



Deuel County Board Minutes



Deuel County Commissioner Meeting

April 20, 2021

The Deuel County Commissioners met on the above date with the following officials present: Chairperson Steve Fischer, Commissioner William Klingman, Commissioner Jean Timm and County Clerk Polly Olson. The meeting, notice of which was published in the Chappell Register as according to law, was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Reference was made to open meeting laws, posted at the entrance of the room. The agenda was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Timm. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. The minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting were approved upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye.

No public comment was heard.

There was no action for the Board of Equalization.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-5

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DEUEL, NEBRASKA, as follows:

WHEREAS, Deuel County is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska for which the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") is authorized to act; and

WHEREAS, Deuel County contains approximately 282,240 acres of land situated in Western Nebraska;

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment;

WHEREAS, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its businesses, and its citizens depend upon the private ownership of land and the use of its resources;

WHEREAS, many of Deuel County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize and/or depend upon the private ownership of land and its resources, including, but not limited to, livestock grazing, agricultural and horticultural activities, oil and gas exploration and production, mining and mineral development, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation;

WHEREAS, these industries are important components of the Nebraska economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Deuel County and its citizens;

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619);

WHEREAS, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop a program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program;



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WHEREAS, under the 30 x 30 program, approximately 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources;

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008;

WHEREAS, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Nebraska, and in particular rural counties such as Deuel County whose citizens depend the private ownership of land for their livelihoods;

WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the plans, policies and programs of Deuel County as expressed in the County's Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2000;

WHEREAS, conversion of land from private ownership to federal ownership typically results in removal of said land from the tax rolls of the applicable taxing entity, whereby diminishing the pool of total tax revenue available, and causing a potential for the burden of increased taxation for the remaining owners of privately held land;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Deuel County, Nebraska, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's land in their natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Deuel County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Nebraska's water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Nebraska law.
5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as a justification to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.



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6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Deuel County, its businesses, and its citizens.
7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies;

Resolution 2021-5, 30 X 30 was approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

County Assessor Marica Schievelbein presented information regarding the postage meter. The current lease is up and the monthly fee will be increasing. Pitney Bowles has a lease programs that will be about half the cost. The general consensus was to switch the lease to ensure savings.

County Attorney Jonathon Stellar reported that he had not received any further information regarding the settlement agreement with Frenchman Valley Coop.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Laurie Olson-Zorn from the Deuel County Lodging Tax Committee. Upon motion of Commissioner Timm, second of Commissioner Fischer, the resignation is accepted with regret. An advertisement searching for potential members will be published. Individuals can send a letter of interest in the appointment to the Deuel County Clerk by Monday, May 3, 2021.

Highway Supt. Anthony Armer reported on information within his department.

Zoning permits were presented for approval as recommended by the Deuel County Zoning Board as follows: 1-27, Matthew Klingman for a shop to be built is approved upon motion of Fischer, second of Timm. Klingman, abstain, Fischer, aye, Timm, aye. 1-28, James Johnson for a garage, is approved upon motion of Timm, second of Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. 1-29, Curtis Hensley for a modular home is approved upon motion of Klingman, second of Timm. Fischer, aye, Klingman, aye, Timm, aye. 1-30, Lanis Rabe for a steel storage building, was approved upon motion of Timm, second of Klingman. Fischer, aye, Timm, aye, Klingman, aye. 1-31, Adriaan Nel for an Ag Building, is approved upon motion of Klingman, second of Fischer. Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

Discussion was held regarding the CCECC dispatch increase and review of the contract after two years of Deuel County participation. Heidi Gillespie of the Cheyenne County Emergency Communications Center was present to offer information pertaining to the inter-local agreement. According to the contract between Deuel County, Cheyenne County and the City of Sidney in 2018, Deuel County could have a voting member after the original two year period concluded and prior to an adjustment of rates. County Attorney Stellar will contact the Cheyenne County Attorney to discuss the details of the contract.

Warrants in the amount of \$93,373.52, were approved upon motion of Commissioner Klingman, second of Commissioner Fischer, (Payroll \$31,154.06, Claims \$62,219.46), Timm, aye, Klingman, aye, Fischer, aye.

GENERAL

PAYROLL		20905.48
AS/CENTRAL FINANCE	AS/400	325.16
AT&T	TELEPHONE	48.06
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	423.30



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BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	617.04
CHEYENNE COUNTY SHERIFF	BOARDING PRISONERS	1650.00
CHS GRAINLAND	FUEL	751.99
DAS MATERIAL	SUBSCRIPTION	154.00
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	TITLE/REG	15.00
EAKES	COPIER	219.84
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	192.08
GARDEN COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING/PUBLISHING	8.54
GARDEN COUNTY TREASURER	BOARDING PRISONERS	50.00
HANSEN'S PETROLEUM	FUEL	1164.88
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER	115.67
JIM REICHMAN	CELL	50.00
LAURA NARJES	MILEAGE	152.88
LECHMAN APPLIANCE	REP/MNT	102.00
MIPS	SERVICES	112.50
NACO	REGISTRATION	170.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT PYMT CENTER	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	125.00
NE PROPERTY TAX ASSMNT	REGISTRATION	500.00
NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1149.96
R. SCOTT DECOSTE	REIMBURSEMENT FUEL	34.17
REGIONAL WEST	AUTOPSY SERVICES	951.60
RET. PLANS OF AMERITAS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1342.96
RET. PLANS OF AMERITAS	COUNTY SHARE	2943.14
REYNOLDS, KORTH & SAMUELSON	COURT APPT. ATTORNEY	347.50
ROBERT S. HARVO	COURT APPT. ATTORNEY	736.70
STEVE ELM SHAEUSER	COURT APPT. ATTORNEY	1400.00
TRANSUNION	SUBSCRIPTION	75.00
SS. - TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2161.82
SS. - TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	COUNTY SHARE	3181.15
FED. TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	2573.81
US POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	122.00
VIAERO	CELL	253.19
VISTABEAM	INTERNET	78.90
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	PRISONER MEDICAL	37.89
ROAD & BRIDGE		
PAYROLL		10248.58
ANTHONY ARMER	FUEL	50.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	85.08
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	958.80
CHAPPELL LUMBER	SUPPLIES	156.85
CHS GRAINLAND	FUEL	42.26
CROELL	ASPHALTIC	798.75
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	TITLE	10.00



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EAKES	SUPPLIES	76.56
FIRST CONCORD	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	174.16
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REP/MNT	8.32
FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	HEATING FUEL/FUEL	1584.91
HANSEN'S PETROLEUM	FUEL	1275.06
KELLY KOPETZKY	CELL	50.00
N.P.P.D.	UTILITIES	89.16
NEBRASKA DEPT. OF REVENUE	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	420.06
NEBRASKA MACHINERY	REP/MNT	4207.98
POINTS WEST	EQUIPMENT PAYMENT	1787.82
PREMIER AUTO PARTS	REP/MNT	1271.12
RET. PLANS OF AMERITAS	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	649.10
SS. - TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	1019.33
FED. TREASURY, TAX & LIEN	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	954.62
VALLEY REPAIR	CULVERTS	12298.76
WHEATBELT	UTILITIES	66.44
	IMPROVEMENT FUND	
KONNI SAUDER	CONTRACT/EXP	729.72
LINCOLN HIGHWAY	DUES	200.00
	DRUG FUND	
KISST ORGANICS	SERVICES	600.00
	911	
CCECC-911	911 CONTRACT	2179.63
	FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND	
DP ELECTRONICS	1/2 COURTHOUSE CAMERAS	6125.00

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Attest: _____

Deuel County Clerk, Polly L. Olson