

Hayes County Commissioners
May 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Hayes County Board of Commissioners was scheduled for May 9, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. in the Courthouse in Hayes Center, Nebraska. Advanced notice of the meeting, time and place was given to each Commissioner, was published in the *Times Republican* on May 4, 2023, and posted in accordance with law.

Chairman Unger called the meeting to order at 8:57 A.M. The Open Meetings Act was available for review and Chair indicated location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Those present were Wayne Christner, Barry Richards, Jeffrey Unger, D. Eugene Garner, Susan Messersmith, Tammy Schwenk, Joe Miller, Phil Dixon, John Rundel, Jean Anderson and Amber Swedberg.

Richards moved, second by Christner to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger requested comments from the audience. Jean Anderson and Amber Swedberg reviewed available Aflac policies with the Commissioners.

Phil Dixon, Highway Superintendent, joined the meeting to discuss the bundling of NACO counties for a bridge building federal grant, potential future projects, stop sign grant, ownership of structure S025A00116 which spans Bureau of Reclamation facilities or land in Hayes County.

County Attorney Garner reviewed cost share for County Line Bridge, structure C004306105.

Richards moved, second by Unger to submit a claim to Frontier County for \$183,109.50 for construction cost of County Line Bridge, structure C004306105. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

John Rundel, with Southwest Weed Management, reviewed projects provided by utilizing funding from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture in the 22-23 fiscal year. SW Weed Management is identifying and treating phragmites in Hayes County, implementing control measures for Cedar and Russian olive trees control. The Board signed a letter of support for the Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Improvement Project.

Discussion was held regarding the gravel truck in District one, which is inoperable. Estimates of repairs exceed \$30,000 and therefore an emergency situation exists such that it threatens serious loss of property in the County.

After reviewing informal quotes for similar trucks, Richards moved, second by Christner to authorize Chairman Unger to bid up to \$49,000.00 on a 2013 Freightliner day cab semi-truck. Roll call: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to approve the application of Jeremy Loomis, dba Just 1 More Bar & Grill, LLC in Hayes Center, NE as a Special Designated License Retail License Holder for an event to be held in the Ag Building at the Hayes Center Fair Grounds on June 10, 2023. Roll call: Christner, yes; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to surplus the County owned 1993 Kenworth Truck, VIN# 1XKWDB9X8PS615327. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, yes; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to pay claims, excluding claims 2305032 & 2305044, in the amount of \$155,571.11. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to pay claim 2305032 for \$58.03. Roll call: Christner, abstain; Unger, yes; Richards, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Christner to pay claim 2305044 for \$8,670.00. Roll call vote: Unger, yes; Richards, abstain; Christner, yes. Motion carried.

Unger moved, second by Richards to approve the consent agenda consisting of the financial reports of the Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Imprest Account and the minutes of the April 11 and 27, 2023 meetings. Roll call: Richards, yes; Christner, yes; Unger, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Unger adjourned the meeting at 12:01 P.M. The next meeting will be May 31, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.

Hayes County Clerk

Board Chairman