

**MEETING MINUTES: September 26, 2023 CASS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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 EQUALIZATION

1. Discuss/Action- (Assessor) Tax List Corrections/Clerical Error List: Parcel(s) 130392091-2021,2022

MOTION: Winkler moved, Sharp seconded to approve tax corrections and clerical error list as presented (parcel 130392091). Motion carried 5-0

8:02am CONVENE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CONSENT AGENDA: Previous Meeting Minutes, Claims, Payroll/Time Balance Reports and Fees: Cass County Clerk – Misc. \$534.70; Zoning- Misc. \$ 8,072.28; Register of Deeds- Preservation \$1,694.00, State DOC Stamps \$ 36,773.80, CO General DOC Stamps \$10,505.45, County General \$10,996.00; Dist. Court Clerk - Misc. \$3,815.85; Sheriff – Mileage \$568.55, Misc. \$3,476.08

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

GENERAL: Melissa Amato \$43.97 (Srv) Amazon \$684.83 (Sup) American Heart Association \$543.00 (Sup) Ameritas Life Ins \$34,834.47 (Ins) AT&T \$95.00 (Srv) Village of Avoca \$63.00 (Srv) Betterway Tire & Auto \$516.63 (Srv) Bishop Business \$464.63 (Srv) Black Hills Energy \$2,351.83 (Srv) Bob Barker Company \$1,000.12 (Srv) Scott Bornemeier \$34.99 (Srv) Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing \$395.00 (Srv) Lawrence Carlsson 2,500.00 (Srv) Cash-Wa Distributing \$1,039.65 (Sup) Cass County Extension \$250.00 (Reim) Cass County Public Defender \$2,927.20 (Reim) Cass County Sheriff \$189.09 (Srv) Cassgram \$492.00 (Srv) Tammy Cavanaugh \$349.13 (Reim) Charm-Tex \$109.08 (Srv) Charter Communications \$181.57 (Srv) CIDNET \$3,000.00 (Srv) Clerk of the District Court \$324.00 (Srv) Crawford Supply Company \$661.52 (Sup) Percival Culligan Water \$47.00 (Sup) Wendy Cutting \$195.00 (Srv) DAS State Central Accounting \$160.00 (Srv) Department of Revenue \$1,860.00 (Srv) Digital-Ally \$265.00 (Srv) Dodge County Sheriff's Office \$79.29 (Srv) Douglas County Sheriff \$79.29 (Srv)Eakes Office Solutions \$2,559.25 (Sup) Electronic Engineering \$3,311.53 (Srv) First Concord \$57.50 (Ins) First State Bank \$33,292.44 (Ins) FP Finance Program \$168.00 (Srv) Fusselman-Allen-Harvey Funeral Home \$300.00 (Srv) Galls \$109.99 (Sup) Graham Tire \$1,112.00 (Srv) Rand Group \$18.00 (Srv) Hayes Mechanical \$285.42 (Srv) Henry-Hobscheidt Service Center \$76.76 (Srv) HTBS Credit \$120.40 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$1,207.70 (Srv) Hy-Vee \$1,246.31 (Sup) Andrea Hardesty \$457.00 (Srv) Lisa Gonzalez \$1,403.76 (Srv) Jones Automotive \$746.18 (Srv) Keckler Oil Company \$55.95 (Srv) Keefe Supply Company \$6,127.20 (Sup) Lancaster County Sheriff Dept \$6.00 (Srv) Robert Larsen \$427.50 (Srv) Lifeguard \$534.00 (Sup) Village of Manley \$64.68 (Srv) Marking Refrigeration \$918.25 (Srv) Marshall & Swift \$492.95 (Srv) Jamie Martz \$75.00 (Srv) My Central Supply \$261.03 (Sup) Meekse Ace Hardware \$42.77 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$51.46 (Sup) Menards \$181.90 (Sup) Metlife \$444.07 (Ins) Midwest Card & ID Solutions \$1,834.40 (Srv) Mill Creek Auto Parts \$78.37 (Sup) Municipal Emergency Services \$1,119.26 (Srv) NACO \$40.00 (Srv) Nebraska Health & Human Services \$279.00 (Srv) NPPD \$221.98 (Srv) Nebraska Secretary of State \$120.00 (Srv) Nebraska Sheriff's Association \$30.00 (Srv) Oestman & Albertsen Law \$14.25 (Srv)Office Systems Division \$1,979.23 (Srv) Office Warehouse \$774.41 (Sup) OPPD \$896.19 (Srv) Omaha World Harold \$255.44 (Srv) H.S.A \$2,300.00 (Ins) Otoe County Sheriff Department \$18.50 (Srv) Oxen Technology \$8,915.00 (Srv) Paper Tiger Shredding \$161.55 (Srv) Papillion Sanitation \$193.66 (Srv) Perfection Auto Repair \$63.25 (Srv) Physicians Laboratory Services \$30.00 (Srv) Pitney Bowes \$879.74 (Srv)City of Plattsmouth \$390.94 (Srv) Professional Heating & Air Conditioning \$640.00 (Srv) Quill Corporation \$217.94 (Sup) Ricoh \$174.18 (Sup) Otoe County Rural Water District #3 \$39.00 (Srv) Sam's Club \$404.83 (Sup) Sarpy County Sheriff Department \$78.44 (Srv) Sarpy County Treasurer \$2,441.81 (Srv) Secretary of State \$20.00 (Srv) Software Unlimited \$256.00 (Srv) Sommer Butts \$220.00 (Srv) Jennifer Sommer \$1,875.00 (Srv) Summit Food Service \$9,384.57 (Sup) Thomson Reuters – West \$1,385.34 (Srv) TK Elevator Corporation \$260.38 (Srv) Unifirst Corporation \$194.83 (Srv) United Healthcare \$84,803.01 (Ins) US Bank \$144.22 (Srv) US Cellular \$225.00 (Srv) Verizon \$4,479.08 (Srv) W-Square \$600.00 (Srv) Wilson Premier Powder Coating \$168.00 (Srv) Windstream \$315.76 (Srv) Xtra Mile Mowing \$240.00 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$241,940.06 PAYROLL: \$379,603.04 TOTAL: \$621,543.10 ROADS: Ace Irrigation \$12,774.59 (Srv) Aramark \$535.80 (Srv) MGX Equipment Services \$14.00 (Srv) Big Red Drainage Pipe Supply Inc \$1,925.00 (Srv) Dultmeier Sales \$415.00 (Srv) Eakes Office Solutions \$45.00 (Sup) Frontier Cooperative \$2,726.85 (Srv) Galvin Glass \$329.95 (Srv) Hometown Leasing \$148.50 (Srv) Langfeldt Overhead Door \$155.00 (Srv) Martin Marietta \$44,502.43 (Srv) Matt Friend Truck Equipment \$23,210.00 (Srv) Meeske Ace Hardware \$128.16 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts \$1,519.88 (Sup) Menards \$301.72 (Sup) NMC \$356.13 (Srv) Premier Pest Control \$106.00 (Srv) RDO Truck Center \$163.34 (Srv) Sapp Bros \$39,202.47 (Srv) Shaffer Communications \$1,714.56 (Srv) Wessels Trucking \$12,168.12 (Srv) Western Sand & Gravel \$1,432.04 (Sup) Whetrock \$72,033.66 (Sup) CLAIMS: \$215,908.20 PAYROLL: \$76,701.89 TOTAL: \$292,610.09 HIWAY BUYBACK: KEA Constructors \$58,241.40 (Srv) TOTAL: \$58,241.40 COMMUNICATION TOWER: The Center for Municipal Solutions \$5,375.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$5,375.00 VISITOR PROMOTION: Carl Reichart \$279.60 (Reim) Southeast Nebraska Tourism Council \$1,000.00 (Srv) CLAIMS: \$1,279.60 PAYROLL: \$1,183.50 TOTAL: \$2,463.10 FEMA: Midwest Card & ID Solutions \$5,665.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$5,665.00 COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Big Red Lighting & Electrical \$24,930.00 (Srv) TOTAL: \$24,930.00 INHERITANCE: Michael Lang Estate \$113.00 (Reim) TOTAL: \$113.00 E911: Windstream \$1,174.32 (Srv) TOTAL: \$1,174.32 E911 WIRELESS: Windstream \$1,502.78 (Srv) TOTAL: \$1,502.78 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: \$1,005,440.88

1. Regular Agenda:

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

2. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

- Sharp: Property Tax Request Act Joint Public Hearing
- Boyle: Region 6 meeting
- DeGarmo: Village of Alvo board meeting
- Winkler: Property Tax Request Act Joint Public Hearing
- Murdoch: Property Tax Request Act Joint Public Hearing

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: Thorne gave updates on road projects.

6. New Business & Unfinished Business:

6A. Discuss/Action- Cindy Fenton-Treasurer, Distress Warrant Report and Striking Taxes Request

MOTION: Sharp moved, Murdoch seconded to strike taxes as requested by the Treasurer in the amount of \$4,852.12 (18 individuals/24 parcels) Motion carried 5-0

6B. Non-Action item- Cindy Fenton-Treasurer, Pledge Collateral Change. Board acknowledges receiving report

6C. Discuss/Action- Megan Burton, Family Development Associate-SENCA, update on services. Burton gave the board an update on SENCA activities.

6D. Discuss/Action- Proposal from Olsson Engineering to conduct a study and identify options and costs estimates to provide back-up power to the Courthouse, Annex building and LEC

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to table item until the October 10, 2023 meeting to allow review of ARPA fund requests. Motion carried 5-0

6E. Discuss/Action- Aaron Clark, NextLink Internet, replacement monopole, Clark with work with the Zoning Administrator and engineer regarding estimated cost for placement of the monopole.

6F. Discuss/Action- County Burial Request CBA 2023-08

MOTION: Winkler moved, Boyle seconded to approve request, clerk is authorized to process payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 Motion carried 5-0

6G. Discuss/Action- 2023-2024 FY Budgetary Items:

1% Increase in Restricted Funds Authority

MOTION: Winkler moved, DeGarmo seconded to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Motion carried 5-0

2023 Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Boyle seconded to set the 2023 fiscal year cost of living allowance at 3%. Motion carried 5-0

RES 2023-12 Adoption and Appropriations

MOTION: Boyle moved, Winkler seconded to adopt resolution as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

RES 2023-13: Setting the Property Tax Request

MOTION: Boyle moved, DeGarmo seconded to adopt resolution as prepared; approving the 2023-2024 budget, setting the property tax request at \$14,597,288.87 with a tax rate of 0.321806. Motion carried 5-0

6H. Discuss/Action- Continuous Agenda Item(s) Budgetary items; Building(s). None

Other Business Matters/Public Input & Comments: None

8:44am ADJOURN: MOTION: DeGarmo 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 26th day of September, 2023.

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 26th day of September, 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*