

February 4, 2025
Bassett, Nebraska

The Rock County Board of Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. as advertised in the Rock County Leader on January 29, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hollenbeck at 1:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Wade Hollenbeck, Faye Smith & Colby Sybrant. Also present were Waylon Reynolds, Road Foreman & Daunitta Buoy, Clerk.

Hollenbeck stated the Open Meeting Law is posted on the wall in the Commissioners room.

The minutes were presented to the Commissioners for the January 21, 2025 regular meeting, published January 29, 2025. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes for the January 21, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The agenda for the day was reviewed. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the agenda as posted in the Clerk's office. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

W. Reynolds, Road Foreman gave road updates. The tree mulcher has a seal out & he is having a difficult time getting parts for it. A new hydraulic motor for the mulcher will be purchased. NIRMA is putting on a sign training February 19th at the City Meeting Room for the road department. Tracy Booth, Emergency Manager also was present. Waylon discussed the program iWorQ with the Commissioners. The program is a 3 year contract. \$6500 for the first year & an annual subscription of \$3900.00. Kurt Arganbright joined the meeting telephonically at 3:28 p.m. to advise on the contract with iworks. Matter tabled until better contract clarification.

Ally Grant & Mona Davis met with the Commissioners to discuss needed policies for the county due to Auditors concern. County Policies are needed for Meals, Credit Cards, Inventory & Zero Drug tolerance.

Cathy Doke, Rock County Leader joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Kristin Olson, NCDC representing the Sheriff's Office & Tracy Booth, Emergency Manager met with the Commissioners on a grant for a drone. This would be a 100% grant, with no matching funds from the County. Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve Derek White, Chief Deputy Sheriff as the project contact, Daunitta Buoy, Clerk as fiscal contact & Wade Hollenbeck, Chairman as a contact. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Wade asked about the drone that Emergency Management has. Tracy informed the Commissioners that the drone couldn't be used anymore effective January 13, 2025, because it is a DJI Brand which has been outlawed by the US government for governmental use because it is Chinese made.

Fee reports were presented to the Commissioners to review. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court & Sheriff Fee reports. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

The 23/24 Annual Audit Report from the State of Nebraska was discussed. The County Attorney's contract wages were discussed. The State Auditors have recommended that the Attorney's wages be salary, not contract. After conferring with the Auditor's office, it is only a recommendation. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to leave the County Attorney Agreement drawn up by Avery Gurnsey & signed by Kurt Arganbright in place until the January 7, 2027 expiration. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Clerk Buoy discussed a finding by the auditor. The Expenditure report needs to reflect the money that the Treasurer pays out for Hospital Bond, Hospital Maintenance & Road Bond. These Funds aren't processed through claims. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve Clerk Buoy to adjust the expenditure reports to reflect money that the Treasurer pays out of the Hospital Bond, Hospital Maintenance & Road Bond Funds. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

TJ Ellermeier, County Assessor met with the Commissioners on permissive exemptions. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to go into Board of Equalization at 3:12 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Permissive exemptions were discussed. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to go out of Board of Equalization at 3:22 p.m. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the permissive exemption applications for Churches & Parsonages, Community Buildings (Legion, Senior Center, Rose Comm Hall) , Educational (University of NE Foundation) & Cemeteries as presented. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The appeal by AK Investments on the hog barn applications that were denied by the County was discussed.

Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to go into Board of Equalization at 3:58 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Mona Davis, Treasurer had an application for Exemption. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to go out of Board of Equalization at 4:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the application for Exemption from the Tangier Shrine Temple. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The following claims were audited:

	<u>GENERAL</u>	
Employees	Salaries	35139.42
Appeara	Towel Service	63.92
Applied Connective	IT Services	1797.20
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash/Rent	720.16
Clerk	DD Fee/Plat Maps	90.00
Clerk Assoc.	Dues	50.00
Colonial Life	Employer Share Life Ins.	3.00
Comm Gear Supply	2 Tactical Headsets	1897.16
M. Dean	Postage	13.78
T. Ellermeier	Mileage	150.08
KGM	223 REM Suppressors	4509.00
Krotters	Supplies	284.98
Leader	Print/Publish	794.49
Microfilm Imaging	Equipment Rent	158.50
Midplains Comm. College	Training	45.00
MIPS	Data Process	1716.60
NPPD	Electricity	759.24
Office Products	Copy Machine	178.62
C. Painter	Supplies	48.25
PrestoX	Pest Control	79.20
Pro Electric	Repairs	1972.94
Ameritas	Matched Retire	2487.03
Seven Springs	Water	29.50
IRS	Matched SS	2673.60
Stryker	Defib Pads	87.00
Verizon	Phones/Hot Spots	249.51
	<u>ROAD</u>	
Road Crew	Labor	12888.40
Appeara	Towel Service	39.14
City	Wtr/Swr/Trash	239.71
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins	3.00
KBR RPPD	Electricity	59.79
Krotter's	Supplies	84.13
Motor Fuels	Fuel Tax	65.00
Northern Plains	Cold Roll	69.58
NPPD	Electricity	240.30
RDO	Parts	70.90
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	869.98
IRS	Matched Social Security	966.97
M. Turpin	Wrench Set	17.91
	<u>PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION</u>	
MIPS	ROD Program	233.20
	<u>LIBRARY</u>	
Employees	Salaries	2848.67
Fastwyre	Phone/Internet	367.84
G & V	Water	69.87
Ingram	Books	435.53
Leader	Notice	11.64
Huse Publishing	Subscription	266.00
NPPD	Electricity	72.87
Office Products	Copy Machine	109.97
PrestoX	Pest Control	59.07

Ameritas	Matched Retirement	165.32
IRS	Matched SS	217.94

Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve February 4,2025 claims. Roll Call Vote:
All For None Against Motion carried.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None
Against

Attest: S/Daunitta J. Buoy, County Clerk

S/Wade D. Hollenbeck, Chairman of the Board