

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

9:00 A.M.

March 11th, 2026

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 11th day of March 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, and Kraus and County Clerk Copsey. County Attorney White and County Engineer Johnson were present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the February 11th, 2026, 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 March 11th, 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 were Dustin Copsey, Laura Kraus, Brett Spencer, Johnny Schroder, Jim Welniak. Kraus moved to audit the claims. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$41,039.87
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,220.84
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$392.70
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$2,931.05
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$4,403.52
JAMIE COPSEY HSA	HSA UB&T	\$550.00
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$729.16
ALLYSON STARR	FEB SNOW	\$60.00
APPEARA	RUGS	\$62.15
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$1,373.60
ASHLEY SPANEL	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	SHERIFF ONSTAR	\$109.38
BORDERS & FURROW LAW	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY COSTS	\$917.40
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PRINTING/PUBLISHING	\$1,031.98
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	VILLAGE REAPPRAISAL	\$2,824.50
CONTRYMAN	COUNTY AUDIT	\$15,500.00
CORNER STOP	SHERIFF FUEL	\$218.21
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$167.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	MAR PHONE/MILEAGE	\$63.20
DEB STARR	MAR PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	MAR PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.90
DUNNE-RITE PLUMBING	PLUMBING COURTHOUSE	\$209.00
DUSTIN SPANEL	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	TREASURER/SHERIFF OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$290.97
GARFIELD CO. TREASURER	GLW EXTENSION	\$1,934.99
HAMILTON	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$514.15
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY MACHINE LEASE	\$70.49
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$21.21
JAMIE COPSEY	MAR PHONE	\$25.00
JASON WHITE	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
KATIE MOON	MAR PHONE	\$25.00
KRAUS REPAIR	TOWING FOR ACCIDENT	\$910.00
KYLE SHEPARD	MAR PHONE/MILEAGE	\$59.77
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$250.00

MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING	\$1,112.10
NACREC	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$50.00
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	MACH LICENSES	\$199.50
REGION 26	4TH QUARTER PAYMENT	\$15,769.98
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$200.00
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$900.00
SUMMER STROHL	MAR PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TREVOR KRAUS	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
USPS	POB 138 FEE	\$212.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$56.58
ZANE YOUNG	MAR PHONE/SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	\$146.99
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$110,107.19

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$17,331.68
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$1,169.89
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,272.62
CARHART LUMBER BURWELL	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$27.15
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$4,311.22
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$272.56
DANIEL HARTMAN	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	MAR PHONE	\$40.00
EDGHILL MOTORS, INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$169.98
GREAT WESTERN GAS	TANK RENTAL	\$75.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$20.85
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$65.19
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$41.35
JOHNNY SCHRODER	MAR PHONE	\$25.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HWY SUPERINTENDENT	\$4,080.00
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
NMC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$44.64
OLCOTT WELDING	EQUIPMENT REPAIR/SUPPLIES	\$4,043.59
RICHARD JOHNSON	PSA CONFERENCE REIMBURSEMENT	\$699.74
SPELTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$216.12
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$34,083.98

BRIDGE FUND

MAINELLI & WAGNER	BRIDGE INSPECTIONS	\$2,832.50
TOTAL BRIDGE FUND		2,832.50

INHERITANCE FUND

ANSLEY LUMBER & SUPPLY	SHERIFF/ROAD SHOP SUPPLIES	\$3,026.96
POSTANY CONSTRUCTION	LABOR	\$280.00
SPELTS	SHERIFF/ROAD SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,127.92
TOTAL INHERITANCE FUND		\$4,434.88

AMBULANCE FUND

CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$69.68
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$41.28
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.95
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SUPPLIES	\$47.43
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$233.34

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 687.

The Board recessed for Board of Equalization meeting at 9:15 a.m. and returned to regular session at 9:20 a.m.

The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court monthly fee report, fund balances from Treasurer, the Treasurer's tax remaining reports, delinquent tax list, and tax sale listing. Larson moved to enter into fiber/data equipment agreement with Hamilton for clerk's office and authorize chairman to sign agreement. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Kraus. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

The Board discussed the need for a new vendor to supply water to the road department shop as the water there is not fit to drink. Clerk Copsey presented information from Culligan.

The Board reviewed final auditor reports.

Paul Bruning from Nebraska Public Power District, along with three other members of the project team met with the Board to discuss Transmission line project which is a 226-mile transmission line proposed from NPPD's Gerald Gentleman Station near Sutherland to Thedford to Holt County. This new transmission line will be going through the northern part of Loup County.

Jim Welniak and Johnny Schroder met with the Board to discuss a Department of Interior grant that the Loup County Rural Fire Department would like to apply for. Jim Welniak informed the Board of the requirements of the grant and Loup County's Rural Fire Department does meet those requirements. Kraus moved to allow Loup County Rural Fire Department permission to utilize the County's SAM.gov unique entity identification number and employer identification number for the purpose of applying for this grant. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Brett Spencer met with the Board to discuss 445th Avenue. The first mile of this road is a minimum maintenance road, and he expresses support in keeping the road classified as such and not have it reclassified as an abandoned road.

Jessica Piskorski, Marti McFadden-Beard, and Russel Beard met with the Board to discuss the closing of the north portion of Gracie Creek Avenue. Jessica Piskorski shared that this road has not been maintained and it would be a significant cost to the county to return the road to a usable state. They are in support of having the road classified as abandoned. County Attorney White discussed the issue of the cemetery that is in this area and the need to be able to access this cemetery. Kraus moved to direct County Attorney to draft petition to abandon the north portion of Gracie Creek Avenue. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Ashley Spanel, Sheriff Office Manager, met with the Board to discuss quotes for cabling, keypad locks, and cameras for Sheriff/Road department building. Larson moved to accept quote for hardware/data cabling with Applied Connective for Sheriff/Road department building. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays: none, absent:

none, not voting: none. Kraus moved to approve quotes for cameras and keypad door locks with Midland Telecom for Sheriff/Road department building. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Road foreman, Dustin Copsey met with the Board to provide road department updates. He provided information regarding the County Line bridge. He has met with a Rock County commissioner and two Rock County Road employees to discuss current condition of the bridge. County Engineer Johnson will go and inspect this bridge today. Dustin Copsey also discussed the Kent/823rd Road intersection only having yield signs and the need to install stop signs. County Engineer Johnson discussed that he would need to complete a study to put in stop signs and he is willing to do so once the Board passes a resolution requesting this.

Laura Kraus met with the Board to provide information and dates and times for upcoming education opportunities for the Board and other elected officials.

Public Comment: None.

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

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Copsey
Loup County Clerk