

MARCH 23, 2021

The Keya Paha County Commissioners met Tuesday, March 23, 2021 as advertised. Chairman Nilson called the meeting to order at 10:07 with Commissioners Tuerk and Ritterbush, County Attorney Scott and Clerk Wentworth present. Nilson referenced the open meetings act posted for the public. Nilson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented, Ritterbush seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tuerk—yes and Ritterbush—yes, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Under general business the fuel contract discussed at the previous meeting was signed.

Many tax payers were present to discuss concerns on the 30X30 Land Grab issue. Tuerk stated that the Commissioners are against the 30X30 plan and it is time for everyone to step up and take a stand, this is a stepping stone to bigger plans by the government. D. Heerten, representing the Keya Paha County Republican party presented a resolution they drafted requesting the commissioners begin looking for solutions. A. Johnson, Springview Herald, asked what the county plans to do about the issue. E. Scott suggested that everyone educate themselves on this issue and also tax codes that are coming to disfavor agriculture and write your senators and representative.

Nilson moved to write a letter of support for LB236, Ritterbush seconded. Voting: Tuerk—yes, Ritterbush—yes and Nilson—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried. D. Heerten representing the Keya Paha County republican party presented a resolution they prepared requesting the commissioners to declare Keya Paha County a sanctuary county.

T. Wyrick, deputy emergency manager met the commissioners to update them on the progress of FEMA projects, the most critical need right now is the trespass agreements for the archeology study that need to be sent in. Wyrick also stated that he will turn in the request for a partial payment for the portion of project #110112 that is complete, which comes to \$458,299.56. Wyrick also discussed the First Net option for cell service, there are requests for more info to several individuals.

Nilson moved to approve the Keya Paha County Agricultural Society's annual liquor license, Tuerk seconded. Voting: Ritterbush—yes, Nilson—yes and Tuerk—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Nilson moved to approve the county audit report, Ritterbush seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tuerk—yes and Ritterbush—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

CLAIMS  
GENERAL FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	14,119.27
Ainsworth Star-Journal	hearing notice	\$	14.85
Byers Printing Co	mortgage book	\$	362.84
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	718.78
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NE Law Enforcement Training Center	tabe test	\$	18.85
NetCom Inc	install & equip	\$	1,516.00
Barbara Nilson	dispatch & annual util	\$	1,908.33
Office Products	supplies	\$	49.60
Rau Repair LLC	bumper	\$	1,132.50

ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	11,298.50
Bomgaars	supplies	\$	311.48
Duden Welding	repairs	\$	1,476.64
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	593.84
Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	850.51
NMC Exchange	repairs	\$	3,933.36
Road Builders	repairs	\$	548.06
Springview Implement & Supply	rep/supplies	\$	211.54
Truck Center Companies	rep	\$	46.04
Central Valley Ag	contract fuel deposit	\$	5,968.35

EMERGENCY ROAD FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	625.00
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Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	47.81
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WEED FUND

Salaries & Ins Reimb		\$	708.33
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Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share retirement	\$	47.81
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Keya Paha Co Payroll W-H Acct	co-share fica	\$	54.19
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Ritterbush moved to approve the above claims, Nilson seconded. Voting: Tuerk—yes, Ritterbush—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The commissioners and Scott went to lunch.

Nilson moved to open the Conditional Use Permit at 1:30, Ritterbush seconded. Voting: Tuerk—yes, Ritterbush—yes and Nilson—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried. Discussion was held on the application for the conditional use permit for Carns West, LLC with Zoning Administrator Kienke and Brad Arrowsmith representing Carns West, LLC. Kienke reported that the Zoning Board unanimously recommends that the commissioners approve the request, which is for campground improvements. At 1:40 Nilson moved to close the hearing, Tuerk seconded. Voting: Ritterbush—yes, Nilson—yes and Tuerk—yes. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Tuerk moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Carns West, LLC, Ritterbush seconded. Voting: Nilson—yes, Tuerk—yes and Ritterbush—yes, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

T. Eichenberger stopped in the meeting to ask what the requirements and restrictions were for occupying the right of way, he was given the application to occupy the right of way.

The meeting moved upstairs to the courtroom for the 2:00 agenda item, Region 24 Issues and Resolutions. Along with the Keya Paha County Commissioners and Attorney, there were representatives from each of the other counties in Region 24. Those present included: Cherry County Commissioners Martin DeNaeyer, James Ward in person and Tanya Storer via cell phone, Brown County Commissioner Buddy Small, Brown County Attorney Andrew Taylor, Brown County Sheriff Bruce Papstein, Boyd County Supervisors Alan Nicolaus and Ronald Bernt, Boyd County Sheriff Chuck Wrede, Rock County Commissioners Jimmy Stout, Wade Hollenbeck and Glen Mays, who is also the deputy emergency manager in Rock County, along other interested individuals. Scott began by stating that the reason for the meeting between the counties comprising Region 24 was to determine if it is feasible to continue. Brown County and Cherry County have both filed notices that they will withdraw from Region 24 effective June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. Representatives of both counties affirmed that decision, stating they are not interested in being involved with Region 24 even if it is restructured. The conclusion after discussion, is that Region 24 cannot continue in its current form. They Keya Paha county commissioners will continue to discuss options at future meetings.

At 4:50 Chairman Nilson declared the meeting adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. 2021 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://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\*\*\*\*