

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Antelope County Board of Commissioners  
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 AM in the County Commissioner's Meeting 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, Krebs, Henery, Pedersen, 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 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. Agenda for said meeting was sent to all members of the County Board of Commissioners. Meeting was available by Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board of Commissioner Meeting:** Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve minutes as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Smith, Pedersen, and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Minutes of the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Board of Commissioner Meeting:** Motion by Commissioner Pedersen, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve minutes as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Krebs, Pedersen, and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Minutes of the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Board of Equalization Meeting:** Motion by Commissioner Pedersen seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve minutes as presented. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Krebs, Pedersen, and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Correspondence was reviewed:** Nebraska DOT Local Project Monthly Status Update for Orchard NE and Tilden North; Nebraska Department of Transportation Past Due Bridge Inspection Report and Upcoming Bridge Inspection; NIRMA Safety Shorts for July 2021; July 2021 Retirement News; NIS Group Life Insurance Benefits Summary and NIS Group Long Term Disability Insurance Benefit Summary; Tyson Larsons email and proposed G-Work redistricting duties; two (2) maintenance renewal agreement 12M3 AWD Grader; Kristi Dostal – Colonial Representative is meeting with employees; NSG Logistics LLC; Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy regarding modified Construction and Operating Permit; Antelope County Treasurer, Deb Branstiter furnished a summary of uncollected taxes.

**Zoning Permit Report** for June was reviewed and put on file.

**Clerk of the District Court Miscellaneous Fee Report** for June was reviewed and put on file.

**Sheriff's June fee report** was reviewed and put on file.

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

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

**Receipts:** \$19.51 cost reimbursement from Unclaimed Property (Source Gas) to Road & Bridge –refund back to County.  
\$ 198,451.25 Bridge Buyback Funds to Road & Bridge.

**Bobbi Risor, Region 11 Emergency Manager** met with the Commissioners regarding previous and current project status. IPAWS (integrated public alert warning system) is up and running – this is a catastrophic warning system supported state and federal wide, there is no local cost associated. National Weather Station has a whole state sensing system for hot spots (infrared sensor) – fire dangers; Central Valley Ag donated fertilizer bags to be used for sandbags – Antelope County received 50 bags. Disability training in September at Norfolk Public Library. This training will review the different idiosyncrasies in dealing with the disabled. Presenting is a father son duo who review scenarios of evacuation when dealing with a disabled person. In addition, ICS training is offered in Pierce County. Bobbi also shared a list of the projects and office responsibilities she has been involved in for the last couple of years. No further report.

**American Recovery Plan Act:** Commissioner Pedersen has attended a number of training/information meetings regarding American Rescue Plan requirement and expenditures. During these meetings there is discussion about deadlines, timely filing of reports and recommendations regarding spending of the funds. She believes it would be beneficial to the County to form a committee to facilitate the needs and spending of funds. Discussion of expenses that will (can) be covered by the recovery funds. At this point, there are some filing deadlines coming up, reports to be completed. Expenditures do not have be spent for a couple of years. They are currently changing dates regarding reporting, etc. Discussion of forming a committee consisting of two (2) Commissioners and other elected officials. We currently have approximately \$611,585.00 in the Covid Relief Fund.

**Improvement Fund Grant:** request from **Clearwater Chamber of Commerce** for an improvement grant for install new-to-us bleachers on rodeo grounds. They are requesting funds to purchase and place bleachers. Request is for \$1,750.00. Funding was approved by Antelope County Visitor Committee on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Krebs to approve request for funds. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Smith, Pedersen, and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

**Promotional Fund Grant:** request from **Clearwater Chamber of Commerce** for a grant for promotion of the Rough Stock Rodeo Challenge on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Request is for \$350.00. Funding was approved by Antelope County Visitor Committee on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve request for funds. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Smith, Pedersen, and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

**Antelope Country Club Liquor License:** Antelope Country Club submitted a renewal on their Class C Liquor License. Current clubhouse manager, Lesley Flenniken submitted paperwork for renewal. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve Antelope Country Club Liquor License Renewal. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Smith, Pedersen, and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

**Redistricting:** Tyson Larson from G-works has submitted a bid to redistrict Antelope County Commissioner Districts. The Census due out to the public in August will determine the outline of Commissioner Districts. Because district boundaries for all of the subdivisions will need to be evaluated once the Census data is complete and submitted. The Secretary of State Elections division will be moving forward to go all digitized for voting precinct subdivision. The Commissioners requested more information. This item will be on next week’s agenda.

**TransCanada Haul Agreement:** Bob Krutz met with the Commissioners regarding the TransCanada Road Haul Agreement. He inquired what was happen now that they are not building the pipe line. There is no action on the Road Haul Agreement currently, and there are approximately eight (8) miles of road still being utilized to clean up the lay down yard. Mr. Krutz went on to ‘talk’ about road employees – the discussion was stopped – no further talk regarding employee. Mr. Krutz asked about the Road Groomer – and the ability of the employees. The Commissioners redirected the conversation back to the RUA. The RUA is still in effect, the \$15,000,000.00 Bond is in place. It is currently in place to ensure the road is in good shape after the product is removed.

**516<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of Clearwater:** Approximately 15 rural landowners from the Clearwater area met with the Commissioners regarding the dust issue on 516<sup>th</sup> North of Clearwater and the proposed overlay of same. Commissioner Jacob proposed the road was to be overlayed in a year after grinding; a year was up in May. The landowners stated the dust is too heavy and they absolutely cannot see when meeting a vehicle. Discussion regarding the dust on every Antelope County Road. Concerns and questions were reviewed. After grinding this road was overlayed with ‘Sinclair’ dirt. As discussed before, the ‘Sinclair’ dirt creates a lot of dust for a year or so, but the base establishes. Discussion of watering the road. The Board had discussed armor coating this road, after the ‘Sinclair’ dirt has settled and established a good base. Discussion on costs of various hard surface roads. Commissioner Krebs suggested the County will get a calcium-chloride overlay after the rain today. Road will continue to be monitored and acted upon as needed. No formal action today.

10 Minute Break

**Quarterly Jail Inspection** will be conducted by Commissioners Henery and Pedersen after meeting.

**Road Superintendent Report:**

- **Brian McDonald met with the Board**
  - **Pavement Repairs** for Ashfalls and North Orchard Bridge – Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to authorize Clerk to advertise for 2021 Pavement Repairs. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Krebs, Pedersen and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.
  - **524<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – should be reclassified in two (2) weeks to minimum maintenance. We will need a couple of culverts in there.
  - Brian mentioned he believes the Board should right a letter to the **Department of Recreation regarding the Ashfall Road improvement project** to help procure funding for its repair. Brian will work on letter to present.
  - **\$17,000.00 Bridge Inspections** – fractured critical bridge – averaging about \$1,000.00 a bridge. The County is responsible for the payments now, State funding would cover this.
- **Change Order #2 Bygland Dirt Contracting** – motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve & authorize Chairman to sign Change Order #2. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Pedersen, Krebs and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried
- **Application for Payment \$64,222.49 Bygland Dirt** – motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve and Authorize Chairman to sign for payment application. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Smith, Pedersen and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.
- **Certificate of Substantial Completion Bygland Dirt** - motion by Commissioner Krebs, seconded by Commissioner Smith to Approve and Authorize Chairman to sign Certificate of Substantial Completion. Voting aye: Jacob, Krebs, Smith, Pedersen and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.
- **Tilden North Project 15-foot Sheet Piling:** sluff off of road – we are looking for something to hold it roughly 100 feet from the culvert. Steel prices are high right now, but we are considering this an emergency type thing. We are looking at 35 sheets of sheet piling, Rutjens has agreed to drive it. Discussion on the bids. Because Midwest is two (2) weeks out and the most cost effective, motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jacob to approve purchase from Midwest Sales and Service, Inc.
  - 3 like bids: All are 7-gauge steel, 30 feet long:
    - **Husker Steel - \$ 648.00/sheet – 4-6 weeks out**
    - **B’s Enterprises \$ 651.00/sheet – 2-3 weeks out**
    - **Midwest Service and Sales \$ 571.32/sheet – 2 weeks out**
- **Discussion of Crumly bridge ownership.** Brian discussed the recommendation that the road was actually moved, so we should not have to close road/bridge. The important part is to relinquish the bridge and right of way to Crumly and relieve the County form ownership.
- **Access Permit:** Tract in the SE¼NE¼ Section 28, Township 28, Range 7, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Antelope County, Nebraska. Randy and Mary Erb are requesting access from 519<sup>th</sup> Avenue to a campsite/cabin site north of the Grove Lake Bait Shop. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve access permit. All County Specs to be met. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Krebs, Pedersen and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.
- **Access Permit:** Tract in the NE¼ Section 8, Township 26, Range 6, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> PM, Antelope County, Nebraska. Kenny and Wendy Reinke are requesting a field entrance access to replace an access that was removed during wind tower construction. The access was originally there, and was altered during wind tower construction. Kenny is requesting access back. Motion by Commissioner Jacob, seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to approve access permit. All County Specs to be met. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Krebs, Pedersen and Henery. Nays none. Motion carried.
- **Newman Signs Invoice Update: 9-1-1 Signs:** Newman Signs from Fargo, North Dakota. County Attorney will follow-up.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Liz met with the Commissioners. Reviewed permit report. FEMA CAV (Community Assistant Visit) follow-up telephone meeting is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Things seem to be going well, she will continue to work with Jennifer Kester regarding same. There is a Planning Commission Meeting today. No further report.

**Consultation Fee for Liz Doerr assisting Zoning Administrator.** Liz requested to continue her current wage, and requested mileage for her trips to Antelope County for Zoning reasons be paid by the County. No opposition was voiced. Starting today, all mileage will be reimbursed at state mileage rate.

No other issues to discuss.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jacob seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to **adjourn**. Voting aye: Jacob, Smith, Krebs, Pedersen, and Henery. Nays none. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board, Charlie Henery

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk, Lisa Payne