

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

9:00 a.m.

October 14th, 2026

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 14th day of October 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska pursuant to public notice posted in three public places. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel, Kraus and County Clerk Copsey. County Engineer Johnson and County Attorney White were also present later on in the meeting. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the September 9th, 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 October 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 throughout the meeting were Laura Kraus, Dustin Copsey, Kyle Shepard, Sheriff Spanel, and Senator Tanya Storer. 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		\$40,558.32
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$13,220.84
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$369.25
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$2,900.21
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$4,043.96
JAMIE COPSEY HSA	HSA UB&T	\$550.00
DAVE/MELISSA LARSON HSA	HSA FLATWATER	\$729.16
APPEARA	RUGS	\$63.16
APPLIED CONNECTIVE	IT SERVICES	\$1,531.89
ASHLEY SPANEL	PHONE	\$40.00
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	OFFICE SUPPLIES/ELECTION/SHERIFF	\$404.61
BORDERS & FURROW LAW PC	COURT APPOINTED COSTS	\$714.26
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	SHERIFF- TIRE REPAIR	\$180.00
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PRINTING/PUBLISHING	\$1,022.30
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$434.99
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$154.16
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	COURT COST	\$65.40
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	NETWORK SUBSCRIPTION	\$300.00
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$156.00
DEB STARR	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$51.60
DUNNE-RITE PLUMBING	PLUMBING SERVICES	\$169.00
DUSTIN SPANEL	PHONE/REIMBURSEMENT	\$135.38
EAKES	COPIER CONTRACT	\$106.72
ES&S	BALLOTS/VOTING SUPPLIES	\$546.67
EVERYTHING2GO.COM	SHERIFF- OFFICE FURNITURE	\$5,225.00
GRAHAM TIRE GRAND ISLAND	TIRE AND TIRE REPAIR	\$716.00
GREAT WESTERN GAS	PROPANE	\$96.00
HAMILTON	TELEPHONE	\$519.42
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	\$140.98
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$41.35
JAMIE COPSEY	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$394.76
JASON WHITE	PHONE	\$40.00
JD KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00
KATIE MOON	PHONE/REIMBURSEMENT	\$38.30
KYLE SHEPARD	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMERGENCY MANAGER	\$250.00

MICROFILM	SCANNING EQUIPMENT	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMMING	\$1,221.40
NACO	JPH POSTCARDS	\$1,099.88
REGION 2	NWCA 2026 DUES	\$50.00
SCHAPER & WHITE	SECRETARY SALARY	\$1,033.36
SUMMER STROHL	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TREVOR KRAUS	PHONE	\$40.00
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER	\$56.58
WARTA SERVICES & REPAIR	LAWN SERVICE	\$80.00
ZANE YOUNG	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$80,757.91

ROAD FUND

SALARIES		\$20,705.57
AMERITAS	EMPLOYER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION	\$1,397.64
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	\$1,526.23
BANKCARD PROC. CENTER	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$35.57
CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT	GLASS DOOR/SHOP SUPPLIES	\$526.68
CHRISTOPHER SLAGLE	PHONE	\$40.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$9,553.03
CPPD	SHOP	\$146.37
CULLIGAN OF BROKEN BOW	WATER FOR SHOP	\$38.00
DANIEL HARTMAN	PHONE	\$40.00
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
ED SHERBECK	PHONE	\$40.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES	\$117.85
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.95
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$21.21
JEFFRES	GRAVEL AND HAULING	\$2,396.55
MAINELLI & WAGNER	HWY SUPERINTENDENT/CO. SURVEYOR	\$3,660.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	RANDOM DRUG TESTING	\$154.00
MIPS	TIME CLOCK	\$49.40
NMC	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$1,973.65
PARTS BIN - ORD	SUPPLIES	\$6.00
SARGENT TIRE	TIRE REPAIR	\$222.00
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$154.42
SHARON SHERBECK	SEPT MOWING	\$200.00
SPELTS	SUPPLIES	\$207.92
VALLEY CO. HEALTH SYSTEM	RANDOM DRUG TESTING	\$53.00
TOTAL ROAD FUND		\$43,380.04

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND

DARCIA KOVARIK PHOTO.	WEBSITE COORDINATOR	\$1,500.00
LOUP CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	MOWING/LABOR	\$1,725.00
TAYLOR AREA BUILDERS	MOWING/WEEDING	\$280.00
TOTAL VISITOR PROMOTION FUND		\$3,505.00

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

LOUP CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY	HARROP PARK	\$667.98
TOTAL VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND		\$667.98

INHERITANCE FUND

LONGHORN ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY ROAD/SHERIFF BUILDING	\$645.26
TOTAL INHERITANCE FUND		\$645.26

AMBULANCE FUND

CAITLIN MEYER	MPCC/SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT	\$927.19
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$112.31
DEARBORN LIFE INSUR. CO.	INSURANCE	\$34.40
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$74.95
LOUP COUNTY AMBULANCE	INSURANCE	\$316.50
NIPPON SANSO MATHESON	SUPPLIES	\$93.78
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND		\$1,559.1

Steckel moved to allow claims. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson.

Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. The Board reviewed the Clerk of the District Court monthly fee report, Treasurer reports including fund balances, tax remaining reports, and distress warrant notice listing, and the Sheriff's quarterly report.

Larson moved to adopt resolution to transfer funds from General Fund to Road Fund. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 778. Kraus moved to adopt resolution to transfer \$32,539.21 from General Fund to Bridge Fund. 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 779. Larson moved to adopt resolution to transfer \$100,000.00 from Inheritance Fund to Equipment Sinking Fund. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 780.

Sheriff Spanel met with the Board to discuss need for an incinerator for evidence disposal. He discussed that the incinerator would be utilized by Region 26 counties and likely be located in Loup County. Kraus moved to approve regional incinerator purchase, pending equal share of cost for all Region 26 counties, for evidence disposal and placing it in Loup County. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Sheriff Spanel also updated the Board on the QAIP/Fingerprint audits results. Loup County Sheriff Department did excellently with the audit. Sheriff Department also received a grant for office computers.

Larson moved to enter into contract for property appraisal with Central Plains Valuation. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Kraus, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

Kyle Shepard, Zoning Administrator, met with the Board to discuss Special Use Permits for Jon Sostad regarding guided UTV trail rides and an Airbnb. Larson moved to approve Special Use Permit- 27. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Kraus. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Kraus moved to approve Special Use Permit- 28. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Kraus, Larson, Steckel. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none. Kyle Shepard also provided the Board with an update on what the Planning Commission is working on regarding Data Center regulations for the county.

Senator Tanya Storer met with the Board to provide an update on what she has been working on including but not limited to the female jailer bill, cattle right-of-way bill, the brand bill as well as discussed state budget deficit issues and answered questions.

The Board recessed for Board of Equalization meeting at 9:47 a.m. and returned to regular session at 9:49 a.m.

Steckel moved to approve Mainelli Wagner & Associates to complete special inspections for two bridges in 2026. 2nd by Kraus. Roll call vote; yes; Steckel, Kraus, Larson. Nays: none, absent: none, not voting: none.

County Engineer Johnson met with the Board to discuss South Lake Road guardrail issue and presented a proposed letter to send to the State. The Board discussed the letter with County Attorney White as well.

Public Comment: None. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

ATTEST:

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

Jamie Copsey, Loup County Clerk