

January 23, 2024

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 as advertised. Chairman Nilson called the meeting to order at 10:04 and noted the open meetings act. Commissioners Tuerk and Frederick, L. Smith and Clerk Wentworth were present, with E. Scott arriving after court.

Frederick moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tuerk—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson made a motion to set the commissioner meeting dates to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month with the exception of May 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid having a meeting on election day and December 23<sup>rd</sup> to avoid having a meeting on Christmas Eve, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tuerk—yes, Frederick —yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. Tuerk moved to amend the organization motion in the previous meeting to include the courthouse observing all federal holidays and to set the meetings as in the motion above, Nilson seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—yes and Tuerk—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

After discussion, Tuerk moved to approve the contractual agreement with Niobrara Valley Consultants that was presented at the previous meeting, Frederick seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tuerk—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The 11:45 agenda item, Interlocal Agreement with Cherry County was tabled until a later date.

The commissioners held a discussion on lodging tax and if an additional lodging tax above the mandatory 1% would be beneficial to the residents of Keya Paha County. A letter and questionnaire will go out to those that are already collecting the 1% tax to get opinions.

Discussion was held on the handbook and options for vacation and sick days. No action was taken.

The Commissioners and Scott went to lunch.

J. Cook met with the commissioner to update them on maintenance of the road equipment and the ongoing snow removal.

#### CLAIMS

##### GENERAL FUND

Payroll & Ins Reimb		\$	16,104.68
Ainsworth Star-Journal	supplies	\$	97.68
Clerk of District Court Assoc.	dues	\$	50.00
Cook Tax Service	annual tax prep	\$	360.00
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	349.75
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share ret	\$	942.98
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	942.98
Keya Paha Co. Treasurer	postage	\$	50.00
Keya Paha Co Treasurer	co vehicle registration	\$	16.00
Mid-States Org. Crime Inv Center	membership	\$	100.00
Barbara Nilson	dispatch	\$	708.33
Niobrara Valley Consultants	misc serv	\$	937.40
Office Products Center	maintenance	\$	35.00
Schrantz Welding & Repair	rep/snow removal	\$	271.95
WPB	safety deposit rental	\$	80.00

##### ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	11,238.07
Bomgaars Supply	supplies	\$	36.99
Franks Body Shop	repairs	\$	979.40
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share ret	\$	657.32
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	842.65
Schrantz Welding & Repair	parts	\$	986.71
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	293.02
Transelectric	parts	\$	69.55

##### WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	833.33
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Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share ret	\$	56.25
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	61.05
Sandhills Weed Management Area	dues	\$	200.00

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tuerk—yes, Frederick—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

After review Frederick moved to enter into the rental tractor agreement with Grossenburgs, Nilson seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Nilson—yes and Tuerk—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 3:30 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at <https://co.keya-paha.ne.us>.

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Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

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Corey Nilson, Chairman

\*\*\*\**These minutes are not yet approved and may be corrected*\*\*\*\*