

April 11, 2017
Antelope County Board of Commissioners
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular extra session on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 8:00 AM in the County Commissioner's Room, Antelope County Courthouse Annex, Neligh, Nebraska. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kerkman, with the following board members responding to roll call: Schindler, Jacob, Henery, Schwager, and Kerkman. Chairman Kerkman stated that the open meeting laws are posted on the east wall of the Supervisors' room with more copies available at the County Clerk's Office.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the four 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.

Vendor Claims were reviewed: We, the Committee on Claims, report that we have examined and approved for payment the following claims:

General: Antelope County District Court, court fees 72.00; Antelope County Court, court fees 84.00; Appeara, micro swipes, dust mop frames, dust mop, textile maintenance, service charge 40.01; Bear Graphics, Xerographic rec paper 317.29; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel 1068.94; Bomgaars, drawer cabinet, tool chest, goof off, spray paint, air tank, stainless steel cleaner, wash brush, bulk bolts, duct tape, key blank 825.56; Eleanor Brady, prior service 25.00; Dean Brown, prior service 25.00; Carney Law, attorney fees 321.83; Casey's, fuel 684.15; Elgin City, monthly recycling fee 250.00; Neligh City, electricity, water, garbage, monthly recycling fee 4319.51; Clearwater Record, public notices, notice of meetings, notice of bids, help wanted ads, proceedings, board of equalization notices 315.00; Consolidated Management, meals at training center for employee 109.68; Cubby's, fuel 99.81; Das State, network service charges, data processing 573.68; Dean's Mkt, orange juice, grape juice 147.84; Digital-Ally, lithium battery, freight 60.00; Liz Doerr, file folders 7.99; Dollar General, legal pads, pencils, Lysol, toilet bowl cleaner, bleach, window cleaner, soft scrub, laundry detergent, awesome cleaner, dish soap, toilet brush, 179.00; Dusty's, fuel 219.00; Eakes Office, staple remover, folders, tissues, disinfectant, laminated pouches, custom checks 415.55; Elgin One Stop, fuel 147.74; Elgin Review, delinquent tax listing, legals, notice of bids, proceedings, meeting notices, help wanted ads 412.96; Elkhorn River Farms, potatoes 48.00; Frontier Communications, telephone service 2154.17; Global Equip, cabinet for TV's and radios, freight 811.66; Great Plains Communications, internet services 190.00; Sarah Harrod, sugar, cake decorating kit, deco bags, nuts, coke 64.09; Heartland Fire, annual fire extinguisher inspection and recertification for weed department, service fee 93.00; Nadene Hughes, prior service 14.00; Frank Kamphaus, prior service 16.00; Jeffrey Doerr Law, attorney fees 5436.13; Lichtenberg Tire, tires for office unit, labor 194.50; Marvin Planning Consultants, two additional meeting for regulations update 1500.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, monthly rent for scanning equipment 87.00; Mid State Organizational Crime, 2017 annual membership fees 100.00; MIPS, data processing, tax forms & envelopes 810.42; Moyers Department Store, badge logo on jailor cardigans 150.00; Nebraska County Extension Board, annual dues 100.00; Nebraska Association of Treasurers, registration dues 125.00; Nebraska Association County Clerks, registration dues 100.00; Nebraska Unemployment, 1st quarter unemployment 5274.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, basic jail officer training ex 200.00; Neligh News, meeting notices, notary stamp renewal, shipping/freight, help wanted ads, proceedings, notice of bids, 338.50; Norfolk Daily News, yearly subscription 156.00; NE Community College, renewal course 6.00; NE Glass, windshield, urethane kit, labor 285.00; Office Depot, paper punch, binders, toner, scissors, pencils, ink, magnets, card protectors 346.17; Orchard News, delinquent tax list, meeting notices, help wanted ads, notice of bids, legals, 355.77; Donna Payne, prior service 25.00; PFC Products, marriage license folder rings 179.64; Pinnacle Bank, Lysol, plunger, disinfectant wipes, Cobra CXT, batteries, cool whip, DVD's, curtain rod, shop-vac 325.26; Quality Iron, ladders for dorm bunks 43.20; Quill Corp, post-it notes treasure chest, disinfecting wipes, 52.99; R R Donnelley, uniform citation books, storage charge 110.06; Ramada Inn, lodging at weed control conference 280.00; Region IV, 4th quarter mental health & substance abuse services contribution 9038.25; Ed Schindler, paint 12.43; Schroeder Surveying, surveyor fees 165.00; Caroline Siems, prior service 25.00; Wex Bank (Sinclair), fuel 500.41; Joseph Smith, mileage 1070.00; Top Quality Gloves, gloves 154.80; David Totten, to pay back money taken out of retirement, Ameritas refunded 2.09; Uline Ship, wipes, dust mop, mop handle, sanitary napkins, pink laser, Purell 387.31; UNL Its Communications, internet for iPad 91.04; US Cellular, telephone service 337.10; Verizon Wireless, telephone service 28.67; Clearwater Village, monthly recycling fee 250.00; Bonita Welke, prior service 22.00; Woods & Aitken, correspondence to Casey Dittrich regarding CDL license requirements 56.00.

Road & Bridge: At Large: AMH Family Practice, physical, urine analysis 139.00; B's Enterprises, grader blades 3330.00; Casey's, fuel 9.75 Cornhusker International Truck, equipment repair, parts 3268.50; Cubby's, fuel 45.85; Elkhorn Public Power, electricity 76.07; Farmer's Pride, fuel 1027.58; Green Line Equipment, equipment rental 625.00; Heartland Hydraulics, repair and reassemble air cylinders, shipping and handling 357.47; Hometown Station, fuel 243.02; Island Supply, CYL rentals 184.14; JEO Consulting, 2017 general engineering 6963.75; Jonny Dodge, fuel filter, oil filter, fuel filter, lube filter, rotella, service 867.71; Kumm Gas, fuel 166.51; Lazy T Tire, change tires on truck 30.00; Lichtenberg Tire, flat repair, misc shop supplies 62.00; Midwest Service, bonnell end shoes 348.00; Mr. S's, fuel 592.19; State of Nebraska Fuel Tax, diesel fuel used in highway vehicles 573.00; Neligh Auto, switch, battery cable, slide terminal 24.36; Netcom, radio repair 1351.00; Newman Traffic, signs 2269.76; NMC Exchange, gasket, elements 7.43; Northeast Glass, windshield, labor 430.00; Northern Materials, custom crushing ConRock 16,574.25; OK Tire, tire repair, flat tire, shop supplies 34.00; Quick Serve, fuel 491.03; RDO Truck Center, truck repair, misc parts 411.08; Reinke's Farm, STIHL cart & mount 571.398; Wex Bank (Sinclair), fuel 633.41; Verizon Wireless, telephone service 30.80; Wynn Auto, windshield replacement, labor 265.00.

1Brunswick Area: Bomgaars, bulk bolts, shop towel 17.68; Emme Sand, road gravel 564.07; Frontier Communications, telephone service 73.01; Hinrichsen Sand, gravel 2670.18; Kumm Gas, fuel 1470.54; Lawson Products, plow bolt grade, hex cap screw, hardened steel flat washer 369.53; Neligh Auto, blue def 30.00; NMC Exchange, plate, strip wear, filters 552.39; North Central Public Power, electricity 166.92; Powerplan, hydraulic, fuel filter, freight/shipping, mileage, alternator core 511.72; Brunswick Village, water, sewer, trash 46.50; Warren Wortman, repair/replace mailbox 120.00.

2Orchard Area: Bomgaars, recovery strap 134.99; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel 284.22; Frontier Communications, telephone service 74.10; Gutter Crew, k-5, 3x4's, hangers, removal 403.00; Lawson Products, white traffic marking paint 230.45; Neligh Auto, oil gas. disk 51.98; North Central Public Power, electricity 64.01; T-J's Corner Hardware, hammer, ear plugs, thread tape, ear plugs, two pack numbers, misc parts 50.33.

3Clearwater Area: B's Enterprises, spirol culverts 3570.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel 208.92; Bomgaars, protie, adjustment strap, shop towel, caulk, water 63.42; Casey's, fuel 69.21; Elkhorn Rural Power, electricity 92.69; Emme Sand, road gravel 180.47; Farmer's Pride, fuel, bulk, grease tubes 3075.85; Green Line Equip, equipment rental, diesel exhaust fluid, coupling, bulk hose, hose fitting 2181.26; Heartland Hydraulics, wipers, Vee packaging, rebuild and pack 2 lift cylinders 138.11; Hinrichsen Sand, sand/fill, gravel 3684.33; Lawson Products, cap screws, flat washers, split lock washers, hex nuts 858.50; Lichtenberg Tire, service call, spare wheel, miscellaneous shop supplies 79.00; Neligh Auto, mud flap 12.99; NE Nebraska Telephone, telephone service 106.29; Pollock Redi Mix, rock 2034.80; Road Builders Machinery, repair on motor grader 2356.43; Schlecht Trucking, rock 2479.73; Wex Bank, (Sinclair) fuel 48.16; Orchard Village, water, sewer, business 54.00.

4Neligh Area: Bomgaars, floor dry, tape measure, hex key, diesel fluid exhaust, battery, water 105.88; Cubby's, fuel 130.99; Emme Sand, road gravel 762.29; Farmer's Pride, fuel 1570.38; Frontier Communications, telephone service 124.49; Green Line, lock washer, nut, cap screw, washer, socket head screw, screws 35.14; Hinrichsen Sand, gravel 1139.46; Neligh Auto, socket set, pneumatic air tools, 478.27; NMC Exchange, pipe 176.26.

5Tilden Area: B's Enterprises, spirol culverts 2355.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel 182.85; Carquest of Neligh, muffler, elbow, shop towels 177.73; Tilden City, trash, sewer, water 104.82; Constellation Gas, heating fuel 542.54; D & M Machinery, grab hook, screws, couplers, nuts, 107.47; Farmer's Pride, fuel 1419.01; Hinrichsen Sand, gravel 659.66; Kayton International, fuel w/sep 62.99; Lichtenberg Tire, service call, slat repair, tubes, miscellaneous shop supplies 235.04; Mr S's, fuel 92.13; Neligh Auto, fittings 31.96; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity 325.63; Quick Serve, fuel 129.74; Road Builders Machinery, repair on motor grader 318.31.

6Oakdale Area: Black Hills Energy, heating fuel 300.00; Carquest Neligh, extreme blue, rust inhibitor, big blast, knife blade, grease gun coupler, shop towel, miniature lamp, glass cleaner 39.53; Emme Sand, road gravel 558.70; Farmer's Pride, fuel 1197.75; Great Plains Communications, telephone service 139.82; Green Line Equipment, belt tensioner, flat belt, idler, freight, equipment rental 4509.26; Tom Henn, CDL physical 110.00; Hinrichsen Sand, gravel 4558.82; Matteo Sand & Gravel, road gravel 143.04; Mr S's, fuel 143.86; Neligh Auto, oil filter, wheel nut 83.00; OK Tire, tire disposal fee, shop supplies, PLY Regency 114.78; Tinsley Grain, white/red rock 1822.20.

7Elgin Area: Black Hills Energy, heating fuel 234.80; Central Valley Ag, lumber 7.69; Elgin City, garbage 56.25; Corner Service, tube, dismount, tire disposal 28.50; Elkhorn Public Power, electricity 50.19; Frontier Communications, telephone service 73.18; Great Plains Communications, telephone service 1390.76; Hometown Station, fuel 243.02; Lichtenberg Tire, service call, tire mount, O-Ring, misc shop supplies 111.80; Neligh Auto, grommet, lamp 6.18; NMC Exchange, cat elc, 75.36; Road Builders Machinery, repair on motor grader 1030.80; Sapp Bros, fuel 2271.14; Tinsley Grain, white/red rock 744.00.

Law Enforcement Center: Bok Financial Services, interest payments 69,808.75; Wanek Pharmacy, inmate prescriptions, ear wax removal drops 503.18. AMH Family Practice, doctor bill for inmate 122.00; Antelope Memorial Hospital, doctor bill for inmate 138.00; Cash-Wa Dist, seasonings, mandarin oranges, applesauce, gelatin, tissues, cleaner pork ribs, biscuit dough, chicken breast patty, food disher, tomato juice, BBQ sauce, mustard pouches, yeast, flour, sugar granulated, gravy chicken mix, food containers, pasta, coffee, ground beef, tater tots, fries, gravy, pork loins, hoagie buns 2617.04; Cornhusker State Industries, pillows 198.00; Custom Tech, e-Cigs 507.40; Dollar General, shampoo/conditioner, carmax, ergonomic handles, toothpaste, playing cards, melatonin 53.78; Elgin Pharmacy, prescriptions for inmates 15.42; Hunt Insurance Group, inmate medical insurance renewal 2442.00; Neligh Family Dentistry, films, tooth extractions 286.00; Pinnacle Bank, assorted soda pop, e-Cigs, Vic's, assorted drink mixes, deodorant, postage, isopropyl alcohol, itch relief cream, powder, Klondike bars, paper, cheese crackers, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, composition notebooks, Uno Card Game, Skip-Bo, shampoo/conditioner, drawing pads, crosswords, flossers, ergonomic handles, playing cards, cortisone cream, feminine hygiene products 402.92; Protex Central, commissary phone cards 1050.00; Thriftway Market, ham, milk, honey, celery, carrots, onions, hot dog buns, butter, eggs, bananas, cheese, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, assorted soup flavors, chips, pork & beans, ensure, margarine, apple cider vinegar, sugar, coleslaw, beef stew mix, pork, juice, cheese, bulk hamburger helper, bulk cake mixes 1696.37.

Reappraisal Fund: IAAO, 2017 membership fees 142.00; NACO, BOE & budget workshop registration 65.00.

Register of Deeds: MIPS, data processing 295.70.

Building Fund: Boyd's Electrical, labor to fix lock at shop & jail 220.00; Heartland Fire, annual fire extinguisher inspection and recertification for all county barns, refill, O-Ring, 1119.50; Merit Mechanical, service call to fix toilet at jail, labor, parts, mileage 172.00; Midwest Sprinkler, annual inspection of fire sprinklers for jail, labor 362.00; Urbanec's Furniture, treads for steps & labor to install, adhesive, labor to prep & install stair 1045.38.

Visitors Improvement Fund: Ball Diamond Association, new bleacher seating, covered roof caps 1500.00.

General: Payroll, 84,645.76; Ameritas Life Insurance, retirement 13,351.66; Nebraska Child Support, garnishment 544.00; Credit Management Services, garnishment 229.18; Federal Withholding, 10,071.31; Social Security, 17,278.98; AFLAC, insurance 442.39; BlueCross/BlueShield, insurance 55,369.24; Colonial Life, insurance 58.25; 1st Concord Benefits, insurance 1043.32; Madison National Life, insurance 366.67; Mid-American Benefits, insurance 220.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, state tax 3328.50; NACO Vision, insurance 416.59; Washington National, insurance 339.24.

Road & Bridge: Payroll, 47,455.04; Ameritas, retirement 7055.02; Credit Bureau Services, garnishment, 346.46; Federal Withholdings, 4434.83; Social Security, 9437.40; AFLAC, insurance 142.35; BlueCross/BlueShield, insurance 34,752.18; Colonial Life, insurance 18.00; 1st Concord Benefits, insurance 262.50; Madison National Life, insurance 213.68; Mid-American Benefits, insurance 110.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue, state tax, 1601.04; NACO Vision, insurance 199.80; Washington National, insurance 133.40.

Ed Schindler /s/4-11-2017

Jerald Schwager /s/4-11-2017

Charles Henery /s/ 4-11-2017

Motion by Commissioner Henery, seconded by Commissioner Schwager to pay claims as presented except claim to Masonry Construction, Inc.-to be reviewed by County Attorney. Voting aye: Henery, Schwager, Jacob, Schindler and Kerkman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Payroll Claims Motion by Commissioner Schwager to pay payroll claims as presented except Road and Bridge Claim for Eli Jacob. Motion seconded by Commissioner Henery. Voting aye: Schwager, Henery, Jacob and Kerkman. Schindler abstained. Nays none. Motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Schwager, seconded by Commissioner Henery to pay road and bridge payroll claim for Eli Jacob. Voting aye: Henery, Schwager, Schindler and Kerkman. Jacob abstain. Nays none. Motion passed.

Pledge Collateral: Antelope County has \$250,000.00 FDIC insured and \$260,000.00 Pledged. No action.

Correspondence was reviewed: Union Bank & Trust Monthly Report for Antelope Memorial Hospital Bonds; DEQ letter to Koinzan Ranch Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation; Bazile Aggregate LLC regarding gravel bid; Berggren Architect letter regarding contract with Masonry Construction, Inc.; Norfolk On Call Employee Health, regarding hours and continued service; Nebraska DOR Quarterly Bridge and Past Due Bridge Inspections. Nebraska Jail Standards-Excellence in Detention Facility Administration – awarded to Antelope County Law Enforcement Center was shared-Sheriff Moore emphasized the importance of his whole Law Enforcement Team.

Discussion on **Berggren Architect Letter**. With the letter is a claim from Masonry Construction, Inc. for \$3,032.97. This was not received until yesterday, 04-10-2017 (too late to be on the agenda). During discussion, County Attorney Joe Abler reviewed and suggested no action taken at this time, and he will investigate further and advise from there. Item will be on May 2, 2017 agenda.

March **Treasurer's Miscellaneous Fee Report** was reviewed and put on file.

March **Treasurer's Fund Report** was reviewed and put on file

Clerk of the District Court-March Fee Report was reviewed and put on file.

Sheriff's March **Miscellaneous Fee Report** was reviewed and put on file.

Road Boss Report: Patching truck and oil crew are working. Jerry Finkral has agreed to work Fridays if needed. Got the new International truck yesterday, we are working on getting it road ready today. Focus is on oil road repairs. There is about five (5) or (6) loads of the MC250 windrow we have at Clearwater. We did get some loads from Albion, which is a temporary fix. We need to get some gravel on the roads when it dries up. There is a 50-60% chance of rain on and off next week. There are six (6) 10-yard trucks and a side dump-we are

hauling 80 yards, from Hinrichsen's to Highway 20. They are running all blacktops so they can work on the wet roads. When that is complete, they will start drying, a good solid week of 70 degree days-the plan is to grind up the Oakdale mix strip. Check the consistency, maybe mix a half or full load of oil, and relay it. That road is almost unsafe and has a lot of traffic. We will make it a better-quality road, without spending a lot of money. We have a lot to do this year, and I want to get started. Discussion of purchasing a ten-yard truck or something bigger. We are replacing ten-yard trucks. Question about the DOT inspections on trucks, and whether they are required or not. No one knew if they were required or not. Casey will check into the requirements.

Resolution regarding **Road and Bridge Wage Differential**. Resolution was tabled until May 2, 2017, pending verification from County Attorney.

Field site access: Motion by Schwager, seconded by Jacob to approve the application for access permit submitted by Doug Forbes to have field access along gravel road 525th Avenue. Access to field; Road Boss has examined with no stipulations. Access will be in the SW¼ of Section 3, Township 27 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska, Doug Forbes, owner. Those voting aye: Henery, Schwager, Schindler, Jacob and Kerkman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Underground Permit: Motion by Schwager, seconded by Henery to approve the application for permit submitted by Midstates Data Transport to place a permanent phone line beneath 848th Road along 848th Road at the SW¼ and SE¼ of Section 20, Township 25 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Midstates Data Transport, owner, said line to be used for fiber optic cable to carry data. Casey requested the work to be 48 inches as per county specs. All work to be done according to County and State specs. Those voting aye: Schwager, Henery, Jacob, Schindler and Kerkman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Ball Diamond Assoc, of Elgin submitted an **Improvement grant** request to improve the St. Boniface Ball Diamond by adding concrete base with new bleacher seating and covered roof caps behind home plate – new backstop fence. The request for \$1500.00 as approved by the Visitors Committee was presented. Motion by Commissioner Henery, seconded by Commissioner Schindler to approve the claim as submitted. Voting aye: Henery, Schindler, Schwager, Jacob and Kerkman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Liz Doerr, Antelope County **Zoning Administrator** gave her regular meeting report. There is a planning meeting today at 12:30 PM with consultant Keith Marvin. He is presenting a new use map. The map will have a commercial corridor along the highway. They are planning to review more of the regs. Liz was not sure if they will be able to finish up and set a public hearing today. She will have another update in May.

Subdivision Approval This parcel has road access, but a new house is being planned, and because this is an acreage of less than 10 acres, Zoning regulation require a subdivision approval. Motion by Commissioner Schwager, seconded Commissioner Schindler to accept the subdivision approval for a 8.012 Acre tract in the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 27 North Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Road access is already established. Voting aye: Schwager, Schindler, Jacob, Henery and Kerkman. Nays none. Motion carried.

SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

The survey of 8.012 acres, described as:

An irregular tract of land located in the NW¼ of Section 23, Township 27 North, Range 6 West of the sixth P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said NW¼; thence S89°36'15"E (assumed bearing) on the North line of said NW¼, a distance of 714.37 feet; thence S00°23'45"W perpendicular to said North Line of the NW¼, a distance of 64.89 feet; thence S40°10'18"W, a distance of 1054.50 feet; thence S89°57'24"W perpendicular to the West Line of said NW¼, a distance of 33.00 feet to said West Line of the NW¼, a distance of 875.61 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 8.012 Acres of land, more or less of which the West 33.00 feet and the North 33.00 feet is occupied by public road right of way.

Was approved by the Antelope County Board on April 11, 2017.

/s/ LeRoy Kerkman
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

/s/ Liz Doerr
Zoning Administrator

/s/ Lisa Payne seal
County Clerk

County Assessor, Kelly Mueller met with the Commissioners regarding the **Pictometry** presentation. Pictometry was introduced last week during the Commissioner Meeting. Doug Tonnemacher, with Eagleview met with county and city employees last Thursday to present their project. Kelly is very interested and wants to share with various county organizations including fire departments, city, EMS personnel, Road and Bridge Boss, and Commissioners. This is a costly adventure and is looking to get varied interest to help with the cost. Kelly will schedule meeting to further explain the product during an evening meeting on June 12, 2017. She is inviting every county employee who is interested. This is not a public adventure. No action.

Dustin Will from **Benefit Management** met with the commissioners regarding the opportunity to manage the benefit package for Antelope County. He currently works with the City of Neligh and was going to be in the area and wanted to touch base with the Commissioners. In 2011, his company started managing two (2) counties benefit package and since that time they have added three (3) more counties. Currently, Antelope County utilizes NACO and their benefit package. Mr. Will is willing to work with Antelope County. No action taken.

Phil for **RDO Truck Center** appeared for conversation about purchasing a dump truck. Road Boss Casey Dittrich had no prior knowledge of the visit. Advertisements will be out tomorrow regarding equipment Antelope County is interested in purchasing. No further action.

Appointing VSO: Motion by Commissioner Henery, seconded by Commissioner Schindler to appoint Thomas E. Nelson to Antelope County Veterans Service Officer. He will be hired on a 24-hour week at \$25.00 an hour. He will not receive insurance benefits, and will qualify for Antelope County Retirement. Voting aye: Henery, Schindler, Schwager, Jacob and Kerkman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Veterans Service Officer, Ronald Marshall met with the Commissioners regarding his **quarterly report**. The following report was given.

April 11, 2017

Quarterly Report to Antelope County Commissioners
Activity for 1st Quarter of CY 2017

	January	February	March	Total
Phone Calls Received	68	36	62	166
Phone Calls Made	77	39	55	171
Office Visits	27	30	38	95
Home Visits	0	0	5	5
Compensation and Pension Claims	1	2	4	7
Other Claims/Forms Completed	28	42	37	107
Letters Written	6	0	3	9
E-mails	26	33	38	97
Meetings	0	1	7	8
	1 st Quarter Compensation & Pension History Results			
	Filed	Granted	Pending	
2013	7	3		

2014	9	6	
2015	13	7	
2016	13	8	1
2017	7	1	6
Monthly Cash Benefits to Veterans/Dependents		\$ 9,919.96 (from 2016 claims)	
Annual Cash Benefits to Veterans/Dependents		\$119,039.56 (From 2016 claims)	

This is my last Quarterly Report as your Service Officer. The trend is up some this quarter. Good results from 2016 first quarter filed Comp and Pension claims. 3 of them were Dependency Indemnity Compensation claims for widows whose husbands died of their service connected conditions. This could not have happened if the comp claim had not been filed and granted earlier. Also, one of the claims was denied due to veteran moving out of state and not following up with the physical the VA scheduled for him.

Two months left on my tour as our County Veteran Service Officer. Can't believe 30 years have passed already. It is very difficult to leave, but it is time. Things are changing in the methodology of doing this job, and a younger more tech savvy person will be beneficial to the veterans and their families. I want to thank the Commissioners for your support over the years, and ask you to be supportive of Tom Nelson as he learns the ropes. I will remain in Neligh, and will be available to assist Tom and the Veterans Service Committee as Tom learns the business of helping veterans with their claims and problems.

There has been a run-on applications to the Nebraska Veterans Homes lately. I guess it is a sign of the times. Even our VietNam veterans are getting older, and some of them are in need of nursing home care.

This has been a very rewarding experience for me. The numbers in the VA Report show the dollars, but I take a lot of pride in the relationships I have gorged with my fellow veterans. It is also a sad job because most of the veterans I was working with 30 years ago are gone now, and a new generation have come in for services. Current World events ensures that there will continue to be a need for local veteran service as a new generation of veterans are being made at this time. It is a good thing that this board has opted to continue to man our local Veterans Service Office here in Antelope County.

A fond and sad farewell,
/s/ Ronald J. Marshall
Ronald J. Marshall
Antelope County VSO

Quarterly Jail Inspection performed by Commissioners Schindler, Jacob and Henery.

Judd Allen, NACO insurance representative met with the Commissioners regarding Insurance information for 2017-2018 fiscal year. He represented the Buy-Down option with Mr. James Daubert, of First Concord Benefits during the March 7th, 2017 meeting. Discussion and questions were asked. Motion by Commissioner Henery to proceed with the Buy-Down option, of an In-Lieu of option to the employees who have coverage elsewhere and are able to approve on an annual basis (July). The amount of the In-Lieu of payment will be determined at a later time. This option will begin in July 2017. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Schindler. Voting aye: Henery, Schindler, Schwager, Jacob and Kerkman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schwager, seconded by Commissioner Schindler to adjourn. Voting aye: Henery, Jacob, Schindler, Schwager and Kerkman. Nays none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairman of the Board, LeRoy Kerkman

Attest: _____
County Clerk, Lisa Payne