

**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES: January 2, 2024**

8:00am- Call Meeting to Order; Open Meetings Act Notice & Pledge of Allegiance: Members Present: Sharp, Boyle, DeGarmo, Winkler and Murdoch. Others present: Chris Perrone- County Attorney, Gerri Draper- County Clerk

**CONVENE-BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: RE-ORGANIZATION:**

**1. Appoint Chairman**

Murdoch opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2024

Sharp nominated Duane Murdoch and Winkler nominated Alex DeGarmo as Chairman, Murdoch asked for roll call vote for Alex DeGarmo.

MOTION: Winkler moved, Boyle seconded to select Alexander DeGarmo as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2024. Motion carried 4-0, Sharp voting no

**2. Appoint Vice Chairman**

DeGarmo nominated Duane Murdoch as Vice-Chairman, hearing no other nominations, chair asked for roll call vote.

MOTION: DeGarmo moved to select Duane Murdoch as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2024. Motion carried 5-0

**3. Appoint Commissioners as Committee Representatives for Cass County**

ORGANIZATION:	2023 Member	2023 Alternate	2024 Member	2024 Alternate
Region 6 Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency (ENHSA)	Boyle	Winkler	Boyle	Winkler
Sarpy & Cass County Health Department Board	Sharp	DeGarmo	Sharp	DeGarmo
Representative on County Noxious Weed Board	Sharp	Murdoch	Sharp	Murdoch
Local Emergency Planning Committee	Murdoch	Sharp	Murdoch	Sharp
Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council (SENCA)	Boyle	Murdoch	Boyle	Murdoch
5 Rivers RC & D Committee	Winkler	Murdoch	Winkler	Murdoch
Advisory Committee for City County Co-Location	Sharp	Murdoch	Sharp	Murdoch
Cass County Economic Development Council	DeGarmo	Sharp	DeGarmo	Winkler
I.T/Computer Liaison	DeGarmo	Winkler	DeGarmo	Winkler
Extension and 4H Representative	Boyle	Sharp	Boyle	Sharp
Joint Public Agency Board Member (Fair)	DeGarmo	Winkler	DeGarmo	Winkler
MAPA-TTAC District 2 Commissioner	Winkler	Boyle	Winkler	Boyle
MAPA Financial Committee	Winkler	Boyle	Winkler	Boyle
Visitor Promotion Liaison			Winkler	DeGarmo
Veterans Service Liaison			Winkler	Sharp

COMMITTEES AS NEEDED:	2023 Member	2024 Member
Buildings	Sharp & Murdoch	Sharp & Murdoch
Finance	DeGarmo & Murdoch	DeGarmo & Murdoch
FOP	Boyle & Winkler	Boyle & Winkler
Insurance	Murdoch & Winkler	Murdoch & Winkler
Cass County/Lower Platte South NRD -MOU	DeGarmo & Boyle	DeGarmo & Boyle
Emergency Mgmt. - BUILDING /EMS/Paramedic Program	DeGarmo & Boyle	DeGarmo & Boyle
Sheriff's Office Merit Commission: Effective 1/1/19 (3yr term per State Statute)	Murdoch	Murdoch
BHAC Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Assigned by BHAC serve with Jeff Leach	Murdoch	Murdoch

MOTION: Winkler moved, Murdoch seconded to approve committee representatives for 2024 as selected. Motion carried 5-0

**4. Appoint County Officials**

Office:	2023 Appointment	2024 Appointment
Highway Superintendent	Lenny Thorne	Lenny Thorne
Zoning Administrator	Michael Jensen	Michael Jensen
Weed Control Superintendent	Rand Group	Rand Group
Emergency Management Director	Chad Korte (Interim)	Chad Korte
Veterans Service Officer	Brian Coffman	Brian Coffman
GIS Coordinator	Sean Kennedy	Sean Kennedy

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to appoint Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent for 2024. Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Winkler moved, Boyle seconded to appoint Mike Jensen, Zoning Administrator for 2024. Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Sharp moved, Boyle seconded to appoint Rand Group, Weed Superintendent for 2024. Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Sharp moved, Boyle seconded to appoint Chad Korte, Emergency Management Director for 2024. Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Winkler moved, Sharp seconded to appoint Brian Coffman, Veterans Service Officer for 2024. Motion carried 5-0

MOTION: Boyle moved, Murdoch seconded to appoint Sean Kennedy, GIS Coordinator for 2024. Motion carried 5-0

**5. Designate 2024 Financial Institutions for County Monies:**

American Exchange Bank	Farmers & Merchants Bank	Pinnacle Bank
Citizens State Bank	First Nebraska Bank	Riverstone Bank
Corn Grower State Bank Nebraska	First Nebraska Bank- Valley, NE	The Nehawka Bank and/or First State Bank Nebraska
Cornerstone Bank	First State Bank Nebraska	Union Bank & Trust

INVESTMENT POOL:	Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT)
	Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Nebraska Class) Investment Services, Public Trust Advisors, LLC

MOTION: Murdoch moved, DeGarmo seconded to approve financial institutions for 2024, Chair asked for further discussion, Winkler asked that Nebraska CLASS to be added as an investment pool. Murdoch rescinded his motion, hearing no further discussion Chair asked for motion.

MOTION: Winkler moved, Sharp seconded to approve 2024 financial institutions with the addition of Nebraska CLASS added as an investment pool. Motion carried 5-0

6. Designate 2024 means of Publication for Cass County:

Lee Enterprises                      County Legal Paper                      Cass County Website [www.cassne.org](http://www.cassne.org)    Alternate Publication  
Cassgram                                      Alternate Publication

8:15am CLOSE REORGANIZATION

CONSENT AGENDA: Previous Meeting Minutes, Claims, Payroll/Time Balance Reports and fees.

MOTION: Sharp moved, Murdoch seconded to approve consent agenda as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

GENERAL: Raymond Althouse \$46.31 (Srv) Amazon \$52.22 (Sup) Douglas Amen Law \$408.50 (Srv) American Heart Association \$96.80 (Sup) Ameritas Life Insurance \$29,343.27 (Ins) Anderson Works \$5,907.41 (Srv) Michelle Backmeyer \$103.49 (Reim) Bishop Business \$458.47 (Srv) Black Hills Energy \$3,313.42 (Srv) Blue 360 Media \$991.70 (Srv) Bomgaars \$203.76 (Sup) Boundtree Medical \$351.93 (Sup) Brian P. Harvey Funeral Home \$600.00 (Srv) Linda Brouhard \$74.80 (Reim) Cash-Wa Distributing \$622.25 (Sup) Cass County Extension \$283.19 (Reim) Cass County Historical Society \$3,333.33 (Srv) Cass County Mutual Aid Association \$100.00 (Srv) Cass County Public Defender \$3,480.38 (Reim) Cass County Sheriff \$383.89 (Srv) Cassgram \$546.00 (Srv) Charm-Tex \$12,990.00 (Srv) Ciox Health \$25.87 (Srv) Jennifer Claus \$68.64 (Reim) Clerk of the District Court \$110.00 (Srv) Column Software PBC \$248.18 (Srv) Conner Psychological Services \$425.00 (Srv) Consolidated Electrical Distributor \$70.29 (Srv) Jim Crofoot \$29.28 (Reim) DAS State Accounting \$150.00 (Srv) Roger Dennis \$39.10 (Reim) Diamond Drugs \$181.52 (Sup) Domain Listings \$288.00 (Srv) Geri Draper \$60.00 (Reim) Eakes Office Solutions \$815.68 (Sup) Harold Ehmke \$15.00 (Reim) Eyman Plumbing Heating and Air \$6,203.10 (Srv) Eugene Farris \$9.00 (Reim) Fireguard \$419.15 (Srv) First State Bank \$30,528.17 (Srv) Taylor Fleischman \$60.00 (Reim) FP Finance Program \$168.00 (Srv) Frontier Cooperative \$296.28 (Srv) Travis Frye \$60.00 (Reim) Galls \$360.95 (Sup) Great Plains Uniforms \$7,724.55 (Sup) Hayes Mechanical \$483.84 (Srv) Heartland Tires & Tread \$2,169.39 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$926.16 (Srv) Hy-Vee \$141.79 (Sup) Mike Jensen \$60.00 (Reim) Lisa Gonzalez \$1,231.38 (Srv) Jones Automotive \$256.97 (Srv) Sarah Kraeger \$84.23 (Reim) Trey Lamkins \$133.36 (Srv) Robert Larsen \$798.00 (Srv) Leadsonline LLC \$2,904.00 (Srv) Matthew Bender & Co \$759.62 (Sup) LG Cleaners \$87.70 (Srv) Gerald Liess \$450.00 (Reim) Village of Manley \$64.68 (Srv) Brandon McClane \$60.00 (Reim) Brook McConaughy \$60.00 (Reim) Meeske Auto Parts \$306.02 (Sup) Menards \$69.99 (Sup) Metlife \$168.00 (Ins) Mips \$583.64 (Srv) Linn Moore \$60.00 (Reim) NACO \$650.00 (Srv) Nebraska Health & Human Services \$270.00 (Srv) Nebraska Public Health Environment \$210.00 (Srv) NPPD \$2,368.11 (Srv) Lauren Neels \$398.50 (Reim) S. Gregory Nelson 665.00 (Reim) Jeff Neumeister \$58.43 (Reim) Todd O'Connor \$60.00 (Reim) Office Warehouse \$109.99 (Sup) OPPD \$1,612.14 (Srv) Omaha World Harold \$64.09 (Srv) Omega Chemical \$418.49 (Srv) H.S.A \$15,750.00 (Ins) O'Reilly Auto Parts \$11.99 (Sup) Papillion Sanitation \$38.70 (Srv) Laura Pohlmeier \$60.00 (Reim) Pottawattamie County Sheriff \$41.00 (Srv) Sandra Prall \$129.43 (Reim) Thomas Prickett \$1,002.25 (Srv) Professional Heating & Air \$5,855.00 (Srv) Michael Smith \$2,463.33 (Reim) Software Unlimited \$281.60 (Srv) Jennifer Sommer \$3,450.00 (Srv) Kyle Sorgenfrei \$48.82 (Reim) Justin Spring \$65.85 (Reim) William Sterrett \$60.00 (Reim) Cassie Story \$60.00 (Reim) Bill Sullivan \$37.93 (Reim) Summit Food Service \$4,822.79 (Sup) George Tesar \$45.26 (Reim) Renee Thakur \$18.86 (Reim) Leonard Thorne \$60.00 (Reim) Mary Tilson \$654.96 (Srv) Bobie Touchstone \$2,945.00 (Srv) Uline \$800.08 (Srv) United Healthcare \$77,129.08 (Ins) United Healthcare Dental \$2,288.94 (Ins) US Bank \$6,570.32 (Srv) US Bank Voyager \$484.43 (Srv) Verizon Wireless \$3,777.15 (Srv) Warren Wade \$19.00 (Reim) Carol Waters \$392.08 (Reim) Doug Wehrbein \$111.87 (Reim) Jeb Wika \$60.00 (Reim) Windstream \$90.55 (Srv) Woodhouse Ford South \$111.54 (Srv) 201 Main Street \$2,960.00 (Reim) CLAIMS: \$263,488.21 PAYROLL: \$354,218.90 TOTAL: \$617,707.11 ROADS: Ace Irrigation \$16,608.60 (Srv) AKRS Equipment \$24.00 (Sup) Allied Oil & Tire Company \$668.74 (Srv) MGX Equipment Services \$544.75 (Srv) Cornhusker International Truck \$338.41 (Srv) Haney Shoe Stores \$180.00 (Sup) Holiday Inn \$359.85 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$279.54 (Srv) Keckler Oil Company \$23.33 (Srv) Martin Marietta \$25,127.13 (Sup) Meeske Ace Hardware \$94.84 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$442.85 (Sup) NMC \$4,292.71 (Srv) Pomp's Tire Service \$8,110.00 (Srv) Premier Pest Control \$100.00 (Srv) RDO Truck Center \$9,046.90 (Srv) Ron's Auto & Tire Repair \$83.77 (Srv) SAPP Bros \$28,063.57 (Srv) US Bank \$229.64 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$94,618.63 PAYROLL: \$66,292.85 TOTAL: \$160,911.48 VISITOR PROMOTION: Carl Reichart \$155.89 (Reim) CLAIMS: \$155.89 PAYROLL: \$1,183.50 TOTAL: \$1,339.39 VISITOR IMPROVEMENT: Scatter Joy Acres \$7,129.89 (Srv) TOTAL: \$7,129.89 COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Derby Heating & Air \$11,075.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$11,075.00 E911: Amazon \$311.92 (Sup) TOTAL: \$311.92 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: \$798,474.79

1. Regular Agenda:

MOTION: Sharp moved, Murdoch seconded to approve agenda as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

2. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

- Sharp: None
- Boyle: None
- DeGarmo: Meeting with Lincoln Water
- Murdoch: Meeting with Lincoln Water

3. Public Hearing/Action (8:15am): none scheduled

4. Litigation & Legal Matters-Christopher Perrone, County Attorney: none scheduled

5. Road Matters-Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent: none scheduled

6. New Business & Unfinished Business:

6A. Discuss/Action- EMA Building, update - discussion held, Winkler asked where the county is on this building, Sharp will get an update and asked that the clerk prepare a cost report, item will be added to January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6B. Discuss/Action- Appointment of Chief Deputy Director for Cass County Emergency Management Agency  
MOTION: Sharp moved, Boyle seconded to appoint Cassie Story as Chief Deputy Director for Emergency Management, salary will be set at 80% of current EMA Directors salary. Motion carried 5-0

6C. Discuss/Action- Review NDOT Federal-Aid Urban Area Boundary Update, discussion held. Commissioner Sharp will work with City of Plattsmouth to review map, item will be tabled until January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6D. Discuss/Action- Pitney Bowes, postage equipment lease agreement, authorize clerk to sign  
MOTION: Winkler moved, DeGarmo seconded to authorize Clerk to sign equipment lease agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0

6E. Discuss/Action- Robert Sorenson- Sheriff, approval of FirstNet Quote and already approved ARPA Funds  
MOTION: Sharp moved, Winkler seconded to approve quote from FirstNet with additional 6 months of service included cost being \$52,977.96 (ARPA funds will be used). Motion carried 5-0

8:38am ADJOURN as Board of Commissioners

8.38am CONVENE- BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

1. Discuss/Action- (Treasurer) Motor Vehicle Exemption: First Baptist Church (1) 2010 Blue Bird Bus; Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (1) 2008 Ford Edge Sport Utility, (1) 2020 Ford Transit Van  
MOTION: Murdoch moved, Sharp seconded to approve motor vehicle exemption filed for January 2, 2024. Motion carried 5-0

Other Business Matters/Public Input & Comments: None

8:42am ADJOURN AS CASS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: MOTION: Murdoch moved, Winkler seconded. Motion carried 5-0

I, Gerri Draper, the undersigned Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska do hereby certify the above minutes were taken by me, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and are part of the official records of this office. I therefore set my hand and affix the County Seal this 2nd day of January, 2024.

State of Nebraska)  
County of Cass) <sup>ss.</sup>

Gerri Draper, County Clerk

We, the undersigned Board of Commissioners of Cass County, Nebraska do hereby certify the above minutes are true and correct to the best of our knowledge, and are part of the official records of the Cass County Clerk's Office. We therefore set our hands this 2nd day of January, 2024.

Dale Sharp-District 1 Commissioner  
Taylor Boyle-District 2 Commissioner  
Alexander DeGarmo-District 3 Commissioner

John Winkler-District 4 Commissioner  
Duane Murdoch-District 5 Commissioner