

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes. Kraus moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

**GENERAL FUND**

SALARIES		\$39,243.36
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,398.61
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$410.20
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,799.10
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,932.56
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$714.39
APPEARA	RUGS	\$62.82
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES/OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$2,392.39
ASHLEY SPANEL	PHONE/REIMBURSEMENT	\$113.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	SUPPLIES/DUES/PHONE	\$478.37
BURWELL TRIBUNE	2025 SUBSCRIPTION	\$52.00
CENTRAL NE ASSESS ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$25.00
CORNER STOP	SHERIFF FUEL	\$303.17
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$140.91
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$62.40
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.80
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$566.09
GALLS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	\$305.89
GLW	EXTENSION AGENT	\$1,883.91
HAMILTON	PHONE/INTERNET	\$420.18
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$67.76
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$40.15
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE	\$25.00
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
KATIE MOON	PHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$250.00
LOUP BASIN RC&D COUNCIL	SANDHILLS WEED MGMT AREA DUES	\$200.00
MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING/SUPPLIES	\$1,570.57
NE ASSOC. OF CO. TREAS.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$75.00
NE CLERK, ROD & ELEC.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$50.00

NE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$30.00
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$750.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TREVOR KRAUS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$157.60
USPS	STAMPS COUNTY/DISTRICT COURT	\$365.00
VALLEY COUNTY JAIL	JAIL KEEP	\$350.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$49.08
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$72,849.31</b>

**ROAD FUND**

SALARIES		\$21,582.57
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,083.12
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,176.64
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,129.42
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$69.95
CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$6,690.78
CHRIS SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$3,035.95
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$152.40
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
EDGHILL MOTORS, INC.	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	\$1,220.88
GIDEON HEATING & AIR	SHOP HEATER AND INSTALL	\$4,205.00
GREAT WESTERN GAS	PROPANE	\$320.90
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.59
JEFFRES	MSHA TRAINING- 3 EMPLOYEES	\$345.00
JOHNNY SCHRODER	PHONE	\$40.00
LONGHORN ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAN	\$279.22
MAVERICK	REPAIRS/SUPPLIES/FUEL	\$2,845.50
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
NMC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$801.59
OLCOTT WELDING	AUTO GATE REPAIR	\$1,226.65
OLD WEST MOTOR PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$188.92
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$155.57
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$38.50
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$151.19
THOENE FARM SERVICES	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$485.79
<b>TOTAL ROAD FUND</b>		<b>\$47,568.74</b>

**EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND**

GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	2016 CHEVY	\$25,150.00
MITCHELL EQUIPMENT	BRUSH CUTTER	\$14,500.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND</b>		<b>\$39,650.00</b>

**VISITOR PROMOTION FUND**

AMY DOHENY	FB PAGE	\$350.00
LOUP CO. HISTORICAL SOC.	LCHS WEBPAGE	\$1,027.50
<b>TOTAL VISITOR PROMOTION FUND</b>		<b>\$1,377.50</b>

**VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND**

LOUP CO. HISTORICAL SOC.	MOWING	\$3,381.82
TAYLOR AREA BUILDERS	MUSEUM ELECTRICITY	\$3,419.76
VET. OF FOREIGN WARS	ANNUAL PROJECT	\$675.00
<b>TOTAL VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>		<b>\$7,476.58</b>

**AMBULANCE FUND**

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$66.26
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR CO	LIFE INSURANCE	\$10.32
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.20
INSURANCE AID SERVICES	CLERICAL BILLING	\$436.82
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND</b>		<b>\$578.60</b>

Steckel moved to allow claims. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Kraus. 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 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 541.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the Road Fund to the Equipment Sinking Fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 542.

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 semi-annual statement.

The Board recessed for Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. and returned to regular session at 9:03 a.m.

The Board discussed the potential terms of an agreement with Lin Zoubek for the county's dirt storage on her property. Terms of the agreement will be given to the County Attorney to draw up an agreement.

Kraus moved to declare multiple road department items as surplus property, including fuel tank on running gear, old weed sprayer, CID shredder, and 1 pair of 8' auto gates and to have these items sold through Adam Marshall Auction. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Zane Young, county weed superintendent, met with the Board to discuss potential changes/additions to job duties. The county road department has done a lot of work to clear the right of ways on county roads and the Board would like these areas sprayed. It was discussed that this would be added to Zane's job description. Kraus moved to add right of way spraying as needed to weed superintendent's job description with a \$2,500 per year salary increase. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed potential road department building and cost effectiveness of the road department employees completing some of the labor.

Caleb Johnson, the county budget preparer, met with the Board to discuss legislative updates and plans to put together a projected mid-year budget analysis as per the Board's request.

County Engineer Johnson discussed Project C-58(46)/823<sup>rd</sup> road contracts and South Lake Road guard rail. He also reported that both Dunbar and Johnson donated their portion of land to the county for Project C-58(46) on 823<sup>rd</sup> road.

Steckel moved to approve the temporary and permanent easements for Bernard Dunbar and Steve Johnson for Project C-58(46). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey  
Loup County Clerk