

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 14th day of August, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Ruppel, County Clerk Copsey, Deputy Clerk Moon, Sheriff Spanel. County Attorney White and County Engineer Johnson were present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes. Steckel moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Also present were Jessica Owen, Jodi Worm, Jayme Owen, Diane Dilsaver, Sharon Sherbeck, Laura Kraus, Trevor Kraus, Marah Sandoz, Loren Sandoz, Gene Thoene, Sam Fales, Lance Owen, Sally Hart, Tootie Ruppel, Jackie Lurz, Darcia Kovarik, Tim Jordan, Nicole O'Conner, Kyle Shepard, Bob Osborne, Dustin Copsey, and KC Pawling from NIRMA.

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

### **Publication of county salaries in accordance to Statute 23-122 are as follows:**

County Commissioners	\$1,218.63
Zoning Administrator	\$580.00
County Treasurer	\$4,316.00
Deputy Treasurer	\$2,700.00
County Clerk, ex-officio Assessor, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioner	\$4,919.64
Deputy Clerk	\$3,048.50
Clerk Office staff part-time	\$1,600.00
Clerk Office staff part-time- hourly	\$45.00
Janitorial	\$163.00
Maintenance- hourly	\$17.00
County Sheriff	\$4,316.00
Deputy Sheriff	\$5,416.66
Sheriff Office Manager part-time	\$3,000.00
Deputy Sheriff Other- per day	\$0-\$150
County Attorney	\$3,054.08
Weed Superintendent	\$1,695.36
Road Foreman- hourly	\$27.00
Road department- hourly	\$20.00-\$25.00

## GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$38,983.07
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,308.33
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$445.55
AMERITAS	EMPE RETIREMENT	\$2,765.40
IRS	EMPE FICA	\$3,914.75
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HAS	HSA FLATWATER	\$691.67
APPEARA	RUGS	\$60.78
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$251.40
ASHLEY ELEY	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$147.64
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	COURT FEES	\$396.80
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$666.45
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$49.32
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$82.88
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$76.18
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
ES&S	VOTING SUPPLIES	\$55.72
EZ IT	IT SERVICES	\$1,200.00
GLW	EXTENSION AGENT	\$3,767.82
HAMILTON	PHONE & INTERNET	\$426.06
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$39.21
JACK RUPPEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$50.72
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$51.00
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA WORM	PHONE	\$25.00
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS	IMPORT INTO CRIMES DATABASE	\$750.00
KATIE MOON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$189.69
KRAUS REPAIR	WEED DEPT PICKUP TIRES	\$820.00
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$75.00
MARYJO JONES	PHONE	\$25.00
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAM	\$1,087.87
NACO	NACREC WORKSHOP	\$125.00
NEXTONER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$495.80
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$500.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
VALLY CO. HEALTH SYSTEM	LAB AND EPC- SHERIFF DEPT	\$1,959.96
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	JAIL KEEP	\$50.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$403.50
WARTA SERVICES & REPAIR	LAWN SERVICE	\$45.00
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$75,519.57</b>

## ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$23,298.88
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,572.68
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,740.47
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE & SHOP OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$113.41
BURWELL FAMILY PRACTICE	PHYSICAL	\$256.00
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$1,630.49
CARQUEST	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$171.39
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$143.98
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$6,530.25
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$55.71

DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$489.26
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.11
JEFFRES	GRAVEL AND HAULING	\$9,373.58
JOHNNY SCHRODER JR.	PHONE	\$40.00
MAVERICK	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$206.50
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	DRUG TESTING	\$35.00
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
NMC	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$9,285.32
OLCOTT WELDING	REPAIR/EQUIPMENT	\$961.66
PAULSEN	GRAVEL AND HAULING	\$34,363.20
SHARON SHERBECK	MOWING	\$75.00
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$431.12
TROTTER SERVICE	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$75.00
VALLEY CO. HEALTH SYSTEM	LABS AND PHYSICAL	\$307.00
YOUNG RANCH	CLAY	\$715.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD FUND</b>		<b>\$92,173.62</b>

**BRIDGE FUND**

MAINELLI & WAGNER	9 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS	\$1,323.00
<b>TOTAL BRIDGE FUND</b>		<b>\$1,323.00</b>

**INHERITANCE FUND**

SIKYTA LAW OFFICE	FOWLER OVERPAYMENT	\$2,180.00
<b>TOTAL VISITOR PROMOTION FUND</b>		<b>\$2,180.00</b>

**AMBULANCE FUND**

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$72.66
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$27.52
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
JORDAN'S AUTO REPAIR	REPAIR	\$691.47
LAURA KRAUS	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$632.00
TAMMI GERKEN	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$45.84
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND</b>		<b>\$1,534.70</b>

Steckel moved to allow claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 462.

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

Gene Thoene met with the Board to discuss concerns regarding a culvert on the road past his residence. He reports water running across the road at times and the concern that the culvert is not large enough. He also expressed concerns regarding the road south of his residence being a minimum maintenance road. He discussed the increased amount of traffic on this road and the need for more regular maintenance. Steckel discussed looking into having this road become a regularly maintained road. KC Pawling from NIRMA shared insight on minimum maintenance roads stating there is no specific

definition however there is a dollar limit on what can be spent on the road however the road can be maintained more than twice a year.

Steckel moved to enter into the agreement with Region 3 Behavioral Health Services. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Sheriff Spanel discussed Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and the importance of this contract.

Steckel moved to enter into contract with Central Plains Valuation for commercial revaluation project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to approve the resolution of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 463.

Steckel moved to designate CSG for the Joint Public Hearing postcard printing this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Tim Jordan, Village Chairman met with the Board to continue discussion regarding the building on the county lot. He brought a contract drawn up by the Village attorney for the Board to review. Attorney White discussed that the contract needs to mention a dollar amount. The Board discussed a 99-year lease for the amount of \$1. The Village will plan to bring the updated contract to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Darcia Kovarik and Nicole O'Conner from the Village office met with the Board to discuss village building permits. The Village would like to continue to use the current process for building permits and not make any changes as previously discussed. Zoning Administrator Kyle Shepard is in agreement with this plan.

Kyle Shepard, Zoning Administrator and Floodplain Administrator met with the Board to report the Floodplain Ordinance was approved by FEMA. She discussed briefly some of the main points of the ordinance and provided the Board with a copy to review. Steckel moved to adopt the updated Floodplain Ordinance. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board reviewed the county inventories and noted updates that needed made to the weed department and the road department.

County Engineer Johnson was present to discuss updates in regards to bridge and culvert projects.

Dustin Copsey, Road Foreman met with the Board to provide an update on road department projects. Also discussed future projects as well as additional roads in need of attention and obtaining school bus route information for the road department.

Steckel discussed an insurance stipend for part-time employees based on a percentage of hours worked. The Board will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion during public comment section included but not limited to road department, wages, and improved communication.

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