**CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES (PENDING APPROVAL): February 11, 2025** Pending minutes will not be approved until the next Board meeting and are subject to change. Approved minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk during normal business hours.

Members Present: Dasher, Boyle, DeGarmo, Murdoch and Stohlmann. Others present: Chris Perrone-County Attorney, Gerri Draper- County Clerk

8:00am- Chair called meeting to order; gave notice of Open Meetings Act, Meeting Documents & Led Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA: (1) Prior Meeting Minutes, (2) Claims, (3) Payroll/Time Balance Reports and (4) Fees Reported: County Clerk- Misc. $218.00; Zoning- Misc. $9,611.80; Register of Deeds- Preservation $1,488.50, State DOC Stamps $27,880.05, CO General DOC Stamps $7,964.70, CO General $9,265.00; District Court- Misc. $3,511.59; Sheriff- Misc. $1,996.00, Mileage- $2,692.80

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded to approve consent agenda as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

GENERAL: Accelerated GraphX $1,025.00 (Sup) All Copy Products $37.55 (Sup) Amazon $532.37 (Sup) Ameritas Life Insurance $34,174.74 (Ins) Applied Connective $20,633.10 (Srv) AT&T $70.00 (Srv) Benchmark Government Solutions $161.35 (Srv) Benjamin Keyes $15.00 (Reim) Big Red Lighting & Electrical $150.00 (Srv) Black Hills Energy $499.95 (Srv) Bob Barker Company $618.74 (Srv) Bomgaars $500.45 (Sup) Linda Brouhard $60.00 (Reim) Lawrence Carlsson $5,000.00 (Srv) Cass County Historical Society $3,333.33 (Reim) Cass County Public Defender $2,372.06 (Srv) Cass County Refuse $139.00 (Srv) Cass County Sheriff $1,098.10 (Srv) Cass County Sheriff $11.92 (Reim) Cass County Zoning $40.39 (Reim) Charm-Tex $401.40 (Srv) Cidnet $3,000.00 (Srv) Clerk of the District Court $422.00 (Srv) Clerk of the Supreme Court $130.00 (Srv) Cody Inc $1,905.00 (Srv) Column Software $260.16 (Srv) Comdata Corporation $1,548.38 (Srv) Percival Culligan Water $33.60 (Sup) DAS Central Finance $1,336.49 (Srv) Diamond Medical Supply $137.46 (Sup) Geri Draper $60.00 (Reim) Eakes Office Solutions $1,978.76 (Sup) Harold Ehmke $15.00 (Reim) Village of Elmwood $209.90 (Srv) EMS Connect $78.00 (Srv) ES&S $2,447.90 (Sup) ESO Solutions $3,454.50 (Srv) Eugene Farris $9.00 (Reim) Fireguard $264.50 (Srv) Taylor Fleischman $60.00 (Reim) Fox Valley Technical College $530.40 (Srv) Travis Frye $60.00 (Reim) Graham Tire $1,770.66 (Srv) Grainger $269.73 (Sup) Great Plains Uniforms $1,404.38 (Srv) Village of Greenwood $213.02 (Srv) Henry-Hobscheidt Service Center $1,041.79 (Srv) Tammy Hetherington $148.70 (Srv) HTBSCredit $55.89 (Srv) Hometown Leasing $623.48 (Srv) Julie Howard $155.00 (Srv) Hy-Vee $16.47 (Sup) Interstate All Battery Center $231.00 (Srv) Mike Jensen $60.00 (Reim) Jones Automotive $902.50 (Srv) Sarah Knight $81.20 (Reim) Gerald Liess $450.00 (Srv) Lifeguard $134.00 (Srv) Village of Manley $64.68 (Srv) Brandon McClane $60.00 (Reim) Brook McConnaughey $360.00 (Reim) My Central Supply $579.14 (Sup) Meeske Ace Hardware $144.58 (Sup) Meeske Auto Parts $44.97 (Sup) Metlife $176.16 (Ins) Mill Creek Auto Parts $36.77 (Sup) MIPS $9,270.64 (Srv) Monona County Sheriff $31.00 (Srv) Aaron Moore $151.20 (Reim) Mark Moore $1,355.28 (Srv) NE Association of County Clerks/Reg of Deeds $50.00 (Srv) Nebraska Association of Emergency Management $75.00 (Srv) Nebraska Association of Women Police $900.00 (Srv) NPPD $9,530.05 (Srv) Nebraska Weed Control Association $285.00 (Srv) Todd O’Connor $60.00 (Reim) Office Warehouse $263.14 (Sup) OPPD $1,074.26 (Srv) Omega Chemical $251.85 (Srv) H.S.A $2,400.00 (Ins) Overhead Door of Omaha $265.50 (Srv) Oxen Technology $2,850.00 (Srv) Paper Tiger $311.00 (Srv) Papillion Sanitation $346.88 (Srv) Parriott Woodworking & Remodeling $2,100.00 (Srv) City of Plattsmouth $1,504.46 (Srv) Laura Pohlmeier $60.00 (Reim) Professional Heating & Air Conditioning $255.00 (Srv) Quik Dump Refuse $36.91 (Srv) Rural Water District #3 $600.00 (Srv) Rural Water District #1 $34.50 (Srv) Sarpy County Sheriff $6.00 (Srv) Sarpy County Times $26.00 (Srv) William Sterrett $60.00 (Reim) Stop N Shop $236.69 (Srv) Cassie Story $60.00 (Reim) Summit Food Service $9,333.57 (Sup) Teleflex Funding $849.00 (Srv) Thomson Reuters – West $321.00 (Srv) Leonard Thorne $60.00 (Reim) Mary Tilson $500.00 (Srv) TK Elevator $5,999.38 (Srv) Transunion Risk & Alternative $149.10 (Srv) Tyler Technologies $898.00 (Srv) Unifirst Corporation $192.52 (Srv) Unit Innovations $2,900.00 (Srv) United Healthcare $75,348.52 (Ins) United Healthcare Dental $2,379.48 (Ins) US Bank $5,314.35 (Srv) US Bank Equipment Finance $124.91 (Srv) US Bank Voyager Fleet $8,987.72 (Srv) Verizon $1,681.95 (Srv) Warren Wade $19.00 (Reim) Windstream $12,593.89 (Srv) Angel Woodard $125.00 (Srv) Zelle $5,500.00 (Srv) 201 Main Street $2,960.00 (Srv) CLAIMS: $304,517.18 PAYROLL: $422,502.99 TOTAL: $727,020.17 ROADS: Bomgaars $985.90 (Sup) Cintas Corp $62.62 (Srv) Column Software $113.31 (Srv) Dultmeier Sales $595.00 (Srv) Fireguard $971.73 (Srv) Hometown Leasing $284.43 (Srv) Keckler Oil Company $216.62 (Srv) Martin Marietta $63,213.62 (Srv) Meeske Ace Hardware $31.54 (Sup) Menards $154.00 (Sup) Midwest Fence Company $19,187.50 (Srv) Midwest Petroleum Equipment $33.68 (Srv) Mill Creek Auto Parts $105.82 (Sup) MIPS $146.45 (Srv) Murphy Tractor & Equipment $116.61 (Sup) Nebraska Snow Equipment $8,923.58 (Srv) Nancy Phillips $285.00 (Srv) Pomp’s Tire Service $51.00 (Srv) Rons Auto & Tire Repair $600.61 (Srv) S&C Dust Control $1,484.80 (Srv) TEC Equipment $453.03 (Srv) Titan Machinery $369.15 (Srv) US Bank $630.27 (Srv) US Bank Voyager $732.60 (Srv) CLAIMS: $99,748.87 PAYROLL: $67,751.56 TOTAL: $167,500.43 COMMUNICATION TOWER: The Center for Municipal Solutions $1,425.00 (Srv) TOTAL: $1,425.00 VISITOR PROMOTION: Column Software $4.45 (Srv) Flagship Publishing $6,702.00 (Srv) Carl Reichart $138.19 (Reim) CLAIMS: $6,845.64 PAYROLL: $1,412.88 TOTAL: $8,258.52 VISITOR IMPROVEMENT: Off the Clock Events $4,000.00 (Srv) TOTAL: $4,000.00 RECORD PRESERVATION: MIPS $278.64 (Srv) TOTAL: $278.64 COVID-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: Cass County Public Defender $3,280.78 (Reim) Comdata Corporation $169.00 (Srv) TOTAL: $3,449.78 E911 WIRELESS: Century Link $4,313.73 (Srv) Nebraska Regional Interoperability $9,600.00 (Srv) TOTAL: $13,913.73 OVERALL GRAND TOTAL: $925,846.27

1. Regular Agenda:

MOTION: Stohlmann moved, Boyle seconded to approve agenda as prepared. Motion carried 5-0

2. Past Meetings Attended by Commissioners:

* Dasher: none
* Boyle: Region 6 meeting
* DeGarmo: none
* Stohlmann: none
* Murdoch: none

3. Public Hearing/Action (8:15am): none scheduled

4. Litigation & Legal Matters-Christopher Perrone, County Attorney: none scheduled

5. Road Matters-Lenny Thorne, Highway Superintendent: none scheduled

6. New Business & Unfinished Business:

1. Discuss/Action- Pinpoint Communications, Inc., requesting letter of support re: funding through the Nebraska Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (NBEAD) Program (expanding high-speed fiber broadband to unserved/underserved areas in Cass County

MOTION: Murdoch moved, DeGarmo seconded to authorize chair to sign letter of support for Pinpoint Communications, Inc. Motion carried 5-0

1. Discuss/Action- Conditional Use Permit # CU-2024-0003; Applicant: Cass County Solar Nebraska, LLC.; Multiple property owners - Legal description: multiple parcels- Commercial Solar Conversion System (CSCS) (tabled 12/31/24)

Mike Jensen-Zoning Administrator appeared noting the planning commission voted by a 6-2 vote to not recommend approval. Matthew Jones-Developer also appeared before the board stating that they understood if more time was needed before the county board’s vote due to the new board members limited time in office and welcomes the opportunity to answer questions, share merits and provide any details needed. Chair asked for questions from the board-hearing none, chair asked for any motions by the board.

MOTION: Murdoch moved, to deny the applicant conditional use permit CU 2024-0003, Perrone interjected asking Murdoch if his intention was to do that in a form of resolution “because the board has to make specific findings”, Perrone also stated he had been asked to draft a resolution which he brought to the meeting. Murdoch withdrew his motion

Murdoch made motion to adopt resolution 25-01

8:10am Chair asked for 5-minute recess to allow board to review the prepared resolution, copies were also given to applicant and audience members.

8:17am meeting reconvened

Chair stated resolution 25-01 to deny will require a yes vote to pass. The denial of the application proposed in this resolution - that vote will require a yes vote to succeed.

Jones asked to make a statement before the vote, Chair allowed Jones to speak. Jones stating for the record (his opinion) the resolution was silent on the fact that the application meets all the requirements and regulations that Cass County currently has for solar, and the applicant has asked for no waivers or variances in their application.

Chair asked for a second on the motion made by Murdoch

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to adopt resolution 25-01, with an amendment to paragraph 7, replacing 4-0 vote with 3-0, 1 abstaining. Motion carried 4-0-1, DeGarmo voting present

1. Discuss/Action- Mike Jensen-Zoning Administrator, reappoint Robert Staben to planning commission (term expired 12/24)

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Stohlmann seconded to reappoint Robert Staben to the planning commission. Motion carried 5-0

1. Discuss/Action- Mike Jensen-Zoning Administrator, appoint planning commission member to fill vacant seat (Jim Grotrian resigned- term expires 1/27)

MOTION: Murdoch moved, Stohlmann seconded to appoint Mike Story to the planning commission. Motion carried 5-0

1. Discuss/Action- Mike Jensen-Zoning Administrator, administrative subdivision process. Discussion held, no action taken
2. Discuss/Action- Mike Jensen-Zoning Administrator, participation letter of support for North Lake repetitive loss property

Adele Philips- Project Manager appeared to discuss project with board. Estimated project total $355,500.00. Project will be paid by 75% Federal match ($266,625) and 25% local match ($88,875). The 25% local match will be divided into 1/3 with the LPSNRD, County and Property owner each paying $29,625.00 each.

MOTION: DeGarmo moved, to sign participation letter with the county funding being paid from Inheritance tax, motion failed lack of second.

Other Business Matters/Public Input & Comments: none

9:05am ADJOURN: MOTION: DeGarmo moved, Murdoch seconded. Motion carried 5-0

I, Gerri Draper, the undersigned Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska do hereby certify the above minutes were taken by me and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and are part of the official records of this office. I therefore set my hand and affix the County Seal this 11th day of February 2025.

State of Nebraska)

County of Cass) ss.

Gerri Draper,

Cass County Clerk