Oshkosh, Nebraska January 8, 2024

The Board of the County Commissioners in and for Garden County, Nebraska, met on January 8, 2024 at the Garden County Courthouse for their regular meeting pursuant to statute. Notice of the regular meeting was given in advance by publication in the Garden County News on January 3, 2024. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Dymak called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. with the following members present: Terry Krauter and David Dymak. Dixann Krajewski was absent.

Dymak acknowledged that the Open Meeting Laws are posted on the meeting room wall along with the Garden County Board Meeting Guidelines.

Motion was made by Krauter, seconded by Dymak to go in to closed session at 8:43 a.m. for the protection of public interest to prevent personal injury to the individuals involved and to protect against airing sensitive information for personnel discussion. Roll call vote: Yeas: Dymak, Krauter Nays: 0 Motion carried.

No formal or informal action was taken in closed session.

Motion made by Dymak, seconded by Krauter to come out of closed session at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Krauter, Dymak Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion was made by Krauter, seconded by Dymak to approve the consent agenda, which includes Agenda, Minutes of last regular meeting & board of equalization held on December 22, claims and payroll by general consent and allow for the County Clerk to issue warrants in payment of the claims and payroll. A copy of which is on file in the office of the County Clerk. Roll call vote: Yeas: Dymak, Krauter Nays: 0 Motion carried.

McCord presented Monthly Financials report (including pledged collateral, semi-annual report and reconciliation report); Kezar presented monthly Register of Deeds and Jonna Jasnoch presented the District Court reports.

Public Comment: Teresa McCormick discussed election concerns.

Ross gave a brief Sheriff report. In 2023, there were 102 bookings, 1045 dispatch calls and 821 sheriff department responses to calls.

Frerichs gave the Road report.

Motion was made by Dymak, seconded by Krauter to approve and sign the Weed Control Department State Reports. Roll call vote: Yeas: Krauter, Dymak Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion was made by Krauter, seconded by Dymak to approve the mileage increase from 65.5 cents to 67 cents as of January 1, 2024. Roll call vote: Yeas: Dymak, Krauter Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion was made by Krauter, seconded by Dymak to approve the bid from Prairie States Communications for Road Department Radio repairs in the amount of \$10,806.25. Payment is to be made from ARPA Funding. Roll call vote: Yeas: Krauter, Dymak Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dymak, seconded by Krauter to approve a 3-year letter of engagement with Caleb Johnson (J13 Enterprises, LLC) for budget preparation. Roll call vote: Yeas: Krauter, Dymak Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Fuel Bids for the Garden County Road Department were tabled until next meeting to include bulk fuel from the Sheriff's Office.

Dymak adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held Monday, January 22, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

These minutes have not been approved by the governing board.

Mindy Kezar Garden County Clerk