

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

January 14th, 2026

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 14th day of January 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Kraus and County Clerk Copsey. County Engineer Johnson was present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of December 10th, 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 January 14th, 2026, 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 was Dustin Copsey. 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		\$41,294.58
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$12,720.84
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$392.70
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$2,952.71
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$4,063.14
JAMIE COPSEY HSA	HSA UB&T	\$550.00
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$729.16
ALLYSON STARR	SNOW REMOVAL	\$60.00
APPEARA	RUGS	\$62.15
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$1,633.55
ASHLEY SPANEL	JAN PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES- CLERK, TREAS, SHERIFF	\$636.26
BLUE 360	LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLIES	\$105.95
BORDERS & FURROW LAW	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY COSTS	\$1,167.40
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	\$148.71
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	CALAMUS LAKE REAPPRAISAL	\$7,986.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$216.54
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$145.79
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$63.20
DEB STARR	JAN PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.90
DUSTIN SPANEL	JAN PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$29.99
GARFIELD CO.	GLW EXTENSION AGENT	\$1,934.99
GREAT WESTERN GAS	HEATING FUELS	\$536.25
HAMILTON	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$412.22
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$69.06
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$41.35
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE	\$25.00
JASON WHITE	JAN PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	JAN PHONE	\$40.00
J13 ENTERPRISES, LLC	25-26 BUDGET PREPARATION	\$3,168.80
KATIE MOON	JAN PHONE	\$25.00
KYLE SHEPARD	JAN PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$250.00
MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00

MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$100.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING	\$1,112.10
NACA	ASSOCIATION DUES FOR ASSESSOR	\$100.00
NACO	ASSOCIATION DUES FOR TREASURER	\$75.00
NE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION DUES FOR SHERIFF	\$205.00
NWCA	NWCA, NAISMA, & LSWTF DUES	\$235.00
PETERSON LEGAL SERVICES	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY COSTS	\$125.00
REGION 3 BEHAV. HEALTH SERV.	3RD QUARTER PAYMENT	\$381.25
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$900.00
SUMMER STROHL	JAN PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TREVOR KRAUS	PHONE	\$40.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$49.08
ZANE YOUNG	JAN PHONE/MILEAGE FOR CONTINUING ED	\$289.40
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$86,573.07

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$20,701.42
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$1,397.35
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,530.40
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	JAN PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$2,693.72
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$146.81
DANIEL HARTMAN	JAN PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	JAN PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	JAN PHONE	\$40.00
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$3,016.55
GREAT WESTERN GAS	HEATING FUELS FOR SHOP	\$90.75
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$67.23
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.21
HYDRO TECH	FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	\$55.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$21.21
JOHNNY SCHRODER	JAN PHONE	\$25.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	\$3,040.00
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
NMC	PARTS/SUPPLIES	\$743.57
RONNIE L INGRAHAM	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$1,980.00
SEVEN SPRINGS INC.	WATER FOR SHOP	\$58.50
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$159.36
TROTTER SERVICE	DEF	\$725.00
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$36,734.48

BRIDGE FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	PROJECTS/CBMP APPLICATION	\$1,315.00
TOTAL BRIDGE FUND		\$1,315.00

INHERITANCE FUND

POSTANY CONSTRUCTION	LABOR FOR NEW BUILDING	\$4,800.00
SPELTS	MATERIALS FOR NEW BUILDING	\$8,485.39
THE ESTATE OF LANNY BURR	INHERITANCE TAX REFUND	\$72.09
TOTAL INHERITANCE FUND		\$13,357.48

AMBULANCE FUND

DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$20.64
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.95
LAURA KRAUS	REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPLIES	\$140.44
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SUPPLIES	\$46.35
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$282.38

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 funds 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 662.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court monthly fee report, fund balances from Treasurer, the Treasurer's tax remaining reports, and Sheriff's Quarterly Report. County Treasurer Starr discussed the Treasurer's semi-annual statement and funds used to pay out claims.

The Board discussed stipend for Sheriff Office Manager, Ashley Spanel. Kraus moved to approve insurance stipend for Sheriff Office Manager Ashley Spanel at \$500 per month effective February 1st, 2026. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Board recessed for Board of Equalization meeting at 9:01 a.m. and returned to regular session at 9:04 a.m.

Larson moved to schedule the November 2026 commissioner meeting on Thursday, November 12th, 2026, due to Election Day on November 10th and Veteran's Day on November 11th. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Kraus. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Kraus moved to adopt resolution to change start time of the regularly scheduled commissioner's meetings to 9:00 a.m. 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 663.

The Board discussed reimbursement of the cost of CDL renewals for current employees holding a CDL. No action taken.

Chairman Larson called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Steckel moved to nominate and appoint Larson to Chairman position for 2026 and cease nominations. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: Larson.

Kraus moved to nominate and appoint Steckel to Vice Chairman position for 2026 and cease nominations. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: Steckel.

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution naming Taylor Branch, UBT, Nebraska Federal Investment Trust and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust as the county's depositories for 2026. 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 664.

Steckel moved for adoption of a resolution naming Larson to serve on the Region 26 Council for 2026. 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 665.

Kraus moved for the adoption of resolution regarding forced spraying and individual notices pursuant to the noxious weed control act. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 666.

Larson moved to make the following wage scales and make the following appointments for 2026. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services: Donna Steckel, **Region III Governing/Mental Health Board:** Donna Steckel, **County Doctor:** Dr. Hugh Holmquist, **County Newspaper:** Burwell Tribune, **Single Hand Labor:** minimum wage, **Farm and Tractor Labor:** to be negotiated between party and county on a per job basis, **Loup Basin Public Health Board:** Dave Larson, and **Loup Basin RC & D:** Trevor Kraus.

Kraus moved to adopt resolution to appoint Larson as representative for the Loup Central Landfill Association and continue interlocal agreement. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 667.

Zane Young, County Weed Superintendent, was present to discuss the Weed Department Annual Report. Discussion included the number of complaints of noxious weeds and any need of forced spraying. Other topics discussed included the county's share and use of the equipment that was received through a grant submitted by the SWMA, spraying the ditches specifically in the areas where trees and brush have been removed to prevent/maintain regrowth. Road Department foreman, Dustin Copsey and Zane Young, Weed Superintendent will continue to remain in good communication to ensure spraying is being completed as necessary. Kraus moved to approve the Annual Report for the Weed Department. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

County Engineer Johnson provided an update on his ongoing discussion with Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding guardrail on South Lake Road. County Engineer Johnson will continue his discussion with NE DOT regarding responsibility for repair and/or replacement. Dustin Copsey, Road Department Foreman provided road department update including tree work and road maintenance.

Chairman Larson opened the One- and Six-Year Road Hearing at 10:30 a.m. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Kraus, County Clerk Copsey, County Engineer Johnson, Road Department Foreman Dustin Copsey. County Engineer presented the One- and Six-Year Plan to the Board. Steckel moved to adopt a resolution to accept and approve the One- and Six-Year Road plan as presented. 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 668. Chairman Larson closed the One- and Six-Year Road Hearing at 10:45 a.m.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk