

April 22, 2015

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairman Peters asked those attending to join in a moment of silence in support of the leaders and troops serving our country, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was answered by Lonnie Peters, Chairman, and Commissioners C.W. Baltzell, Caleb Johnson, Jeff Armour and W.E. O'Connor. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson, County Attorney Randy Fair and the media. O'Connor moved to approve the agenda, Johnson seconded the motion. Armour, Baltzell, Johnson, O'Connor and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Baltzell moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Armour, Johnson, Baltzell and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Baltzell moved to approve the payment of claims subject to review, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Armour, Johnson, Baltzell and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

General Fund

CDW Government, Toner, \$314.55; CenturyLink, Circuits, \$106.04; CHS Grainland Coop, Fuel, \$2,126.83; Dell Marketing, Toner, imaging drums, \$797.92; DHHS Finance and Accounting, General assistance, \$19.00; Eakes, Supplies, \$21.99; Food Express, Jail commissary, \$62.40; Keith County Treasurer, Sundries, \$35.00; Mailfinance, Lease payment, \$609.23; MCM Truck Repair, Towing, \$400.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services, Lincoln Regional Center, \$93.00; NPPD, Service, \$143.50; Orkin, Pest control, \$100.81; Bonita Patch, Cleaning, \$100.00; Plumbing Plus, Repairs, \$295.17; Rankin Sales & Service, Tire repair, \$13.10; Redfield & Company, Paper, \$293.53; Safeway, Prisoner Board, OTC medicines, supplies, \$302.65; Schwan's, Prisoner Board, \$9.74; Snyder & Hilliard, Services, \$337.50; Steve's Body & Paint, Towing, \$460.00; Thomson Reuters, NE Court rules state/federal, \$223.00; Verizon, Service, \$633.25

Road Fund

Anderson Sand & Gravel, Gravel, \$2,172.60; SourceGas, Service, \$520.09; Happy Jack's Petroleum, Fuel, \$4,237.89; NPPD, Service, \$95.66; Kevin Tjaden, Reimburse CDL license, \$31.00; Verizon, Service, \$138.44

Visitors Fund

Bird Watchers Digest, Advertising, \$2,201.50; Keith County News, Meeting notices, \$6.75; Lonergan Creek Media, Contract, \$900.00; Nebraskaland Magazine, Advertising, \$500.00; NPPD, Service, \$17.86; Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce, Contract, \$2,672.92

Visitors Improvement Fund

Display Sales, Street banners, \$4,879.00; Keith County Cash, Sport show improvement, \$40.00; Lonergan Creek Media, Contract, \$900.00; Midwest Electric, Service, \$126.26; NPPD, Service, \$79.10; Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce, Contract, \$2,672.92

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$1,468.04; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$12,154.00;

Keno Fund

Keith County Clerk, Clerk fees, \$821.09

Emergency 911 Fund

CenturyLink, Service, \$614.20; Consolidated Telephone, Service, \$119.03; Stancil Solutions, Maintenance agreement, \$627.00; Sterling Tower Properties, Tower lease, \$230.00

The Board heard reports from Head Jailer Travis Poncik, Sheriff Jeff Stevens, Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan, Zoning Administrator Jack Quinlivan and Budget Consultant Pete Peterson.

Board reports were given and correspondence received. The Board received the April fee report from the Sheriff's Department.

The Board received a budget request from the Bridge of Hope.

Sheriff Jeff Stevens and Chief Deputy Jim Jimenez spoke to the Board about purchasing a vehicle to replace Sheriff Stevens' current vehicle. Stevens told the Board his vehicle's transmission is going and it would cost more to repair than he was willing to put into this vehicle. Jimenez told the Board he had found a 2007 Explorer with 78,000 miles on it with a

price tag of \$10,995.00. The Board told Stevens they would need to talk to Budget Consultant Pete Peterson before taking any action.

Mary Cone spoke to the Board regarding maintenance at Tri-Trails Park.

KCAD Economic Development Coordinator Travis Haggard updated the Board on his activities.

The Board spoke to Budget Consultant Pete Peterson concerning the purchase of the vehicle for Sheriff Stevens. Armour moved to authorize Sheriff Stevens to offer \$9,500.00 and pay up to \$10,500.00 for the 2007 Explorer as presented, Baltzell seconded the motion. O'Connor, Johnson, Baltzell, Armour and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

County Attorney Randy Fair presented the Board with a draft of a letter that would be sent to the Sandhills District Health Department's Board of Directors regarding compliance with the audit report.

It was noted that the auditor had returned the records from Sandhills District Health Department used for the audit to the Clerk's office. County Clerk Sandra Olson asked County Attorney Randy Fair if asked by anyone to review these records if it was permissible. Fair replied that those records did not belong to the county so no it would not be permissible for anyone to be reviewing these records.

At 10:15 a.m. O'Connor moved to go into executive session with the subject being Sandhills District Health Department audit report for prevention of needless injury to an individual and specifically discussing audit concerns discussing potential allegations of criminal theft (misconduct) with no decisions to be made, Baltzell seconded the motion. Armour, Johnson, Baltzell, O'Connor and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Chairman Peters stated that the Board was going into executive session with the subject being Sandhills District Health Department audit report for prevention of needless injury to an individual and specifically discussing audit concerns discussing potential allegations of criminal theft (misconduct) with no decisions to be made.

Keith County resident Tom Kalkowski stated that he objected to the Board going into executive session.

At 10:26 a.m. Armour moved to return to open session with no decision having been made, O'Connor seconded the motion. Baltzell, Johnson, O'Connor, Armour and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Olson told the Board that while the Board was in executive session she had been asked to let someone look at the Sandhills District Health Department records. Olson requested that the records be moved out of her office and into the Board room. Peters stated he would also contact Brian Brenneman to have him pick up these records.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Chairman
Lonnie Peters

County Clerk
Sandra Olson

Agenda: Kept current in the office of the County Clerk. *Time of specific agenda items will run continuously thru the meeting and may occur earlier or later than estimated.

Unfinished business

Sandhills District Health Department audit report discussion.

New business

8:30 a.m. – Visitors Committee grant request – Ogallala sports court.

9:00 a.m. – Van's Lakeview Fish Camp – liquor license hearing.

9:30 a.m. – Bid opening for Lemoyne Senior Center expansion.

10:30 a.m. – Spencer Thomas – Cobecon – Health insurance renewal meeting.