

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
April 4, 2023 – 9:30 A.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held April 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Jason Sinsel, Heath Hofstetter, Larry Landstrom, Robert Swanson, and Nathan Avery. Absent was James Miller. Also present were County Clerk Myra Johnson, Melodie Bellamy Co. Attorney, Randy Smith Hwy Supt., Craig Lupkes Emerg. Mgr., Scott White Co. Sheriff and Cindy Ramsey of the Minden Courier.

Detailed Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting are available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office.

The Board of Commissioners took the following action:

- Approved minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting on March 21, 2023.
- Approved Bills and Claims, March payroll and Hospital Taxes. (See below)
- Approved the County Clerk and Clerk of the District Court Fee Reports for March, 2023.
- Reviewed the Co. Sheriff quarterly report ending March 31, 2023.
- Brent Stewart and Jason Sinsel will perform the quarterly jail visit.
- Drivers License examiners were discussed. Kearney County will not have an examiner until mid May. Correspondence will be written to our State representative encouraging help in getting more examiners so that the County residents do not have to drive to other counties for their licenses.
- Bids were received from: Sorensen Group, Inc - \$332,701 - Completion estimate October 2023 and R.W. Sorensen Construction, Inc. - \$187,248 - Completion estimate September 2023 for the Courthouse Restroom renovation. The low bid was accepted from RW Sorensen Const. Inc.
- Met with James Widdifield, Minden School Supt. and Sandy Pohl, East Elementary Prin. concerning the upcoming school bond election on May 9th for 29.5 million dollar bonds.
- Met with Randy Smith, Road Supt. concerning road matters.
- Met with Dan Schwarzkopf and Cody Krull from the Jones Group. They presented a health insurance plan for county employees from Medica with an approx. 7.5% decrease in premiums. The County's renewal is July 1, 2023. No action was taken at this time as the County waits for their renewal rates from Blue Cross.
- Met with Craig Lupkes, Emergency Manager. The contract with Nebraska Safety and Fire Equipment was renewed.
- Met with Larry Evans, Mayor, Richard Calkins, Attorney, Minden Fire Department and Rural Fire Department concerning combining the two departments under one levy. This was for information purposes and no action was taken at this time.
- Met with Melodie Bellamy, Co. Atty., concerning revisions to the employee handbook that has not been updated since 2019. After discussion, the handbook committee will meet again on some of the employee benefits and bring their suggestions back to the Board.
- Adjourned the Board of Supervisors meeting at 1:20 p.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman
Kearney County
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Myra Johnson
Kearney County Clerk

Kearney Co. Payroll
Joe Anderson, Weed Supt.

GENERAL FUND

March 2023	\$218,772.77
Cell Ph.	30.00

Melodie Bellamy, County Atty.	Cell Ph.	30.00
Black Hills Energy	Ut.	1,076.62
Carquest/Landmark Impl.	Pts	35.52
City of Minden	Ut.	1,495.55
Crk of the Dist. Ct. Kearney Co.	Fees	108.00
Comm. Action Ptnsp of Mid-NE	Senlow Bus	1,298.17
D & M Security	Sv.	75.00
Aaron J. Dahlgren, Hosp. Bd Trustee	Sv.	100.00
Digital-Ally	Equip.	380.00
Eakes	Su.	176.84
Elec. Sys. & Software Inc.	Su.	2,620.92
Eletech Inc.	Sv.	193.71
First Concord Benefits Grp, L.L.C.	Self-Fund Ded.	3,100.04
First Concord Benefits Grp L.L.C	Fees	25.00
Tana M Fye Henry Fye Law Office	Sv.	200.91
Great Plains Comm.	Sv.	326.28
Jeff Hanson, Hosp. Bd Trustee	Sv.	100.00
Rhonda Herrick, Ext. Educ.	Mil.	380.26
Hometown Leasing	Lease	124.10
Kearney Co. Health Serv.	Sv.	3,861.49
Kearney Co. Rd & Bdge Fund	Transfer	96,500.00
Kearney Co. Road Dept.	Fuel	63.47
Kearney Co. Sheriff's Fund	Fees	51.45
Kearney Co. Treas., Jody A. Payne	Title	15.00
Stephen J. Koenig, dba Koenig Invtg. Agy.	Sv.	159.50
Madison Natl. Life	Ins.	951.30
Mason's Supermarket	Su.	142.67
Richard McBride, Hosp. Bd Trustee	Sv.	100.00
Bryan McQuay, Dep. Co. Atty.	Cell Ph.	20.00
Midwest Radar & Equip.	Equip.	280.00
Minden Exch. Bank and Trust Co.- ACH	Fees	20.50
Minden Hdwe.	Su.	44.45
Minden Office Supply	Su.	1,096.49
MIPS, Inc.	Sv. & Sup.	2,736.03
Stephen Olson, Hosp. Bd Trustee	Sv.	100.00
Precision Roller	Su.	323.90
Presto-X	Ext.	73.45
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Ptg. Mach. Lease	894.96
Secretary of State – Elec. Div.	Su.	10.00
Soarin Group, LLC	Sv.	1,514.00
Sam Stadler, Hosp. Bd Trustee	Sv.	100.00
Syndicate Publ.	Publ.	101.06
Verizon	Sv.	101.64
Village of Axtell	Mirage Tnshp. Library Ins.	1,513.00
Cheryl White	Witness Fees	66.20
Scott K. White Co. Sheriff	Fuel	133.50
Woodward's Disp. Serv., Inc.	Sv.	<u>31.68</u>
	TOTAL	\$341,655.43

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Kearney Co. Payroll	March 2023	\$81,620.57
Black Hills Energy	Ut.	618.40

Carquest/Landmark Imp.	Pts & Su.	2,509.46
CHS – Petro Direct Ship	Oil/Grease	3,211.35
City of Minden	Ut.	69.78
Great Plains Comm.	Sv.	125.46
J & A Traffic Products	Su.	1,416.00
Landmark Impl. Inc.	Pts	186.79
Lawson Prod. Inc.	Su.	357.02
Logan Contractors Supply	Su.	2,206.00
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Su.	743.74
Michael Todd & Co. Inc.	Grader Blades	3,541.50
Mid-NE Aggregate Inc.	Grav	1,037.69
Minden Hdwe	Su.	13.96
NAPA All Makes Auto Supply	Su.	480.97
NMC Exch., L.L.C.	Pts & Su.	607.94
Randy Pracht, Road Mech.	Cell Ph.	30.00
Presto-X	Ext.	57.63
Quality Sound & Comm.	Rent	42.00
Sahling Kenworth Inc.	Pts	156.21
Randy Smith	Cell Ph.	30.00
Southern Power Dist.	Sv.	481.60
State of NE Dept of Rev., Motor Fuels Div.	Fuels	753.00
Wilcox Util. Dept.	Ut.	30.38
	TOTAL	\$100,327.45

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND

MIPS Inc.	Sv.	\$279.14
	TOTAL	\$279.14

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

Anderson Ford of Lincoln	Sheriff Cruiser	\$44,906.00
Axtell Public Library	Annual Fdg	3,000.00
Minden Office Supply	Bdroom Chairs	5,174.08
911 Custom	Equip.	1,539.39
	TOTAL	\$54,619.47

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

CenturyLink	Sv.	\$459.75
	TOTAL	\$459.75

COMMUNICATIONS FUND

Kearney Co. Payroll	March 2023	\$18,812.00
City of Minden	Ut.	141.20
Great Plains Comm., Inc.	Sv.	73.92
Minden Office Supply	Chair	904.00
State of NE DAS Central Fin.	Teletype	448.00
	TOTAL	\$20,379.12