

March 25, 2025

The Keya Paha County commissioners met Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, as advertised. Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and all recited the pledge of allegiance. Frederick noted the open meetings act posted for the public. Those present were Commissioners Nilson and Tiefenthaler, Clerk Wentworth, Deputy Linse, L. Smith and Co. Attorney Scott.

After review, Frederick moved and Nilson seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Voting: Nilson—yes, Frederick—yes and Tiefenthaler—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

M. McCall presented the BKR Extension office annual report to the commissioners and updated them on the employees at the extension office.

The commissioners tabled the handbook until the road department updates are completed.

T. Wyrick was present when the Commissioners discussed an updated Emergency Management interlocal agreement between Keya Paha and Cherry Counties. The current interlocal was compared to the updated document. The commissioners will have Scott discuss the agreement with Cherry County. The Commissioners are in favor of continuing with the current agreement.

The commissioners tabled the library and the concerns of the auditors. Scott will review the options and report back at a later meeting with recommendations.

After a brief discussion the board decided to participate in the Colonial Life Insurance program for the employees with Nilson making the motion, Tiefenthaler seconding. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Commissioners and Scott took a lunch break.

J. Cook met with the Commissioners to discuss the road department and equipment. Cook reported that he had located a 2006 Freightliner for sale and was going to go look at the truck. After discussion Nilson moved to authorize Cook to spend up to \$30,000.00 on a used truck, Frederick seconded. Voting: Tiefenthaler—yes, Nilson—yes and Frederick—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

L. Smith was present for the discussion on the 1-6 year road plan, Cook had the prior 1-6 map updated for review. The hearing will be set for April 22nd at 11:00 a.m. The Commissioners asked Smith about some outstanding requests and also asked for itemization regarding the bill that Smith submitted for Niobrara Valley Consultants.

CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	15,951.55
Brown Co Treasurer	4th qtr vet serv	\$	2,625.87
Cherry Co Treasurer	KPCC reimb	\$	1,770.56
DAS State Accounting	data processing	\$	699.50
John Frederick	mileage/supplies reimb	\$	609.00
Melvin Gibson	tower shed repair	\$	3,180.45
Heart City Drug	medication	\$	82.15
Holiday Inn Express	treasurer wrkshp	\$	110.00
Intoximeters	supplies-sheriff	\$	223.92
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	953.17
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Rosa Kienke	mileage/supplies reimb	\$	85.40
MASA	premiums	\$	275.00
MIPS Inc	supplies	\$	68.00
Mundorf Refrigeration	library furnace	\$	2,360.00
NE Assoc of Co Treasurers	cont ed	\$	175.00
Barbara Nilson	dispatch	\$	583.33
Niobrara Valley Consultants	misc/mileage	\$	1,176.02
Office Products Center	supplies	\$	117.54

AnneJeanette Painter	mileage/supplies reimb	\$	215.60
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	4th qrtr vet serv	\$	1,153.00
ROAD FUND			
Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	13,531.79
B'S Enterprises	signs	\$	659.46
Inland Truck Parts	repairs	\$	352.47
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	812.15
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	1,020.98
Little Falls Machine Inc	repairs	\$	168.39
Mr Automotive	repairs/supp	\$	379.72
Springview Implement	supplies	\$	364.83
WEED FUND			
Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	866.66
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	58.50
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	63.61

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

Zoning Administrator Kienke and B Arrowsmith met with the commissioners to discuss Hay Valley Rd and those hauling on it. The comprehensive plan update was also discussed. No decisions were made.

At 2:15 the Commissioners hosted a video conference with Cherry County to discuss the dispatch agreement. A short discussion was held and all agreed to the terms of the interlocal agreement presented by E. Scott. Nilson moved to adopt the Cherry/Keya Paha Dispatch Interlocal Agreement and to authorize the chairman to sign the document, Tiefenthaler seconded. Voting: Frederick—yes, Tiefenthaler—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. Emergency Manager Coyle reported that the tower is not updated yet, she will send updates on progress when available.

At 3:00 p.m. the chairman declared the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, 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>.

Suzy Wentworth, Clerk

John Frederick, Chairman

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