

Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Monday, April 4, 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. 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 – March 21, 2022
 - b. Approval of payroll claims for March 20 to April 2, 2022
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator and Communications Assistant for Representative Adrian Smith, to provide an update from Representative Adrian Smith's Office.
 - b. Debbie Borg, Nebraska Advisor LS2 group Summit project team member, to provide an update on the Summit project and it's progress; address some FAQs that have come up at county board meetings and February open houses and answer questions.
 - c. Approve updated Federal Marshals contract for the purpose of addition to Jail.
 - d. Approve Shive-Hattery architects to move forward with the Jail addition construction documents.
 - e. Board to approve the following appointments to serve on the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Oversight Committee: (1) Richard McNear to complete the term of Jim Horak in Homer American Legion for term expiring December 2024; (2) Ronald G. Collins to replace Russell Rasmussen in Jackson American Legion for 5-year term expiring December 2025; and (3) reappoint Richard Wiseman as the Alternate for term expiring December 2025.
 - f. Approve Resolution 22C-008 to appoint Sheriff Kleinberg as the County Representative to serve on the NE 911 Governing Committee (PSAP).
4. MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
 - b. Approve Agreement with Concrete Plus to complete the work for the project awarded for North Bluff Road Repairs 2022 in the amount of \$163,126.25 for bid sections A and B.
 - c. Sheriff Kleinberg – monthly Jail Report
 - d. Approve or not approve renewal of the Street Sweeper Interlocal Agreement with the City of South Sioux City and City of Dakota City.
 - e. Approve project/s with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
 - f. Discussion regarding Weed Superintendent job opening.
 - g. Review the Veterans Service Officer Agreement with Dixon County.
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
 - a. Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NNCAP) Annual Report
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giese called for Public Comment on any item not on the agenda. There was none.

Chair Giese called for approval of the consent agenda—(a) approval of the March 21, 2022, minutes; (b) approval of payroll claims for hours worked March 20 – April 2, 2022. 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 – General Fund Employer: Gross Salaries-\$160,162.52; Net Pay-\$114,548.30; Total Retirement-\$11,139.26; Total FICA-\$11,887.26; Health Plan-\$40,500.00; Dental Plan-\$1,215.00; 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-\$1,800.98; Robin Hansen-\$1,280.00; Joan Spencer-\$2,367.92; Kathy Abbe-\$1,335.20; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,367.92; Maria Garcia-\$1,089.56; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,626.40; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,323.21; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,251.44; Samantha

Mitchell-\$1,237.60; Debera Benton-\$1,320.00; Christy Abts-\$2,367.92; Melissa Collins-\$1,577.60; Joseph O'Neil-\$576.92; Karen Jimenez-\$1,569.60; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,367.92; Louvontree Hunter-\$2,907.37; Debra Jensen-\$1,614.40; Casandra Pedroza-\$1,240.00; Kevin Hansen-\$2,331.56; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,255.20; Shaun Bird-\$1,949.80; Sergio Castillo-\$2,302.44; Timothy Decker-\$2,507.65; Brian Ellinger-\$2,364.80; Penny Epting-\$2,863.14; Brian Fernau-\$2,344.36; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,235.32; Brent Gilster-\$2,259.92; Martin Guerrero-\$2,330.73; Melvin Harrison III-\$2,302.56; Jason James-\$2,204.80; Douglas Johnson-\$3,619.17; Kimberly Johnson-\$522.59; Jared Junge-\$2,426.00; Christopher Kleinberg-\$2,583.09; Kevin Rohde-\$2,216.80; Mardi Schnee-\$1,121.60; Sarah Hammond-\$2,178.85; Shantel Krull-\$1,112.40; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,476.65; Kimberly Watson-\$3,697.27; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,236.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,802.42; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$1,572.48; Rebecca Broer-\$1,817.73; Kacie Brown-\$1,740.00; Ricardo Chavez-\$1,572.48; Lacey Clark-\$1,602.84; Leonardo Davalos-\$442.80; Alexander DeLeon-\$1,597.68; Elisabet DeRoin-\$1,869.36; Jesse Doelle-\$1,705.60; Lynn Fleming-\$1,528.80; Jonathan Gray-\$1,799.48; Carrie Griffen-\$1,506.05; Sara Gritten-\$1,572.48; Kara Groetken-\$1,812.34; Todd Hammer-\$2,296.80; Adam Hough-\$1,760.87; Brenda Irwin-\$1,794.40; Brandon Long-\$1,549.30; Jose Magana-\$1,593.48; Jacob McCollum-\$1,572.48; Skyler Miner-\$1,803.55; Keaton Mueller-\$1,558.90; Mark Nelson-\$1,907.00; Gregory Nyhof-\$1,806.00; Zoey Olson-\$1,549.80; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,747.20; Michele Rohde-\$1,456.00; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$1,554.35; Rebecca Schoep-\$1,600.68; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,177.46; Estrella Vazquez-\$1,558.90; Randall Walsh-\$2,412.84; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,020.14; Jolene Gubbels-\$1,465.60; Matthew Roost-\$375.00; Jana Adam-\$1,336.94; Yvette Aldana-\$1,448.18; Theresa Grove-\$2,269.23; Courtney Swick-\$1,408.00; Jacqueline Traum-\$1,279.26; Ruth Gillaspie-\$560.00; Willard Johnston-\$2,084.86; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,591.42; State Tax-\$5,726.16; Soc Sec-\$9,634.12; Medicare-\$2,253.14; Extra Fit-\$1,076.00; Extra Sit-\$140.00; Retirement-\$7,563.66; Makeup Retirement-\$0.00; Health Plan-\$2,350.00; Dental Plan-\$462.00; Colonial Health-\$264.48; Sheriff Union Dues-\$435.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$705.00; Garnishments-\$1,546.88; Flex Plan Medical-\$1,062.41; VSP Vision Prem-\$453.64; Legal Shield-\$112.11; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$111.63; VSP Vision Base-\$72.57; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$17,218.87; Net Pay-\$12,291.89; Retirement-\$1,162.29; Total FICA-\$1,266.90; Health Plan-\$4,500.00; Dental Plan-\$135.00; Life Insurance-\$22.06; Brent Byroad-\$1,923.20; Ryan Chambers-\$1,613.61; Paul Jerome Conley-\$608.64; Robert Hacker-\$1,625.60; Lance Jacobsen-\$1,601.60; David Kneiff-\$1,613.60; Kimon Litras-\$1,741.60; Dean Pallas-\$1,625.60; Tyler Pallas-\$1,601.60; Matthew Roost-\$1,662.22; Jared Vedral-\$1,601.60; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,228.32; State Tax-\$563.25; FICA-\$1,026.77; Medicare-\$240.13; Retirement-\$774.83; Health Plan-\$550.00; Dental Plan-\$63.00; Colonial Health-\$38.23; Garnishments-\$208.62; Road Union Dues-\$150.00; Legal Shield-\$22.88; Liberty National PreTax-\$35.23; Liberty National-\$0.00; VSP Vision Base-\$25.72; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:** Gross Salaries-\$1,552.95; Net Pay-\$1,114.41; Retirement-\$104.82; Total FICA-\$108.35; Health Plan-\$500.00; Dental Plan-\$15.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,552.95; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$68.10; State Tax-\$33.60; FICA-\$87.81; Medicare-\$20.54; Extra Sit-\$5.00; Retirement-\$69.88; Dental Plan-\$21.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$100.00; VSP Vision-\$15.66; Legal Shield-\$16.95; **Health Planning Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,470.86; Net Pay-\$1,150.31; Retirement-\$99.28; Total FICA-\$110.54; Health Plan-\$500.00; Dental Plan-\$15.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$0.00; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,470.86; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$77.94; State Tax-\$40.00; FICA-\$89.59; Medicare-\$20.95; Retirement-\$66.19; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision-\$4.88; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,252.80; Net Pay-\$709.17; Retirement-\$84.56; Total FICA-\$67.46; Health Plan-\$500.00; Dental Plan-\$15.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Sarah Anderson Deck-\$1,252.80; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** 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.

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator and Communications Assistant for U.S. Representative Adrian Smith, informed the Board that all congressional case work for the 3rd District residents to navigate federal red tape, goes through the Grand Island office. This office can help with citizenship, passport issues, etc. Congressman Smith is now the ranking Republican member on the Trade subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee which means protocol dictates Nebraska trade items/agreements have first consideration. Congressman Smith has introduced a bipartisan bill to allow pandemic tele-health to become a standard practice. Chair Giese asked if Congressman Smith could help with federal highway funding.

Debbie Borg, Nebraska Advisor LS2 group Summit project team member, introduced Grant Terry, Senior Project Manager. Several other team members were also present who work with non-environmental permitting. Mr. Grant stated Summit Carbon Solutions is working with over 30 ethanol plants across 4 states (IA, NE, SD, MN) to help them lower their carbon score and ultimately reach a net-zero carbon score in 10 to 15 years which would allow them to sell to the low-carbon fuel markets. They are working with contractors to finalize the construction methodology. All non-environmental permitting work is being completed. Chair Giese asked how they approach a landowner. Mr. Grant said a land agent would have an offer letter with a price per acre (easement) for the proposed route area and 3-year crop damage dollar amount and start negotiations. If an impasse is reached, Summit would look for a re-route—they do not have the right to enforce eminent domain. The pipe would be placed four foot underground. Mr. Grant replied to Commissioner Albenesius that the benefits of the project would be the tax revenue generated, keeping the price of corn strong, keeping ethanol plants viable. Summit makes money by keeping a piece of the ethanol company premium price and they receive a government tax credit. Commissioner Love asked when they would start talking with landowners—Mr. Grant stated they started talking with landowners last year and the reception is mixed. Risk analysis was discussed and placement of shutoff valves—24/7 monitoring with valves being able to be shut down within seconds. Mr. Grant stated the current route

The jail spent \$205,684.57 for the month of March—69% of yearly budget or ,65% under fiscal year budget. In March 2021, the jail had spent 71% of yearly budget. The Jail spent \$33,878.82 less than was allotted for March 2022 budget or 14% under budget for the month.

March Bookings:

DCSO:	42	DAKOTA COUNTY:	33
SSCPD:	43	OTHER NE:	30
NSP:	14	SIOUX CITY:	30
COURT/SELF:	0	OTHER IA:	20
FED:	13	OTHER STATES:	2
OTHER:	<u>3</u>	HOMELESS:	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	115	TOTAL:	115

Discussion was had regarding County usage of the Street Sweeper. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby, to not approve renewal of the Street Sweeper Interlocal Agreement with the City of South Sioux City and City of Dakota City. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese- yes, Love- yes, Gill- yes, Albenesius- yes, Launsby- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was had regarding ARPA projects. Chair Giese asked the Board to let him know at the next meeting if they wanted to approve monies for projects other than the County.

Discussion was had regarding the job opening for Weed Superintendent. An Ad will be placed for a part time seasonal position without benefits.

The Veterans Service Officer Agreement with Dixon County was reviewed. A proposed agreement requesting 37% of Dakota County VSO budget was suggested as that is the percent of 2020 veterans population in Dixon (361) versus Dakota (981) per GDY statistics.

Commissioner Committee reports: Love-Safety; Albenesius- Planning & Zoning.

Chair Giese adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of April 4, 2022, at 4:40 p.m.

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Robert J. Giese, Chair Date signed

Joan Spencer, County Clerk/Secretary