

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

9:00 A.M.

May 13th, 2026

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 13th day of May 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 Engineer Johnson was present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the April 8th, 2026, meeting minutes. Kraus moved to approve the minutes with no additions or corrections. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for May 13th, 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 throughout the meeting were Laura Kraus, Dustin Copsey, Amanda Jeffres, Stephanie Gideon, Ron Worm, Dodi Worm, Kent Lewis, Sheriff Spanel, Ashley Spanel, Jolene Dunbar, Jacob Stern, County Treasurer Deb Starr. Steckel moved to audit the claims. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$41,621.08
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,220.84
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$392.70
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$2,978.96
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$4,126.00
JAMIE COPSEY HSA	HSA UB&T	\$550.00
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$729.16
ALEX PETERSEN	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG 4/20/26	\$50.00
APPEARA	RUGS	\$124.30
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$1,453.60
ASHLEY SPANEL	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	CLERK/TREASURER/SHER/ELECTION SUPPLIES	\$326.29
BORDERS & FURROW LAW	COURT APPOINTED COSTS	\$1,602.91
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	\$1,024.82
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$414.27
CPPD	LC COURTHOUSE ELECTRICITY	\$109.12
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$150.00
DAVE LARSON	MAY PHONE/MILEAGE	\$63.20
DEB STARR	MAY PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	MAY PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.90
DUSTIN SPANEL	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
EAKES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$348.82
ES&S	ELECTION COSTS	\$4,103.16
GARFIELD CO. SHERIFF	CIVIL PROCESSING	\$64.56
GWORKS	GIS SERVICES	\$5,985.00
HAMILTON	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$424.87
HOMETOWN LEASING	PRINTER LEASE	\$70.49
ISS	FIRE EXTINGUISHER CERTIFICATION	\$16.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$41.35
JAMIE COPSEY	MAY PHONE	\$25.00
JASON WHITE	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
KATIE MOON	MAY PHONE	\$25.00
KENNETH KRAUS	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG 4/20/26	\$50.00

KRISTI MEEKS	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG 4/20/26	\$50.00
KYLE SHEPARD	MAY PHONE/MILEAGE	\$64.49
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$250.00
LINDA LEWIS	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG 4/20/26	\$50.00
LOUP CENTRAL LANDFILL ASSOC.	2026 LANDFILL MEMBER CONTRIBUTION	\$563.00
LOUP COUNTY COURT	COUNTY COURT COSTS	\$390.60
MARK PETERSEN	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG 4/20/26	\$50.00
MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING	\$1,112.10
REGION 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$381.24
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$900.00
SUMMER STROHL	MAY PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TORREY ODENBACH	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MTG 4/20/26	\$50.00
TREVOR KRAUS	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
VALLEY COUNTY JAIL	JAIL KEEP	\$50.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$56.58
WARTA SERVICES & REPAIR	LAWN SERVICE	\$50.00
ZANE YOUNG	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$85,554.41

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$20,691.90
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$1,396.71
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,526.43
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$6,817.01
CPPD	LC SHOP ELECTRICITY	\$179.77
CULLIGAN OF BROKEN BOW	INSTALLATION WATER FOR SHOP	\$157.17
DANIEL HARTMAN	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	MAY PHONE/REIMBURSEMENT	\$183.00
ED SHERBECK	MAY PHONE	\$40.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	PARTS AND SUPPLIES	\$42.21
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.01
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$21.21
JEFFRES	GRAVEL AND HAULING	\$346.58
JOHNNY SCHRODER	MAY PHONE	\$25.00
KRAUS CONSTRUCTION	TREE REMOVAL WITH BUCKET TRUCK	\$3,500.00
KRAUS REPAIR	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$98.45
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$57.40
NMC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$159.38
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$13.10
SPELTS	BLACKTOP PATCH	\$214.90
THOENE FARM SERVICES	PARTS AND SUPPLIES	\$767.77
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$36,392.00

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND

AMY DOHENY	SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION	\$350.00
DARCIA KOVARIK PHOTOGRAPHY	WEBSITE COORDINATOR/RENEWAL	\$1,872.17
LOUP CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	SIGN FOR HARROP PARK	\$94.88
TOTAL VISITOR PROMOTION FUND		\$2,317.05

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

LOUP CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	IMPROVEMENTS TO HARROP PARK	\$514.02
TOTAL VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND		\$514.02

INHERITANCE FUND

ANSLEY LUMBER & SUPPLY	SHOP MATERIALS	\$483.66
EB CONSTRUCTION	DRYWALL	\$5,500.00
TOTAL INHERITANCE FUND		\$5,983.66

<u>AMBULANCE FUND</u>		
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$30.96
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.95
INSURANCE AID SERVICES	CLERICAL BILLING	\$451.74
LAURA KRAUS	SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,766.67
NIPPON SANZO MATHESON	SUPPLIES	\$593.31
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$3,917.63

Steckel moved to allow claims except for claim number 05202672. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Larson moved to allow claim number 05202672. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: Kraus. 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 707.

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 reappoint Linda Lewis as an alternate for the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a 3-year term expiring 5/29. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Kraus. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

The Board reconsidered the dispatch contract extension with Region 26. A Board member disclosed conflict of interest, filed a written statement, and abstained from participation. The remaining members of the Board considered the matter independently and voted as follows: Larson moved to reconsider and approve dispatch services contract extension and enter into the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Region 26 and approve resolution to reaffirm and recommit to continued participation in the Region 26 council for a new 5-year term under the existing interlocal cooperation agreement. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: Steckel. Said resolutions can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Pages 708-709.

Kraus moved to approve Regional Governing Board for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Loup County Letter of Agreement. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Kraus moved to approve the Region 3 Behavioral Health Services FY 2027 County Match Request. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Steckel, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Amanda Jeffres and Stephanie Gideon, from Loup Basin Public Health Department met with the Board to provide numerous program updates, including but not limited to the plan for LBPHD to start administering the WIC program.

Ron and Dodi Worm met with the Board to discuss maintenance of the road to their property where the brewery is located as they have potential buyers that are requesting some clarification. It was discussed that if the road was built to county specifications the county would then agree to maintain the road.

Sheriff Spanel met with the Board to discuss concerns regarding recent emergency response driving behaviors involving members of the Central Nebraska Special

Response Team, specifically incidents involving Rock County deputies and the Rock County's Sheriff's Office. Larson moved to approve letter to Rock County regarding the Sheriff Department and County Commissioner's concerns. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Kraus. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Ashley Spanel, Sheriff Office Manager, discussed a grant the department received for new computers as well as additional items needed for Sheriff's department.

Jolene Dunbar, Loup County Historical Society President met with the Board to discuss establishing a phone line for people to contact the LC Historical Society. She asked if they could list one of the courthouse office numbers on their marketing materials so they would not be using a personal number. Clerk Copsey and Treasurer Starr both agreed to allow the LC Historical Society to use each of their office numbers to list on the marketing materials. When calls are received, they will provide interested party with the LC Historical Society contact information. Jolene Dunbar also discussed with the Board the possibility of assistance from the county for funding.

The Board discussed restructuring the part-time road employee policies regarding phone and Aflac benefit.

Steckel moved to adopt resolution for public hearing on June 10th, 2026, to receive input regarding abandonment or vacation of part of Gracie Creek Avenue. 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 715.

County Engineer Johnson met with Board to provide update on the ongoing discussion with the State regarding the guardrail on South Lake Road. He reports the State is not budging on taking any blame for the issues with the guardrail. Also discussed repairs that need made to damaged guardrail.

Larson moved to table resolution for Final Acceptance of Calamus State Rec Road. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Road Foreman, Dustin Copsey met with the Board to provide road department updates. He reports stop signs at the intersection of the county roads of Kent Road and 823rd Road have been installed, continued ditch cleaning, multiple culverts that have been installed, road maintenance, tree removal, and machinery update.

Laura Kraus, Emergency Manager, provided an update on grants and new equipment that will be purchased with grant funding.

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