

February 11, 2025

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 11, 2025 as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order with Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Deputy Sheriff Linse, L. Smith and Clerk Wentworth present. After the pledge of allegiance Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public.

After review Frederick moved, Nilson seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Frederick moved to accept the Treasurer, Clerk, and District Court Clerks monthly reports, Nilson seconded. Voting:

Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

LB612 was discussed at length, the commissioners jointly signed a letter opposing to the judicial committee.

LB216 pertains to county and districts courts, ex-officio offices such as Keya Paha County, district court would become a state position and joined with county court with no in person office available in the county.

The BKR Extension office update agenda item was rescheduled due to illness.

C. Johnson met with commissioners to give them a brief update on legislature changes and timelines for upcoming budget season. After review, Nilson moved to adopt Resolution #25-02 which transfers money from emergency road to the inheritance fund, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Frederick reported that the engineer with Olsson's inspected the courthouse, there are things he suggested to monitor cracks. At this time there are no structural issues and the sagging in the floors is directly related to the subfloors.

J. Cook met with the commissioners to give them his road department update. Cook discussed the maintenance projects that are completed and the ones that are still being worked on. When the weather permits the equipment will be ready to go. Discussion was held on a cost-of-living wage increase to the road department, no decision was made.

At 11:30 the commissioners had invited Gary Connot, Holt and Boyd County Highway Superintendent to discuss Keya Paha Counties needs. Connot had met with J. Cook earlier that day and was shown around the county. After discussion, Connot respectfully declined the position.

The 11:45 agenda item was tabled until a later date.

The Commissioners went to lunch.

T. Wyrick met with the Commissioners to discuss the ongoing hurdles to obtain the FEMA funds obligated to the County after the 2019 Bomb Cyclone disaster. Frederick gathered information on the process to inform Senator Fischer's office, to see if there is an avenue that can be used to assist with the process.

The dispatch position was discussed, B. Nilson is waiting to retire until an agreement with Cherry County can be obtained. The Clerk suggested getting on the agenda for a conference call with the Cherry County Commissioners at the next meeting.

Tiefenthaler reported that he had attended the KPCC meeting and there was a shortage in their funds of \$11,803.70 and the request from Keya Paha County is 15% of that. Frederick moved for Keya Paha County to pay %15 of the shortage for \$1770.56 to pay Cherry County for reimbursement of the shortage for KPCC, Nilson seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

#### CLAIMS GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	16,367.22
Appeara	serv	\$	140.51
Applied Connective	contract	\$	1,492.70
BC&BS	ins prem	\$	20,616.40
Cook Tax Service	annual tax filing	\$	431.00
Heart City Dreg	prisoner meds	\$	21.95
Heartland Fire Protection	serv	\$	414.25
Hespe Auto Center	vehicle service	\$	189.68
KBR Power	util	\$	784.95
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17

Keya Paha County Court	fees	\$	17.00
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,210.99
MASA	premium	\$	237.50
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	data processing	\$	88.00
MIPS Inc	data processing	\$	3,488.83
NE Assn Co Clerk, ROD, ECom	dues	\$	50.00
Barbara Nilson	dispatch	\$	708.33
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	164.13
Powertech	generator service	\$	1,125.00
Eric Scott	clerical/phone	\$	850.00
Springview Herald	publishing	\$	611.47
Three River Telco	util	\$	585.52
Turbine Mart	fuel	\$	537.41
US Bank	supplies/conference hotel	\$	1,134.02
Viaero	sheriff dept	\$	175.48
Village of Springview	util	\$	131.29

#### ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	10,498.00
Appeara	service	\$	105.60
BC&BS	ins prem	\$	8,742.69
Bomgaars	snow fence	\$	839.88
Buckles Automotive	repairs/supplies	\$	2,004.82
C&H Truck Parts	parts	\$	398.11
Heartland Fire Protection	road dept	\$	935.17
Hespe Auto Center	repairs/supplies	\$	746.44
Homeland Grocery	supplies	\$	10.64
Inland Truck Parts	parts	\$	7,700.00
J&J Sanitation	util	\$	135.73
KBR Power	util	\$	286.24
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	607.36
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	788.90
Schrantz Welding	repairs/supplies	\$	1,311.89
Three River Telco	util	\$	125.92
US Bank	supplies	\$	417.70
Viaero	road dept	\$	40.84
Village of Springview	util	\$	33.20
CVA	fuel	\$	833.54

#### WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	833.33
BC&BS	ins prem	\$	1,451.70
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	56.25
Keya Paha Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	61.05
Three River Telco	util	\$	57.64

Nilson moved to approve the above claims, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Frederick moved to give the road and weed department employees a 4% cost of living increase in wages effectively immediately, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners went over some of the handbook and will discuss more on the next meetings agenda.

At 3:25 Chairman Frederick declared the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held on the Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse meeting room. A current agenda is on file in the clerks office and available online at: <https://keyapahacountyne.gov>.

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Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

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John Frederick, Chairman

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