

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 Engineer Johnson was present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting minutes. Steckel moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the November 13<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, Dustin Copsey, Sam Fales, Bob Osborne, Sheriff Spanel, Ashley Spanel, Jacob Stern, Jolene Dunbar, and Kyle Shepard.

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		\$38,277.86
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,451.33
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$445.55
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,739.26
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,876.76
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HAS	HSA FLATWATER	\$691.67
APPEARA	RUGS	\$60.78
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$335.40
ASHLEY ELEY	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	BUILDING/OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$647.42
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	COMMERCIAL REAPPRAISAL	\$9,800.00
CINDY GOOS	ELECTION- CANVASSING BOARD	\$71.25
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$321.49
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$58.65
DARCIE SIMMONS	ELECTION BOARD/AUDIT BOARD	\$285.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$82.88
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DEBBIE POSTANY	ELECTION BOARD/AUDIT BOARD	\$285.00
DONNA JOHNSON	AUDIT BOARD	\$75.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$73.50
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$317.88
ERIKA PETERSEN	ELECTION BOARD/MILEAGE	\$222.06
ES&S	ELECTION MATERIALS	\$1,418.57
EZ IT	IT SERVICES	\$1,200.00
HALL CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	\$72.90
HAMILTON	PHONE/INTERNET	\$424.04
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

KAROLE STROHL	ELECTION- CANVASSING BOARD	\$81.97
KARYL BROWN	ELECTION BOARD/MILEAGE	\$223.40
KATIE MOON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$168.38
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD	LOUP COUNTY AREA PLANNING MTG	\$250.00
LAURA KRAUS	AUDIT BOARD	\$75.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$75.00
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAM	\$1,106.87
NACO	CO. ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$1,002.06
NACT	TITLE/REG BOOK	\$360.00
NATIONAL NACO	COUNTY DUES	\$150.00
NE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$205.00
NEXTONER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$255.78
POLICE OFFIC. ASSOC. OF NE	HANDBOOKS FOR LAW	\$42.00
REG. 3 BEHAV. HEALTH SER.	COUNTY TAX MATCH	\$389.88
SALLY HART	ELECTION BOARD/MILEAGE	\$210.67
SARGENT TIRE	SHERIFF EQUIPMENT	\$142.71
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY/MILEAGE	\$2,507.55
SPELTS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$17.99
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
USPS	5 ROLLS STAMPS	\$365.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$49.08
WARTA SERVICES & REPAIR	MOWING SEP OCT	\$30.00
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$84,619.52</b>

#### ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$21,415.50
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,445.55
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,594.97
ALLARD PRECAST	AUTO GATES	\$1,100.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$35.99
BARCO	SIGNS AND SUPPLIES	\$2,155.47
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$6,010.97
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$56.54
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$150.15
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.11
JEFFRES	GRAVEL AND BORROW	\$4,934.71
JOHNNY SCHRODER	PHONE	\$40.00
MAVERICK	MACHINERY/EQUIPMENT	\$117.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	DRUG TESTING	\$70.00
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
MYERS CONSTRUCTION, INC.	CONCRETE	\$2,334.86
NMC	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$4,161.03
SARGENT TIRE	MACHINERY/EQUIPMENT	\$75.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$30.76
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$26.50
THOENE FARM SERVICES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$19.52
VCHS	DRUG TESTING	\$76.00
<b>TOTAL ROAD FUND</b>		<b>\$46,193.24</b>

**AMBULANCE FUND**

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$102.55
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR CO	LIFE INSURANCE	\$17.20
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
LAURA KRAUS	SUPPLIES/BATTERIES	\$37.92
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND</b>		<b>\$222.88</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 509.

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.

Sheriff Spanel and Sheriff Office Manager, Ashley Spanel met with the board to discuss the Sheriff Interlocal agreement between Loup County and Blaine County. Steckel moved to enter into the interlocal agreement with Blaine County for law enforcement. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Sheriff Spanel discussed additional items that need to be declared as surplus property within the Sheriff's department. Steckel moved to approve the Sheriff's surplus property items. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Bob Osborne from American Legacy Land discussed the Bootlegger property and plans to be here for the next meeting to discuss establishing boundaries, easements, and surveying issues.

Steckel moved to enter into agreement between Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation and Loup County. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Clerk Copsy presented letter from District Court informing the commissioners that the hourly rate paid to court appointed attorneys for indigent defendants is increasing from \$100 to \$125 per hour effective January 1, 2025.

The board discussed bid for Road grader and confirmed the funds are available in the budget to purchase machine. Steckel moved to purchase Model 12 M2 AWD Caterpillar Road grader. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Ruppel moved to declare the 2001 GMC dump truck as surplus property. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Ruppel, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed costs associated with hiring someone with an excavator and grinder head to clean up right of ways and roadways.

Steckel moved to appoint Richard Johnson, license #S-541, Class A as the Loup County Hwy Superintendent for a one-year period from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025.

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

Steckel moved to adopt resolution for Year-End Certification of County Hwy Superintendent. 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 510.

Kyle Shepard, Zoning Administrator was present to discuss a change of zoning application, #1-24, that requested to change a parcel from residential to commercial. She reports the Loup County Area Planning Commission approved the application. Steckel moved to approve the change of zoning application, #1-24 to change lot from residential to commercial. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; Larson. Kyle Shepard also discussed proposed amendments including requirement of mobile/modular homes to be 10 years old or newer and restricting the # of A.U. on acreages however reports the Loup County Area Planning Commission did not approve either of these amendments.

County Engineer Johnson was present to open bids and award contract for Project C-58(46). Bids were opened from Husker Engineering Inc DBA Husker Grading in the amount of \$241,378.00, Rutjens Construction in the amount of \$284,810.00, G3 Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$249,796.00, Kokes Construction, LLC in the amount of \$182,378.00, and Brink Building Group, LLC in the amount of \$368,125.95. County Engineer Johnson recommended the Board award the contract to Kokes Construction, LLC as it was the low bidder. Steckel moved to award the contract to Kokes Construction, LLC for the amount of \$182,378.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

County Engineer Johnson discussed that the Porcupine bridge project will start in February or March of 2025.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsy  
Loup County Clerk