,532.44; Kevin Rohde-\$2,687.87; Mardi Schnee-\$1,121.60; Sarah Hammond-\$2,115.38; Shantel Krull-\$957.90; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,442.25; Kimberly Watson-\$3,624.77; Melinda Wicks-\$2,587.00; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,236.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,794.65; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$1,338.48; Shaelee Barreras-; Rebecca Broer-\$1,812.20; Kacie Brown-\$2,105.88; Ricardo Chavez-\$1,528.80; Lacey Clark-\$1,677.20; Leonardo Davalos-\$650.65; Alexander DeLeon-\$2,134.08; Elisabet DeRoin-\$1,824.76; Jesse Doelle-\$1,664.00; Lynn Fleming-\$1,638.00; Jonathan Gray-\$2,402.34; Sara Gritten-\$1,653.60; Kara Groetken-\$2,033.82; Todd Hammer-\$2,325.51; Adam Hough-\$2,511.95; Brenda Irwin-\$1,839.26; Jose Magana-\$1,670.38; Jacob McCollum-\$1,659.00; Skyler Miner-\$2,425.84; Keaton Mueller-\$739.60; Mark Nelson-\$1,907.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,486.32; Zoey Olson-\$1,659.00; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,996.80; Michele Rohde-\$1,456.00; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,094.30; Rebecca Schoep-\$2,183.16; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,382.95; Taylor Tadlock-\$2,106.36; Estrella Vazquez-\$2,102.63; Randall Walsh-\$2,412.84; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,020.14; Jolene Gubbels-\$1,662.26; Matthew Roost-\$273.26; Jana Adam-\$1,625.86; Yvette Aldana-\$1,502.00; Theresa Grove-\$2,269.23; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$42.93; Raquel Jimenez-\$1,210.50; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,454.40; Courtney Swick-\$1,067.00; Jacqueline Traum-\$1,288.53; Willard Johnston-\$2,084.86; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$14,627.60; State Tax-\$6,879.43; Soc Sec-\$10,712.10; Medicare-\$2,505.21; Extra Fit-\$816.00; Extra Sit-\$140.00; Retirement-\$8,348.90; Health Plan-\$2,800.00; Dental Plan-\$525.00; Colonial Health-\$264.48; Sheriff Union Dues-\$420.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$1,416.66; Garnishments-\$1,218.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$997.50; Flex Plan Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$454.76; Legal Shield-\$116.58; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$71.04; Liberty Nat'l-\$0.00; VSP Vision Base-\$82.86; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$18,163.20; Net Pay-\$12,224.35; Retirement-\$1,226.04; Total FICA-\$1,313.19; Health Plan-\$4,917.00; Dental Plan-\$162.25; Life Insurance-\$27.16; Brent Byroad-\$1,923.20; Ryan Chambers-\$1,613.60; Robert Hacker-\$1,625.60; Lance Jacobsen-\$1,601.60; David Kneifl-\$1,613.60; Kimon Litras-\$1,741.60; Dean Pallas-\$1,625.60; Tyler Pallas-\$1,601.60; Logan Rohde-\$1,601.60; Matthew Roost-\$1,613.60; Jared Vedral-\$1,601.60; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,338.28; State Tax-\$627.42; FICA-\$1,064.29; Medicare-\$248.90; Health Plan-\$750.00; Dental Plan-\$105.00; Colonial Health-\$38.23; Garnishments-\$624.01; Road Union Dues-\$150.00; Legal Shield-\$32.35; Liberty National PreTax-\$101.30; VSP Vision Base-\$41.75; **Health Planning Grant Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$1,592.39; Net Pay-\$1,214.93; Retirement-\$107.49; Total FICA-\$119.06; Health Plan-\$447.00; Dental Plan-\$14.75; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,592.39; **Health Planning Grant Employee:** Federal Tax-\$86.68; State Tax-\$41.93; FICA-\$96.49; Medicare-\$22.57; Extra Sit-\$5.00; Retirement-\$71.66; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision-\$15.18; Legal Shield-\$16.95; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$1,231.92; Net Pay-\$690.14; Retirement-\$83.15; Total FICA-\$65.86; Health Plan-\$447.00; Dental Plan-\$14.75; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Sarah Anderson Deck-\$1,231.92; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee:** Federal Tax-\$33.63; State Tax-\$15.85; FICA-\$53.38; Medicare-\$12.48; Retirement-\$55.44; Health Plan-\$350.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00;

Dawn Kimmel, SIMPCO, provided information to the Board regarding a Dakota County Housing Study survey and requested county support with on-line distribution. The Board had several questions—when was the last survey done (10+ years); grant amount (\$10,594); when will survey be closed (mid-January, 2022). At the time the survey is completed, focus groups will be formed for in-person input. A “windshield assessment” will be done. SIMPCO will also be meeting with the cities and villages. Questions address homeowners, renters, barriers encountered. Ms. Kimmel stated there are a lot of assumptions and it will be great to get factual feedback.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Albenesius, to approve Resolution 21C-046 to abandon and revert to landowner, one half to each landowner, the property described as “Platted as an Alley in Block 3, Crystal Beach, between Lots 1 - 9 on the north and Lots 10 – 18 on the south, excepting portion of Eagle Drive, Dakota City, Nebraska, Section 6, Township 28N, Range 9E.” ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese- yes, Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes, Gill- yes, Love- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 21C-046

ABANDONMENT OF PLATTED ROAD

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DAKOTA COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that a public hearing was held in the Board of Commissioners Room on the 15th day of November 2021, at 3:01 p.m., pursuant to notice of public hearing published in the Dakota County Star for two consecutive weeks previous to such hearing and certified mail sent to all adjoining landowners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at such public hearing persons appeared regarding the vacating and abandonment of said road as hereinafter described, and the Board being fully advised and upon consideration of the matter hereby orders that the following road be vacated and abandoned and that the public right-of-way shall be disposed of in the following manner:

1. Shall revert back to the adjacent landowners, one half to each such landowner. Described as follows:

Platted as an Alley in Block 3, Crystal Beach, between Lots 1 - 9 on the north and Lots 10 – 18 on the south, excepting portion of Eagle Drive, Dakota City, Nebraska, Section 6, Township 28N, Range 9E

A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Register of Deeds and indexed against all affected property.

Dated at Dakota City, Nebraska this 29th day of November 2021.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for November 14 - 27, 2021. Total road maintenance- 269.5 hours; tree/debris removal- 14 hours; Culverts/Road Projects: Gateway Dr- 23 hours & N Bluff Rd- 90.5 hours; garbage pickup- 4 hours; gravel hauling – 2 hours; tons of gravel hauled – 11.93; sign repair/barricading- 76 hours. Gravel concerns: Frank O’Neill Road.

Greg Koinzan, South Sioux City Master Patrolman, requested board approval for purchase of a battery backup/UPS power supply for dispatch at the joint law enforcement center. The unit was purchased in 1993 when the LEC was built and when it fails, it completely powers down everything in the Communications Center, Server, and Radio rooms. Mr. Koinzan stated he received 4 quotes from 3 different vendors and recommends the Eaton unit from SEPS, Inc. for \$22,329.00. The payment will be made from the equipment set-aside monies and the installation from the LEC budget. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Albenesius, to approve the purchase of a UPS/battery backup power supply for the Communications Center in the amount of \$22,329. ROLL CALL VOTE: Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes, Gill- yes, Love- yes, Giese- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was had regarding options for opioid settlement monies as presented by the State of Nebraska Attorney General. Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Love, to approve the option for direct share to the county for opioid settlement monies. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby- yes, Gill- yes, Love- yes, Giese- yes, Albenesius- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Gill stated the concerns in the county audit were being addressed. Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby, to approve Chair to sign per State of Nebraska county audit, the (1) FY2021 Budget Audit Board Representative Letter and (2) Federal Audit letter addressing Corrective Action Plan regarding segregation of duties. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gill- yes, Love- yes, Giese- yes, Albenesius- Launsby- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Gill moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese, to approve Chair to sign the Mid-American Health and Dental insurance benefits Plan Document effective March 1, 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love- yes, Giese- yes, Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes, Gill- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Gill- Region IV, Tri-State Legislative Conference; Launsby- Northstar; Albenesius- SIMPCO; Giese- ARPA committee will meet this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

No mail or emergency business.

Chair Gill adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of November 29, 2021, at 3:41 p.m.

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Janet Gill, Chair Date signed

Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary Date