February 4th, 2025 Antelope County Board of Commissioners Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairperson, Charlie Henery with the following board members in attendance: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henery. Williby and Jacob were absent. Chairman stated that the open meeting laws are posted on the east wall of the Commissioner's Meeting Room with more copies available at the County Clerk's Office.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the three (3) county newspapers, legal newspapers printed and in general circulation in Antelope County, Nebraska as shown by proof of publication filed in the County Clerk's office. The agenda for said meeting was sent to all members of the County Board of Commissioners.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Kebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve agenda as presented. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 14th, Board of Commissioner Meeting and Minutes of the January 14th, Board of Equalization Meeting: items were tabled as most of the Board in attendance was not present today, both will be on next week's agenda

Correspondence was Reviewed: Agenda, Antelope County Museum Roof bid summary; copy of oversize permit, copy of promotional requests from Orchard Power Lifting \$350.00; Department of Environment and Energy Thiele Dairy Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation; Roger Synovec letter, Nebraska Judicial Branch letter regarding Clerk of the District Court Office; copy final of resolution and agreement with State of Nebraska – realignment of County Road; copy of Resolution opposition to mandatory Electronic Identification Livestock Tags; Lease agreement-Clearwater lot; CAT & John Deere track loader rent/lease price presentation for shoulder machine bobcat; shoulder machine – purchase summary; pictures of surplus property Road and Bridge is presenting for auction/selling; Bobcat – advertising brochures; table top exercise active shooter report post exercise; Bobcat Brochures, 811 Excavation Safety Summit flyer; tabletop exercise review.

Receipts:	\$505.20	Road & Bridge	Roadrunner Iron & Metal LI	LC .
-	\$2,536.36	Road & Bridge	Alter Metal Recycling	
	\$22.06	General	Overpayment Refund	
	\$32.17	General	Overpayment – Taxes	
	\$250.00	Road & Bridge	Spud Trucking LLC	Bill of Sale – Semi for parts

Public Comments: Chairman called for public comment x 3. No comments voiced. Correspondence from Roger Synovec was acknowledged.

Promotional Fund: Orchard Power-Lifting Club submitted a request for funding of their annual lift competition to be held on April 4th and 5th, 2025. Request was submitted by Jeff Shabram. The Antelope County Visitor Committee approved the application on or about January 13th, 2025. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve and pay promotional fund to Orchard Powerlifting Club. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion carried.

Bank of Elgin: - Depository: The Bank of Elgin did not have their resolution completed and returned for the January 14th, 2025, meeting. Today it is presented with \$250,000.00 for County Deposits. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve Bank of Elgin as a 2025 Antelope County Depository. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion carried.

Janitorial Report: Marlene Schindler, Antelope County Courthouse Janitor met with the Commissioners regarding recent and ongoing medical issues. She may have to have back surgery and is wondering if her daughter, Mikayla could 'take her place' during and while recovering. She is not completely sure of her treatment or how much time or if she will need treatment. She is seeing her doctor next Monday and may have more definitive plans for her treatment. The Commissioners requested her to meet with them again next week. No action today.

9:15 AM: Museum Roof Bids: During the January 14th, 2025, meeting bids were opened for the re-roofing of the Antelope County Museum Building located at 410 L Street, Neligh. At that time six (6) bids were opened and reviewed. The Building Committee consisting of Commissioners Henery and Jacob met with Boyd Pedersen to review the submitted bids. Discussion. The Building Committee recommended the bid proposed by Guarantee Roofing, however, presented some questions regarding disposal, the wall above the storage area leading to the roof on the main building, and replacement of downspouts. Will and Matt Fischer, from Guaranteed Roofing were in attendance to answer questions. The bid currently has the removal and disposal of the current roofing system and they do not believe we will be able to appreciate a price break in handling the debris ourselves. The crack on the upper wall will be covered as per the original bid and discussion. Some material that may be loose or not tightly adhered to may be knocked off so as to make the covering adhere and cover better. The Fischer Brothers recommend the replacement and updating of the downspout system to ensure the system is adequate to remove excess water from the roof. Their timeline is mid-June to mid-July. Motion by Commissioner Krebs to accept Guaranteed Roofing and Sheet Metal vill be available to get through those rough patches in the meantime at no extra cost to the County. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Dittrich. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion carried.

Summit Carbon Solutions: Brent Niese and Ben Fuller met with the Commissioners regarding an update on the CO₂ Pipeline. No action taken.

9:52 AM Project Updates-Brian McDonald:

- Heithoff Culverts: 2-10foot culverts a motion is needed to advertise for procuring and placement. It will be about 500 feet of dirt work along with approximately 2 feet of road buildup on the culverts. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to authorize advertising of the project. Preliminary, Mr. McDonald is estimating a \$200,000.00 project. Commissioner Dittrich did volunteer the County can use the clay/dirt pit on the Borer property that is in the proximity to the current project. The County may also be available for hauling. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion carried.
- County Bridge Matching Program: County Line Bridge Project (with Knox County) (west of Highway 14) culvert plans are available 80-foot precast slab. Currently, we are waiting for NDOT to review the culvert plans for approval. (Project 433). Two (2) miles north and one (1) mile west of Royal. The current regulations on bat requirement is that during construction season (April 1st-September 30th) no structures can be removed in case there are bat habitats. Mr. McDonald will be working with NDOT to expediate the plans to be able to remove both structures (bridge decks) before April 1st. He will be in touch with receipt of the authorization from NDOT, so (with permission from NDOT) these decks can be removed before any bat inhabitation.
- Bridge on half mile road east of Elgin (1.25 miles north of Meis'-by Starman's) trying to improve the approach to the intersection. The road was built on a bad angle. Hoping to get this project and get culvert plans ordered.
- Intersection north of Tilden draft plan is started. Mr. McDonald is hoping to release the east of Elgin Bridge and Tilden north project bid in the next couple of months.
- No further report.

Road Superintendent Report:

Clearwater Lot: Mr. Kluthe presented a request for a lease agreement, signed by Kevin Filsinger for the 'leasing' of the lot west of the Clearwater Barn. The County intends to lease this area for material and borrow storage. Mr. Kluthe has been working with Mr. Filsinger and the parties have agreed on an annual lease payment of \$1,200.00 a year. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve and authorize signing of lease agreement. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.



Oversize Permit: Borsheim Crane Service submitted an oversize permit for a crane to move to a tower, utilizing 527th Avenue south 0.25 miles to 836th Road west 2 miles to 525th Avenue south 1.5 miles to access road. Mr. Kluthe reported this has been completed on Friday, he had no issues and no issues were encountered. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve the oversize permit as submitted. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.

Shouldering Machine: Antelope County Road and Bridge has been 'leasing' a shouldering machine since June of 2024 at \$5,000.00 a month from Murphy Tractor. The salesperson, Jake Ryba recently visited with the Road Superintendent and stated that the majority of their lease programs go for six (6) months. Since the current lease is past the six months mark, the equipment may be sold by any sales representative at any time. Mr. Kluthe is wondering what the Commissioners' plan is for this machine. Today, Murphy presents a quote to pay \$52,000.00 applying \$40,000.00 of rent lease payments. Referring to the purchasing act we believe items over \$50,000.00 need three (3) like bids. The shouldering machine being a 'specialty item' would be an exception. In addition, the Road Superintendent believes this bid to be a Sourcewell bid. Discussion of the obligation of the County to fulfill the requirements of the purchasing act/Sourcewell. The clerk will research what needs to happen. Follow-up to be next week.

Surplus Property: Road Superintendent, Leigh Kluthe presented multiple pictures of equipment, and surplus items that he believes will need to be sold this spring – unless he hears otherwise from the Commissioners. All agreed the surplus-obsolete items need to continue to be cleared. Two-1000 gallon diesel tanks (Tilden Barn). No action.

Lean-To on Tilden Barn: Mr. Kluthe reports the lean-to on the Tilden Barn has been removed. It has improved the area greatly.

Graders: Mr. Kluthe reports he will list the following equipment numbers for auction. Graders: #5102 140 G Orchard (Jim Bright's when needed); #1102 (140H) Brunswick; #1103 (772 JD). Hopefully get these go to Auction Time auction in March-April.

Surplus material: Mr. Kluthe reported he has multiple groups of stringers, used culverts (24), bridge planks. He plans on grouping these items and advertising them for sale through the website, and local newspapers with sealed bids. The Commissioners seemed to be in favor and encouraged continued 'clean up.'

Culvert Bids: Mr. Kluthe discussed with the Commissioners regarding advertising for culverts. He will prepare a list of needed culverts and present it next week for authorization for bid letting.

Skid Loader: Mr. Kluthe presented 'lease' contracts for leasing a skid loader for the year. John Deere and CAT both presented a 250-hour yearly lease. The yearly lease for Johne Deer 331 p-Tier Compact Track Loader from Murphy: \$10,000.00. The yearly lease for CAT 2024 299D3 XE Compact Track Loader (more horsepower) is \$10,800.00. Discussion of properties of both units. The Commissioners discussed purchasing of a bobcat to use with the shouldering machine. The Commissioners requested Road Superintendent to get the purchase information for continued discussion next week.

Evaluations: Mr. Kluthe continues to work on employee evaluations.

10:27 AM: Opposition to Mandatory Electronic Identification Livestock Tags: Dave Wright met with the Commissioners regarding the resolution to prevent the identification of cattle. He states there is talk of this to be able to 'track' the consumer meat from birth – slaughter even as far as to table. He states it is currently voluntary if they are identification tagged. Mr. Wright believes this is a way for the government to track the product and be able to use this information against the rancher. Like monitoring (and possibly limiting) numbers of cattle in a certain area. He believes the end consumer is going to capitalize on this. (i.e. upcharge because they can say locally raised, etc.) The Commissioners requested time to talk with the County Attorney for review and authorization. No action today.

Zoning Administrator Report:

- Administrative Plat: Currie Acres: Mrs. Wingate presented a 3.20+/- Acre tract plat for Currie Acres. The placement of this tract is on the west line of the SW1/4SW1/4 Section 8, Township 23, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Mrs. Wingate reports all setbacks have been met, and there are not any notable issues. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve administrative plat as submitted. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.
- Administrative Plat: Chris Moser: Mrs. Wingate presented an 8.47+/- Acre tract plat for Chris Moser. The placement of this tract is on the east line of the NE½NE½ Section 23, Township 25, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Mrs. Wingate reports all setbacks have been met as there are no buildings, access is good, and there are not any notable issues. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Dittrich to approve administrative plat as submitted. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.
- No further report.

Sheriff Moore met with the commissioners on a couple of issues.

- In recent months, Sheriff Moore has been discussing with Region 26 and Wheeler County Sheriff about assuming the dispatch duties of the Wheeler County sheriff's office. He states the Sheriff has reported there has been multiple times where he has been on a call and radioed for information and the have put him on standby for a surprising amount of time. The sheriff reported there are several counties locally who have joined call centers. He stated he has called the entities that support the radio, and it is very doable. There will be no financial cost to Antelope County, and the call volume for Wheeler County is less then a quarter of the calls Antelope County currently reicieves. During these negotiations and reviews Motorola stated Antelope Counties radio system is (10-years) close to life expectancy, and the Sheriff will be looking at an update which will probably be in the ballpark of \$200,000.00+/-. Negotiations will be over a year or so. The Wheeler County Budget for the dispatch center is \$64,000.00+/-. Discussion. Sheriff does not believe he will not need additional staff or equipment than what is needed to run Antelope County Communication Center. Motion is made by Commissioner Dittrich acknowledging and approving the Count Sheriff to continue negotiations and discussion in pursuit of an agreement. Motion is seconded by Commissioner Krebs. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.
- The sheriff was finally able to hire a full deputy crew. However, this causes a patrol vehicle shortage. He has talked with the local salvage dealer, and they were able to locate a rebuilt 2021 Dodge Pickup with 16,000 miles. He has checked with NIRMA and they are able to insure the vehicle with a salvage title. He stated he will drive the salvaged vehicle and will pass his vehicle to the deputy. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Dittrich, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve the search to purchase a fixed and salvage title vehicle from local dealer, knowing the cost to exceed \$10,000.00. Voting aye: Krebs, Dittrich, and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Commissioner Dittrich seconded by Commissioner Krebs to adjourn. Voting aye: Dittrich, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Williby and Jacob were absent. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.	ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS By:	
	Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery	
	Attest: County Clerk, Lisa Payne	
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