

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

April 9th, 2025

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 9th day of April, 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 and County Attorney White were present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the March 12th, 2025 meeting minutes. Kraus moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the April 9th, 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, Laura Kraus, Tim Braithwait, Kyle Shepard, Sheriff Spanel, and Ashley Spanel.

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

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$38,831.58
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$12,932.73
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$392.70
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,780.08
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,892.19
JAMIE COPSEY HSA	HSA UB&T	\$838.88
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$714.39
ALLYSON STARR	MARCH SNOW SCOOPING	\$50.00
APPEARA	RUGS	\$62.82
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$1,155.20
ASHLEY SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	ONSTAR	\$49.99
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	\$911.93
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PRINTING/PUBLISHING	\$1,601.60
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	COMMERCIAL REVALUATION	\$9,071.25
CONTRYMAN	AUDIT COSTS	\$15,000.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$270.06
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$139.23
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	ENVELOPES	\$74.78
CUSTER COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	\$102.00
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	\$10.72
GLW	EXTENSION AGENT	\$1,883.91
HAMILTON	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$411.22
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$69.06
ISS	FIRE EXTINGUISHER TAGS	\$16.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$40.15
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE/MILEAGE TO NIRMA SEMINAR	\$197.20
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00

KATIE MOON	PHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE/MILEAGE TO TRAINING	\$419.10
K. SHEPARD ZONING ADMIN	ZONING BOARD PAYMENT	\$200.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$250.00
MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIDLAND TELECOM	VEHICULAR CELL BOOSTER	\$525.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING	\$1,087.87
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	LICENSES	\$199.50
NEXTONER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$495.80
NIRMA	CPR TRAINING	\$54.00
REGION 26	EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$13,253.33
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$750.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	WEED DEPARTMENT VEHICLE SUPPLIES	\$125.16
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TREVOR KRAUS	PHONE	\$40.00
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	BLOOD KITS	\$46.26
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$49.08
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$110,636.97

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$19,609.24
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,323.62
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,446.86
BARCO	SIGNS	\$221.67
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$104.93
CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT	MACHINERY REPAIR	\$2,715.84
CHRISTOPHER R SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$3,614.69
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$155.96
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE/REIMBURSEMENT	\$182.68
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
GREAT WESTERN GAS	PROPANE	\$357.50
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$29.35
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$65.21
HUBEL IRON, INC	STEEL PRODUCTS	\$332.37
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.59
JEFF JIRKOVSKY	USED CULVERTS	\$1,500.00
JEFFRES	MILLINGS AND HAULING	\$711.96
JOHNNY SCHRODER	PHONE	\$40.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HWY SUPERINTENDENT	\$2,960.00
MAVERICK	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$164.00
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
OLD WEST MOTOR PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$28.99
RICHARD JOHNSON	CONFERENCE/LODGING	\$499.90
RONNIE L INGRAHAM	MACHINERY REPAIR	\$540.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$150.56
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$52.50
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$48.74
TREVOR KRAUS	MILEAGE TO GI	\$137.90
TROTTER FEED	SUPPLIES	\$92.00
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$37,324.46

BRIDGE FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	CONSTRUCTION REVIEW/DESIGN	\$17,675.70
TOTAL BRIDGE FUND		\$17,675.70

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND

D. KOVARIK PHOTOGRAPHY	WEBSITE COORDINATOR	\$1,848.17
RICHARD BROWN	NE TRAVEL ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP	\$150.00

TAYLOR AREA BUILDERS	BROCHURES	\$1,389.74
TOTAL VISITOR PROMOTION FUND		\$3,387.91
	<u>AMBULANCE FUND</u>	

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$55.57
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$24.08
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$70.08
LAURA KRAUS	MILEAGE/REIMBURSEMENT	\$84.60
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$234.33

Steckel moved to allow claims. 2nd 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. 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 562.

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.

The Board also reviewed the Issued Financial Statement from the auditors. Kraus moved to accept the financial statement from the auditors. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Kyle Shepard met with the Board. Kraus moved to go into executive session with Kyle Shepard. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Kyle was afforded the opportunity to remain in open session and she chose closed session. The Board went into executive session at 9:07 a.m. Kraus moved to exit executive session. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Executive session ended at 9:29 a.m. No action was taken after executive session.

Sheriff Spanel and Ashley Spanel, office manager, met with the Board to discuss License Plate Readers. Region 26 notified the department that they were notified by NEMA that they will be required to pay for the license plate readers first and then the grant will be paid out. Region 26 is asking counties to pay for their respective amounts first and then upon grant pay out, each county will be reimbursed. The Board discussed which fund to take the amount from to pay for the license plate reader cameras up front. Sheriff Spanel discussed an upcoming legislative bill regarding ATVs and discussion ensued regarding ATVs on county roads versus highways and options for handling the potential dangers/hazards.

Larson moved to approve the quote from Applied Connective for security cameras at the courthouse and the road department building. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Kraus moved to approve the updated employee job descriptions for road employee and road foreman. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Kraus moved to approve the dirt storage agreement with Zoubek with the modifications discussed. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed signage at lake developments and the need to install road signs for emergency response services. Larson moved to approve the county adding road signs on named roads in lake developments in order to benefit emergency response services. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

County Engineer Johnson discussed progress on the 823rd road culvert project as well as the Porcupine bridge project.

County Clerk Copsey provided FEMA/NEMA update. Copsey has completed the additional paperwork necessary to finalize the small and large county projects. County Engineer Johnson is scheduled to go on the final inspection of all project sites with NEMA employee today.

The Board opened bids for the road department building. There was one bid received. Olcott and Sons, Inc./Olcott Welding in the amount of \$299,654.96. Kraus moved to award the contract to Olcott and Sons, Inc./Olcott Welding with anchor bolts and floor drain included in the amount of \$299,654.96 upon signed contract and upon receipt of required bond and certificate of insurance. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Road foreman, Dustin Copsey gave road department update. The county road employees will meet with retired Custer County Road foreman for training and discussion regarding road and ditch maintenance.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk