

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Taylor, Nebraska

8:30 A.M.

September 13th, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met on this 13th day of September, 2023 at 8:30 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka, and Deputy County Clerk Jones. Meeting notice published September 6th, Burwell Tribune. Call to Order Special Meeting for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. 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. The floor was open for public comment.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Taylor, Nebraska

8:45 A.M.

September 13th, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met on this 13th day of September, 2023 at 8:45 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka, and Deputy County Clerk Jones. Meeting notice published September 6th, Burwell Tribune. Call to Order Special Meeting for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. 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. Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public. The floor was opened for public comment.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Taylor, Nebraska

9:00 A.M.

September 13th, 2023

The Loup County Board of Commissioners met on this 13th day of September, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. at the Loup County Courthouse in Taylor, Nebraska. Present were Commissioners Larson, Steckel and Ruppel, County Clerk Ruzicka and Deputy County Clerk Jones. County Highway Superintendent Johnson and County Attorney White were present later in the morning. Chairman Larson called the meeting to order. Board members acknowledged receipt of the August 14th, 2023 meeting minutes with no corrections or additions to same. Receipt of advance notice and agenda for the September 13th, 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.

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

GENERAL FUND

SALARIES		\$34,052.38
IN LIEU OF INSURANCE		\$20,000.00
AFLAC	INSURANCE	\$271.70
AMERITAS	COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$2,333.41
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	COUNTY SOCIAL SECURITY	\$4,067.43
DAVID LARSON	IN LIEU OF INSURANCE	\$1,800.00
APPEARA	RUGS	\$82.23
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECH	SHERIFF IT SERVICES	\$199.00
BLUE360 MEDIA, LLC	LAW MANUAL	\$94.38
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	COUNTY COURT COSTS	\$173.40
SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	\$143.95
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$629.26
CPPD	UTILITIES	\$34.09
DAS STATE ACCTG	NETWORK	\$274.72
DAVE LARSON	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$81.92
STARR, DEBORAH, A	PHONE	\$25.00
DONNA STECKEL	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$42.62
EZ IT SOLUTIONS	IT SERVICES	\$690.00
GALLS, LLC	LAW ENF. SUPP	\$1,165.81
GREAT WESTERN GAS	PREPAY PROPANE	\$2,500.00
HAMILTON	PHONE&INTERNET	\$424.87
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	\$25.00
SHEPARD, KYLE, E	PHONE/CASH PD OUT	\$47.90
LAURA KRAUS	EMRG MANAGER	\$75.00
JONES, MARYJO	PHONE/CASH PD OUT	\$211.86
MICROFILM IMAGING SYS, INC	MICROFILM	\$52.00
MIPS	PROGRAMS	\$1,045.07
NEXTONER, LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$480.70
REGION 26 COUNCIL	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	\$730.00
SCHAPER & WHITE LAW FIRM	SECRETARY PAY	\$500.00
STAPLES DEPT	OFFICE SUPPLIE	\$38.71
STROHL, SUMMER, L	PHONE	\$25.00
TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	\$1,060.00
VALLEY COUNTY SHERIFF	AUG'23JAILKEEP	\$50.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$71.16
VILLAGE OF TAYLOR	SEPT SEWER	\$49.08
WARTA SERVICES & REPAIR	MOWING	\$60.00
YOUNG, ZANE, Q	PHONE	\$40.00
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$73,815.95

AMBULANCE FUND

DEARBORN LIFE INS CO	INSURANCE	\$30.96
HAMILTON	PHONE	\$101.92
AMBULANCE FUND TOTAL		\$132.88

ROAD FUND

AMERITAS LIFE INS	COUNTY RETIREMENT	\$1,198.09
IRS	COUNTY SOCIAL SECURITY	\$1,335.68
ACE IRRIGATION	CULVERTS	\$5,088.50
ALLARD PRECAST	AUTOGATES	\$2,152.80
B'S ENTERPRISES INC.	SIGNS&SHIPPING	\$3,046.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRO INC	SIGNS&SHIPPING	\$5,050.52
BURWELL INDEPENDENT OIL	FUEL	\$1,095.65

SCHNEIDERS PARTS HOUSE	PARTS	\$86.50
CHARLES SHEPARD	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$293.49
CORNER STOP	FUEL	\$3,346.10
CPPD	ELECTRICITY	\$49.76
DUSTIN COPSEY	PHONE/MILEAGE	\$206.37
SHERBECK, ED	PHONE	\$40.00
GRINT FARM SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$40.00
J&J SANITATION	GARBAGE	\$19.39
JEFFRES SAND AND GRAVEL	GRAVEL/HAULING	\$20,921.75
WILLIAMS, LEVI	PHONE	\$40.00
OWEN, LONNIE, W	PHONE	\$40.00
MAINELLI & WAGNER INC	JUNE-JULY '23	\$10,697.50
NMC, INC.	PARTS/LABOR	\$2,183.17
SHARON SHERBECK	AUG MOWING	\$45.00
SPELTS LUMBER CO.	BLACKTOP PATCH	\$29.98
YOUNG RANCH	CLAY	\$150.00
ROAD FUND TOTAL		\$74,905.72

EQUIPMENT FUND

Central Nebraska Bobcat	Bobcat	\$2,428.00
EQUIPMENT FUND TOTAL		\$2,428.00

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

Steckel moved for the adoption of a resolution transferring monies from the General Fund to the Road and Special Road Funds. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 352.

Steckel moved to adopt a resolution setting the Loup County Property tax request 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 353.

Steckel moved to adopt the 2023-24 Loup County Budget. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel and Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 354.

Jay Jenkins from the University of Nebraska met with the board to discuss an interlocal agreement for the provision of cooperative extension services between the county and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. The previous agreement was yearly with an automatic renewal every year. The new agreement is a 5-year agreement with one automatic renewal for a total of 10 years. There is new language regarding liability that is more accommodating to NIRMA. Garfield, Loup and Wheeler counties will need to draft a new interlocal agreement to account for the things that were removed from the aforementioned agreement. This includes how funding is split, Extension board makeup, Employee management and handling of funds/claims. Jenkins also presented a new constitution and by-laws. There was a change in the quorum needed in a meeting from half to one more than half.

Steckel moved to sign the Constitution and by-laws as presented. 2nd by Ruppel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Elijah Kaufman, with the department of natural resources for the State of Nebraska met with the board with education on the National flood insurance program and flood plain administrator position. Steps the county would need to take in order to participate in the national flood insurance program are; create an ordinance, resolution of intent and apply through the Department of natural resources. Discussion included Federal disaster funds for the county, federally backed flood insurance for residents, protection from liability for the county, flood plain maps and enforcement of an ordinance.

Cody Griffith from EZ IT met with the board to discuss plans for the county in getting everyone .gov emails, having everyone on the same page as far as IT goes, hardening security being on a platform they can manage and monitor and creating an equipment replacement schedule.

Zane Young, weed superintendent met with the board to discuss the Sandhills weed management agreement.

Larson moved to approve the interlocal agreement with the Sandhills weed management area. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel, Ruppel. Nays; none absent; none not voting; none.

Commissioner Ruppel exited the meeting and was absent for the remainder.

Dode Ralls met with the board to present an amendment to the Preliminary tax request on behalf of the Loup County Fire Department. Steckel moved to adopt the amended tax allocation to miscellaneous districts to reflect the increase of \$9,000. 2nd by Larson. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; Ruppel not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 355.

Larson moved to enter into an agreement and adopt the resolution for the Statewide Stop Sign program with the State of Nebraska. 2nd by Steckel. Roll call vote; yes; Larson, Steckel. Nays; none absent; Ruppel not voting; none. Said resolution can be found in Commissioners Record No. 10 Page 356.

County Engineer Johnson updated the board on the progress on porcupine and upstream bridges and plans for future bridges and culverts.

Clerk Ruzicka discussed with the board applications received for the clerk's office. Discussion entailed pay rate and Clerk Ruzicka's plan to train a replacement.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Jessica Ruzicka
Loup County Clerk