

January 5th, 2021
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioner's Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Henery, with the following board members responding to roll call: Jacob, Henery, Pedersen, Krebs and Smith. Chairman Henery 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 two (2) 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. Agenda for said meeting was sent to all members of the County Board of Commissioners.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve agenda as presented. Voting aye: Krebs, Jacob, Pedersen, Smith, and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed: NDOR Upcoming Bridge Inspection Reminder, NDOR Past Due Bridge Inspection Reminder; NIRMA Safety Shorts; State of Nebraska Local Project Monthly Status update Orchard & Tilden North; NACO letter regarding retirement of Larry Dix, NACO President; Happy Holiday card from Berggren Architects; Teammates Mentoring thank you; Certificate of Liability insurance; NIRMA Recommitment/Dividend letter and receipt; JEO Proposal for Tri County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2022; Chris F. VanEgmond change of TERC hearing to May 26th, 2021 @ 1:00PM; Union Bank & Trust Monthly Statement on Antelope Memorial Hospital Bond Refinancing; Tilden South & Tilden North 6 month construction warranty letter; letter regarding appointing County Websites as part of the notices; Quadient letter regarding mailing and shipping solutions.

Receipt: COVID Recovery – General \$175,386.68

Minutes of the December 8th, 2020 Board of Commissioner Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve minutes as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

Minutes of the December 1st, 2020 Board of Commissioner Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Jacob seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve minutes as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

Minutes of the **December 29th, 2020 Board of Equalization meeting** were presented. Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve minutes as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Pedersen and Henery. Nays none. Abstain: Krebs and Smith. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Report: Aaron presented today:

- EWP Projects: Deadline is next Tuesday (12th of January) Brian McDonald thinks they will be done Thursday-ish.
- Bridge west of Meyers' rip rap – we need to get ball rolling with Knox County to find a plan of attack. When Brian talked Knox County wanted to fix it not replace it. Aaron voiced concern about fixing prices fixing verses replacing is approximately 1/3 price plus cost share. If fixing is not going to fix the low ton bridge, and the need to replace will still be imminent in the short future.
- Budget – we are working on journal entries on some of the expenses between TransCanada Funds, Highway Bond Fund and Road and Bridge. Hopefully it looks better at the end of this month.
- KR from Ten Point Construction – patching this summer – will be here next Tuesday in follow-up.
- 9-1-1 Signs are currently out of compliance. In 2018 the state updated the sign configuration so they are easier to read. Discussion of updating the signs. Some of the Counties are using square posts and using one sided signs and adhering a sign on each side indicating road numbers. On short study of feasibility, Aaron feels it is basically a wash. Aaron will check with NIRMA on recommendations for replacement. This should have been done. Aaron will continue to find more information and keep the Commissioners informed.
- Skid Loader: Aaron stated Elgin is currently sharing their skid loader with the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center to help with snow removal. Elgin has a hard time when digging out of snow accumulation. Kayton is not able to provide the County with an additional skid loader at the lease pricing. A non-government lease is very costly. It would be nice to leave Elgin with a skid loader and he is open to suggestions. Tilden and Oakdale share a skid loader. Discussion of options. Pickup with blade is an option. Hiring snow removal for courthouse and Law Enforcement Center also discussed. No action.
- End of Report.

CAT Financing Paperwork. On agenda incase motion or signatures needed. No action today

Antelope County Extension:

Brittany Spieker, UNL Extension Educator met with the Commissioners regarding:

- Inventory lists. Extension Office has a number of items that are no longer useful and some are broke. They want to keep the Commissioners informed on removing items and how to go about this. Most of it is electronics some things are broke and need to be discarded. She is looking for approval to remove, and what needs to happen to the 'old' equipment. Some of the broken equipment needs to be disposed of, the fax machine is antiques enough that there is little resale value. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approved discarding of outdated, broken equipment. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried. Extension Office is supposed to write how the equipment was removed, discarded, etc. Documentation will be kept in the Clerk's Office.
- Bylaws: Extension Board Constitutional Bylaws. For the most part the only updates were to verbiage. The Commissioners did review the bylaws before the meeting. No questions or concerns were voiced. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to accept the Extension Board Bylaws as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman signed bylaws.

Antelope County Weed Authority Superintendent: Ed Jensen, President of Antelope County Weed Board Chairman, met with the Commissioners regarding the current situation in the Weed Authority. The position was offered and was not accepted by the first application. Discussion starts. **9:41 AM** Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to go into **Executive Session regarding Weed Superintendent position and applicants**. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none.

Motion carried. Commissioners and Mr. Jensen met in executive session for approximately 25 minutes. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to go out of executive session. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization 10:05 AM: Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Smith to go into Board of Equalization. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Krebs, Pedersen, and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried. **10:12 AM** Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to close Board of Equalization and go back to regular session. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

Returned Filing Fees – Clerk’s Office: In September 2020 an attorney from London filed paper work with the Register of Deeds and when the check was presented it was denied for return to maker. After working with the attorney for the last couple of months, with the Attorney requesting to get the banking information there has been no relief of the outstanding – bounced – check. Clerk presents to day for direction from the Board of Commissioners. This is for an instrument filed with the Antelope County Register of Deeds. The fees are \$16.00. Discussion. It was discussed a money bank draft from a separate bank, or possibly a credit card payment. In the meantime, it was decided to put through a claim for \$16.00 through the claim process to balance the clerk books. The Clerk will continue to try to collect the moneys. If money is collected after the transaction, we can reimburse the general fund.

Region 4 Interlocal Agreement: Region 4 interlocal agreement renewal was presented. The Commissioners were mailed a copy of the of agreement. Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve the agreement an authorize Chairman to sign resolution regarding Region 4 Interlocal Agreement. Voting aye: Jacob, Henery, Pedersen, Krebs and Smith. Nays none. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2021-01-0001

Antelope County

REGION 4 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT

Whereas, LB302 passed by the 1974 Legislature of the State of Nebraska created the Nebraska Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services Act forming Regional Mental Health authorities.

Whereas, Antelope County, Nebraska does participate in said Region 4 Behavioral Health System, the designated regional mental health authority within northeast Nebraska.

Be it therefore resolved that the Chairperson of the Antelope County Board of Commissioners be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement for the participation in Region 4 Behavioral Health System under the Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska.

Passed and approved this 5th day of January, 2021.

_____/s/ Charlie Henery _____

Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: ____/s/ Lisa Payne _____

County Clerk

Motion by Commissioner _Pedersen_, seconded by Commissioner _Jacob_ to approve said resolution.

Voting aye: __Pedersen, Jacob, Smith, Krebs, Henery _____

Nays ____0_____ Abstain: _0_____ Absent: _____0_____

Motion passed/failed: __Passed _____

Appointments to Antelope County Airport Authority: Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to appoint Brian Whitesel and Morris Soper to Antelope County Airport Authority Board. Voting aye: Jacob, Henery, Pedersen, Krebs and Smith. Nays none. Motion passed.

Improvement Grant: request from New Moon Theatre Group applied for an improvement grant for the front façade of the theatre. New Moon Theatre group has applied for Improvement grants in the past. Discussion of the waiting period for multiple applications. Motion by Commissioner Smith to refer this back to the Antelope County Visitor Committee for review, seconded by Commissioner Krebs. Voting aye: Jacob, Henery, Pedersen, Krebs and Smith. Nays none. Motion passed.

Bat Mitigation – Episcopal Church. Commissioner Pedersen reported the Antelope County Historical Society has discovered a horrible bat infestation in the Episcopal Church. The museum curator has been investigating various avenues to eradicate the bats. Aaron Boggs said he may also have leads to people who may have experience eradicating bats. Funds from the Historical Society function in the general fund or Building Fund could be utilized.

Quarterly Jail Inspection will be conducted by Commissioners Jacob and Pedersen.

Liz Doerr, **Zoning Administrator** gave her meeting report. Presented two (2) administrative plats:

- 8.157 Acre tract in the N½ Section 7, Township 26, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County Nebraska. Carter Ahlstedt is requesting his building site be split from the parent parcel. It is along a major road and Zoning sees no issues with Plat. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve Administrative Plat. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.
- 7.60 Acre Tract om E½E½NE¼ in Section 6, Township 28, Range 6, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County Nebraska. Robert Nelson estate. The estate is wanting to separate the building site from the land. It is an existing building site. Motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve Administrative Plat. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

Zoning administrator requested to go into executive session for personnel issues. Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to go into executive session at 10:40 AM. Attending executive session was five (5) Commissioners and Liz Doerr. Liz was excused at approximately 35 minutes. Clerk attended for approximately 15 minutes 11:20 AM-11:35 AM.

11:51 AM **out of executive session.** Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to go out of Executive Session. Voting aye: Jacob, Henery, Pedersen, Krebs and Smith. Nays none. Motion passed. Chairman Henery states Liz Doerr, current Zoning Administrator will go remote starting immediately. We will be advertising for a part-time Zoning Administrator with other duties within courthouse – advertising in three (3) local papers.

Follow-up of Executive Session regarding **Weed Authority Superintendent**. The Weed Authority received two (2) applications for the position of Weed Superintendent. During the last meeting in December the Commissioners approved hiring an individual, who later declined the position. The Commissioners agreed to offer Bryan Cornett at \$38,000.00 for Antelope County Weed Authority Superintendent with a review and possible wage increase in a year. Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to offer the position to Bryan Cornett at \$38,000.00. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

No other issues to discuss. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jacob seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to **adjourn**. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne