

Dakota County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, February 7, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.  
County Board Meeting Room, First Floor  
Dakota County Courthouse, Dakota City, Nebraska

Chair Giese called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at Roll Call: Giese, Love, Gill, 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 – January 24, 2022
  - b. Approval of payroll claims for January 23 – February 5, 2022
  - c. Approval of Quarterly Report – Veterans Service Officer
3. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. 3:02 p.m. Open and award bids for Dakota County Bridge Inspections in 2022.
  - b. 3:03 p.m. Open and award sealed bids for M Avenue bridge bank stabilization and grading project “Hubbard South #C02211505.”
  - c. Robert Rapp, Broker for Dakota County Health Insurance Plan, requesting the board approve an additional service in the County Plan Document for TELADOC – Phone & Video Consultations.
  - d. Greg Koinzin, South Sioux City Master Patrolman, requesting approval for purchase of a heat pump for the Law Enforcement Center from the special project fund.
4. MISCELLANEOUS
  - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
  - b. Sheriff Kleinberg – monthly Jail Report
  - c. Board to approve Planning & Zoning membership appointments – one appointment to the following geographical areas: (1) Village of Hubbard (2) Village/rural Homer and (3) Village of Jackson for a 3-year term February 2022 to February 2025.
  - d. Discussion to prioritize projects to spend the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
    - Approve employee criteria/qualification and dollar amount for county employee premium pay
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giese called for Public Comment about any item not on the agenda. Randy Groetken asked Chair to reply as to why he changed his position on Officials having the authority to fix deputy salaries versus the Board of Commissioners. Chair Giese replied he was now aware of new statutes allowing such action.

Chair Giese called for approval of the consent agenda—(a) approval of the January 24, 2022, minutes; (b) approval of payroll claims for hours worked January 23 – February 5, 2022; (c) approval of Quarterly Report—Veterans Service Officer. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Gill, to approve the consent agenda items. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love- yes, Gill- yes, Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes, Giese- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**Payroll Claims: General Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$165,423.14; Net Pay-\$118,120.79; Total Retirement-\$11,434.39; Total FICA-\$12,269.62; Health Plan-\$36,207.00; Dental Plan-\$1,194.75; Life Insurance-\$207.97; Larry Albenesius-\$1,152.39; Robert Giese-\$1,198.54; Janet Gill-\$1,152.39; Troy Launsby-\$952.39; Scott Love-\$1,152.39; Cherie Conley-\$2,140.16; Robin Hansen-\$1,280.00; Joan Spencer-\$2,367.92; Kathy Abbe-\$1,335.20; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,367.92; Maria Garcia-\$1,118.82; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,673.91; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,323.20; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,251.44; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,237.60; Debera Benton-\$1,320.00; Christy Abts-\$2,367.92; Melissa Collins-\$1,200.00; Joseph O’Neil-\$285.26; Karen Jimenez-\$1,630.40; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,367.92; Louvontree Hunter-\$2,907.37; Debra Jensen-\$1,758.18; Casandra Pedroza-\$1,240.00; Kevin Hansen-\$2,205.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,376.81; Shaun Bird-\$118.60; Sergio Castillo-\$2,316.15; Timothy Decker-\$2,557.41; Brian Ellinger-\$2,364.80; Penny Epting-\$2,313.36; Brian Fernau-\$2,248.95; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,068.00; Brent Gilster-\$2,507.96; Martin Guerrero-\$2,289.84; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,359.98; Jason James-\$2,204.80; Douglas Johnson-\$2,412.78; Kimberly Johnson-\$501.85; Jared Junge-\$2,411.64; Christopher Kleinberg-\$2,583.09; Kevin Rohde-\$2,403.86; Mardi Schnee-\$1,121.60; Sarah Hammond-\$2,305.69; Shantel

Krull-\$988.80; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,545.55; Kimberly Watson-\$3,697.27; Melinda Wicks-\$6,681.94; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,398.26; Jacob Acero-\$1,797.96; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$1,123.20; Rebecca Broer-\$1,856.40; Kacie Brown-\$1,732.00; Ricardo Chavez-\$1,565.20; Lacey Clark-\$1,593.48; Leonardo Davalos-\$552.00; Alexander DeLeon-\$1,597.68; Elisabet DeRoin-\$1,845.76; Jesse Doelle-\$1,664.00; Lynn Fleming-\$1,619.80; Jonathan Gray-\$1,794.17; Sara Gritten-\$1,572.48; Kara Groetken-\$1,801.64; Todd Hammer-\$2,311.16; Adam Hough-\$1,759.37; Brenda Irwin-\$1,800.01; Brandon Long-\$1,640.80; Jose Magana-\$1,549.80; Jacob McCollum-\$1,528.80; Skyler Miner-\$1,820.04; Keaton Mueller-\$1,549.80; Mark Nelson-\$1,907.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$1,889.31; Zoey Olson-\$1,549.80; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,752.46; Michele Rohde-\$1,469.65; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$1,316.40; Rebecca Schoep-\$1,593.48; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,365.84; Taylor Tadlock-\$2,230.20; Estrella Vazquez-\$1,549.80; Randall Walsh-\$2,412.84; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,020.14; Jolene Gubbels-\$1,714.93; Matthew Roost-\$273.26; Jana Adam-\$515.52; Yvette Aldana-\$1,482.43; Theresa Grove-\$2,269.23; Raquel Jimenez-\$1,615.50; Courtney Swick-\$1,674.75; Jacqueline Traum-\$1,334.88; Ruth Gillaspie-\$560.00; Willard Johnston-\$2,084.86; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,620.23; State Tax-\$6,003.65; Soc Sec-\$9,944.02; Medicare-\$2,325.60; Extra Fit-\$911.00; Extra Sit-\$140.00; Retirement-\$7,749.28; Health Plan-\$2,350.00; Dental Plan-\$483.00; Colonial Health-\$264.48; Sheriff Union Dues-\$420.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$811.66; Garnishments-\$1,159.38; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,087.41; Flex Plan Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$478.88; Legal Shield-\$112.11; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$111.63; VSP Vision Base-\$67.69; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$18,003.04; Net Pay-\$12,143.18; Retirement-\$1,215.23; Total FICA-\$1,301.37; 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-\$1,441.44; Matthew Roost-\$1,613.60; Jared Vedral-\$1,601.60; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,292.94; State Tax-\$595.57; FICA-\$1,054.71; Medicare-\$246.66; Retirement-\$810.11; Health Plan-\$750.00; Dental Plan-\$105.00; Colonial Health-\$38.23; Garnishments-\$624.01; Road Union Dues-\$150.00; Legal Shield-\$32.40; Liberty National PreTax-\$116.93; Liberty National-\$4.77; VSP Vision Base-\$38.58; **Health Planning Grant Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$1,668.81; Net Pay-\$1,199.66; Retirement-\$112.64; Total FICA-\$117.21; Health Plan-\$447.00; Dental Plan-\$14.75; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,668.81; **Health Planning Grant Employee:** Federal Tax-\$79.19; State Tax-\$39.04; FICA-\$94.99; Medicare-\$22.22; Extra Sit-\$5.00; Retirement-\$75.10; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$100.00; VSP Vision-\$15.66; Legal Shield-\$16.95; **Health Dept. Program Grant Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$1,644.20; Net Pay-\$1,307.69; Retirement-\$100.12; Total FICA-\$123.79; Health Plan-\$447.00; Dental Plan-\$14.75; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$160.99; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,483.21; **Health Dept. Program Grant Employee:** Federal Tax-\$79.35; State Tax-\$40.75; FICA-\$100.33; Medicare-\$23.46; Retirement-\$66.74; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision-\$4.88; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$1,252.80; Net Pay-\$709.17; Retirement-\$84.56; Total FICA-\$67.46; Health Plan-\$447.00; Dental Plan-\$14.75; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Sarah Anderson Deck-\$1,252.80; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee:** Federal Tax-\$32.54; State Tax-\$16.25; FICA-\$54.67; Medicare-\$12.79; Retirement-\$56.38; Health Plan-\$350.00; Dental Plan-\$21.00.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, opened the following bids for the 2022 Dakota County Bridge Inspections: (1) Mainelli Wagner- \$175 per regular bridge inspection and \$510 per fracture critical bridge inspections (\$7,670); (2) Brian McDonald (JEO)- \$300 per regular bridge inspection and \$2,800 per fracture critical bridge inspections (\$17,000); Midwest Engineering- \$115 per regular bridge inspection and \$855 per fracture critical bridge inspections (\$6,080). It was noted there are 38 regular and 2 fracture critical bridges needing inspection in 2022. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Albenesius, to award the 2022 bridge inspection bid to Midwest Engineering, Inc. for low total bid of \$6,080.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Gill- yes, Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes, Giese- yes, Love- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, opened the following bids for the Hubbard South #C02211505 project for M Avenue bridge bank stabilization and grading: (1) Nelson & Rock Contracting, Inc- \$308,906.42; (2) MC Wells Contracting, LLC- \$258,217; Husker Engineering Inc, dba Husker Grading- \$232,800; B&B Rogers Excavating, Inc- \$248,741.60. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby, to award the low bid of \$232,800 to Husker Engineering contingent upon engineer's review of the bid figure calculations for the M Avenue bridge bank stabilization and grading project (#C02211505 Hubbard South). ROLL CALL VOTE: Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes, Giese- yes, Love- yes, Gill- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Robert Rapp, Dakota County Health Insurance Broker, presented information regarding the option for the County incorporating Teledoc into our Plan. It is a healthcare service that offers convenient, confidential access to quality doctors 24/7, anytime, anywhere with phone and video consultations. This service will cost the county \$1.25 per person per month, but should save the County money by employees avoiding the Emergency Room on weekends or the waiting room for non-emergency healthcare issues. Prescriptions can be issued. Information on how to set up an account will be sent to the County employees. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Chair Giese, to approve incorporating a Teledoc program option into the County's Healthcare Plan. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby- yes, Giese- yes, Love- yes, Gill- yes, Albenesius- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love explained the Law Enforcement Center's (LEC) request for a new heat pump. The LEC Board approved a bid for \$7,424 from Rasmussen Mechanical. The payment will be expended from the joint special equipment fund. The LEC Joint Agreement requires approval of any cost over \$5,000 also by City Council and County Board. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby, to approve the Law Enforcement Center expense for a heat pump in the amount of \$7,424. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese- yes, Love- yes, Gill- yes, Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, gave the Road Report for January 23 to February 5, 2022. Total road maintenance- 152 hours; tree/debris removal- 74 hours; garbage pickup- 17 hours; magnet- 13 hours, sign repair/barricading- 15 hours. Grading concerns: L Avenue, O Avenue, 270<sup>th</sup> Street, M Avenue. Grading M Avenue 2 times per week was discussed. Jolene said grader districts and operators are being reviewed and there will be possible changes.

Jail Report was unavailable.

Commissioner Gill moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby, to reappoint the following members to Planning & Zoning for a 3-year term of February 2022 to 2025: (1) Village of Hubbard – Ronald G. Collins; (2) Village/Rural Homer – Harold Moes and (3) Village of Jackson – Ron Gill. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love- yes, Gill- yes, Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes, Giese- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was had regarding projects using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding (\$3.9 million). Chair Giese informed the Board that the Final Rule clarified counties receiving less than \$10 million in relief funds were able to spend the funds for any project qualifying as government services such as road construction, infrastructure, culverts, bridges, and premium pay. Renovations to the courthouse building were discussed. The ARPA Committee has met and received ideas for many worthwhile projects. Chair Giese would like ARPA project discussion on each agenda. Commissioner Love thanked the Chair for putting the ARPA funding use on the agenda and glad to see it will be put to good use. He thinks premium should be considered as a number one use. Discussion was had to pay current only versus current plus terminated employees who worked March 2020 to March 2021; pay in lump sum or prorate per hours worked; change time frame; bring options to the next meeting. Commissioner Launsby thought all employees working during this time frame should be compensated. Randy Groetken thought employees no longer working here should be paid—more of a loyalty bonus. Randy Walsh said some employees left for COVID premium pay. MIPS is suggesting the premium pay be done as a separate payroll paid from the ARPA Fund. Commissioner Gill thought we should look at the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for projects. Commissioner Albenesius thought a list should be made by the Road Department of existing culverts and condition of the culvert. Commissioner Albenesius had over \$2 million in road projects.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Love and Launsby- LEC; Albenesius- P&Z. KNNB/Love – garbage being picked up on Hwy 20 was discussed.

Mail and/or Emergency Business: None

Chair Giese adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of February 7, 2022, at 4:13 p.m.

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Robert Giese, Chair

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Date signed

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Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary