

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

August 9, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment this 9^h day of August, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka, Deputy County Clerk Jones, Ed Sherbeck and Ray and Darcia Kovarik. County Attorney White and Highway Superintendent Johnson were present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the July 12th, 2023 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the August 9th, 2023 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. Larson moved to audit the claims. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

GENERAL FUND

MONTHLY SALARIES FOR AUGUST PUBLISHED SEPARTELY PER NEB. REV. STATUTE 23-122

Jessica Ruzicka	County Clerk ex-officio Assessor, Reg. of Deeds, Elec Comm.	\$4,730.41
MaryJo Jones	Deputy Clerk	\$3,079.67
Deborah Starr	Treasurer	\$4,135.26
Summer Strohl	Deputy Treasurer	\$1,257.88
Dustin Spanel	Sheriff	\$4,135.26
Trevor Kraus	Deputy Sheriff	\$300.00
Jeffrey Keefe	Deputy Sheriff	\$2,356.78
Jason White	County Attorney	\$2,936.62
David Larson	County Commissioner Dist. 1	\$1,171.75
Donna Steckel	County Commissioner Dist. 2	\$1,171.76
Jack Ruppel	County Commissioner Dist. 3	\$1,171.75
Zane Young	Weed Superintendent	\$1,630.15
Kyle Shepard	Zoning Administrator	\$580.00
In lieu of insurance		\$6,000.00
AFLAC	AFLAC	\$271.70
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,963.13
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	EMPE FICA	\$2,583.69
DAVID LARSON	IN LIEU OF INSURANCE	\$600.00
APPEARA	RUGS	\$82.23
BURWELL TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	\$244.00
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$735.21
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$30.50
DAS STATE ACCTG-	NETWORK SUBSC.	\$25.28
DAVE LARSON	PHONE& MILEAGE	\$81.92
STARR,DEBORAH,A	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE& MILEAGE	\$42.62
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	\$20.00
SPANEL,DUSTIN	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	\$10.00
GLW	JULY'23PAYMENT	\$3,732.75
HAMILTON	INTERNET	\$421.46
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$37.82
RUPPEL,JACK	PHONE&MILEAGE	\$50.48
WHITE,JASON,S	PHONE	\$40.00
JEFFREY KEEFE	PHONE	\$40.00

RUZICKA,JESSICA	PHONE&SUPPLIES	\$211.18
KRAUS REPAIR	MAINTENANCE	\$294.90
SHEPARD,KYLE,E	PHONE	\$25.00
LAURA KRAUS	EMRG.MANAGER	\$75.00
JONES,MARYJO	PHONE	\$25.00
MICROFILM	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAM	\$1,045.07
REGION 3	23/24 MATCH	\$395.30
SCHAPER & WHITE LAW FIRM	SECRETARY PAY	\$500.00
SENNETT,DUNCAN,		
JENKINS,WICKHAM, PC	COURT APPOINTED COUNCIL	\$50.00
SHERMAN COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE	\$18.50
STAPLES DEPT 11-0005061023	SUPPLIES	\$141.65
STOPSTICK, LTD.	SUPPLIES	\$515.00
STROHL,SUMMER,L	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
TOBEY LAW	COURT APPOINTED COUNCIL	\$210.00
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	JULY JAIL KEEP	\$100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$122.78
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEWER/GARBAGE	\$49.08
YOUNG,ZANE,Q	PHONE	\$40.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$ 50,650.54

AMBULANCE FUND

CORNER STOP	AMBULANCE	\$88.23
DEARBORN LIFE	INSURANCE	\$30.96
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$101.92
LAURA KRAUS	SUPPLIES	\$2,809.32
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL		\$ 3,030.43

ROAD FUND

Dustin Copsey	Road Department	\$3,000.00
Eleon Owen	Road Department	\$4,171.05
Charles Shepard	Road Department	\$983.00
Edwin Sherbeck	Road Department	\$4,296.32
Levi Williams	Road Department	\$4,135.26
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	\$1,119.53
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	EMPE FICA	\$1,246.64
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCT	SIGNS	\$1,742.46
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$1,624.90
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	PARTS	\$3,426.04
CHARLES SHEPARD	PHONE&MILEAGE	\$137.33
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$2,601.82
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$51.98
DAVE LARSON	CONST RENTAL	\$1,097.50
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE	\$40.00
SHERBECK,ED	PHONE	\$40.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$19.39
JEFFRES SAND AND GRAVEL	GRAVEL/HAULING	\$3,997.24
WILLIAMS,LEVI	PHONE	\$40.00
OWEN,LONNIE,W	PHONE	\$40.00
PLUS ONE INDUSTRIES, INC	AUTOGATES	\$5,470.00
SHARON SHERBECK	CO YARD MOW	\$45.00
ROAD FUND TOTAL		\$ 39,325.46

VISTOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

LOUP CO AG SOCIETY	LIVESTOCK BARN	\$3,836.77
LOUP COUNTY HIST SOCIETY	SIGN PAINTING	\$725.34
TAYLOR AREA BUILDERS	NEW SIDEWALK	\$2,541.58
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SHIPPING	\$393.74
VISTOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL		\$ 7,497.43

VISTOR'S PROMOTION FUND

DARCIA KOVARIK PHOTO	RATE INCREASE	\$60.00
VISTOR'S PROMOTION FUND TOTAL		\$ 60.00

Steckel moved to allow the claims. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

Larson moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 2nd by Steckel Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 page 339.

The board discussed road ditch maintenance. There are nearby counties that maintain the ditches themselves. The county attorney stated that the county is not responsible and it becomes a liability if it is not done correctly. Letters need to be sent out to create a record that we asked for it to be completed by the land owner. Commissioner Larson would like to take the initiative to get it done. The other board members agreed that action needs to be taken because the ditches have become a large problem with snow removal and maintaining the road.

Ray and Darcia Kovarik met with the board to discuss the road that leads into their property (Rusho Drive south of Hwy 91) Kovariks stated they felt the road has been neglected. Drains are plowed closed on a regular basis and drains are backing up. They stated the road has not been graveled in at least 4 years. They have discussed with Dustin Copsey the possibility of installing a culvert that was supposed to have been installed previously. They asked if the snow could be piled on the opposite side of the road so it doesn't melt and drain across the road. The board asked Ed Sherbeck to go look at the road and come up with a plan to make improvements.

Larson moved to approve inventories. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

The board briefly discussed the personnel policy, hourly vacation, sick and comp time. The discussion will continue in the September meeting.

The board continued the discussion from last month on providing health insurance to county employees. They felt it makes more sense financially for the county and for the employees to increase the cash in lieu of insurance instead of offering health insurance. Steckel moved to increase the cash in lieu of insurance payment to \$1,000 for full time employees beginning July 1st 2023. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

Larson moved to declare the bridge planks located at the county shop surplus property. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

Larson moved to list the surplus bridge planks on Big Iron. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

Larson moved to prepay \$2,500 to great western for propane. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; absent; not voting; none.

Larson moved to approve the county match request for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services. 2nd by Ruppel.

County Clerk Ruzicka discussed with the board her position and hiring a replacement.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

s/David Larson, Chairman Loup County
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka
Loup County Clerk