

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

December 10th, 2025

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 10th day of December 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson and Kraus and County Clerk Copsey. Absent Commissioner Steckel. 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 November 12th, 2025, meeting minutes. Kraus moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for December 10th, 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 Laura Kraus, Sheriff Spanel, County Treasurer Deb Starr, and Ashley Spanel. Larson moved to audit the claims. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$39,131.86
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$12,521.73
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$392.70
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$2,806.33
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$3,882.47
JAMIE COPSEY HSA	HSA UB&T	\$838.88
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$714.39
ALEX PETERSEN	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG	\$50.00
APPEARA	RUGS	\$62.15
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$1,372.40
ASHLEY SPANEL	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	PHONE, DUES, UNIFORM	\$571.07
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PRINTING/PUBLISHING	\$199.26
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	CALAMUS LAKE REAPPRAISAL	\$8,991.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$284.46
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$109.40
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	DEC PHONE/MILEAGE	\$107.20
DEB STARR	DEC PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	DEC PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.80
DUSTIN SPANEL	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$85.96
GARFIELD CO. TREASURER	GLW EXTENSION AGENT	\$1,934.99
HAMILTON	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$415.81
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$69.06
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$40.15
JACK RUPPEL	MADISON SQUARE CEMETERY	\$200.00
JAMIE COPSEY	NOV/DEC PHONE	\$50.00
JASON WHITE	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
KAROLE STROHL	ALMERIA CEMETERY	\$200.00
KATIE MOON	DEC PHONE	\$25.00
KENNETH KRAUS	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG	\$50.00
KRISTI MEEKS	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG	\$50.00
KYLE SHEPARD	DEC PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$250.00

MARCIA WALES	MOULTON CEMETERY	\$200.00
MARK PETERSEN	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG	\$50.00
MICK DUNBAR	KENT CEMETERY	\$200.00
MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING	\$1,112.10
NACO PLANNING & ZONING	NACO PLANNING & ZONING DUES	\$40.00
REGION 26	3RD QUARTER PAYMENT	\$15,769.98
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$900.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	PARTS AND SUPPLIES	\$25.98
SUMMER STROHL	DEC PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TORREY ODENBACH	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG	\$50.00
TREVOR KRAUS	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$249.08
ZANE YOUNG	DEC PHONE/NACO CONFERENCE REG	\$200.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$95,783.21

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$16,998.42
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$1,147.40
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,247.13
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$4,157.46
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$79.44
DANIEL HARTMAN	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	DEC PHONE	\$40.00
GARFIELD CO. TREASURER	DRY CREEK AVENUE	\$900.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$22.50
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$20.59
JEFFRES	GRAVEL AND HAULING	\$3,711.17
JOHNNY SCHRODER	DEC PHONE	\$25.00
JORDAN'S AUTO REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$606.96
MAVERICK	FUEL	\$3,277.63
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
NMC	PARTS/REPAIRS	\$13,229.47
OLCOTT WELDING	SHOP SUPPLIES/REPAIR	\$1,083.09
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$832.72
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$12.50
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$26.40
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$47,660.49

INHERITANCE FUND

CPPD	NEW BUILDING ELECTRICITY	\$776.75
LONGHORN ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL FOR NEW BUILDING	\$3,137.83
OLCOTT WELDING	NEW ROAD DEPARTMENT BUILDING	\$70,260.11
SPELTS	SUPPLIES	\$195.60
THE ESTATE OF LANNY BURR	INHERITANCE TAX REFUND	\$462.48
TOTAL INHERITANCE FUND		\$74,832.77

AMBULANCE FUND

DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$20.64
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.95
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$95.59

Kraus moved to allow claims. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, 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. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10

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

Larson moved to enter into agreement between Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation and Loup County. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

Kraus moved to appoint Wayne Ruppert to serve on the Visitor's Committee for a 4-year term expiring 12/2029. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

Kraus moved to appoint Marah Sandoz to serve on the Visitor's Committee for a 4-year term expiring 12/2029. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

Kraus moved to appoint SueAnn Switzer to serve on the Visitor's Committee for a 4-year term expiring 12/2029. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

Larson moved to approve Brady Brown for GLW Extension Board for a 3-year term. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

Kraus moved to approve application for new electric service with Custer Public Power District for new road department building. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

Discussion was held regarding November 2026 regular commissioner meeting date due to Veteran's Day landing on Wednesday the 11th and Election Day on the 10th. It was discussed to hold the commissioner's meeting on Thursday the 12th of November 2026.

Two representatives from Healing Hearts and Families Diversion Program met with the Board to discuss their program. Larson moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Healing Hearts and Families Diversion Program. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

The Board discussed salaries beginning in year 2027 for elected officials. Larson moved to adopt resolution for established salaries for elected officials beginning in year 2027. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 655.

Larson moved to approve agreement for Highway Superintendent with Richard Johnson. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

County Engineer Johnson provided an update on his ongoing discussion with Nebraska Department of Transportation. Discussion held regarding decreasing the speed limit on certain areas of South Lake Road temporarily. County Engineer Johnson will continue his discussion with NE DOT regarding responsibility for repair and/or replacement.

Larson moved to table speed limit resolution. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays; none, absent; Steckel, not voting; none.

The Board discussed the weed department and weed department budget. No decisions made.

Steckel present at 11:10 a.m.

The Board discussed road department and weed department wages. Larson moved for a 1% increase of hourly wage for all road department employees effective January 12th, 2026 and no increase for weed department salary. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays; none, absent; none, not voting; none.

The Board spoke with Caleb Johnson, County Budget preparer via speaker phone to discuss structuring resolution to repay funds to the inheritance fund and additional budget fund questions.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk