

**FURNAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BOARD OF EQUAIZATION and
PUBLIC HEARING
PROCEEDINGS**

APRIL 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Meeting Room, 3rd Floor in the Courthouse

The Furnas County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 for a regular board meeting. Notice of the meeting was published in the Valley Voice newspaper and posted on the County's website. The agenda was emailed to each commissioner, posted on the County's website and kept current in the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Mike Sexton opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and informed those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed on the wall and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: Lois Bishop, County Clerk and Patrick Calkins, County Attorney.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Minutes from the March 26, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. The following claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by McCoy, second by Tegtman. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Abbreviations for this legal: S Supplies; SF Sheriff Fees; SC Services & Charges; LF Legal Fees; M Mileage, Meals, Meetings; D Dues, Reg. or Subs; DN Donation; R Rent; RF Refund; T Taxes; TR Training; MH Mental Health Hearing; I Insurance; BP Bond Payment; LP Lease/Loan Payment; C Contract Labor; WF Witness Fees, G Garnishments, P Postage, VP Visitor Promotion, W Wages; JD Jury Duty; E Equipment, F Fee's, PY Prior Year.

General Salaries W \$18,424.64 Abramson Appliance, LLC SC \$325.66 Aflac I \$415.62 Ag Valley Coop SC \$2,051.45 Amazon Capital Services S \$74.31 Amazon Capital Services S \$379.10 Amazon Capital Services S \$706.22 ATC Communications SC \$214.90 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,849.03 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,816.76 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,345.26 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,896.55 Banner Capital Bank - Visa S \$2,777.17 Banner Capital Bank - Visa S \$39.15 Banner Capital Bank - Visa S \$503.70 Black Hills Energy SC \$315.65 Mickayla Blender M \$170.58 Brico Pest Control SC \$30.00 C Durham Law Office LLC LF \$450.00 Patrick Calkins RF \$155.00 Camas Publishing, LLC-Valley Voice SC \$804.49 D & D Service SC \$122.74 Daake Law Office, LLC LF \$562.50 Dead Sled Towing And Recovery LLC SC \$467.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$461.51 Dewald Deaver L'Heureux, Pc LLO LF \$2,037.30 Eakes Office Plus SC \$1,541.42 Eakes Office Plus SC \$1,196.23 Election Systems & Software Inc SC \$1,561.33 Election Systems & Software Inc SC \$3,777.25 First Central Bank LP \$3,848.32 Furnas County Clerk D \$25.00 Furnas County Court SC \$283.00 Furnas County Sheriff's Office SC \$465.40 Furnas County Treasurer-Postage P \$49.00 Fye Law Office LF \$836.49 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$17.00 Hometown Leasing LP \$98.31 Hometown Leasing LP \$78.95 James Hudson RF \$77.32 Jac Storage R \$155.00 Kelley's Supermarket Inc SC \$782.37 Kelley's Supermarket Inc SC \$7.17 Norman D Lewis M \$80.00 Norman D Lewis M \$13.40 Makayla Livingston M \$135.10 Madison National Life Ins Co Inc I \$129.75 Marvin Planning Consultants SC \$750.00 Mid-American Benefits Inc. I \$15,334.10 MIPS Inc SC \$2,510.49 Mousel,Brooks,Schneider,Mustin & LF \$1,162.12 Alan D Mues M \$80.00 Alan D Mues M \$20.01 Nebraska Assn Emergency Management D \$150.00 Nebraska Clerks Of Dist. Court Assoc D \$150.00 Phelps County Sheriff's Office SC \$2,015.00 Pinpoint Communications SC \$1,076.30 Red Willow Co Treasurer/Veterans D \$6,177.27 Region 3 Behavioral Health Services D \$3,019.16 S & W Auto Parts SC \$81.99 S & W Auto Parts SC \$15.98 Laura Schneider W \$160.00 Whitney A Schroeder C \$2,500.00 Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC SC \$38.94 Soarin Group SC \$1,911.50 Merrill Stagemeyer M \$80.00 Merrill Stagemeyer M \$17.42 State Ne Admin Serv Central Finance SC \$537.60 Tk Elevator Corporation SC \$185.70 Norman Trosper M \$80.00 Norman Trosper M \$25.46 Wren Trosper M \$80.00 Wren Trosper M \$4.02 Urbom Law Offices, P.C. LF \$946.45 Verizon Wireless SC \$82.89 Vision Service Plan I \$133.44 Wex Bank (Em Mgr.) SC \$235.64 Wex Bank (Sheriff) SC \$1,515.16 Total \$96,630.74 Roads Salaries W \$14,185.40 Aflac I \$381.18 Ag Valley Coop SC \$276.68 Ag Valley Coop SC \$11,050.34 ATC Communications SC \$92.96 Banner Capital Bank T \$3,294.95 Banner Capital Bank T \$1,433.73 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$881.89 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$1,322.81 Black Hills Energy SC \$188.40 Cambridge General Store SC \$280.87 Cambridge Telephone SC \$55.47 CHS Agri Service Center SC \$1,759.69 City Of Arapahoe SC \$203.45 City Of Cambridge SC \$153.19 Coffman's Plumbing SC \$1,775.18 D & D Service SC \$1,367.00 Delta Dental Of Nebraska I \$383.53 Equipment Blades Inc SC \$1,650.20 Hemelstrand's Inc SC \$18.82 Husker Hardware SC \$17.85 Nebraska Child Support Payment Ctr G \$379.50 Newman Signs Inc SC \$231.40 Overton Sand And Gravel SC \$13,327.14 Pinpoint Communications SC \$133.76 Road Builders Machinery & Supply Co SC \$1,962.12 Roy's Sales & Service SC \$412.77 Roy's Sales & Service SC \$119.87 S & W Auto Parts SC \$161.43 S & W Auto Parts SC \$1,784.11 Southern Valley Diesel LLC SC \$1,233.58 Southwest Farm & Auto Supply SC \$29.94 Van's Radiator & Welding SC \$159.18 Victory Three Seven Services, LLC SC \$914.55 Village Of Wilsonville SC \$72.82 Vision Service Plan I \$90.75 Wex Bank (Road) SC \$272.28 Total \$62,058.79 911 Emergency Salaries W \$307.15 ATC Communications SC \$40.00 Banner Capital Bank T \$27.10 Banner Capital Bank T \$26.78 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$15.75 Banner Capital Bank - Retirement R \$23.63 Total \$440.41 911 Wireless Arapahoe Telephone SC \$140.58 Cambridge Telephone SC \$175.13 Total \$315.71 Grand Total \$159,445.65.

The following reports were received and placed on file: Fee Reports for ROD, Sheriff, District Court, County Court and Treasurers Revenue List.

Resolution 2024-4-9 to join the Trail Blazer RC&D was approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Region 3 Behavioral Health was designated to receive Opioid funds from the County on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sexton, seconded by McCoy, to recess the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:37 a.m. and enter into the Public Hearing to hear public comment on Permissive Exemption Forms 451

to be reconsidered. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PERMISSIVE EXEMPTION FORMS 451

The Furnas County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 for a Public Hearing to hear public comments on the board’s decision to reconsider whether or not to allow or deny three Exemption Applications on Real or Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations Forms 451 as requested by the Property Assessment Division. Notice of the meeting was published in the Valley Voice newspaper, posted on the County’s website and organizations requesting the exemptions were sent a letter of the Notice of Public hearing by mail 10 days prior to the meeting. Chairman Mike Sexton opened the meeting at 9:37 a.m. and informed those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed on the wall and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: Lois Bishop, County Clerk, Patrick Calkins, County Attorney and JayCe Minarik, Assessor Office.

No one from the public was present for the hearing.

The Board discussed and reconsidered the changes requested by the Property Assessment Division.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Public Hearing at 9:50 a.m. to open the Board of Equalization.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

The Furnas County Board of Equalization met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 9:50 a.m. Notice of the meeting was published in the Valley Voice newspaper and posted on the County’s website. The agenda was emailed to each commissioner, posted on the County’s website and kept current in the County Clerk’s Office. Chairman Mike Sexton opened the meeting at 9:50 a.m. and informed those present of the Open Meetings Act poster displayed on the wall and the provisions of the Act will be followed at this meeting. Board members present: Mike Sexton, Dennis Tegtman and Allan McCoy. Also present: Lois Bishop, County Clerk, Patrick Calkins, County Attorney and JayCe Minarik, Assessor Office.

Motion made by McCoy, second by Tegtman to approve the corrections indicated on the Exemption Applications on Real or Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations Forms 451’s for the Evangelical Free Church, Oxford and the Christian Church, Arapahoe. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Motion made by Tegtman, second by McCoy to approve the Exemption Applications on Real or Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations Forms 451 for the Oxford Granada Theatre Board. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Minarik presented the Tax List Correction 2021-3 and 2022-11for clerical errors. Motion by McCoy to approve Tax List Correction 2021-3 and 2021-11, second by Tegtman. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sexton adjourned the Board of Equalization Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING (Reconvened):

Chairman Sexton reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Public Comment time: No one from the Public was present.

Right of Way Agreements, 2024-4-9, Cambridge & 2024-4-9A, Arapahoe, received from Viaero to bore fiber optic lines were approved on a motion by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried.

Tegtman reviewed and approved the estimate for repairs of \$2114.55 on the Beaver City County Shop Office.

Doug Brown, Sheriff reviewed three estimates for replacement of the totaled 2021 Durango. Kansas State bid was \$44,980.00; Nebraska State bid \$ 42,255.00 (w/o options); JR Audio/Legacy Auto bid \$45,500.00 (in stock). Due to the urgency to replace vehicle as soon as possible, a motion to purchase the in stock vehicle from JR Audio/Legacy Auto was made by Tegtman, second by McCoy. RCV: Sexton, Aye; Tegtman, Aye; McCoy, Aye. Motion carried. Brown will check into financing options. Next Brown discussed the state bid on the replacement of two law enforcement pickups cost and possible options. The Board will review the bid at the April 23, 2024 meeting. Brown also discussed the need to replace the six year old laptops currently in use by officers in vehicles.

Bill Grossnicklaus, Oxford Fire Chief and Kale Shafer, Beaver City Fire Chief talked with the Board about the South Central Wildland Task Force where area fire departments are equipped and ready to help with wildfires in other locations as requested by the State. Donations are needed to help purchase fire shelters to be used by Furnas County fire departments in these events. The board will discuss a donation and the use of ARPA funds at the April 23, 2024 meeting.

The Board had discussed equipment needed to put the new stop signs in.

There was no further business before the Board, Chairman Sexton adjourned the Commissioners meeting at 11:25 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. or subject to call.

Mike Sexton, Chairman of the Board

Attest: Lois E. Bishop, County Clerk