

Dakota County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
3:00 p.m. – Re-organizational Business Meeting  
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 having been said at the prior meeting. Present at Roll Call: Giese, Love, Van Berkum, Hohenstein, Launsby. Absent: None. Also present was Kim Watson, County Attorney and Cherie Conley, 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. RE-ORGANIZATION
  - a. Nominations for Chairperson §23-156
  - b. Nominations for Vice-Chair
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 – December 27, 2022
  - b. Board to approve the payroll claims for hours worked December 25, 2022, to January 7, 2023.
  - c. Approval of accounts payable claims if applicable
  - d. Renew Pop Machine Agreement between Dakota County Employee Association and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.
  - e. Approval to designate the following banks as depositories for Dakota County with the maximum deposit being governed by securities pledged by each institution: First Community Bank, Homer; F&M Bank, South Sioux City; First Nebraska Bank, Valley; BankFirst Bank, South Sioux City; Siouxland Bank, South Sioux City; Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln.
  - f. Approval of the date and time of regular Commissioner meetings as bi-weekly starting from today; start time as 3:00 PM. with meetings to be held on Monday, or Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday. Chair reserves the right to make exception for an unforeseen circumstance.
  - g. Approval and establishment of the following dates for County Holidays in 2023:

Jan 1, 2023-New Year's Day	Nov. 10, 2023-Veterans Day
Jan. 16, 2023-Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Nov. 23, 2023-Thanksgiving Day
Feb. 20, 2023-President's Day	Nov. 24, 2023-Day after Thanksgiving
May 29, 2023-Memorial Day	Dec 25, 2023-Christmas Day
July 4, 2023-Independence Day	3 personal days+birthday in birthday month (4 days)
Sept. 4, 2023-Labor Day	*non-bargaining employees
  - h. Approval and designation of the *Dakota County Star* as the legal newspaper of the County for 2023.
  - i. Approval of posting the Board's agenda on County website [www.dakotacountyne.org](http://www.dakotacountyne.org)
  - j. Approval and designation of County Government Day as Wednesday, October 11, 2023.
  - k. Approval of the Dakota County Burial Policy as revised January 30, 2017.
  - l. Approval of the following Department Head Appointments:
    - Willard Johnston, Veterans Service Officer
    - Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, License #S-1698, Class A, Calendar Year 2023
    - Deanna Hagberg, Emergency Management Director
    - Theresa Grove, Health Department Director
    - Tim Lamprecht, County Surveyor, re-appoint to 4-year term expiring January, 2027
    - Joe O'Neill, Planning & Zoning Director
4. NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS
  - a. Approve Resolution 23C-001 to make the appointment of the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency.

- b. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, semi-annual report showing receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer's Office for the last preceding six months ending December 31. §33-117(3)
- c. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, to inform the board regarding pledged collateral

5. OLD BUSINESS & MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent - Road Report
- b. Sheriff Kleinberg – Monthly Jail Report.
- c. Board Chair to make appointments for members/employees/public to serve on the following boards and working committees:

Advisors to Various Boards:

- ❖ Area Agency for Aged Advisory Board (3-yr term to 2024) – Lois Daniels
- ❖ Area Agency on Aging Governing Board
- ❖ County Health Board
- ❖ Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency Governing Board (Res.23C-001)
- ❖ Goldenrod Regional Housing Agency (formerly NE Nebr. Joint Housing Agency)
- ❖ Northstar (formerly Region IV Developmental Disabilities)
- ❖ NE Nebraska Community Action Partnership
- ❖ Planning & Zoning
- ❖ RC&D (Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council)
- ❖ Region 4 Behavioral Health Services Board
- ❖ SIMPCO Board of Directors
- ❖ SIMPCO Transportation MPO Policy Board

Member of Working Committee:

- ❖ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- ❖ Civil Defense (LEPC, PEP)
- ❖ Dakota County Rural Economic Development
- ❖ Emergency Closings
- ❖ Finance/Budget
- ❖ Growing Community Connections
- ❖ Highway 35 Committee
- ❖ KNNB (Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful)
- ❖ LEC (Law Enforcement Center)
- ❖ LEC (County Representative on the Joint Law Enforcement Center Board)
- ❖ Legislative
- ❖ Merit Commission
- ❖ Personnel/Policies
- ❖ Press Committee
- ❖ Property/Space Utilization
- ❖ Road Committee
- ❖ Safety Committee
- ❖ Storm Water Advisory Board
- ❖ Veterans Oversight Committee

- d. County Board shall make quarterly visit to county jail. §47-109

6. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giese called for nominations for Board Chairperson. Commissioner Launsby moved, seconded by Commissioner Love, to nominate Robert Giese as Board Chairperson (no other nominations were made). ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Giese called for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Love, to nominate Troy Launsby for Vice-Chair (no other nominations were made). ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Giese called for Public Comment. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, welcomed the new board members. She presented each Commissioner a copy of Resolution 22C-033 setting salaries for elected officials and deputies. She expressed her concerns regarding her deputies salary and the way raises are approved and given by the board.

Chair Giese called for approval of the consent agenda. Chair Giese did suggest that in the Pop Fund agreement the expenditure for funeral flowers be amended to \$60.00. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum, to approve the consent agenda: (a) Approval of the previous minutes – December 27, 2022; (b) Board to approve the payroll claims for hours worked December 25, 2022, to January 7, 2023; (c) Approval of accounts payable claims if applicable; (d) Renew Pop Machine Agreement between Dakota County Employee Association and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners amending the expenditure for funeral flowers to \$60.00; (e ) Approval to designate the following banks as depositories for Dakota County with the maximum deposit being governed by securities pledged by each institution: First Community Bank, Homer; F&M Bank, South Sioux City; First Nebraska Bank, Valley; BankFirst,

South Sioux City, Siouxland Bank, South Sioux City; Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT), Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln; (f) Approval of the date and time of regular Commissioner meetings as bi-weekly starting from today; start time as 3:00 PM with meetings to be held on Monday, or Tuesday if Monday falls on a holiday. Chair reserves the right to make exception for an unforeseen circumstance; (g) Approval and establishment of the following dates for County Holidays in 2023:\* Jan 1 – New Year’s Day, Jan 16 – MLK Jr Day, Feb 20 – President’s Day, May 29 – Memorial Day, July 4 – Independence Day, Sept 4 – Labor Day, Nov 10 – Veterans Day, Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Day, Nov 24 – Day after Thanksgiving, Dec 25 – Christmas Day and 3 personal days plus a birthday in birthday month (4 days) \*non-bargaining employees; (h) Approval and designation of the *Dakota County Star* as the legal newspaper of the County for 2023; (i) Approval of posting the Board’s agenda on County website [www.dakotacountyne.org](http://www.dakotacountyne.org); (j) Approval and designation of County Government Day as Wednesday, October 11, 2023; (k) Approval of the Dakota County Burial Policy as revised January 30, 2017; (l) Approval of the following Department Head Appointments: Willard Johnston, Veterans Service Officer; Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, License #S-1698, Class A, Calendar Year 2023; Deanna Hagberg, Emergency Management Director; Theresa Grove, Health Department Director; Tim Lamprecht, County Surveyor, 4-year term expires Jan, 2027; Joe O’Neill, Planning & Zoning Director. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes, Love-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**Payroll: General Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$183,494.27; Net Pay-\$132,651.47; Total Retirement-\$12,719.68; Total FICA-\$13,649.54; Health Plan-\$39,000.00; Dental Plan-\$1,170.00; Life Insurance-\$201.59; Robert Giese-\$1,222.32; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,176.07; Troy Launsby-\$976.07; Scott Love-\$1,176.07; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,176.07; Cherie Conley-\$2,427.10; Robin Hansen-\$1,360.00; Paola Ledesma-\$1,557.88; Kathy Abbe-\$1,375.20; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,427.10; Maria Garcia-\$1,134.40; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,643.79; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,363.20; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,283.20; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,274.40; Debera Benton-\$1,360.00; Christy Abts-\$2,427.10; Melissa Collins-\$1,635.20; Joseph O’Neil-\$576.92; Karen Jimenez-\$1,616.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,427.10; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,441.54; Debra Jensen-\$1,663.20; Johnette Gatzemeyer-\$1,280.00; Kevin Hansen-\$2,219.49; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,292.80; Shaun Bird-\$2,827.20; Timothy Decker-\$2,582.88; Brian Ellinger-\$3,149.74; Penny Epting-\$4,314.46; Brian Fernau-\$2,975.47; Tyler Fulkerth-\$3,101.80; Martin Guerrero-\$2,778.99; Melvin Harrison III-\$4,787.15; Jason James-\$3,092.41; Douglas Johnson-\$2,485.18; Kimberly Johnson-\$713.51; Jared Junge-\$3,118.50; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,032.22; Jose Magana-\$2,780.15; Gregory Nyhof-\$3,072.22; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,550.30; Mardi Schnee-\$1,158.81; Ryne Sell-\$1,280.72; Sarah Hammond-\$2,244.21; Shantel Krull-\$984.00; Melinda Sandvick (Wicks)-\$1,538.46; Debra Schmiedt-\$3,580.95; Kimberly Watson-\$3,789.66; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,280.00; Jacob Acero-\$1,821.87; Juan Fernando Aguilar-\$1,812.36; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,240.06; Shaelee Barreras-\$0.00; Gerardo Bautista-\$223.92; Rebecca Broer-\$1,900.92; Kacie Brown-\$1,778.34; Lacey Clark-\$2,207.52; Leonardo Davalos-\$578.46; Elisabet DeRoin-\$1,952.10; Jesse Doelle-\$1,705.18; Maria Francisco Pablo-\$932.05; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,361.52; Jonathan Gray-\$2,593.82; Nicole Gray-\$1,700.40; Sara Gritten-\$2,198.64; Kara Groetken-\$2,116.73; Todd Hammer-\$2,364.00; Zoey Henrichs-\$2,193.77; Adam Hough-\$1,757.02; Keith Johnson-\$1,903.45; Brandon Long-\$2,186.52; Jennifer Marquez-\$2,127.24; Skyler Miner-\$2,114.25; Keaton Mueller-\$2,212.32; Riley Navrude-\$338.88; Kelsey O’Neill-\$2,120.24; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,726.11; Adrian Ramos-\$1,679.40; Michele Rohde-\$1,500.00; Jerry Santos-\$1,679.40; Rebecca Schoep-\$2,241.00; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,944.73; Estrella Vazquez-\$2,097.50; Randall Walsh-\$2,485.23; Steven Zarate-\$1,143.93; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,080.80; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,020.31; Yvette Aldana-\$1,572.48; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,705.86; Theresa Grove-\$2,337.60; Rosa Rodriguez Romero-\$1,056.00; Courtney Swick-\$1,438.91; Willard Johnston-\$2,147.42; Nicholas Nieman-\$464.00; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$12,343.66; State Tax-\$6,555.21; Soc Sec-\$11,062.35; Medicare-\$2,587.19; Extra Fit-\$1,156.00; Extra Sit-\$210.00; Retirement-\$8,655.67; Health Plan-\$2,650.00; Dental Plan-\$462.00; Colonial Health-\$219.59; Sheriff Union Dues-\$420.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$1,240.38; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$957.31; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$403.80; Legal Shield-\$158.96; Liberty Nat’l Pretax-\$83.98; VSP Vision Base-\$83.31; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$17,847.16; Net Pay-\$12,568.89; Retirement-\$1,204.70; Total FICA-\$1,318.75; Health Plan-\$5,000.00; Dental Plan-\$150.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Brent Byroad-\$2,055.08; Paul Jerome Conley-\$1,729.60; Robert Hacker-\$1,765.60; Lance Jacobsen-\$1,729.60; David Kneifl-\$1,830.32; Kimon Litras-\$1,869.60; Vernon McFarland II-\$1,659.91; Dean Pallas-\$1,753.60; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,783.63; Jeffrey Stanwick-\$1,670.22; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,141.70; State Tax-\$602.20; FICA-\$1,068.79; Medicare-\$249.96; Retirement-\$803.11; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$84.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$35.10; Garnishments-\$542.31; Flex Plan Medical-\$25.00; Road Union Dues-\$175.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.34; Legal Shield-\$18.41; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$22.62; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,851.08; Net Pay-\$1,483.10; Retirement-\$106.29; Total FICA-\$139.64; Health Plan-\$500.00; Dental Plan-\$15.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Mohamud Ibrahim-\$276.38; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,574.70; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$85.12; State Tax-\$46.48; FICA-\$113.17; Medicare-\$26.47; Retirement-\$70.86; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision-\$4.88; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$900.00; Net Pay-\$781.76; Retirement-\$60.75; Total FICA-\$68.85; Kristin Robinette-\$900.00; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$0.00; State Tax-\$8.89; FICA-\$55.80; Medicare-\$13.05; Retirement-\$40.50;

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese, to approve Resolution 23C-001 to make the appointment of the County representative to the governing board of the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency as Commissioner Scott Love. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes, Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 23C-001  
RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT

DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AGENCY

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) has an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency (Agency), and;

WHEREAS, a resolution of appointment is required to appoint a County representative to the governing board of the Agency.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Dakota County, Nebraska, to appoint Scott Love, an elected and currently serving official of the County, to serve as the County representative on the governing board of the Agency.

Passed and approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, presented the 6 Month Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum, to approve chair to sign the 6 Month Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 as presented by the Treasurer. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-yes, Giese-yes, Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Bi-weekly Road Report for December 26, 2022 – January 7, 2022. Total road maintenance- 31 hours; overtime- 8 hours; tree/debris removal- 1 hour; snow removal- 227.5 hours; Grading concerns: M Avenue, Hwy 12 North Road and Old Hwy 20.

Chair Giese made appointments to serve on the following boards/committees:

<b>Appointments of Advisors to Various Boards</b>	<b>2023</b>
Area Agency for Aged Advisory Board (3-yr term to 2022-23-24)	Lois Daniels
Area Agency on Aging Governing Board	Robert Giese
County Health Board	Scott Love
Dakota County Public Safety Services Agency Governing Board (Resolution)	Scott Love
Goldenrod Regional Housing Agency (formerly NE Nebr Joint Housing Agency)	Joe O'Neill
Northstar (formerly Region IV Developmental Disabilities)	Troy Launsby
NE Nebraska Community Action Partnership	Timothy Decker
Planning & Zoning	Brian Van Berkum
R C & D (Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council)	Brian Van Berkum
Region 4 Behavioral Health Services Board	Marty Hohenstein
SIMPCO Board of Directors	Robert Giese
SIMPCO Transportation MPO Policy Board	Robert Giese
<b>Appoint Members to serve on Working Committees</b>	
<b><u>Name of working committee</u></b>	
Americans w/ Disabilities Act (ADA)	Kim Watson, County Attorney
Civil Defense/(LEPC,PEP)	Scott Love
Dakota County Rural Economic Development	Robert Giese
Emergency Closings	Kleinberg/Love/Hohenstein
Finance & Budget	Robert Giese & Martin Hohenstein
Growing Community Connections	Brian Van Berkum
Highway 35 Committee	Scott Love
KNNB (Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful)	Scott Love
LEC (Law Enforcement Center) Joint Board	Love/Launsby/At Large Randy Groetken
Legislative	Robert Giese
Merit Commission	Scott Love
Personnel/Policies	Scott Love & Martin Hohenstein
Press Committee	Robert Giese & Cherie Conley
Property/Space Utilization	Scott Love & Troy Launsby
Road Committee	Scott Love & Troy Launsby

Safety	Scott Love & Brian Van Berkum
Storm Water Advisory Board	Robert Giese
Veterans Oversight Committee	Marty Hohenstein

Commissioner Committee Reports: Hohenstein mentioned the City of South Sioux City will be having a special meeting regarding TIFs on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm. This meeting will be advertised in case there is a quorum. Giese informed that Zelle has 4 brokers interested in presenting health insurance options and it will take 4-5 hours so the meeting on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> will start at 8:30 am. Giese reported on the ARPA projects to inform the new members of prior projects, projects in the works and asked for any other project ideas. Giese informed that if any office has projects to get quotes and bring them to the board.

Commissioners Giese, Love, Van Berkum, Hohenstein and Launsby went on the quarterly jail tour pursuant to 47-109.

Chair Giese adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 9, 2023, at 3:45 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Robert Giese, Chair

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Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Secretary