

Dakota County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, September 18, 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, 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. 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 – September 5, 2023
  - b. Approval of payroll claims for September 3-16, 2023
  - c. Approval of payroll accounts payable claims
  - d. Approval of monthly accounts payable claims
  - e. Approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court
3. NEW BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS
  - a. Debbi Borg, with U.S. Senator Ricketts office, brief update.
  - b. Board to approve or not approve an increase in the base restricted funds of the 2023-24 County Budget by an additional 1% of \$64,711.00 for a total increase in restricted funds in the amount of \$226,489.99.
  - c. Board to approve or disapprove Resolution 23C-025 for the adoption and appropriations of the proposed 2023-24 county budget.
  - d. **3:05 p.m.** Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.
  - e. Board to approve or disapprove Resolution 23C-026 setting the County Property Tax Request at \$7,264,135.90. (2.810% increase).
  - f. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, requesting approval of Resolution 23C-027, Resolution 23C-028 and Resolution 23C-029 permitting additional pledged securities.
  - g. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, requesting the approval of Resolution 23C-030 and Resolution 23C-031 releasing pledged securities.
4. OLD BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS
  - a. Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension – Quarterly update
  - b. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – Road Report
  - c. Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent – requesting BOARD approval of the LPA Program Agreement – Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads – Project HSIP-STWD(203)
  - d. Discuss purchasing of property in front of County Road Shop – Hubbard
  - e. Board to approve or not approve waiving the bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act with regard to the emergency repairs needed on the Johnston Bridge. §23-3109 (2)
  - f. Board to discuss and approve or not approve the purchase of 2 crew cab pickups instead of the previously approved pickups due to the strike and availability.
  - g. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, to verify report on distress warrants to the county board and make an itemized report covering the amount uncollected. §77-1719.02
  - h. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, to report on the remaining parcels from County tax sale—delinquent and unsold parcels. §77-1918
  - i. Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, to report the list of parcels eligible for foreclosure through the County Attorney's Office.
    - It shall be the duty of the county board, at its first meeting held after the making of such report, to carefully examine the same, and while it may direct the issuance of tax sale certificates to the county upon any real property upon which there are any delinquent taxes, it shall, as to all real property upon which taxes are delinquent for three or more years, either enter an order directing the foreclosure of the lien of such taxes as provided in section 77-1901 or enter an order for the county treasurer to issue tax sale certificates to the county covering the delinquent taxes upon such real property, to be foreclosed upon in the manner and at the time provided in sections 77-1901 to 77-1918.
  - j. Approve or deny free flu shots for employees at the Dakota County Health Department.
  - k. Approve Chair to sign Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility (Transfer of Ownership) of the courtroom technology inventory items that the Nebraska Administrative Office of Courts and Probation purchased and installed pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding entered into.

- I. Discuss and approve or deny project/s with monies from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) relief funding.
  - Chairs for the County Attorney secretaries
  - RTI-Computer monitor for County Attorney office
  - Bousquet's A-Team quote to move Fire Hall AC unit
  - Mullin Awning & Siding – 10 more window shades
  - Jail water heater – Water Heater Products and Installation – Phoenix Plumbing
  - Board to discuss the painting of the old fire hall and courthouse exterior and the bidding process
5. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS
6. MAIL AND/OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS
  - County Government Day Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – See letter
7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Giese called for public comment about any item not on the agenda.

Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, asked if there were any updates on other prescription options, she informed that the interest earned on the ARPA money would be moved from the ARPA account to a checking account per the State Auditor.

Tony Staab, 2011 South Bluff Road, brought concerns to the Board regarding the Road Department making the ditches around his property steep and unable to mow due to the slope, mounds of dirt and debris. Commissioner's asked Highway Superintendent, Jolene Gubbels, about this project and she informed that the project is not finished. After further discussion Commissioner Love set up a meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm to meet at the road site with Brent Byroad and the Staabs to see what can be done.

Tony Gomez, Jackson NE, presented the Board with a book he had written about his life. *Journey of the American Dream Memories of an Immigrant by Antonio Gomez*. Father Matt from St Michael School explained Mr. Gomez is donating all the proceeds from the book sales towards paying off the new addition to the school.

Chair Giese called for approval of the consent agenda items. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein, to approve the consent agenda items: (a) Approval of the previous meeting minutes – September 5, 2023; (b) Approval of payroll claims for September 3-16, 2023; (c) approval of payroll accounts payable claims; (d) approval of monthly accounts payable claims; (e) approval of Officials Reports- Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Clerk of District Court. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**Payroll: General Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$173,359.33; Net Pay-\$123,555.55; Total Retirement-\$12,545.55; Total FICA-\$12,821.53; Health Plan-\$42,560.00; Dental Plan-\$1,520.00; Life Insurance-\$198.91; Robert Giese-\$1,222.35; Martin Hohenstein-\$1,176.20; Troy Launsby-\$976.20; Scott Love-\$1,176.20; Brian Van Berkum-\$1,176.20; Cherie Conley-\$2,427.12; Robin Hansen-\$1,360.00; Paola Ledesma-\$1,582.53; Kathy Abbe-\$1,375.20; Dawn Bousquet-\$2,427.12; Maria Garcia-\$1,127.31; Stephanie Gatzemeyer-\$1,675.20; Jalissa Hattig-\$1,363.20; Brenda Landaverde-\$1,231.07; Emily McNaughton-\$1,274.40; Debera Benton-\$1,360.00; Christy Abts-\$2,427.12; Melissa Collins-\$1,711.85; Joseph O'Neil-\$576.92; Karen Jimenez-\$1,616.80; Katherine Wiltgen-\$2,427.12; Louvontree Hunter-\$3,441.59; Debra Jensen-\$1,663.20; Samantha Mitchell-\$1,280.00; Rodney Soole-\$2,016.00; Tammy Dunn Peterson-\$1,292.80; Shaun Bird-\$2,524.69; Russell Briggs-\$0.00; Timothy Decker-\$2,582.88; Brian Ellinger-\$3,053.56; Penny Epting-\$2,836.67; Brian Fernau-\$2,532.47; Tyler Fulkerth-\$2,907.14; Jeremy Gilpin-\$2,494.93; Martin Guerrero-\$2,339.33; Melvin Harrison III-\$3,437.46; Jason James-\$2,468.25; Douglas Johnson-\$2,485.18; Kimberly Johnson-\$931.41; Jared Junge-\$2,445.60; Christopher Kleinberg-\$3,032.28; Jose Magana-\$2,321.56; Gregory Nyhof-\$2,459.82; Jonathan Romo-Rodriguez-\$2,356.74; Mardi Schnee-\$1,155.20; Ryne Sell-\$0.00; Joshua Townsend-\$2,332.93; Sarah Hammond-\$2,244.21; Shantel Krull-\$1,008.00; Melinda Sandvick (Wicks)-\$1,538.46; Debra Schmiadt-\$3,580.95; Kimberly Watson-\$3,789.70; Emma Wiebelhaus-\$1,280.00; Angelica Antonio Flores-\$2,039.04; Rebecca Broer-\$2,138.36; Ismael Castro-\$1,747.54; Timathey Chamberlain-\$497.38; Ruby De La Torre-\$1,794.56; Elisabet DeRoin-\$2,217.84; Jesse Doelle-\$1,759.00; Jennifer Fuentes-\$1,764.92; Jonathan Gray-\$2,367.32; Sara Gritten-\$2,047.85; Kara Groetken-\$2,189.82; Todd Hammer-\$2,433.60; Adam Hough-\$1,889.16; Terry Johnson-\$1,857.54; Nathan Jones-\$1,147.80; Brandon Long-\$2,580.46; Jennifer Marquez-\$910.34; Skyler Miner-\$2,175.41; Keaton Mueller-\$2,005.32; Kelsey O'Neill-\$2,543.48; Jaime Perez-Rojas-\$598.81; Kimberly Peterson-\$1,808.68; Adrian Ramos-\$1,868.28; Adolfo Raya-\$1,956.18; Michele Rohde-\$1,575.02; Angel Ruelas Hernandez-\$775.77; Jerry Santos-\$1,646.68; Rebecca Schoep-\$3,057.00; Jennifer Svendsen-\$2,771.35; Estrella Vazquez-\$3,066.32; Randall Walsh-\$2,485.23; Deanna Hagberg-\$2,080.80; Jolene Gubbels-\$2,174.74; Jana Adam-\$367.61; Jennifer Ankerstjerne-\$1,679.54; Theresa Grove-\$2,337.60; Courtney Swick-\$1,461.57; Nicholas Nieman-\$2,018.29; **General Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$11,509.28; State Tax-\$6,296.22; Soc Sec-\$10,391.30; Medicare-\$2,430.23; Extra Fit-\$1,191.00; Extra Sit-\$275.00; Retirement-\$8,693.90; Health Plan-\$3,250.00; Dental Plan-\$483.00; Colonial Health-\$219.59; Sheriff Union Dues-\$375.00; Colonial Life/Disability-\$54.00; Deferred Comp-\$1,315.38; Garnishments-\$1,331.06; Flex Plan Medical-\$957.31; Flex Dependent Care-\$208.33; VSP Vision Prem-\$381.96; Legal Shield-\$142.04; Liberty Nat'l Pretax-\$152.66; Liberty Nat'l Post tax-\$41.97; VSP Vision Base-\$104.44; **Road Fund Employer:** Gross Salaries-\$18,396.08; Net Pay-\$12,940.02; Retirement-\$1,241.74; Total FICA-\$1,365.03; Health Plan-\$5,600.00; Dental Plan-\$200.00; Life Insurance-\$24.61; Brent Byroad-\$2,055.08; Chad Cockburn-\$1,589.00; Robert Hacker-\$1,852.00; Lance Jacobsen-\$1,816.00; David Kneiff-\$1,840.00; Kimon Litras-\$1,956.00; Vernon McFarland II-\$1,816.00; Dean Pallas-\$1,840.00; Gunner Stanwick-\$1,816.00; Jeffrey

Stanwick-\$1,816.00; **Road Fund Employee:** Federal Tax-\$1,208.50; State Tax-\$637.00; FICA-\$1,106.31; Medicare-\$258.72; Retirement-\$827.83; Health Plan-\$450.00; Dental Plan-\$63.00; Colonial Health-PreTax-\$38.23; Colonial Health L/D-\$35.10; Garnishments-\$530.77; Road Union Dues-\$192.50; VSP Vision Prem-\$15.34; Legal Shield-\$61.81; Liberty National PreTax-\$6.50; VSP Vision Base-\$24.45; Health Planning Grant Employer 2502:; Gross Salaries-\$1,612.80; Net Pay-\$1,183.02; Retirement-\$108.86; Total FICA-\$122.65; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yvette Aldana-\$1,612.80; **Health Planning Grant Employee 2502:** Federal Tax-\$111.29; State Tax-\$63.67; FICA-\$99.40; Medicare-\$23.25; Extra Fit-\$50.00; Retirement-\$72.58; Dental Plan-\$0.00; Flex Plan Medical-\$0.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$9.59; **Health Program Grant Employer 2504:** Gross Salaries-\$1,589.60; Net Pay-\$1,237.75; Retirement-\$107.30; Total FICA-\$119.39; Health Plan-\$560.00; Dental Plan-\$20.00; Life Insurance-\$2.55; Yesica Saldana Cisneros-\$1,589.60; **Health Program Grant Employee 2504:** Federal Tax-\$86.46; State Tax-\$45.49; FICA-\$96.76; Medicare-\$22.63; Retirement-\$71.53; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Base-\$7.98; **Juvenile Services Aid Employer 2507:** Gross Salaries-\$1,512.50; Net Pay-\$1,225.84; Retirement-\$102.09; Total FICA-\$112.17; Kristin Robinette-\$1,512.50; **Juvenile Services Aid Employee 2507:** Federal Tax-\$33.28; State Tax-\$26.90; FICA-\$90.91; Medicare-\$21.26; Retirement-\$68.06; Dental Plan-\$21.00; VSP Vision Prem-\$25.25;

**Payroll Accounts Payable: General Fund:** Collection Service Center, garnishment-\$564.45; Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$273.59; Dakota County Dental Account, premium-\$2003; Dakota County Health Plan, premium-\$45,810.00; Fraternal Order of Police #49, union dues-\$375.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$12,700.28; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$194.63; Legalshield, premium-\$142.04; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$198.91; Mid-American Benefits, flex & dependent care-\$1,239.14; Nationwide Retirement Solutions, contributions-\$1,315.38; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$766.61; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$6,571.33; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$21,239.45; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$25,643.06; VSP, premium-\$486.40. **Road Fund:** Colonial Life & Accident, life insurance premium-\$73.33; Dakota County Dental Account, premium-\$263.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premium-\$6,050.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$1,208.50; Globe Life Liberty, premium-\$6.50; Legalshield, premium-\$61.81; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$24.61; Nebraska Child Support, garnishments-\$530.77; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$637.00; Nebraska Public Empl Local 251, union dues-\$192.50; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$2,069.57; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$2,730.06; VSP, premium-\$39.79. **Insurance Fund 1275:** Mid-American Benefits—premiums and claims-\$34,691.14. **Health 2502 Fund:** Dakota County Dental Account, premium-\$20.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$161.29; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$63.67; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$181.44; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$245.30; VSP, premium-\$9.59. **Health 2504 Fund:** Dakota County Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Dakota County Health Plan, premium-\$560.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$86.46; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$45.49; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$178.83; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$238.78; VSP, premium-\$7.98. **Juvenile Services Fund:** Dakota County Dental Account, premium-\$41.00; Federal Withholding, federal taxes-\$33.28; Dakota County Life Insurance, premium-\$2.55; Neb Dept of Revenue, state taxes-\$26.90; Ameritas Retirement, contributions-\$170.15; Social Security, FICA & MEDI-\$224.34; VSP, premium-\$25.25.

**Accounts Payable: General Fund:** Government Forms & Supplies, record binder-\$323.41; Pender Times, publications-\$1,015.94; Leaf, copier lease-\$78.02; US Bank, workshop-\$20.00; DAS State Acct, state printers-\$201.75; MIPS, monthly software-\$1,016.13; One Office Solution, office supplies-\$316.09; US Bank, workshop-\$20.00; Irene Van Lent, prior year service-\$16.00; Loffler, lanier contrat-\$580.53; One Office Solutions, supplies-\$95; Margie Rahn, prior year service-\$12.00; Christy Abts, reimbursement-\$434.82; Melissa Collins, reimbursement-\$91.35; Leaf, copier lease-\$112.50; MIPS, services-\$1,902.59; One Office Solutions, supplies-\$15.40; US Bank, postage, workshop, lodging-\$654.30; Leaf, copier lease-\$103.00; One Office Solutions, copies-\$22.54; Pender Times, publications-\$12.10; 2750 Sinking Fund, computer upgrades-\$25,000.00; GovDirect, deputy vehicle computers-\$9,802.65; Marco Technologies, probook laptop, desktop computer-\$2,026.00; RTI, IT support-\$4,628.10; MIPS, services-\$128.90; One Office Solutions, copier lease-\$35.18; Kathy Wiltgen, mileage-\$97.46; Marco, copier lease-\$349.60; Microfilm Imaging System, scanning-\$177.00; Nebraska Law Review, subscription-\$70.00; Dakota County Treasurer, petty cash-; US Bank, misc, supplies-\$210.13; Leaf, copier lease-\$65.00; One Office Solutions, copier lease-\$167.55; Dakota County Court, court fees-\$1,850.50; Dakota County Sheriff, papers, warrants-\$666.08; District Court, court costs-\$578.00; Randy S. Hisey, atty fees-\$2,337.00; Douglas Roehrich, atty fees-\$458.20; Richard Thrumer, atty fees-\$261.25; Robert Wichser, atty fees-\$7,095.12; Des Moines Stamp, stamp-\$43.00; US Bank, workshop-\$20.00; A-Ox Welding supply, s cyl lease-\$50.45; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$205.50; Easkes Office Solutions, cleaning supplies-\$205.82; G & R Controls, accessed system for treasurers office-\$150.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster service-\$194.99; Jay-Lan Lawn Care, fertilizer & weed control-\$465.00; JF Ahern Co, sprinkler inspection-\$339.00; Menards, building & shop tools-\$119.69; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$422.56; NPPD, utilities-\$1,804.17; TK Elevator, elevator maintenance-\$7.60; Tremby, pest control-\$55.00; US Bank, trash bins-\$147.14; Wilmes Hardware, misc, ground & building supplies-\$303.21; Angela Abts, reimbursement-\$328.81; Julie Boyle, reimbursement-\$178.29; Leaf, copier lease-\$103.00; Mary Ann Lussier, reimbursement-\$24.64; One Office Solution, copier maintenance-\$211.63; Tammy Peterson, reimbursement-\$64.19; PMRNRD, monthly rent-\$750.00; UNL Print & Copy Services, banner-\$752.83; AT&T, phones-\$720.72; AutoZone, misc, supplies, materials-\$58.75; Berkins Fire Safety Serv, annual maintenance-\$168.90; Billion, vehicle repair-\$292.43; Burt County Sheriff, safety equipment-\$1,000.00; Linda Carson, prior year service-\$11.00; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$7,697.21; Consolidated Management Co, sheriff training-\$373.25; Crystal Oil, fuel-\$172.48; Fremont Tire, tire repairs-\$54.00; HNH Auto Repair, vehicle repair-\$1,429.96; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$4,514.20;

NLETC, firearm training-\$400.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, breath analysis-\$33.35; Riverstone Bank, final payment- 2021 vehicle-\$12,457.75; Sandhills State Bank, 1st payment- 2023 vehicle-\$18,197.49; Team Trouble Chaser Graphics, vehicle repair-\$350.00; TransUnion Risk & Alternative, search services-\$127.40; Tri-State Communications, law enforcement equipment-\$666.45; US Bank, training, law enforcement equip, fuel, misc-\$2,022.67; Wilmes Hardware, supplies-\$1.99; Woodhouse, vehicle equipment-\$148.95; Chesterman Co, misc-\$32.00; Marco, copier lease-\$255.25; Nebraska.gov, records-\$32.00; US Bank, phones-\$72.70; Jack's Uniforms, safety equipment-\$597.50; A Team Heating & Cooling, reset unit-\$134.00; Ace/Refrigeration Eng, repair-\$224.70; Advanced Correctional Healthcare, on-site medical service-\$10,583.25; AT&T, phones-\$93.74; Bob Barker, supplies-\$1,300.86; Charm-Tex, supplies-\$427.60; City of Dakota City, utilities-\$2,545.08; City of So Sioux City, fuel-\$266.58; Cumms Central Power, jail repair-\$2,760.12; Dept of Correctional Serv, inmate boarding-\$15,983.61; Easkes Office Solutions, prisoner supplies, janitorial supplies, misc-\$3,403.18; Gill Hauling, dumpster service-\$467.56; GRP, disposal-\$52.00; Jack's Uniforms, uniforms-\$2,535.85; JC Roofing, jail roof repair-\$180.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$268.12; NPPD, utilities-\$4,271.06; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, shower/toilet repairs-\$4,822.20; Star Printing/ Studio B Graphics, mail stamp-\$80.00; Summit Food, food & beverages-\$26,007.04; Trembly, pest control-\$100.00; US Bank, medical, janitorial supplies, bldg repair, office supplies-\$1,208.33; Wells Fargo, office equipment-\$504.92; Wilmes Hardware, tools-\$67.70; City of So Sioux City, pickup fuel-\$63.48; US Bank, meals-\$153.73; US Bank, office supplies, workshop-\$219.90; Verizon, phones-\$42.84; Civil Engineers & Constructors, county survey services-\$560.00; Pender Times, publications-\$143.75; Jennifer Ankerstjerne, reimbursement-\$50.97; Availability, medical billing-\$125.00; Andrea Harrington, colorpalooza reimbursement-\$15.00; Jorge Ivan Hernandez, colorpalooza reimbursement-\$40.00; Marco Technologies, copier lease-\$228.02; McKesson, medical supplies-\$189.65; Mr. Tunes, colorpalooza music-\$350.00; Sanofi Pasteur Inc, medical supplies-\$2,555.01; US Bank, supplies, colorpalooza ads, misc-\$2,970.60; Dr Thomas Wentz, consulting physician fee-\$250.00; Nike Nieman, mileage-\$205.67; One Office Solutions, copier lease-\$29.04; US Bank, business cards-\$34.99; US Bank, online legal research-\$374.00; Cass County Sheriff, summons-\$52.58; DAS State Acct, payroll/acct payable-\$150.00; Digital Ally Inc, 3 antenna-\$252.00; Electronic Engineering, monthly monitoring-\$29.95; Fibercomm, phones system-\$756.08; Groves Emergency Lighting Installation, vehicle equipment-\$3,033.00; Kustom Signals Inc, 2 egale, 3 radar-\$2,742.64; MercyOne, monthly EAP-\$210.90; MIPS, payroll/acct payable-\$668.75; NE DHHS Beatrice Development Center, institutions-\$276.00; NE DHHS Lincoln Regional Center, institutions-\$276.00; Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA, monthly usage-\$164.00; One Office Solutions, letter, juv dept supplies-\$2,451.14; Pender Times, publications-\$82.90; Region 4 Behavior Health, qrt 2 mental health-\$11,059.50; US Bank, .org domain renewal, signs, misc-\$259.22; US Postal Service, monthly postage-\$3,000.00; **Road Improvement 802:** inter fund transfer-\$402.50; **Road Fund:** Axles & Gears Inc, parts-\$710.43; Bomgaars, shop supplies, oil & grease-\$268.10; Bosselman Pump & Pantry, fuel-\$3,704.95; Easkes Office Solutions, misc, cleaning supplies-\$162.22; Emerson Heritage, fuel-\$91.27; Equipment Blades, grader blades-\$8,200.00; Fremont Tire, tires-\$1,901.00; Gill Hauling, dumpster service-\$130.89; Grossenburg Implement, rental tractor-\$1,000.00; H204U, water service-\$89.50; Industrial Tools & Mach, tools-\$111.39; J&J's Pronto, fuel-\$598.21; Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, parts-\$19.32; K&K Hubbard Mini Mart, fuel-\$241.81; L.G. Everist, gravel-\$24,257.15; LINDBLUM, bathroom services-\$110.00; Matheson, oxy/acetylene-\$135.40; Arnie Mellick, prior year service-\$13.00; MidAmerican Energy, utilities-\$12.60; Midwest Svc & Sales, traffic signs, blades-bits-\$8,399.50; Midwest Wheel, supplies-\$232.45; NPPD, utilities-\$91.93; Northeast NE Telephone, phones-\$142.44; Northeast Power, energy usage-\$355.54; O'Reilly Auto Parts, parts, supplies, oil/grease-\$141.61; Pomp's Tire Service, tires-\$601.65; Power Plan/ Murphy, shop supplies, parts-\$5,287.86; Robertson, parts-\$1,164.49; SAPP BROS, fuel, propane, misc-\$10,492.81; Sioux City Truck Sales, shop supplies, parts-\$1,894.87; Siouxland Hydraulics, parts-\$40.87; Steffen Truck Equip, parts-\$10,131.96; Stephan Welding Inc, steel products-\$35.00; US Bank, misc-\$186.54; Veenstra & Kimm, old hwy 20 traffic study-\$1,488.00; Verizon Connect, GPS-\$476.95; Verizon Wireless, phones-\$82.85; Village of Emerson, electricity-\$40.09; Warren Oil, diesel-\$11,837.00; Wilmes Hardware, shop supplies-\$884.63; Ziegler's, parts, labor-\$569.03; **Road & Bridge Improvement:** Veenstra & Kimm, N Bluff paving phase 2023-\$402.50; **Visitor Promo:** SSC Chamber of Commerce, visitor promo-\$34,295.60; **P&M Fund:** Microfilm Imaging System, data processing equipment-\$210.00; MIPS, MIPS software-\$611.86; **Health Dept Program Grants 2504:** US Bank, office supplies, website, misc-\$5,332.17; Verizon, phones-\$82.85; **2507 Juvenile Grant:** Community Monitoring Service, family support-\$2,470.50; Owens Educational Serv, electronic monitoring-\$275.00; **DCHD Covid fund 2508:** Ford Motor Credit Company, lease payment-\$912.16; US Bank, fuel, network-\$102.60; **ARPA Fund:** Associated Fire Protection, jail fire alarm equip-\$8,473.60; Curry Floor & Assoc, dakota co treasurer repair-\$3,205.00; Dakota Co Treasurer, fortiERD licenses-\$4,800.00; Hot Water Products, water heater-\$8,170.24; Mullin Awning & Siding, 36 window shades-\$8,640.00; Once Office Solutions, furniture installment, chair-\$1,109.50; Pender Times, publications-\$143.18; Phoenix Plumbing, changing out water heater-\$1,497.53; R.Rohan Electric, moved power from pole-\$1,989.00; RTI, BICSI certified cat 6 data runs-\$529.65; US Bank, door cabinet for chemicals, chairs-\$1,770.01; **Public Safety 2960:** Fund 7850 RFD Sales Tax, Rural Fire Dept collection-\$35,325.78.

Debbie Borg, Agriculture & Northeast Nebraska Outreach Director with U.S. Senator Ricketts office passed out her business card and stated she is this areas outreach person and will be holding a mobile office hour in case anyone wants to visit and bring issues to the Senator. She informed that the Senator has a weekly article assessable online, and he is introducing the flex fuel fairness act.

Chair Giese asked for the approval or non-approval of an increase in the base restricted funds of the 2023-24 County Budget by an additional 1% of \$64,711.00 for a total increase in restricted funds in the amount of \$226,489.99. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein, to approve increasing the base restricted funds of the 2023-24 budget by an additional 1% in the amount of \$64,711.42. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes, Love- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein, to approve Resolution 23C-025 for the Adoption and Appropriations of the Proposed 2023-2024 County Budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese- yes, Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 23C-025 OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Dakota County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

Chair Giese opened the public hearing at 3:25 p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayer relating to setting the Final Tax Request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Cherie Conley, County Clerk, provided information stating that the tax request is \$7,265,915.40 - a 2.2% increase from last year's tax request. The valuation increased 9.600% and the tax request causes the levy to be set at \$0.301082 a -6.173% decrease. No taxpayer comments. Chair Giese closed the hearing at 3:26 p.m.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum, to approve Resolution 23C-026 setting the County Property Tax Request at \$7,265,915.40. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-yes, Giese-yes, Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 23C-026  
SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of the Dakota County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Dakota County, resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 General Fund property tax request be set at \$7,265,915.40.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.600%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.292782 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Dakota County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.301082 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Dakota County will decrease last year's budget by -5.023 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 16, 2023.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Giese to approve Resolution 23C-027, Resolution 23C-028 and Resolution 23C-029 permitting additional pledged securities. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese-yes, Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 23C-027  
APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that BANK FIRST be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust  
Pledge Cusip # 429827AS7  
Amount \$2,000,000.00  
Maturity Date 1/1/2044

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23C-028  
APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that BANK FIRST be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust  
Pledge Cusip # 429827AS7  
Amount \$1,000,000.00  
Maturity Date 1/1/2044

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23C-029  
APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

WHEREAS, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that BANK FIRST be permitted to Pledge the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust  
Pledge Cusip # 63941DAD3  
Amount \$1,000,000.00  
Maturity Date 3/25/2067

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2023.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Resolution 23C-030 and Resolution 23C-031 releasing pledged securities. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 23C-030  
APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES RELEASE**

**WHEREAS**, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

**WHEREAS**, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that BANK FIRST be permitted to Release the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust  
Pledge Cusip # 63940AC4  
Amount \$400,000,000.00  
Maturity Date 07/26/2066  
Date Pledged 4/28/2023

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

**RESOLUTION 23C-031**

**APPROVAL OF PLEDGED SECURITIES RELEASE**

**WHEREAS**, the County Treasurer may deposit in any bank, capital stock financial institution, or qualifying mutual financial institution of the county in which she is treasurer in excess of the amounts authorized in §77-2318 and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plus the maximum amount of the bond given by such bank; and

**WHEREAS**, the following depository secures the deposits by giving security for excess funds as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act as authorized in §77-2318.01:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Dakota County, Nebraska, that **BANK FIRST** be permitted to Release the following securities, held in escrow by the Dakota County Treasurer (trustee) to secure deposits in the County in said bank, to wit:

Union Bank & Trust  
Pledge Cusip # 63941DAD3  
Amount \$1,000,000.00  
Maturity Date 03/25/2067  
Date Pledged 8/31/2023

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

Angela Abts, Nebraska Extension Office, thanked the Board for work on the budget. Ms. Abts reported that the Extension Office has been busy this summer with summer schools, fairs and many programs. The Ag Festival had 97 students from surrounding schools attend. Brenda Sale and Julie Boyle continue with their educational programs.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, presented the Road Report for September 3 - 16, 2023. Total road maintenance- 259 hours; overtime- 2 hours; culvert/road projects- 92 hours S Bluff Rd, 10 hours on R Ave; gravel hauling- 42 hours; total tons hauled- 776.28; sign repair/ barricading- 5.5 hours. Gravel concerns- 180<sup>th</sup>, S Ave, Saddle Ln, 170<sup>th</sup> St, E Ave, 230<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion regarding R Avenue and the Johnston bridge. Trees have been cleared and MM road is being cleaned up and open to gain access to a corn field.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, explained the request for Statewide Stop Sign program and the County has about 156 signs to replace. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approval of the LPA Program Agreement – Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads – Project HSIP-STWD(203). ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes, Love-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, is requesting the County consider purchasing property in front of County Road Shop to use for storage. A survey and map was provided. It would be approximately 1.357 acres. Currently the county mows this piece of property. We would need to give the Birkley/Utech owners an easement / road to their field. Commissioner Love will reach out to the landowners to see how much they would want for this piece of property.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, expressed concerns regarding the emergency need to repair Johnston bridge as it is currently closed to heavy equipment and should emergency vehicles need to get to the property on the other side of the bridge, they wouldn't be able to. The engineer thinks it will be around \$100,000 to repair this bridge back to a 10 ton bridge. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve waiving the bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act with regard to the emergency repairs needed on the Johnston Bridge. §23-3109 (2). ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein-yes, Launsby-yes, Giese-yes, Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Jolene Gubbels, Highway Superintendent, explained that the 2 pickups ordered back in March 2023 were backordered until June and they are still not done and with the strike not sure when they would be ready. Currently the State Yard has 2 crew cab pickups ready to go for an additional \$2092 per truck. Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby by approve purchasing the 2 crew cab pickup truck that are ready for pickup paid for from the ARPA funds for the additional costs instead of the previously 2 ordered trucks. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby-yes, Giese-yes, Love-yes, Van Berkum-yes, Hohenstein-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, presented verification of the 2022 Distress Warrants as returned by the Dakota County Sheriff totaling \$60,409.33, and the list of 2 parcels to be stricken. Chair Giese moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum, to approve the Dakota County Treasurer 2022 Distress Warrants report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese- yes, Love- yes, Van Berkum- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Launsby-yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, reported on the remaining parcels from the County Tax Sale—delinquent and unsold parcels: 220273748, 220005370, 220024219, 220072744, 220058253, 220073007, 220073716. All the parcels are over 3 years delinquent. Back taxes with interest are required to be paid. Ms. Bousquet did inform the Board that when at conference all Treasurers were informed of LB272 and advised to wait on foreclosing. No action was taken by the Board.

Dawn Bousquet, Treasurer, presented the list of parcels eligible for foreclosure through the County Attorney's Office: 220068518, 220055610, 220042977, 220016127, 220027358, 220049831, 220150036. Again, due to LB272 no action was taken by the Board.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to approve the Dakota County Health Department to offer free flu shots to county employees. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese- yes, Love- yes, Van Berkum- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Launsby- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve Chair to sign Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility (Transfer of Ownership) of the courtroom technology inventory items that the Nebraska Administrative Office of Courts and Probation purchased and installed pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding entered into. ROLL CALL VOTE: Love- yes, Van Berkum- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Launsby- yes, Giese- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

ARPA projects were discussed.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the County Attorney's Office request to purchase new desk chairs (7) from Eakes Office Solutions using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Launsby- yes, Giese- yes, Love- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve the County Attorney's Office request to purchase one new monitor for an attorney from RTI using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Hohenstein- yes, Launsby- yes, Giese- yes, Love- yes, Van Berkum- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Hohenstein moved, seconded by Commissioner Launsby to approve the A-Team Heating and Cooling moving the air conditioning unit at the old firehall up off the ground using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Launsby- yes, Giese- yes, Love- yes, Van Berkum- yes, Hohenstein- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve ordering 10 more window shades from Mullin Awning and Siding using ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Giese- yes, Love- yes, Van Berkum- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Launsby- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Love moved, seconded by Commissioner Van Berkum to approve paying for the new water heater already installed in the jail from Hot Water Produces and paying the installation costs from Phoenix Plumbing Inc. from ARPA funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Van Berkum- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Launsby- yes, Giese- yes, Love- yes. UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion regarding painting of the old fire hall and the courthouse was discussed. The Board feels it necessary to bid the project out as a whole and therefore sealed bids will be needed as the anticipated cost will most likely be over \$50,000.

Commissioner Committee Reports: Commissioner Love reported that Bousquet has removed trees on Dove Trail/Golf road and some road work will be done to help with water control. He complimented Rodney Soole on the good job he's doing with the building and grounds. Commissioner Van Berkum asked if name tags could be obtained to help identify them when attending meetings. Commissioner Launsby attended LEC meeting and budget was approved. Commissioner Giese attended a meeting regarding updates on health insurance at 6 months and he attended an NRD meeting.

County Government Day will be Wednesday, October 11, and Commissioner Van Berkum will present. No mail and/or emergency business.

Commissioner Van Berkum moved, seconded by Commissioner Hohenstein to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Chair Giese adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting of September 18, 2023, at 4:39 p.m.

Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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Robert J. Giese, Chair

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Cherie Conley, County Clerk/Board Secretary