

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

May 14th, 2025

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 14th day of May, 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 April 9th, 2025 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 May 14th, 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		\$38,831.58
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,517.73
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$392.70
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,780.08
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,936.93
JAMIE COPSEY HSA	HSA UB&T	\$838.88
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$714.39
ACCREDITED SECURITY	TASER TRAINING CARTRIDGES	\$444.97
APPEARA	RUGS	\$125.64
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES/SECURITY CAMERAS	\$18,310.08
ASHLEY SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE/JANITORAL SUPPLIES/ONSTAR	\$229.05
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$349.94
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$96.64
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	PRISONER BOARD	\$1,150.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$84.80
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.80
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$284.95
GREAT WESTERN GAS	PROPANE	\$240.50
GWORKS	GIS SERVICES	\$5,985.00
HAMILTON	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$439.34
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$69.06
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
MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING	\$3,263.61
REGION 3 BEHAV. HLTH SERV.	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$389.88
SARGENT TIRE	SHERIFF EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$124.33

SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$750.00
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TREVOR KRAUS	PHONE	\$40.00
UBT	COUNTY CHECKS	\$190.99
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$49.08
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$95,550.10

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$27,348.62
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,846.04
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$2,038.91
ALLARD PRECAST	AUTO GATE SILLS	\$5,440.00
CEDAR EATERS	CHEMICAL FOR SPRAYING	\$1,200.00
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$40.00
COLE CONSTRUCTION	SOD BUSTER DISC	\$13,120.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$7,134.59
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$121.41
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE/REIMBURSMENT	\$166.48
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
GARFIELD CO. TREASURER	DRY CREEK ROAD GRADING	\$150.00
GENE KINNEY	ROAD DEPARTMENT TRAINING	\$2,880.00
GREAT WESTERN GAS	PROPANE	\$508.75
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$344.11
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.59
JEFFRES	GRAVEL AND HAULING	\$5,077.66
JOHNNY SCHRODER	PHONE	\$40.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HWY SUPERINTENDENT	\$3,240.00
MAVERICK	FUEL	\$2,574.85
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	RANDOM DRUG TEST	\$36.00
MIDWEST MACHINERY	SUPPLIES FOR GUARD RAIL REPAIR	\$1,430.76
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$172.20
NMC	MACHINERY EQUIPMENT	\$5,517.83
OLCOTT WELDING	MACHINERY REPAIR	\$65.12
RONNIE L INGRAHAM	MACHINERY REPAIR	\$360.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$414.64
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$40.50
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLES	\$259.90
THOENE FARM SERVICES	SUPPLIES FOR EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$103.88
VALLEY CO. HEALTH SYSTEM	RANDOM DRUG TEST	\$23.00
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$81,901.05

BRIDGE FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	\$27,993.40
TOTAL BRIDGE FUND		\$27,993.40

LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND

OLCOTT WELDING	DOWN PAYMENT RD DEPT BUILDING	\$32,308.75
TOTAL LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND		\$32,308.75

AMBULANCE FUND

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$69.71
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$24.08
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.95
LAURA KRAUS	REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPLIES	\$743.01
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$911.75

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

Kraus moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring funds from the General Fund to the Road Fund. 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 573.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court monthly fee report, fund balances from Treasurer, and the Treasurer's tax remaining reports.

Steckel moved to reappoint Karole Strohl and Kenneth Kraus for 2-year terms expiring 5/27 and Kurt Petersen and Shad Gaukel for 3-year terms expiring 5/28 to the Loup County Area Planning Commission. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Kraus moved to reappoint Kenneth Kraus, Alex Petersen, and Mark Petersen for 2-year terms, expiring 5/27 and Torrey Odenbach and Kristi Meeks for 3-year terms, expiring 5/28 to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Alma Beland, from Region 26 met with the Board to discuss the 5-year renewal for the interlocal agreement between Region 26 and Loup County. She thanked the Commissioners and Chuck Shepard for their work to improve signage within the county. Larson moved for the adoption of a resolution to enter into the interlocal agreement with Region 26. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; Steckel. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 574. Kraus moved to declare the road grader wing as surplus property and be sold on Marshall Auction. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Kraus moved to appoint Donna Steckel, commissioner, Dustin Copsey, road foreman, Laura Kraus, emergency manager, and Jamie Copsey, county clerk, as the safety committee members. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. The safety committee will meet quarterly, following the regularly scheduled commissioner meeting.

Kraus moved to decrease the monthly phone allowance for part-time employees to \$25. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Discussed Aggie's acres speed limit and due to state statute, the speed limit will remain 25 mph. No decisions made.

Hunter Scott, from Secure Tech Systems, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the WAVE Instant Notification System.

County Engineer Johnson was present to discuss 823rd road signage and reflectors now that the project is complete. He also provided updates on the Porcupine bridge, 823rd road, and South Lake Road.

Road Foreman, Dustin Copsey provided road department update, including tree removal, ditch work, auto gates that have been replaced, and the valuable training provided by Gene Kinney, retired Custer County Road foreman, to the road department employees.

Public Comment:

Laura Kraus: appreciative of the road work that has been completed in the west part of the county.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk