

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 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 May 14<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 June 11<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.

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

### GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$39,787.77
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,295.73
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$392.70
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$2,849.15
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,991.86
JAMIE COPSEY HSA ACCT	HSA UB&T	\$838.88
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$714.39
APPEARA	RUGS	\$63.15
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$1,305.20
ASHLEY SPANEL	JUNE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE/JANITORIAL/POSTAL SUPPLIES	\$868.33
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PRINTING/PUBLISHING	\$2,142.62
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$286.11
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$87.87
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$107.20
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.80
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$318.68
GLW	EXTENSION	\$3,767.82
HAMILTON	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$411.66
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/REIMBURSEMENT	\$49.90
K. SHEPARD ZONING ADMIN	BOA VARIANCE MEETING	\$500.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$250.00
LOUP CENTRAL LANDFILL	2025 MEMBER CONTRIBUTION	\$563.00
MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING	\$1,087.87
NACO	COUNTY ASSOC. MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$1,257.60
NIRMA	ANNUAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION	\$31,218.00

SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$750.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES	\$110.95
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TREVOR KRAUS	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$180.00
UBT	COUNTY CHECKS TREASURER	\$190.99
USPS	STAMPS- CLERK/ASSESSOR OFFICE	\$730.00
VALLEY COUNTY JAIL	JAIL KEEP	\$150.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	NOXIOUS WEEDS/CHEMICAL	\$1,420.50
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$49.08
WARTA SERVICES & REPAIR	APRIL/MAY MOWING	\$60.00
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>\$111,511.02</b>

#### **ROAD FUND**

SALARIES		\$22,166.11
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,496.21
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,642.45
ALLARD PRECAST	AUTO GATE SILLS	\$7,220.00
BARCO	SIGNS AND SUPPLIES	\$2,026.96
BAUER BUILT	MACHINERY/EQUIPMENT	\$810.88
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	\$83.49
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CHUCK SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$6,550.41
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$79.55
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DIXON CONSTRUCTION	ALMERIA NORTH(PORCUPINE) BRIDGE	\$99,599.72
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$304.02
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.59
JEFFRES	GRAVEL AND HAULING	\$24,114.76
JOHNNY SCHRODER	PHONE	\$25.00
MIDLAND TELECOM	RADIOS FOR MACHINES	\$3,992.56
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
MYERS CONSTRUCTION, INC.	CRUSHED CONCRETE AND HAULING	\$2,252.62
NMC	PARTS	\$705.92
OPEN GATES TRCKNG-STERN	HAULING AUTO GATES	\$720.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$174.72
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$26.50
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES/BRIDGE SUPPLIES	\$846.47
UNITED TRAILER SALES LLC	2025 DUMP TRAILER	\$10,689.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO.	NOXIOUS WEEDS/CHEMICAL	\$670.50
<b>TOTAL ROAD FUND</b>		<b>\$186,526.05</b>

#### **BRIDGE FUND**

DIXON CONSTRUCTION	ALMERIA NORTH(PORCUPINE) BRIDGE	\$130,009.70
KOKES CONSTRUCTION LLC	C58-46 PROJECT (823rd ROAD)	\$174,355.65
<b>TOTAL BRIDGE FUND</b>		<b>\$304,365.35</b>

#### **HWY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND**

DIXON CONSTRUCTION	ALMERIA NORTH(PORCUPINE) BRIDGE	\$218,880.11
<b>TOTAL HWY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND</b>		<b>\$218,880.11</b>

#### **AMBULANCE FUND**

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$80.52
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$20.64
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.95
INSURANCE AID SERVICES	JAN/FEB/MARCH	\$130.08
LAURA KRAUS	REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPLIES	\$207.51

## **TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND**

**\$513.70**

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

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring funds 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 581.

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

Amanda Jeffres, Executive Director and Stephanie Gideon, Accounting and HR Manager of Loup Basin Public Health Department met with the Board to provide education on the Loup Basin Public Health Department and the services they provide.

Joe Novotny and Bernie Glos, both of Twin Loups Reclamation/Irrigation District met with the Board to discuss the plans to obtain local ownership of the water infrastructure facilities that they currently manage under contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and ask for a letter of support in this plan. Steckel moved to adopt resolution in support of Twin Loups Reclamation District title transfer of Federal facilities to local ownership. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 582.

Kraus moved to continue the interlocal agreement with Taylor Public Library Board. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Larson moved to reappoint Eugene Thoene to the Loup County Veterans Service Committee for an additional 5-year term expiring 06/30/2030. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Steckel moved to retain the Veteran Service Officer, Emory Haynes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Steckel moved to accept the amount allocated for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services Fiscal Year 2025/2026. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Text My Gov, a text message communication program. The Board is not interested in this service at this time. No action taken.

Clerk Copsey provided an update on recent funds the county received from NEMA/FEMA. The Board reviewed the NIRMA property deductible levels. No changes at this time. No action taken.

Steckel moved to approve the contract with Contryman Associates for auditing services. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

The Board discussed the county's current contract with Mainelli Wagner and Associates. No action taken.

The Board discussed the rental agreement for CAT 305CR MHEX. Steckel moved to enter into agreement with NMC for rental of CAT 305CR MHEX. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson, Kraus. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Larson moved to enter into agreement with Central Plains Valuation for appraisal services. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Road Foreman, Dustin Copsey provided road department update, including hauling gravel for county roads, auto gates replaced on Lonesome Pine Road, issues on South Lake Road and 823<sup>rd</sup> road project, tree removal, ditch maintenance, and road repair after large amount of rain in District 1.

County Engineer Johnson was present to discuss Project C-58(46)/823<sup>rd</sup> road project issues due to large amount of rain and the completion of Almeria North (Porcupine) Bridge. Steckel moved to approve the change order #1 on Project C-58(46) in amount of \$13,480. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. The Board and County Engineer Johnson discussed issues arising with guard rail on South Lake Road and adequate way to repair Project C-58(46)/823<sup>rd</sup> road.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey  
Loup County Clerk