

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

June 11th, 2024

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 11th day of June, 2024 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Ruppel, County Clerk Copsey, County Attorney White, Trevor Kraus, Sam Fales, Ed Sherbeck, Sheriff Spanel, Ashley Eley, JD Keefe, Darcia Kovarik, Nicole O’Conner, and Tim Jordan. County Engineer Johnson was present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the May 8th, 2024 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the June 11th, 2024 meeting was also affirmed by all members present. Chairman Larson referenced the Open Meeting Laws poster located in the meeting room and advised that handouts concerning said laws are available to the public.

Larson moved to audit the claims. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$44,239.69
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$14,308.33
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$422.10
AMERITAS	EMPE RETIREMENT	\$3,159.70
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$4,386.76
DAVE LARSON HSA ACCOUNT	HSA FLATWATER	\$691.67
APPEARA	RUGS	\$79.44
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$576.34
ASHLEY ELEY	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	SUPPLIES/TELEPHONE/FUEL	\$1,125.88
BURWELL TRIBUNE	ADVERTISMENT	\$39.40
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$526.33
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$43.84
DARCIE SIMMONS	ELECTION BOARD PAY	\$202.50
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$104.32
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DEBBIE POSTANY	ELECTION BOARD PAY	\$202.50
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$82.88
DOUG DAVIS	SUPPLIES/LABOR	\$184.00
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$246.59
ERIKA PETERSEN	ELECTION BOARD PAY	\$195.00
ES&S	ELECTION SUPPLIES	\$1,963.27
EZ IT	IT SERVICES	\$1,200.00
FAMILY ADVOCACY NETWORK	DUES	\$3,000.00
GLW	EXTENSION AGENT	\$1,866.38
GWORKS	GIS SERVICES	\$5,985.00
HAMILTON	PHONE & INTERNET	\$414.67
HOLT COUNTY TREASURER	PROBATION COSTS	\$315.72
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER PAYMENT	\$67.76
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$39.21
JACK RUPPEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$50.72
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$189.82
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA WORM	PHONE	\$25.00

KAROLE STROHL	ELECTION BOARD PAY	\$37.50
KARYL BROWN	ELECTION BOARD PAY/MILEAGE	\$215.90
KATIE MOON	PHONE	\$25.00
KRISTI MEEKS	ELECTION BOARD PAY/MILEAGE	\$63.76
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD ZONING	LCAPC PAYMENT	\$250.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$75.00
LOUP CENTRAL LANDFILL	LANDFILL ASSOC. CONTRIBUTION	\$563.00
LOUP COUNTY CLERK	PETTY CASH	\$137.09
LOUP COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	\$139.00
MADISON CO SHERIFF	COUNTY COURT COST	\$29.90
MARTEL	BODY CAMERAS/IN CAR CAMERAS	\$7,599.98
MARYJO JONES	PHONE	\$25.00
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAM	\$1,045.07
NACO	DUES	\$1,002.06
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	DUES/LICENSING	\$170.50
NIRMA	INSURANCE PREMIUM	\$25,092.00
POLICE OFFICER ASSOC	HANDBOOKS	\$37.00
REGION 26	ANNUAL DATA MAINTENANCE FEE	\$734.00
SALLY HART	ELECTION BOARD PAY	\$203.17
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$500.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
T&A GUNS	OPTICS	\$11,094.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY EXPENSE	\$1,060.00
USPS	POSTAGE	\$364.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER PAYMENT	\$49.08
WARTA SERVICES & REPAIR	LAWN SERVICE	\$75.00
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$136,998.83

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$15,260.75
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,030.10
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,140.36
BARCO	SIGNS & SUPPLIES	\$2,320.32
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$2,282.19
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$67.60
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
EDGHILL MOTORS, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$26.99
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$576.85
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.11
JEFFRES	GRAVEL & HAULING	\$32,994.73
LONNIE OWEN	PHONE	\$40.00
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
OLCOTT WELDING	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$30.00
SARGENT PIPE COMPANY	LABOR & SUPPLIES	\$224.77
SARGENT TIRE	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$69.83
SHARON SHERBECK	MOWING	\$50.00
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$476.44
TROTTER SERVICE	EQUIPMENT	\$76.75
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$56,930.40

BRIDGE FUND

ED HOEVET EXCAVATING	BRIDGE REPAIR & LABOR	\$16,666.00
TOTAL BRIDGE FUND		\$16,666.00

AMBULANCE FUND

DEARBORN LIFE INSUR CO	INSURANCE	\$27.52
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HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
LOUP COUNTY AMBULANCE	AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT	\$9,365.19
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SUPPLIES	\$111.39
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$9,569.31

Steckel moved to allow claims. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road Fund. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 443.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court monthly fee report, fund balances from Treasurer, and the Treasurer's tax remaining report.

Larson moved to reappoint Jerry Dunbar to the Loup County Veterans Service Committee for an additional term expiring 6/30/29. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to retain the Veteran Service Officer, Emory Haynes. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Sheriff Spanel met with the Board to provide an update on the Sheriff's department. He reports the office recently became accredited which will allow for the department to be eligible to apply for more grants. This accreditation is valid through 2026. He informed the Board that Ashley Eley will be moving to part time and will typically be in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays. There is a new mailbox that will be used for sensitive documents that is located in the courthouse by the door to the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Spanel discussed some new equipment, including night vision optics, in car cameras, and body cameras, as well as grants they have received or will receive for the equipment.

Steckel moved to accept the amount allocated for the county match request for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed briefly the Floodplain Administrator position however will plan to continue discussion at next month's meeting after reviewing the budget.

Tim Jordan, Village Chairman and Darcia Kovarik, Village Clerk met with the Board to discuss putting up a building on the county lot. The option of a long-term lease was discussed along with the possible location of the building being in the northeast corner of the county lot. The Village Chairman and Village Clerk will find the legal description for the location of the proposed building and the Board will continue this discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

Tim Jordan and Darcia Kovarik also discussed Village building permits and the possibility of the Village doing the building permits for the Village of Taylor rather than the County Zoning Administrator. Discussion included the interlocal agreement that was implemented in 1999 and information regarding the current process for building permits. The Village would like to be able to handle their own building permits however allow the County to continue to handle the zoning. Attorney White discussed the difficulty in

separating the two and described how they typically go hand in hand. The Village will discuss some options at their next meeting and will plan to return to the Board's next scheduled meeting to continue this discussion.

County Engineer Johnson was present to discuss bridge updates and reports we are still waiting to hear back from the state in regards to the bids for the bridges. He discussed plans to repair the old bridge on 823rd Road and obtaining a temporary easement. Steckel and Co Engineer plan to meet with land owners as necessary prior to the start of the project. There has not been any progress as of yet on the South Lake Road. Chairman Larson reported the completion of the repair of the Liddy bridge and culvert replacement updates.

Larson discussed some issues regarding the road department and the need to appoint a road foreman in order to improve organization and efficiency in the department. Discussion included filling this position internally. Discussion was held regarding several projects that need completed in order to improve safety on the county roads. Larson moved to appoint Dustin Copsey as road foreman. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Larson moved to increase Dustin Copsey's hourly rate by \$2/hour. Steckel recommended to increase hourly rate by \$3/hour. Larson amended motion to increase hourly rate by \$3/hour. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Discussion was also held regarding the need to have all of the county equipment stored in town. Larson moved to have all county road department equipment to be based out of the County Road department shop in Taylor. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Larson also mentioned the current advertisement for a full-time road employee.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

s/ David Larson, Chairman of the Loup
County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk