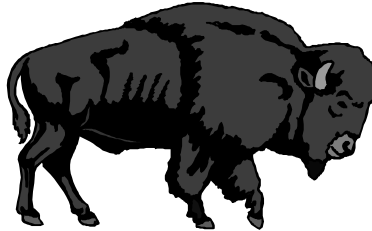


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REGULAR MEETING
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003
9:00 A.M.

Regular meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors was held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

Chairman McMullen led the County Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman McMullen called the regular meeting to order with the following Board members responding to roll call: Greg Barney, Hoss Dannehl, Ivan Klein, Timothy Loewenstein, William McMullen, Sherry Morrow and Richard Pierce. Absent: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof, by posting and publishing. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Supervisors; and availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. Said agenda was also furnished to all area news media. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Supervisors is attached to these minutes. Deputy County Clerk Joyce Kowalewski took all proceedings hereinafter shown while said meeting was open to the public. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton was present.

Chairman McMullen called for the Citizen's Forum as per the agenda. No one was present.

Elected Officials and Department Heads came before the County Board to discuss various items of concern within their individual offices.

The Board members reviewed minutes from Tuesday, February 25, 2003. There being a correction requested by Supervisor Greg Barney to the minutes, it was tabled till later in the meeting to approve the minutes of February 25, 2003.

Current correspondence was discussed. A newsletter was received from the Central Platte Natural Resources District; a letter from Dawson County in reference to increasing the speed limit on US Highway 30; a letter from Nebraska Crime Commission & Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice concerning grants; newsletter from South Central Nebraska RC&D Council Minutes; and letters from the State of Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts concerning Armada Townships failure to file an audit report or a waiver request and Collins Township budget being accepted for filing.

The County Board reviewed the Nebraska Veterans Aid and Buffalo County Veterans Aid monthly reports for February 2003; the fund balance listings from the County Treasurer; and the Jail Report for February 2003.

Moved by Greg Barney, seconded by Ivan Klein to accept the reports. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Barney, Klein, Dannehl, Loewenstein, Morrow, Pierce and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

The various Committee reports were given.

Supervisor Sherry Morrow called aloud the following persons nominated to serve on the Cottonmill Park Advisory Board: Jim Anderson, Roger Nyffeler, Tom Anderson, Kari Anderson and Marvion Reichert. After discussion the motion was moved by Sherry Morrow, seconded by Dick Pierce to nominate Marvion Reichert to serve on the Cottonmill Park Advisory Board. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Pierce, Barney, Dannehl, Klein, Loewenstein and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

The County Board addressed concerns of poor visibility due to the parking along Avenue A between the West horseshoe parking entrance and exit. After discussion the Board recommended they turn the matter back over to the Safety Committee for recommendations and city ordinance restrictions/limits.

Buffalo County Sheriff, Neil Miller came before the Board and introduced Chad L. Daffer, Vice President Investment Banking with Kirkpatrick Pettis out of Omaha. Mr. Daffer presented to the Board Members a handout with information concerning financing options for correctional facilities. The Board had questions for Mr. Daffer that he addressed and offered his help in the future.

Moved by Tim Loewenstein, seconded by Sherry Morrow to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 10:10 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization to have a hearing on motor vehicle exemption for Good Samaritan Hospital, approve tax list adjustments and approve applications for motor vehicle tax exemption. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye":

Loewenstein, Morrow, Barney, Dannehl, Klein, Pierce and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

-BOARD OF EQUALIZATION-

Chairman McMullen called the Board of Equalization to order in open session.

Dale Gibbs from Good Samaritan Hospital was present to answer Board questions concerning the new application for motor vehicle exemption on a 2003 Ford 158 Super Duty Van. After clarifying the use of the vehicle and that it was a replacement vehicle the Board took the following action. Moved by Tim Loewenstein, seconded by Greg Barney to approve the application for Good Samaritan Hospital on a newly purchased 2003 Ford 158 Super Duty Van. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loewenstein, Barney, Dannehl, Klein, Morrow, Pierce and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

County Assessor, Joe Woodward was present and addressed the Board's concerns as to why corrections were being made on the tax rolls for real and personal property.

Moved by Dick Pierce, seconded by Sherry Morrow to approve tax list adjustments #1907-1919 as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Pierce, Morrow, Barney, Dannehl, Klein, Loewenstein and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Hoss Dannehl, seconded by Dick Pierce to approve the new application for motor vehicle tax exemption of New Life Assembly on a 2003 Chevrolet mini bus; the renewal applications for Ravenna Good Samaritan Center on a 1990 Ford sport van, 1997 Ford sport van and a 1996 Mercury sport van; and Servants Of Mary on a 1997 Plymouth 4dr Breeze. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Dannehl, Pierce, Barney, Klein, Loewenstein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Dick Pierce, seconded by Tim Loewenstein to recess the Board of Equalization at 10:20 A.M. and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Pierce, Loewenstein, Barney, Dannehl, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

-REGULAR MEETING--BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-

Chairman McMullen called the regular meeting to order in open session.

Brenda Norris, Field Coordinator with Experience Works (formally Green Thumb) was present to explain the program to the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman McMullen at 10:30 A.M. turned the meeting over to Supervisor Dick Pierce, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee for decisions on the cold-in-place bids and the gravel bids. Moved by

Dick Pierce, seconded by Hoss Dannehl to accept the following cold-in-place recycle bid: Koss Construction at the bid price of \$352,217.46. Upon roll call vote the following Board members voted "Aye" Pierce, Dannehl, Barney, Klein, Loewenstein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Supervisor Dick Pierce called for a decision on the gravel bids. Hoss Dannehl commented that the low bids in zones 4 and 5 were from Ke-Beck. Concerns on the issue of stockpile requirements for gravel bids were raised. After discussion it was proposed by Dick Pierce to table the gravel bid decision for zones 4 and 5 until the Board could get clarification from Ron Sklenar, Road Superintendent on issues raised.

Moved by Dick Pierce, seconded by Ivan Klein to accept the following gravel bids: T & F Sand and Gravel for Zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19; Broadfoot Sand and Gravel for Zones 12, 13, 17, 20 and 22; Bruner Sand and Gravel for Zones 23, 24, 25 and 26; and Mid-NE Aggregates for Zone 21. Upon roll call vote the following Board members voted "Aye": Pierce, Klein, Barney, Dannehl, Loewenstein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Chad Stengel, Assistant to Dick Kincaid, Weed Superintendent, came before the County Board to hear the bid letting for a 2003 pickup and the bid letting for the sale of the 1998 GMC pickup. At 10:45 A.M. Chairman McMullen called for the bid letting for a 2003 pickup for the Weed Department. Chairman McMullen turned the meeting over to Ivan Klein, Chairman of the Weed Committee. Supervisor Klein asked Deputy County Clerk Joyce Kowalewski to open each bid and read them aloud. Five bids were received for the 2003 pickup. They were from: Crossroads Ford, Kearney, NE; Halladay Motors, Cheyenne, WY; Jeff Spady Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep-Eagle, Kearney, NE; Killion Motors, Kearney, NE; and Midway Chevrolet, Inc, Kearney, NE; The bids were turned over to the Weed Committee and a recommendation to the County Board will be made at a later date.

Supervisor Ivan Klein then called for the bid letting on the sale of a 1998 4WD Pickup. Deputy County Clerk, Joyce Kowalewski advised the Board that no bids were received.

Supervisor Tim Loewenstein presented to the Board information concerning the Cable TV Franchise/Occupation Tax.

Moved by Tim Loewenstein, seconded by Ivan Klein to enter into an executive session of the Board meeting at 11:05 A.M. to discuss personnel issues and pending litigation. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loewenstein, Klein, Barney, Dannehl, Morrow, Pierce and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Hoss Dannehl, seconded by Tim Loewenstein to reconvene in open session of the Board of Supervisor's meeting at 12:10 P.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye":

Dannehl, Loewenstein, Barney, Klein, Morrow, Pierce and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Absent: None.
Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen called the regular meeting to order in open session.

Greg Barney requested the Clerk's office to amend the February 25, 2003 minutes in the paragraph concerning representatives of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska to add the following statement:

In response to a question, claim information can be produced but is not produced or available on a per county basis due to the sponsor group agreements.

Moved by Greg Barney, seconded by Hoss Dannehl to approve the February 25, 2003 minutes with the above-mentioned amendment. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Barney, Dannehl, Klein, Loewenstein, Morrow, Pierce and McMullen.

Chairman McMullen declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M. until the next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 8:00 A.M. and instructed County Clerk Judy Jobman to publish notice for the same according to Nebraska law.