January 2nd, 2024 Antelope County Board of Commissioners Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Charlie Henery with the following board members in attendance: Jacob, Heithoff, Williby and Henery. Krebs was 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 Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve agenda as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Heithoff, Williby and Henery. Krebs absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 12th, 2023, Board of Commissioner Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve minutes of the December 5th Board of Commissioner Meeting. Voting aye: Jacob, Heithoff, and Henery. Krebs absent. Williby abstains. Nays none. Motion carried.

Correspondence was Reviewed: Audit Service Request advertisement; Northeast Nebraska Area on Aging letter regarding appointment of Duane Esau; Bud's Sanitation information-solid waste management (was emailed prior to meeting); Veterans Service Officer Annual Report; Bid Tab for Intersection Paving; Union Bank and Trust Antelope Memorial Hospital Bond Statement for end of November; Certificate of Liability JJK Construction x 2.

Board of Equalization: Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Williby to open as Board of Equalization. Voting aye: Jacob, Heithoff, Williby and Henery. Krebs absent. Nays none. Motion carried. Met for approximately four (4) minutes. Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Williby to close as Board of Equalization and go back to regular session. Voting aye: Jacob, Williby, Heithoff, and Henery. Krebs absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

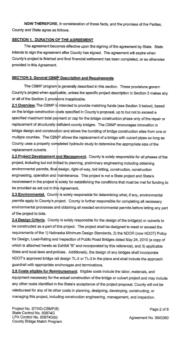
Quarterly Jail Inspection: Commissioners Heithoff and Williby will conduct Jail Inspection after todays meeting.

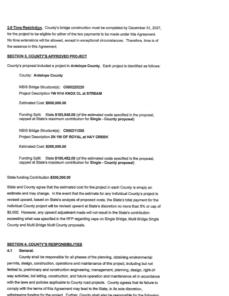
NCDHD Advisory Board: on the Recommendation of the North Central District Health Department a motion was made by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Williby to appoint Dean Smith of rural Antelope County to the North Central District Health Department Advisory Board. Voting aye: Jacob, Heithoff, Williby, and Henery. Krebs absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Northeast Nebraska Area Agency of Aging: Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to appoint Duane Esau to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a three-year term as requested by the Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging. Voting aye: Jacob, Heithoff, Williby and Henery. Krebs absent.. Nays none. Motion carried.

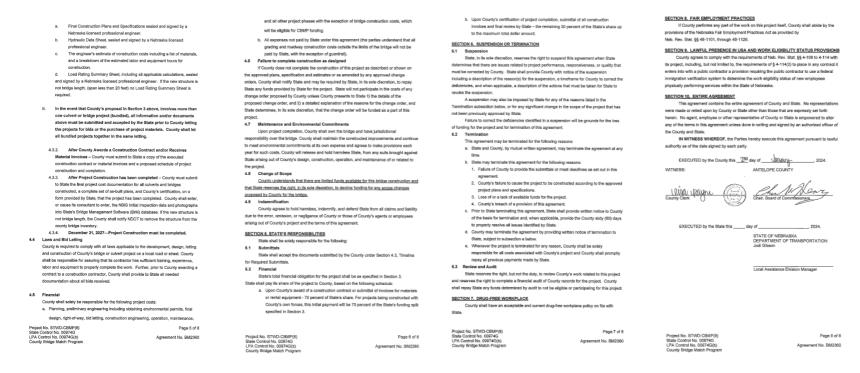
Bridge Match Program: The State of Nebraska selected two (2) Antelope County Bridges for the Bridge Match Program. The first bridge on the Knox-Antelope County Line and the second bridge lying north of Royal on Hay Creek. Estimated costs of the projects are \$600,000.00 and \$250,000.00 respectively. The State will pay \$193,548.00 for County Line Bridge, and \$106,452.00 for the Hay Creek Bridge. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2027. Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve resolution authorizing Chairman to sign agreement. Voting aye: Williby, Jacob, Heithoff and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed. Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Williby to approve and authorize Chairman to sign County Bridge Match Program Agreement. Voting aye: Williby, Jacob, Heithoff and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed.



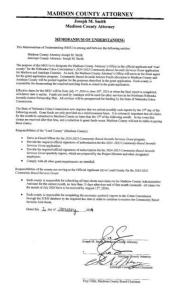




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Memorandum of Understanding-Nebraska Crime Commission: Madison County Attorney's Office and Antelope County Attorney's Office have partnered in efforts for the Nebraska Crime Commission. As Madison County is the lead county, they are requesting a memorandum of understanding be in place to help facilitate the agreement and corresponding paperwork and grants. Madison County Attorney, Joe Smith, is also County Attorney for Antelope County. The counties have worked together for a few years. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Heithoff to approve memorandum of understanding and authorize Chairman to sign same. Voting aye: Williby, Heithoff, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed.



Snow pusher for Bobcat: Last month the County purchased a Bobcat for snow removal on Courthouse and Law Enforcement Grounds. During the recent snow storm the Sherriff and inmates worked on removal of snow. During a conversation with a local dealer, he mentioned they had a pusher on the lot for about \$1,500.00. After such, Commissioner Henery called other local dealers for an informal bid on the pusher. Bids were received from John Deere, Reinke Service and Kayton International. After review of the bids, a motion was made by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to accept bid from Kayton International for a new Wemhoff 8' snow pusher with pull back for \$1,500.00. Voting aye: Williby, Heithoff, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed.

Kayton International
John Deere (AKRS)New Wemhoff 8' Snow Pusher with pull back
2023 John Deere SP8C Snow Push\$1,500.00
\$5,200.00Reinke's Farm & City ServiceSBB 10' Westerndorf\$4,310.00Reinke's Farm & City ServiceSBB 8' Ironcraft\$4,065.00

Bid Opening: 2022 Intersection Pavement:

Bid letting was advertised for three (3) weeks: a single bid was submitted. A & R Construction from Plainview submitted a bid for \$282,771.23. Estimated repair was \$375,000.00. Discussion of project. Highway Superintendent, Brian McDonald, was not present today. Today, the bid was reviewed, however no action was taken as highway superintendent has not reviewed numbers or bid. Bid acceptance will be on the agenda for next week. No further action today.

Veterans Service Officer Annual Report: Veteran Service Officer, Tom Nelson met with the Commissioners for a review and update of office activity. He reports, with the resigning of Keith Heithoff from the Elgin area and the illness of Ralph Tichota in the Clearwater area. The post commanders of various area have made recommendations for replacement. Mr. Nelson requested the Board of Commissioners to appoint the following members of the appropriate areas-all are recommend by representing posts.

Vince Sauser	07-01-2006	06-30-2027	Neligh, NE	
Mark Tharnish	01-01-2024	06-30-2026	Elgin, NE	(replaces Mr. Heithoff)
Randall Robertson	07-10-2017	06-30-2028	Orchard, NE	_
Edward Auger	07-01-2023	06-30-2024	Plainview, NE	(replaces Mr. Tichota)
Don Carter	06-30-2014	06-30-2025	Tilden, NE	

- Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Williby to appoint the Committee as presented by Mr. Nelson. Voting aye: Williby, Heithoff, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed.
- Balance in CVA checking account is \$16,917.00 spent so far is \$3082.00. He has had two (2) CVA claims and three (3) Nebraska Veteran Aid claims to approve.
- Mr. Nelson also reviewed with the Commissioners it is time to renew the VetraSpec program for Antelope County. This program allows the VSO to utilize the Department of Veterans Affairs program and helps facilitate benefits for veterans. Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Williby to approve the renewal and authorize Chairman to sign contract. Voting aye: Williby, Heithoff, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed.
- Mr. Nelson reviewed the numbers. He is currently tracking 661 veterans up from 418. \$5,483,000.00+ coming into Antelope County.
- Social Security and VA both have approved a 3.2% raise for this year.



Zoning Administrator Report: Megan Wingate, Zoning Administrator, met with the Commissioners for her report. She has no actual report, however requested appointments to her committees.

- Matt Klabenes and Bob Krutz Planning Commission. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to re-appoint Matt Klabenes and Bob Krutz to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms. Both have agreed to serve another term. Voting aye: Williby, Heithoff, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed.
- Tom Krause: Planning Commission. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Williby to appoint Tom Kruse to a three (3) year term on the Planning Commission, replacing Phyllis Perdew. Voting aye: Williby, Heithoff, Jacob and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed.

Road Superintendent Report: Mr. Boggs met with the Commissioners for regular meeting report.

- Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent has completed a hydro study on the Sunken Gardens Bridge. Mr. Boggs has not seen the report but believes it will be forthcoming shortly.
- Access Permit: Derek Zuhlke submitted an access permit off of 531st Avenue for truck access. There is an existing access that he wants to widen, and wants to add a second. Mr. Boggs requested tabling this item until he has had time to check with Mr. Zuhlke and the lay of the land. No action today. Will be on next week's agenda.
- No further report.

Bud's Sanitation: Darrell Guthard, met with the Commissioners regarding waste and disposal of solid waste and presentation of Northeast Nebraska Solid Wast Coalition (owned by the Cities of Fremont, Columbus, and Norfolk). The Coalition is requiring all haulers, communities, counties, etc that are utilizing the transfer station to participate (be members) and sign the resolutions. This is a requirement passed down by the State of Nebraska. He does not believe this will affect the cost/price. Mr. Guthard, Bud's Sanitation, hauls a majority of Antelope County rural residents. He reports he is presenting on behalf of the waste disposal regulation. If the County does not choose to participate and sign the resolution the County's waste will not be accepted by the Coalition. Mr. Guthard reported today the coalition prices are very competitive and affordable. Motion by Commissioner Williby, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve participation and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution. Voting aye: Jacob, Heithoff, Williby, and Henery. Nays none. Krebs absent. Motion passed.



Executive Session 10:09 AM Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Heithoff to meet in executive session regarding personnel issues. Voting aye: Jacob, Heithoff, Williby and Henery. Nays none. Krebs was absent. Motion passed. Met for approximately 22 minutes in the Clerk's Office Vault. In attendance of executive session County Attorney, Commissioners Williby, Heithoff, Jacob and Henery, and Road Superintendent Aaron Boggs. **10:32 AM** Motion by Commissioner Heithoff, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to close executive session and go back to regular meeting. Voting aye: Jacob, Heithoff, Williby and Henery. Nays none. Krebs was absent. Motion passed. Chairman Henery stated no action was taken during executive session.

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

County Clerk, Lisa Payne

The meeting adjourned at 10:33AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: