

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
May 16, 2023 – 9:30 A.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held May 16, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners’ Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Jason Sinsel, Heath Hofstetter, Larry Landstrom, James Miller and Robert Swanson. Absent was Nathan Avery. Also present were County Clerk Myra Johnson, Randy Smith Hwy. Supt, Melodie Bellamy Co. Attorney, 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 May 2, 2023.
- Approved Bills and Claims. (See below).
- Approve Duplicate General Fund check 22120169 12-20-2022 to Anisha Kuehn for \$35.00.
- Approve Pledged Security for \$1,000,000.00 for the Imprest Account.
- County Clerk Myra Johnson gave an update on the results of the Minden School Bond Special Election. For Bonds 702 and Against Bonds 1024 with 1 overvote. 57% turnout with the cost at approx. \$11,000.00.
- Discussion was held on the proposed merger between Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation Dist. and Dawson Public Power Dist. Comments were made from the following:
For the merger: Scott Dickie – Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Water Service Manager
Cory Steinke – Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Hydraulic Project Operations Manager
Dudley Nelson – Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Board Member
Dave Nelson – Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Board Member
Dave Rowe –Central Nebraska Public Power & irrigation District Board President
Opposed to merger: Matt Wells – Axtell – Citizens Opposed to Merger Member
Robin Hinrichs – Axtell – Farmer
Brad Lundeen – Wilcox – Farmer
Gale Lush – Wilcox - Farmer

The Board adopted a resolution to oppose the merger of the two Public Power Districts.

- The Board discussed the presentations that were previously presented by the Jones Group for Medica Ins. and NACO for Blue Cross Ins. for county employees. After feedback from county employees, the Board approved staying with Blue Cross for the FY 23/24 with a \$2600 deductible and a buy down to a \$500 deductible through First Concord. The county will pay for single coverage for health and dental for the employee and 75% of the dependent coverage. The cash in lieu option will be raised from \$425 to \$500 per month for employees who have insurance provided elsewhere.
- Adopted a resolution for the revised Employee handbook to be effective June 1, 2023.
- Adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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

ATTEST:
/s/ Myra Johnson
Kearney County Clerk

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
AT&T Mobility	Sv.	\$339.36
Accredited Security	Su.	1,358.60
Anderson, Klein, Brewster & Brandt	Sv.	1,700.50

Melodie Bellamy, Co. Atty.	Cell Ph.	30.00
Beyke Signs Inc.	Sv.	900.00
Black Hills Energy	Ut.	129.08
Buffalo Co. Sheriff	Fees	27.50
Carquest/Landmark Impl.	Su.	229.91
Comm. Action Ptnsp. of Mid-NE	Senlow Bus	1,447.32
Dana F. Cole & Co.	2022 Audit Sv.	7,000.00
Dewald Deaver L'Heurex PC LLO	Sv.	3,158.14
Dier, Osborn, Cox, PC, LLO	Sv.	351.50
Digital-Ally	Equip.	4,055.00
Eakes	Su.	400.43
Marsha E. Fangmeyer	Sv.	693.50
Fifth Street Prtg	Su.	51.00
First Concord Benefits Grp, L.L.C.	Self-Fund & Fees	460.32
Franklin Co. Clerk	Elec. Su.	1,200.00
Shelly Gibbins, Ext. Office Mgr	Su.	263.27
Great Plains Comm.	Sv.	87.47
GWorks	Sv.	12,422.00
Integrated Sec. Sol.	Sv.	137.00
Jacks Uniforms & Equip.	Uniform	147.89
Glenda Jacobsen	Elec.	78.00
Kearney Co. Pub. Def., Jeffrey P. Ensz	April 2023 Exp.	1,230.21
Marcia Krueger	Elec.	78.00
Brenda Martin-Christensen	Elec.	78.00
Mason's Supermarket	Su.	369.78
Bryan McQuay, Dep. Co. Atty.	Cell Ph.	20.00
Minden Exch. Bk & Trust Co.	Su.	272.22
Minden Hdwe.	Su.	12.82
Minden Lawn and Sprinkler, LLC	Sv.	115.00
MIPS Inc.	Su.	522.13
NE Assoc. of Co. Officials	Regis.	250.00
Pedley Drug Store	Su.	14.19
Pritchard & Abbott, Inc.	Sv.	170.00
Quality Sound & Comm.	Rent	378.00
Quill Corp.	Su.	139.98
S.A.F.E Center	Annual Fdg	2,500.00
Deborah A. Schwenka	Elec.	78.00
State of NE DAS Central Fin.	Sv.	30.88
Thomas Stewart, Atty at Law	Sv.	513.00
Cody Struss, Sheriff Dep.	Su.	38.68
Syndicate Publ.	Publ.	378.76
Thomson Reuters – West Publ..Corp.	Su.	4,060.00
Univ. of NE Ext. – Kearney Co.	Su.	1,418.21
UNL Print & Copy Serv.	Su.	241.01
Verizon	Sv.	101.58
Scott K. White, Co. Sheriff	Su.	94.94
	TOTAL	\$49,773.18

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Broadfoot Sand & Grav. Co., Inc.	Gravel	\$3,600.00
Carquest	Pts	2,497.23
CHS – Petro Direct Ship	Oil	2,349.00

Eakes	Su.	76.12
First Concord Benefits Grp LLC	Self-Fund/Ded.	90.80
Jim's OK Tire Store L.L.C.	Tires	3,397.12
Kearney Co. Health Serv.	Sv.	70.00
Landmark Impl. Inc.	Pts/Su.	69.70
Medical Ent., Inc.	Fees	75.00
Mid-NE Aggregate Inc.	Gravel	5,635.96
Midwest Serv. and Sales Co.	Su.	11,500.00
Minden Courier	Subs.	65.00
Minden Hdwe	Su.	9.96
Minden Machine Shop	Su.	705.44
NMC Exch. LLC	Pts/Rep.	2,080.08
Raynor Garage Doors of Central NE	Rep.	1,023.20
Tri-County Glass Inc.	Sv.	<u>1,175.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$34,419.61

INHERITANCE TAX

GWorks	Sv.	\$22,500.00
911 Custom	Equip.	<u>2,500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$25,000.00

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND

CenturyLink	Sv.	\$81.00
CenturyLink	Sv.	<u>71.07</u>
	TOTAL	\$152.07

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE
HOLDING FUND**

GeoComm Inc.	Sv.	<u>\$16,021.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$16,021.00

COMMUNICATIONS FUND

CenturyLink	Sv.	\$9.69
Cummins Sales and Serv.	Rep.	435.71
Great Plains Comm.	Sv.	135.00
NE Tech & Telecomm.	Sv.	507.98
State of NE DAS Central Fin.	Teletype	<u>30.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,118.38