

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE CASS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Per NE State Statute 23-122, the following is a brief statement of the proceedings of the Cass County Board of Commissioners for February 28, 2023. A complete account of the minutes may be viewed at the County Clerk's Office. Members present- Sharp, Boyle, DeGarmo, Winkler and Murdoch. Other present: Chris Perrone- County Attorney, Gerri Draper-County Clerk.

8:00am CONVENE – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CONSENT AGENDA: Previous Meeting Minutes, Claims, Payroll/Time Balance Reports and fees for 2/28/23.

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

GENERAL: Amazon \$1,226.99 (Sup) American Heart Association \$879.00 (Sup) Ameritas Life Insurance \$2,172.72 (Ins) Ameritas Life Insurance \$28,945.60 (Ins) Autographix \$3,000.00 (Sup) Betterway Tire & Auto \$128.00 (Srv) Black Hills Energy \$11,527.71 (Srv) Boarders Inn & Suites \$288.00 (Srv) Bob Barker Company \$115.48 (Srv) Bomgaars \$87.15 (Sup) Scott Bornemeier \$72.48 (Srv) Boundtree Medical \$448.59 (Srv) Grant Bullock \$117.12 (Reim) Cash-Wa Distributing \$869.50 (Srv) Cass County Extension \$250.00 (Srv) Cass County Jail \$302.16 (Reim) Cass County Public Defender \$2,045.09 (Reim) Cass County Sheriff \$144.58 (Reim) Cherryroad Media \$9.49 (Srv) Clerk of the District Court \$108.00 (Srv) Consolidated Management Company \$21.50 (Srv) Creighton Dental Clinic \$245.00 (Srv) Danko Emergency Equipment \$351.13 (Sup) DAS State Accounting \$160.00 (Srv) Diamond Drugs \$307.87 (Srv) Diamond Vogel \$66.38 (Srv) Eakes Office Solutions \$1,133.06 (Sup) EMS Connect \$71.50 (Srv) Entenmann-Rovin Co \$249.50 (Srv) Family Physicians of Plattsmouth \$39.00 (Srv) FBI-LEEDA \$795.00 (Srv) Ferguson Enterprises \$249.66 (Srv) Fireguard \$1,415.00 (Srv) First State Bank \$31,020.77 (Ins) FAC \$314.00 (Srv) FP Finance \$168.00 (Srv) Frontier Cooperative \$105.54 (Srv) Frontier Cooperative \$105.54 (Srv) Galls \$282.49 (Sup) Grainger \$739.01 (Sup) Hometown Leasing \$818.37 (Srv) Hotsy Equipment \$340.50 (Sup) Hyvee \$383.20 (Sup) J.P. Cooke Company \$74.10 (Srv) Roger Abbott \$54.00 (Srv) Linda Andersen \$64.48 (Srv) Dee Arias \$54.00 (Srv) Eva Bashus \$45.48 (Srv) Alexandria Baxa \$54.65 (Srv) Danelle Benker \$78.23 (Srv) Kerry Bickford \$66.44 (Srv) Darlene Block \$36.31 (Srv) Rebecca Brewer \$36.31 (Srv) Brittany Copenhaver \$37.62 (Srv) Evan Cotto \$35.66 (Srv) Jason Crabbe \$81.51 (Srv) James Crosby \$46.79 (Srv) Sheryl Day \$42.86 (Srv) Richard Deloske \$54.65 (Srv) Thomas Dougherty \$37.62 (Srv) Tyler Drueke \$90.02 (Srv) Alex Fangman \$78.23 (Srv) Mary Garcia \$54.65 (Srv) Carmen Garner \$59.89 (Srv) Vicki Gassen-Smith \$55.96 (Srv) Lori Gray \$51.38 (Srv) Matthew Griffin \$69.06 (Srv) Jady Harris \$46.14 (Srv) Jennifer Hendrickson \$82.16 (Srv) Karen Howard \$90.68 (Srv) Gregory Hughes \$35.66 (Srv) John Jones \$76.92 (Srv) Kevin Jones \$69.06 (Srv) Madison Jordan \$65.13 (Srv) Tiffany Kennedy \$35.66 (Srv) Jacob Klusaw \$77.58 (Srv) Joshua Lahmon \$90.68 (Srv) Robert Lang \$54.65 (Srv) Wade Leming \$88.71 (Srv) Steven Loyd \$45.48 (Srv) Ambrosia Magee \$54.65 (Srv) Cristian McIntire \$46.14 (Srv) Jacob Meeske \$65.79 (Srv) Mackenzie Miller \$36.97 (Srv) Jacquelynn Mucha \$36.31 (Srv) Jennifer Myers \$55.96 (Srv) Becky Shaw \$136.68 (Srv) Kerns Excavating \$285.00 (Srv) Legends Detailing \$160.00 (Srv) Gerald Liess \$360.00 (Srv) Lincoln Journal Star \$1,354.82 (Srv) Brook McConnaughey \$306.02 (Reim) Meeske Ace Hardware \$104.99 (Sup) Metlife Life Ins \$174.24 (Ins) Midlands Printing \$876.52 (Srv) MIPS \$3,067.29 (Srv) Nebraska Association of County Clerks/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioners \$50.00 (Srv) Nebraska Health & Human Services \$465.00 (Srv) Nebraska Public Health Environment \$105.00 (Srv) NPZA \$400.00 (Srv) Office Warehouse \$66.90 (Sup) OPPD \$998.76 (Srv) Omaha World Harold \$32.70 (Srv) Omega Chemical Company \$213.86 (Srv) H.S.A \$2,400.00 (Ins) Otoe County Treasurer \$60.00 (Sup) Physicians Laboratory Services \$4,421.00 (Srv) Radar Road Tec \$183.00 (Srv) Ramada Inn \$192.00 (Srv) Region 6 Behavioral Health Care \$18,570.42 (Srv) Ricoh \$77.53 (Srv) Sarpy County Times \$234.00 (Srv) Sarpy County Sheriff Office \$7,285.00 (Srv) Sarpy County Treasurer \$1,989.06 (Srv) Shaffer Communications \$183.00 (Srv) Software Unlimited \$256.00 (Srv) Jennifer Sommer \$2,550.00 (Srv) Stop N Shop \$3,316.05 (Srv) Summit Food Service \$9,352.51 (Sup) The Home Depot Pro \$179.43 (Sup) Thyssenkrupp Elevator \$254.18 (Srv) Unifirst \$118.61 (Srv) United Healthcare \$79,769.93 (County Adjust) US Bank \$2,855.78 (Srv) Verizon Connect \$129.52 (Srv) Verizon Wireless \$3,839.85 (Srv) Vesta Voluntary Specialists \$119.60 (Srv) VSP Vision \$511.73 (County Adjust) Windstream \$324.69 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$242,859.04 PAYROLL: 357,513.72 TOTAL: \$600,372.76 ROADS: Aramark \$300.03 (Srv) Bess Machining \$587.00 (Srv) Caterpillar Financial Service \$3,060.78 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$144.54 (Srv) Hotsy Equipment \$207.00 (Srv) Keckler Oil Company \$24.50 (Srv) Mainelli Wagner \$37,859.38 (Srv) Martin Marietta \$92,837.56 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$341.59 (Sup) Mid-America Termite & Pest Control \$100.00 (Srv) Mill Creek Auto Parts \$96.63 (Sup) Mullenax Auto Supply \$39.02 (Sup) Murphy Tractor & Equipment \$118.74 (Sup) Nebraska Iowa Supply Company \$9,807.00 (Srv) Neff Towing \$434.50 (Srv) Newman Signs \$1,727.67 (Sup) NMC \$33.88 (Srv) Pitney Bowes Global Financial \$245.94 (Srv) Todd Valley Plumbing & Heating \$293.00 (Srv) Wessels Trucking \$10,283.99 (Srv) Whetrock Inc \$7,053.75 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$165,596.50 PAYROLL: \$67,347.22 TOTAL: \$232,943.72 JUVENILE DIVERSION: TOTAL: \$1,652.06 VISITOR PROMOTION: Linda Behrns \$22.27 (Reim) Bess Streeter Aldrich \$2,500.00 (Srv) Elmwood-Murdock Merchants Association \$2,217.50 (Srv) Marie Gregoire \$14.41 (Reim) Historic Downtown Plattsmouth Association \$2,500.00 (Srv) The Loft Community Theatre \$2,500.00 (Srv) Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries \$2,500.00 (Srv) Carl Reichart \$144.10 (Reim) Revitalization Association of Weeping Water \$2,115.17 (Srv) Barbara Slattery \$26.20 (Reim) Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum \$2,500.00 (Srv) Weeping Water Valley Historical \$2,289.37 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$19,329.02 PAYROLL: \$1,149.00 TOTAL: \$20,478.02 VISITOR IMPROVEMENT: Bess Streeter Aldrich \$3,835.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$3,835.00 COVID AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN: Computer Cable Connection \$3,753.00 (Srv) Omaha Door and Windows \$5,212.24 TOTAL: \$8,965.24 E911: Windstream \$687.35 (Srv) TOTAL: \$687.35 E911 WIRELESS: Windstream \$1,990.36 (Srv) TOTAL: \$1,990.36 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: \$870,924.51

1. Regular Agenda:

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

2. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

- Sharp: None
- Boyle: Meeting with railroads on Platte River obstruction, SID #5 meeting-requested assistance with roads and animal control
- DeGarmo: Meeting with railroads on Platte River obstruction, Trails meeting
- Winkler: Meeting with railroads on Platte River obstruction, Congressman Flood
- Murdoch: Meeting regarding sewer lines in the LEC building

3. Public Hearing/Action (8:15am): MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Boyle seconded. Motion carried 5-0

Published: Omaha World Herald 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 Posted: Cass County Courthouse and Post Offices: Plattsmouth, Eagle, Greenwood, Louisville and Weeping Water. Other present: Lenny Thorne-Highway Superintendent

3A. PH- One and Six Year Road Plan (RES 2023-01)

Thorne outlined (21) One Year Projects and (5) Six Year Projects (total cost \$11,600,000 with \$9,900,000 being 1-yr plan cost).

Most projects are under currently under contract and have been budgeted within the roads department.

Chair asked for comments from the audience, hearing none he asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

CLOSE Public Hearing 8:27am: MOTION: Winkler moved, Boyle seconded. Motion carried 5-0

PH MOTION:

3A. PH- One and Six Year Road Plan (RES 2023-01)

MOTION: Boyle moved, DeGarmo seconded to adopt Resolution 2023-01; approving the adoption of the 2023 One and Six Year Road Plan. Motion carried 5-0

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

5. Road Matters-Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent:

5A. Discussion/Action- Approval to purchase (1) service body for mechanics truck

MOTION: Sharp moved, DeGarmo seconded to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase from Matt Friend Truck Equipment, purchase price \$23,210.00 estimated delivery 16 weeks. Motion carried 5-0

6. New Business & Unfinished Business:

6A. Discuss/Action- Julie Bear-Cass County Public Defender, guidance on use of additional funds in 2023 budget. Bear asked to use surplus budgeted funds to adjust employee wages. Board has no issues with the use of funds as requested

6B. Discuss/Action- Alex Montoya-Sanitary & Improvement District No. 2, approval of Dedication/Easement Agreement

MOTION: Boyle moved, Winkler seconded to approve dedication/easement agreement as presented by SID #2. Motion carried 5-0

6C. Discuss/Action- Alex Montoya-Sanitary & Improvement District No. 2, approval of Sanitary Sewer Line Easement Agreement

MOTION: Sharp moved, Boyle seconded to approve sewer line easement agreement as presented by SID #2. Motion carried 5-0

6D. Discuss/Action- Dana Stahl-Executive Director Keep Cass County Beautiful, 2022 recap. Update given no action taken

6E. Discuss/Action- Lauren Stohlmann-Extension Educator & Lead Educator, Cass County Extension Assistant Position

MOTION: Winkler moved, DeGarmo seconded to authorize hiring the position as a University paid employee. Motion carried 5-0

6F. Executive Session- I.T Department- existing Windstream contract

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chair stated for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, may I have a motion to go into executive session to allow board to discuss existing Windstream Contract.

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Sharp seconded to enter into executive session to discuss existing Windstream contract. Motion carried 5-0. Chair reiterated limited subject matter to be addressed: discuss existing Windstream contract before entering closed session. Time of entering closed session was 8:51am

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Winkler moved, Boyle seconded, to close executive session. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting reconvened in open session at 9:55am. Chair announced that the only topic discussed in closed session was to discuss existing Windstream contract. There was no action taken in closed session.

Other Business Matters/Public Input & Comments: Robert Sorenson-Sheriff addressed the board regarding building maintenance. Draper was asked to update the board on opinions received from Officials regarding re-opening courthouse doors- not all officials have replied but what was gathered it was a 50/50 split on reopening the doors, with most officials asking for metal detectors.

10:13am ADJOURN AS CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Sharp 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 28th day of February, 2023.

State of Nebraska)
County of Cass) ^{ss.}

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 28th day of February, 2023.

Dale Sharp-Dist. 1, Taylor Boyle-Dist. 2, Alex DeGarmo-Dist. 3, John Winkler-Dist. 4, Duane Murdoch-Dist. 5
Cass County Board of Commissioners