

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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. County Attorney White was present later in the morning for a short time and County Engineer Johnson was present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the September 11<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, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the October 11<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 Trevor Kraus, Doug Pollard, Loren Sandoz, Sam Fales, Dustin Copsey, Tootie Ruppel, and Sharon Sherbeck

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

**GENERAL FUND**

SALARIES		\$37,843.74
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,308.33
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$445.55
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,702.41
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,832.62
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$691.67
APPEARA	RUGS	\$60.78
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$257.40
ASHLEY ELEY	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE & JANITORIAL SUPP, POSTAL	\$349.34
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PRINTING/PUBLISHING	\$2,685.66
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	COMMERCIAL APPRAISAL	\$1,400.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$245.07
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$65.24
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$61.44
DEB STARR	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$228.89
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.68
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$332.27
EZ IT	IT SERVICES/FIREWALL	\$3,949.99
GLW	EXTENSION AGENT	\$3,767.82
GRAHAM TIRE GI	SHERIFF VEHICLE TIRES	\$756.00
HAMILTON	PHONE/INTERNET	\$413.86
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$67.76
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$39.21
JACK RUPPEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$50.72
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE	\$25.00
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA WORM	PHONE	\$25.00
KATIE MOON	PHONE	\$25.00
KRAUS REPAIR	TIRE REPAIR	\$15.00

KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$75.00
LOUP BASIN RC&D COUNCIL	WEED WATCH PUBLICATION	\$40.14
MARYJO JONES	OFFICE TRAINING	\$270.34
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAM	\$1,087.87
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	CO ASSESSOR EXAM REGISTRATION	\$75.00
QUIZ GRAPHIC ARTS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$93.00
REGION 26	EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$13,253.33
SARGENT TIRE	TIRE REPAIR	\$173.55
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$500.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
VALLEY COUNTY JAIL	JAIL KEEP	\$50.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$49.08
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
911 CUSTOM	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$75.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$90,942.76</b>

### ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$19,869.63
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,341.20
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,476.69
ALLARD PRECAST	AUTOGATES	\$3,300.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	T-POST PULLER	\$119.99
BARCO	SIGNS AND SUPPLIES	\$370.31
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	MACHINERY SUPPLIES	\$241.44
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$6,332.90
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$57.05
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.11
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$8,190.06
JOHNNY SCHRODER	PHONE	\$40.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HWY SUP, COUNTY SURVEYOR	\$3,350.00
MAVERICK TRUCK STOP	SHOP SUPPLIES/SERVICE CALL	\$3,100.50
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
MYERS CONSTRUCTION, INC.	CRUSHED CONCRETE	\$2,354.72
NMC	MACHINE PARTS & REPAIR	\$4,922.37
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$329.22
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$26.50
SHARON SHERBECK	MOWING SEPTEMBER	\$25.00
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$590.70
STAN FOSTER	CLAY	\$385.00
THOENE FARM SERVICES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$558.19
<b>TOTAL ROAD FUND</b>		<b>\$57,324.19</b>

### BRIDGE FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	BRIDGE PROJECT	\$12,852.50
<b>TOTAL BRIDGE FUND</b>		<b>\$12,852.50</b>

### VISITOR PROMOTION FUND

D. KOVARIK PHOTOGRAPHY	1/2 SALARY WEBSITE COORDINATOR	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTAL VISITOR PROMOTION FUND</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>

**AMBULANCE FUND**

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$53.19
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR CO	LIFE INSURANCE	\$27.52
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
JODEEN DENNIS	BILLING	\$176.64
LAURA KRAUS	SUPPLIES	\$362.90
LOUP COUNTY AMBULANCE	INSURANCE PAYMENT	\$388.50
VALLEY CO AMB SERVICE	VCAS INTERCEPTS	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND</b>		<b>\$1,373.96</b>

Steckel moved to allow claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 496.

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

Steckel moved for the adoption of resolutions transferring monies from the Road Fund to the Equipment Sinking Fund, Inheritance Fund to the Equipment Sinking Fund, and General Fund to the Ambulance Fund with said transfers being budgeted for in the 2024-2025 Loup County budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolutions can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Pages 497-499.

The Board discussed National Association of Counties (NACo). Steckel moved for Loup County to join NACo. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed IT services. Steckel moved to change IT services to Applied Connective. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to enter into contract with Contryman Associates, P.C. for auditing services. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

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

Steckel moved to enter into agreement with Graham tire for discounted tires. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to appoint Clerk Copsy as the authorized representative position for County of Loup for NEMA. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Ashley Eley, sheriff office manager provided brief update on the Flock license plate readers.

The Board discussed security cameras and the potential need for them at the courthouse and the road department shop. No decisions were made.

Clerk Copsey discussed information provided from NIRMA regarding an insurance stipend for part-time road employees. The Board discussed the possibility of offering this stipend to part-time road employees. Steckel moved to provide an insurance stipend for part-time employees in the road department at \$4.00 per number of hours worked effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Dustin Copsey provided an update on the road department and discussed finished projects and upcoming projects.

Chairman Larson provided brief update on the immigration sanctuary listing and removing Loup County from this list. He reports the Sheriff's Department is working to have Loup County removed from this list.

County Engineer Johnson was present to discuss status of the South Lake Road project, Porcupine Bridge project, 823<sup>rd</sup> Road culvert, and application to apply for funding for another bridge project.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey  
Loup County Clerk