

Wayne, Nebraska
November 3, 2009

The Wayne County Board of Equalization convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Those in attendance included Chairman Wurdeman, Members Rabe and Burbach, and Deputy Clerk Biermann, Assessor Reeg and Attorney Pieper.

Advance notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on October 22, 2009.

A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the meeting room and accessible to the public. The minutes of the October 20, 2009, meeting were approved as printed in the Commissioner's Record. The agenda was approved.

A general review of outstanding personal property filings was had with Assessor Reeg.

Meeting was adjourned.

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The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 in the upstairs conference room of the Courthouse.

Roll call was answered by Chairman Rabe, Members Wurdeman and Burbach, and Deputy Clerk Biermann.

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Attorney, Kate Jorgensen, entered a proposal to the Board to be hired as a public defender for Wayne County. A proposed contract was reviewed along with the amounts the county has paid for court appointed counsel over the last several years, case load, and comparisons with other counties. Also discussed were the statutory requirements to be met prior to entering into such a contract. Motion by Wurdeman, second by Burbach to table any action on hiring a public defender until the board has had opportunity to visit with other counties and the affect made by the Diversion Program. Roll call vote: Wurdeman-aye, Burbach-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

The issue of snow removal at the Courthouse was discussed along with suggestions of individuals and businesses who may be interested. The position will need to be advertised and the bid will be awarded at the December 1st meeting.

Highway Superintendent, Elizabeth Carlson, reviewed changes made at the Federal level which have affected the progress on Project Programming Requests for Bridge #C009003315, 2 miles west and 0.7 mile south of Wayne, 574th Avenue, Mile 855; and Bridge #C009030820, 5 miles north and 2.3 miles west of Wayne, 861st Road, Mile 573. Revised DR Form 530 for each project will be re-submitted.

LeRoy Janssen reported on the findings of the Wayne County Emergency Management Hiring Committee. Interviews were held on September 21st and 22nd with eight candidates. The committee's recommendation was for the hiring of Nicholas Kemnitz as the Emergency Management Director for Wayne County. Motion by Burbach, second by Wurdeman to table the official hiring of an Emergency Manager until the board has been able to discuss the position and salary with the nominee. Roll call vote: Burbach-aye, Wurdeman-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Motion by Burbach, second by Wurdeman to recess the meeting until Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.