

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

December 11th, 2024

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 11th day of December, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Ruppel, County Clerk Copsey. Commissioner elect Trevor Kraus was also present. County Engineer Johnson and County Attorney White were present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the November 13th, 2024 meeting minutes. Steckel moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the December 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.

Also present were Dustin Copsey, Laura Kraus, Doug Pollard, and Lance Owen.

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

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$39,102.67
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,581.33
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$445.55
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,794.29
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,949.81
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$691.67
APPEARA	RUGS	\$60.78
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$1,172.20
ASHLEY ELEY	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES, PHONE SERVICE	\$549.76
BLUE 360	NE LAW MANUAL	\$99.95
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	\$1,669.54
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$325.18
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$86.98
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$82.88
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.68
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES, PHONE SERVICE	\$26.06
GLW	EXTENSION AGENT	\$1,883.91
HAMILTON	PHONE/INTERNET	\$405.94
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$135.52
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$39.21
JACK RUPPEL	MILEAGE/PHONE/MADISON SQ. CMTRY	\$250.72
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE	\$25.00
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA WORM	PHONE	\$25.00
J13 ENTERPRISES, LLC	BUDGET PREPARATION	\$3,228.01
KAROLE STROHL	ALMERIA CEMETARY	\$200.00
KATIE MOON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$37.06
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$44.43
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$75.00

LOUP COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	\$67.00
LOUP COUNTY TREASURER	PETTY CASH	\$82.10
MARCIA WALES	MOULTON CEMETARY	\$200.00
MICK DUNBAR	KENT CEMETARY	\$200.00
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
NACO	NACO CONF. REGISTRATIONS	\$350.00
REGION 26	EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$13,253.33
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$750.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$249.08
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$87,694.64

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$17,062.50
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,151.72
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,261.97
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$46.99
BARCO	SIGNS AND SUPPLIES	\$161.06
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$4,235.12
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$58.03
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
EDGHILL MOTORS, INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$138.94
GARFIELD CO TREASURER	DRY CREEK AVE MAINTENANCE	\$1,425.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$27.00
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$65.21
HYDRO TECH	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$65.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.11
JOHNNY SCHRODER	PHONE	\$40.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HWY SUPERINTENDENT/SURVEYOR	\$2,960.00
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SHOP EQUIPMENT	\$6,252.61
NMC	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$7,544.28
OLCOTT WELDING	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$506.26
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$140.00
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$26.50
THE BIG RACK SHACK	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$3,006.00
TROTTER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$142.50
V-BAR	SUPPLIES	\$139.76
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$46,676.56

BRIDGE FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	PROJECT DESIGN	\$12,080.00
TOTAL BRIDGE FUND		\$12,080.00

EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND

NMC	MACHINERY	\$152,500.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND		\$152,500.00

AMBULANCE FUND

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$68.00
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR CO	LIFE INSURANCE	\$13.76
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$146.97

Steckel moved to allow claims. 2nd 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. 2nd 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 520.

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 to appoint Chuck Shepard to serve on the Visitor's Committee for a 2-year term expiring in 12/2026. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to appoint Karen Bugbee to serve on the Visitor's Committee for a 2-year term expiring in 12/2026. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Jennifer Epp, GLW extension agent met with the Board to discuss GLW updates, including but not limited to, updated interlocal agreement, appointing Kristi Meeks as Loup County representative for GLW Board, and GLW office moving to a new location in Burwell. Steckel moved to appoint Kristi Meeks for GLW Extension Board for her 2nd, 3-year term. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Ruppel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed the county newspaper and will remain with The Burwell Tribune.

Steckel moved to approve contract with Kokes Construction for Loup County Taylor Southeast C-58(46) project. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed yearly salary increases for road department and weed superintendent. Steckel moved to set a 3% increase for the weed superintendent, 4% increase for the road department employees, and 5% increase for the road foreman effective January 1st, 2025. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Bryce Lamb from Healing Hearts and Families Diversion program met with the Board to provide updates and information about the program. Steckel moved to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for 2025 Community-Based Juvenile Services with Healing Hearts and Families. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Alma Beland from Region 26 met with the Board to provide information regarding a road off of 460th Ave that needed to be named. This road will not be a county-maintained road and she will let the Board know when she selects a name for the road.

The Board discussed the salary of the Emergency Manager and the need to review this. Dustin Copsey provided an update on the road department.

County Engineer Johnson discussed that the Porcupine Bridge project will likely start in March-April of 2025. He also plans to contact the neighboring land owners in regards to 823rd road/Loup County Taylor Southeast C-58(46) project.

Public Comment section discussion: Lance Owen- tree removal.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk