

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

January 8th, 2025

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 8th day of January, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Kraus, 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 December 11th, 2024 meeting minutes. Steckel moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the January 8th, 2025 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 and Laura Kraus.

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

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$39,024.50
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,364.33
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$422.10
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,799.10
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,932.56
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$691.67
APPEARA	RUGS	\$65.75
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES/OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$2,235.10
ASHLEY ELEY	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	POSTAGE/PHONE/OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$225.40
BLUE 360	NE LAW MANUAL	\$99.95
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$175.34
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$100.33
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$104.32
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.68
DUNNE-RITE PLUMBING	BATHROOM REPAIR	\$97.50
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	PAPER/PRINT CARTRIDGE	\$325.94
GLW	EXTENSION AGENT	\$1,883.91
HAMILTON	PHONE/INTERNET	\$419.72
HOLT COUNTY TREASURER	PROBATION COST	\$156.37
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$67.76
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$40.15
JACK RUPPEL	MILEAGE	\$46.23
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$137.56
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
JESSICA WORM	PHONE	\$25.00
KATIE MOON	PHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$75.00
MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING/SUPPLIES	\$1,118.07
NACA	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$100.00

NACO	NACO REGISTRATION	\$160.00
NATIONAL NACO	NATL NACO 2025	\$300.00
NWCA	NWCA DUES	\$235.00
REGION 2	REGION 2 WCMG DUES	\$50.00
REGION 3 BEHAV HLTH SERV	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$389.88
SARGENT TIRE	TIRE REPAIR- SHERIFF	\$25.00
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$750.00
SCOTT WINTER	IAAO COURSE	\$695.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TREVOR KRAUS	PHONE	\$40.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$49.08
WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	PLAT MAPS	\$211.00
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$72,243.30

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$16,046.15
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,083.12
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,176.64
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	TOOLS/SHOP SUPPLIES	\$985.89
BARCO	SIGNS AND SUPPLIES	\$877.74
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$3,603.10
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$106.27
D&M	EQUIPMENT	\$1,493.98
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
FRANK CONTRACTNG LLC	TREE MULCHING LABOR	\$5,981.25
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.59
JEFFRES	GRAVEL AND HAULING	\$1,626.77
JOHNNY SCHRODER	PHONE	\$40.00
LONGHORN ELECTRIC	ELECTRICIAN	\$459.52
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HWY SUPERINTENDENT/SURVEYOR	\$3,370.10
MAVERICK	TIRES/SHOP SUPPLIES	\$16,066.70
MAVERICK FERTILIZER	SUPPLIES	\$46.23
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
NMC	MACHINERY/EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES	\$31,538.19
RON INGRAHAM	REPAIR LABOR	\$2,250.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SUPPLIES/PART	\$673.86
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$40.50
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$357.98
THOENE FARM SERVICES	MACHINERY/SUPPLIES	\$51.09
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$88,218.28

BRIDGE FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION	\$13,327.04
TOTAL BRIDGE FUND		\$13,327.04

AMBULANCE FUND

CLIA LAB PROGRAM	CERTIFICATE FEE	\$248.00
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR CO	LIFE INSURANCE	\$20.64
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$333.85

Steckel moved to allow claims except claim #01202563. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Kraus moved to allow

claim #01202563. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: Larson.

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, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 527.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court monthly fee report, fund balances from Treasurer, the Treasurer's tax remaining report, and the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Clerk Copsey shared that the Sheriff's Department's grant request was approved by the NIRMA ASSIST program for the body worn cameras and 2 sets of body armor.

Chairman Larson called the Reorganization meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Kraus moved to nominate and appoint Larson to Chairman position for 2025 and cease nominations. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: Larson.

Kraus moved to nominate and appoint Steckel to Vice-Chairman position for 2025 and cease nominations. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: Steckel.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution naming Taylor Branch, UBT, Nebraska Federal Investment Trust and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust as the county's depositories for 2025. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 528.

Kraus moved for the adoption of a resolution regarding forced spraying and individual notices pursuant to the noxious weed control act. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 529.

Kraus moved for the adoption of a resolution naming Dave Larson to serve on the Region 26 council for 2025. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 530.

Steckel moved to set the following wages scales and to make the following appointments for 2025. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services: Donna Steckel, **Region III Governing/Mental Health Board:** Donna Steckel, **County Doctor:** Dr. Hugh Holmquist, **County Newspaper:** The Burwell Tribune, **Single Hand Labor:** minimum wage, **Farm and Tractor Labor:** to be negotiated between party and county on a per job basis, **Loup Basin Public Health Board:** Dave Larson, and **Loup Basin RC & D:** Trevor Kraus.

Steckel moved to appoint Richard Johnson, license #S-541, Class A as Loup County Hwy Superintendent for a one-year period from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Kraus moved to appoint Dave Larson as representative for the Loup Central Landfill Association and continue interlocal agreement. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 531.

Zane Young was not present for the Annual Weed Report due to illness. The Board reviewed the Annual Weed Report prepared by Young. The Board discussed the weed department job description.

The Board discussed the Emergency Manager salary. Kraus moved to increase Emergency Manager's Salary to \$250 per month as well as mileage reimbursement for any continuing education and meeting travel effective February 1st, 2025. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Dustin Copsey, Road Foreman discussed road department updates.

Custer Public Power employees and Nebraska Public Power Employees came to meeting to provide information and discuss updates on the Calamus Micro-grid Project.

Chairman Larson opened the One and Six Year Road Hearing at 10:41 a.m. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Kraus, County Clerk Copsey, County Engineer Johnson, Road Foreman Dustin Copsey. Members of the public present: Laura Kraus. County Engineer presented the One and Six Year Plan to the Board. Previous projects included Project 46/823rd road scheduled to begin in March, Projects 40A and 40B- 40A is the 5 miles of South Lake Road that is in progress and 40B in the remaining 5 miles, Project 42/Porcupine Bridge is under contract now and scheduled to begin this year, Liddy Bridge, Upstream Bridge, Almeria Bridge, and the addition of Gracie Creek project. Steckel moved to adopt a resolution accepting and approving the One and Six Year Road plan as presented. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 532. Chairman Larson closed the One and Six Year Road Hearing at 11:00 a.m.

County Engineer Johnson discussed Project 46/823rd road; meeting with landowners and the upcoming pre-construction conference in March.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk