

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
KEARNEY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
January 2, 2024 –9:30 A.M.

A Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kearney County, NE was held January 2, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse in Minden, NE. Present were Chairman Brent Stewart and Board Members Jason Sinsel, Heath Hofstetter, James Miller, Robert Swanson and Larry Landstrom. Absent was Nathan Avery. Also present were County Clerk Myra Johnson, Jody Payne County Treasurer, Jennifer Pittner Assessor, Melodie Bellamy Co. Attorney, Scott White Co. Sheriff and Cindy Ramsey from 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 for the reorganizational meeting:

-Elected Brent Stewart, Chairman and Larry E. Landstrom as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2024.

-Adopted a resolution to authorize the Kearney Co Treasurer to invest surplus funds.

-Approved the applications of Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co. of Minden NE, First Bank & Trust Co. of Minden, NE, First State Bank of Axtell, NE, Cornerstone Bank of Wilcox, NE to serve as depositories for Kearney County funds for 2024.

-Approved the Regular Meeting days of the Kearney County Board of Commissioners to be as follows: the first Tuesday after the first Monday, and the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Kearney County Courthouse, Minden, NE in 2024.

-Approved the following holidays for 2024 that the Kearney County Courthouse will be closed. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 15, President's Day - February 19, Arbor Day - April 26, Memorial Day - May 27, Juneteenth National Independence Day-June 19, Independence Day - July 4, Labor Day – September 2, Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day - October 14, Veteran's Day -November 11, Thanksgiving - November 28 & 29, Christmas – ½ day December 24, December 25, ½ day December 31, New Year's – January 1. And any other Federally declared day of observance.

-The following appointments were made by the Board of Commissioners for 2023.

-KEARNEY COUNTY DOCTOR – Dr. Andy Craig

-KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF TRUSTEES – RE: Section 23-3502, R.R.S., Nebraska, 1943 (**6 Year Terms**): Trustees and expiration of terms are as follows: Steve Olson (January – 2026); A.J. Dahlgren (January – 2028); Sam Stadler (January – 2030); Jeffrey Hanson (January – 2030); and Dick McBride (January – 2026).

-KEARNEY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Craig Lupkes, County Emergency Management Director; Amy Hickenbottom, County Emergency Management Deputy Director; Vacant, Duty Officer; Melodie Bellamy, County Attorney; Myra Johnson, County Clerk; and the entire Board of Commissioners.

-FORT KEARNY PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (3 Year Terms) – Members and expiration of terms are as follows: Michael D. Hauff (January – 2025); Jane Kuehn (January – 2026) and Grant Newbold (January – 2027). Supervisor Nathan Avery serves as the County Board Liaison to the Fort Kearny Preservation, Restoration and Development Board.

-KEARNEY COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTION COMMITTEE (4 Year Terms) – Marcy Brandt, Minden, Nebraska (January – 2027); Eugene Hunt, Kearney, Nebraska (January – 2027); Linda Ard, Minden, Nebraska (January – 2027); Holly England, Axtell, Nebraska (January 2025); and Jennifer Kinerk, Wilcox, Nebraska (January – 2025).

-KEARNEY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (3 Year Terms) – Members to the Kearney County Planning Commission and expiration of terms are as follows: Terry Buettner – January 2027; Jody Casper – January 2027; Patty Lundeen – January 2027; Kevin Raun – January 2025; Tom Anderson – January 2025; John M. Kuehn – January 2026; and Malcom Dornhoff – January 2026.

-KEARNEY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 Year Terms) – Members are as follows:

Regular Members – David McCroden-January 2025, Mike Miller-January 2025,

Thomas Meisenbach-January 2026 and Dale Blum-January 2026.

Alternate – David Raffety; Representative from the Planning Commission – Patty Lundeen
-**APPOINTED OFFICIALS (calendar year 2024)** – Randall Smith/Hwy. Supt., Joe Anderson/Weed Supt.
Planning Zoning Floodplain, Veteran Service Officer/Phil Heun, Emergency Manager/Craig Lupkes, Rebecca
Miller/Child Support Attorney.

-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMM.-Chairman, James Miller, Robert M. Swanson; Nathan Avery, Highway Supt.
Randall Smith.

BOARD OF EQUAL.- Robert Swanson, Chm; Nathan Avery, Vice Chm. & entire Board of Commissioners

BILLS AND CLAIMS COMM.- James W. Miller, Chairman; Jason Sinsel, Nathan Avery

BONDS AND INSURANCE COMM.- James Miller, Chairman; Robert M. Swanson, Nathan Avery

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE –James Miller Chm., Larry E. Landstrom, Heath Hofstetter

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - - Brent Stewart, Chairman; the entire Board of Commissioners

PAYROLL COMMITTEE – Larry Landstrom, Chairman, Brent Stewart, Heath Hofstetter

APPOINTED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE – Brent Stewart Chairman, Nathan Avery, Robert Swanson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023

REGION III GOVERNING BOARD - - Larry Landstrom

MID-NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL SERVICES, INC. (Local & Regional) – Heath Hofstetter

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF MID-NEBRASKA - - Nathan Avery

TWO RIVERS HEALTH DEPARTMENT - - Heath Hofstetter

BUDGETS, VALUATIONS AND LEVIES - - Larry Landstrom, Chm. and entire Board of Commissioners

BLOCK GRANTS - - Entire Board of Commissioners

SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING – Robert M. Swanson

CENTRAL COMM. COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL - - Robert M. Swanson

TRI-BASIN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT LIAISON MEMBER -Jason Sinsel

EXTENSION BOARD LIAISON – Jason Sinsel

SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Robert Swanson, Repr. Heath Hofstetter, Alt.

KEARNEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Larry Landstrom, Repr, Heath Hofstetter, Alt

KEARNEY CO. PERSONNEL AND HANDBOOK COMM.- Brent Stewart, Chm., Myra Johnson, Jody
Payne, Scott K. White, Randall Smith, Melodie Bellamy, Jennifer Pittner, Jill Fritson

KEARNEY CO. HEALTH SERVICES LIAISON MEMBER - - Brent Stewart

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REPRESENTATIVES - - Brent Stewart, Chairman; Randall
Smith, Scott K. White

MINDEN JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD - vacant

KEARNEY CO. SAFETY COMM.- Joe Anderson Chairman; Craig Lupkes, Doug Kring, Randy Smith, Ryan
Gibbins, Shelly Gibbins, James W. Miller, Amy Ingraham

VETERANS’ SERVICE COMM.(Effective Dates to June 30) – Members and expiration of terms are as
follows: Gary Smidt – June 30, 2025; Robert Thompson – June 30, 2024; James M. Kuehn – June 30, 2022;
Matt Cavanaugh– June 30, 2026; and Ron Knaus – June 30, 2023. Board Liaison is Nathan Avery. Phil Heun
serves as the Veterans’ Service Officer for Kearney County, Nebraska.

TECHNOLOGY COMM.- Joe Anderson (Weed Department, Planning & Zoning), Amy Ingraham (Clerk’s
Office), Entire Board (Supervisor), Laura Tobiassen (Clerk Magistrate’s Office), Jill Fritson (Clerk of the
District Court Office), Jennifer Miller (Sheriff’s Office), Shelly Gibbins (UNL Extension Office), Jody Payne,
(Treasurer’s Office), Jennifer Pittner (Assessor’s Office), Randall Smith (Road Department), Melodie
Bellamy(Co. Attorney)

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Jason Sinsel, Larry Landstrom, Myra Johnson, Brent Stewart

CENTRAL NEBRASKA DRUG COURT – Nathan Avery

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE – Heath Hofstetter, Melodie Bellamy, Larry Landstrom,
Randy Smith

-Approved Fee Schedules -

-County Sheriff Fee Schedule

Finger Print: \$5.00

Photocopies: \$2.50

County Clerk Fee Schedule

Copies: \$.25

Copies Faxed: \$1.25

Pictures (disc): \$10.00

Work Release: \$10.00 per day

Additional: \$6.95 for ankle monitor

Copies Mailed: \$1.00 first page

: \$.25 each additional page

-Approved Roberts Rules of Order as the rules by which the meetings of the Kearney Co. Board of Commissioners shall be governed.

-Approved the mileage rate of \$.67 per mile set by the IRS and the Department of Administrative Services effective January, 1, 2024. The Sheriff is entitled to charge an additional \$0.03 per mile for serving papers and orders.

- The Minden Courier is designated as the official Kearney County Newspaper for 2024 and to post the Board Meeting dates on the Kearney County website calendar.

-Set the hours for the County offices in the Courthouse M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

-Adjourned the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:10 a.m.

/s/ Brent Stewart, Chairman

Kearney County

Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Myra Johnson

Kearney County Clerk

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